

City Council
August 4, 2021
5:30 p.m.

The Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Somers presiding. Council members present were: Behrens, Somers, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Garrett, Casady, and Brink.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Brink to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Casady; second by Garrett to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the July 21, 2021 City Council meeting; Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales, Outdoor Service Area, and Living Quarters for Atlantic Golf and Country Club; Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for The Venue; and bills totaling \$110,779.57. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Somers recognized Hannah Richter for her service to City Hall this summer.

Austin Farmer, Retail Coach Project Director gave a presentation on the organization's proposal to the City for retail recruitment and development. Using an 8-step process, the organization helps to identify new retail opportunities and actively recruit those retailers as well as working with existing retailers. Mr. Farmer also answered questions by the Council including successes of the organization; he also addressed potential workforce issues. Favorable discussion by council followed the presentation.

Kris Erickson, Animal Control and Code Enforcement Officer gave a monthly report on the activities of the animal shelter and code enforcement. Code violation notices are working as property owners are working to clean up issues rather than have the city step in. Erickson also commented that the animal shelter has spayed/neutered/vaccinated eleven animals thus far and nine of those have been adopted. The increase in adoption prices has not deterred adoptions but has changed the demographic somewhat.

Alexsis Fleener, SWIPCO Community Development Director gave a presentation on a new housing grant program. Downtown housing is gaining popularity and there is currently a grant available to bring new life into the 2nd floor of downtown buildings. Fleener felt this was a natural second step as the City's CDBG Downtown Façade Program is nearly complete. The new grant will provide up to 50% of the project cost. Dr. Matt Weresh, owner of the buildings at 509/511 Chestnut would like to apply for the grant to rehab two units located at 509 Chestnut. The applications are due at the end of August; the city will need to hold a public hearing and approve a resolution of support but will not need to match dollars. Fleener also outlined the process for the City's recently awarded housing assessment grant.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Brink to approve Resolution #48-21 "RESOLUTION ADOPTING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE ACTING DEPUTY CITY CLERK AND

TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Somers, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Behrens to approve Resolution #49-21 “ADOPTING COMPENSATION FOR THE ACTING DEPUTY CITY CLERK AND TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, OPENING POSITIONS, AND UPDATING THE FY 2022 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION BUDGET TO REFLECT SAID CHANGES.” Ayes: Hartkopf, Somers, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens, McCurdy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Hartkopf to approve Resolution #50-21 “AMENDING THE CITY OF ATLANTIC PERSONNEL POLICY BY ADDING LANGUAGE TO SECTIONS 403 AND 405 CONCERNING ACCRUAL OF PAID TIME OFF (PTO) FOR PERMANENT PART-TIME POSITIONS.” Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Somers, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Behrens to appoint Dick Casady, Frazer Werts, Connie Boose, Dave Jones, and Christina Bateman to the Housing Committee. Due to confusion, there was no second made and motion died.

Motion by Brink; second by Hartkopf to appoint Jeff Gude to the Community Promotion Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Lund reported: City had contacted J&M Displays to cancel contract and cancellation had been acknowledged; would like to meet with Personnel & Finance Committee final week in August; reviewing Senate infrastructure bill; city is receiving up to \$9,500 in federal monies for purchase of laptops and tablets.

Mayor Pro Tem reported that a few cars have been stolen recently and reminded citizens to keep their cars locked.

City Council Reports: Behrens- Fire Department, Cass County Public Safety; McCurdy – Personnel & Finance; Somers- Landfill.

Dave Sturm, Snyder & Associates Engineer advised that the 22nd Street Sidewalk Project is 90% complete and should be completed next week.

Council Member Behrens commended the fire department, EMS, the Atlantic Police and Cass County Sheriff’s departments for their quick response to the fire at the middle school the prior week.

Behrens also commented that he had received complaints about air brakes on Olive Street, and citizens mowing grass into the street.

Council Member Garrett encouraged citizens to throw their trash away and not store it on porches or in yards.

Motion by Behrens; second by McCurdy to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kathy Somers, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: _____

Barb Barrick, City Clerk