

City Council
March 18, 2015
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, Stuart, Halder, and Cord. Absent: none.

Hayes moved, Hartkopf seconded, to amend the agenda by adding items #4.A entitled, "Review of bids for 2015 Street Improvements Project," and #4.B. entitled, "Resolution #21- Making Award of Contract," and to approve the rest of the agenda as posted. All in favor.

Cord moved, Jimerson seconded, to approve the consent agenda which includes: minutes of the March 4, 2015 Council Meeting. All in favor.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing as officially published regarding the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for the 2015 Street Improvements Project. No written comments were filed.

Jimerson moved, Hayes seconded, to close the public hearing. All in favor.

Somers moved, Hayes seconded, to adopt resolution #17-15 entitled, **"RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND FORM OF CONTRACT."** All in favor.

Dave Sturm of Snyder and Associates, Inc. distributed the bid tabulations for said project and recommended that the bid from Precision Concrete Services of Atlantic for \$1,008,968.35 be accepted.

Jimerson moved, Somers seconded, to adopt resolution #21-15 entitled, **"RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF CONTRACT."** All in favor.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing as officially published regarding a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,450,000 for street, sanitary sewer, storm water, and sidewalk improvements and the purchase of a fire truck. No written or comments were filed.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to close the public hearing. All in favor.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing as officially published regarding loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$100,000 for improvements to the municipal auditorium and theatre. No written or oral comments were filed.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to close the public hearing. All in favor.

Chip Schultz, Managing Director of D.A. Davidson & Co., summarized the aforementioned bond issues, which both recently received an A+ rating by Standard & Poor's.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to adopt resolution #18-15 entitled, **"RESOLUTION APPROVING A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE**

SALE OF BONDS THEREUNDER.”

Council Member Halder then asked exactly what improvements would be done with the \$100,000. Some discussion then followed after Council Member Somers explained how the majority of those funds would be used to access the upper floor of City Hall.

Resolution #18-15 was then passed unanimously.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing as officially published regarding a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$415,000. No written comments were filed. Roger Steffens, 419 Poplar Street, asked what the public would be getting for \$415,000.

Hartkopf moved, Hartkopf seconded, to close the public hearing. All in favor.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to adopt resolution #19-15 entitled, **“RESOLUTION APPROVING A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF BONDS THEREUNDER.”** All in favor.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing as officially published regarding an Economic Development Grant Agreement with Sonntag Development, LLC for the Southern View Estates housing project to be located between East 19th and East 22nd Streets. No written comments were filed.

Pat McCurdy, President of Cass/Atlantic Development Corporation, told the Council that the project is a good deal for Atlantic, as housing is needed.

Doug Harris, 1827 Bryn Mawr, questioned whether the project would serve a public purpose, how it would benefit the public, and he asked for the Council to share what the total actual cost of the project would be.

Russell Joyce, Executive Director of Cass/Atlantic Development Corp., stated that people are wanting to move to Atlantic and there is a need for more housing.

Mick Allen, 1305 East 19th Street questioned whether the City plans to sell a parcel of land the City owns on East 19th Street and questioned the reason for keeping it, after he was told the City does not intend to sell it.

Chip Schultz, Managing Director of D.A. Davidson was asked questions by City Administrator, John Lund, regarding Schultz’s opinion of the City’s use of tax increment financing for the said housing project.

Hayes moved, Cord seconded, to close the public hearing. All in favor.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to adopt resolution #20-15 entitled, **“RESOLUTION APPROVING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SONNTAG DEVELOPMENT, LLC.”** All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Halder seconded, to authorize the closing of the north ½ of the 100 block of Chestnut Street from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on May 9, 2015, for the E-Recycling Event. All in favor.

Hartkopf moved, Hayes seconded, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of

Donald McLean to the Library Board of Trustees for the term ending July 1, 2020. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Dave Sturm to the Utility Board of Trustees for the term ending April 1, 2021. All in favor.

Hayes moved, Jimerson seconded, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ted Robinson to the Utility Board of Trustees for the term ending April 1, 2021. All in favor.

Jimerson move, Hayes seconded, to appoint Hans Krengel and Cindy Ponsar to the Cable Television for the terms ending August 1, 2017. All in favor.

Hayes moved, Hartkopf seconded, to appoint Ed Angell to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the term ending April 1, 2020. All in favor.

Hartkopf moved, Hayes seconded, to appoint Bill Welter to the Airport Commission for the term ending November 1, 2020. All in favor.

Council Member Halder reported the following recommendations from the Community Development Committee: the City's concrete pile be leased to Murphy Heavy Contracting, the Council move forward on a Tax Increment Financing application from Marty Boose for a single family housing project, and the disposal of 611 Linn Street.

Mayor Jones reported on the Personnel and Finance Committee's recommendation to purchase security cameras at the yard waste site to replace the man power currently monitoring the site.

City Administrator John Lund reported he will be in contact with State Legislators regarding a proposed Tort Liability Bill and a meeting he will be having with Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Quider Wymer to establish a business plan for those businesses that will be affected with the Highway #6 Improvements Project.

Council Committee Reports were given as follows: Halder- Library, CADCO, and Atlantic Municipal Utilities: Cord-Chamber of Commerce; and Hartkopf-Airport.

Hayes moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve the bills totaling \$71,199.78. All in favor.

Hayes moved, Jimerson seconded, to approve the Clerk, Treasurer, Budget, General Ledger, Revenue, Airport, Volunteer Fire Department, and Storm Water Utility reports for February. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Stuart seconded, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. All in favor.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk