

City Council
June 6, 2018
5:30 p.m.

The Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Jones presiding. Council Members present were: Jimerson, Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, and Brink. Absent: None.

Mayor Jones requested the following amendments to the agenda: re-appointment of Lori Schroder to the Community Promotion Commission (instead of Nancy Frederiksen), appointment of Jack Jensen to the Community Promotion Commission and Paint the Town Purple Proclamation.

Somers moved, Halder seconded to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jimerson moved, Brink seconded to approve the consent agenda which included the following: minutes of the May 16, 2018 Council Meeting, re-appointment of Lori Schroder to the Community Promotion Commission, appointment of Jack Jensen to the Community Promotion Commission, re-appointment of Janet Nielsen to the Library Board, appointment of Vicki Brown to the Library Board, appointment of Mark Johnson to the Library Board, Class E Liquor License with Sunday Sales for After 5 Somewhere, and Cigarette Permits for: After 5 Somewhere, Casey's Store #2365, Casey's Store #2610, Casey's Store #3035, Dollar General, Fareway, Hy-Vee Food Stores, Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits, Murphy USA, Olive Street Station, Olsen's BP, Wal-Mart Supercenter. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones reiterated that public forum comments were limited to 2 minutes, and that he will begin enforcing that policy. He will also no longer allow comments from the back of the room; citizens must come to the podium to speak. He also announced a form that will be available on the city's website for citizens to use bring issues to the council's attention for committee and/or council meeting discussion. Several citizens presented voiced concerns that 2 minutes may not be long enough to state issues.

Mayor Jones announced the week of June 18th through June 22nd as The American Cancer Society's Paint the Town Purple Week and the official kick-off of Relay For Life.

Motion by Halder; second by Brink to close Lomas Circle from 17th Street to Roosevelt Drive on June 9, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a Neighborhood Block Party. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Hayes to approve Resolution #25-18 "RESETTING WAGES FOR SEASONAL AND PART-TIME PARKS & RECREATION, POOL, AIRPORT AND WASTEWATER EMPLOYEES." Ayes: Jimerson, Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hayes; second by Hartkopf to approve Resolution #26-18 “AUTHORIZING BIDS FOR OLIVE STREET BRIDGE REPAIRS.” Ayes: Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink, Jimerson, Somers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Lund reported on his research and the Planning & Zoning Commission’s review of accessory structures and the zoning ordinance. Planning & Zoning recommended the following:

- Amend the ordinance so that the definition of height is “the vertical distance from the average ground elevation or finished grade at the building line, whichever is the highest, to the highest point of the building.”
- Amend the ordinance for height to allow for 25-30 feet. Also account for garages with a loft/living quarters or storage space.
- Allow for upgrades of carports installed prior to the enactment of Ordinance changes in residential zones provided the footprint of the proposed garage does not increase beyond the carport’s dimensions. Do not allow new carports to be converted. (Section 23.030)
- Change setback regulations in residential zones to require a six foot side yard setback on one side of the property, when an accessory use or home addition is added (Section 17.030(1))
- For new construction, require a 12 foot distance away from buildings of abutting lots unless it involves the upgrade of a carport built prior to these changes, to a garage (Section 17.030(5))
- Remove the neighbor dispensation section of the exceptions part of the Zoning Ordinance (Section 23.020(2))
- Place a stipulation that all residential property may be rebuilt to original designs, regardless of setback conformance unless the property has been rezoned by the City (Section 18.020(6))

City Administrator John Lund reported that the Planning & Zoning research had kept him busy, however, he had completed the fire 28E township proposals and had researched TIF in the downtown business area.

Mayor Dave Jones reported that he was still seeing some signs in the right-of-way.

City Council Reports were as follows:

Brink- AMU, Safety, Planning & Zoning; Casady – CPC; Hayes – Park & Rec; Somers- Landfill.

Sarah Schorle, Student Representative, reported on the Freshman Activity Fair, Summer sports, Speech & Debate Nationals, and Spanish Club trip to Costa Rica.

Motion by Casady; second by Halder to approve bills totaling \$184,032.79. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council Member Halder thanked Vicki Brown for agreeing to serve on the Library Board. He also stated that he had received several calls regarding trailers and campers and wondered if the City should revisit the ordinance.

Thomas Schroder asked about the new form discussed earlier in the meeting as to availability and timeline for response. He also voiced that 2 minutes was not long enough for citizens to speak at public forum and wanted to inform the council that he had received 100% positive reaction regarding his grant program proposal.

Jimerson moved; Somers seconded to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

David Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Barrick
City Clerk