## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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<u>Public Announcement</u> In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Borough Council, has been provided to three newspapers and published in the January 10, 2019 issue of the Beach Haven Times.

A meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City was held on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Roll call showed the following to be in attendance:

Councilman Hadash, Councilman Hartney, Councilman Wm. Hodgson, Councilman Klose, Councilman Russell, Councilwoman Siciliano and Mayor F. Hodgson.

A salute to our flag was held, after which, Mayor Hodgson called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 14, 2019. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the minutes were approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None. Abstained - Hartney.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption of Ordinance 2019-13, which was read by title only, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS BULKHEADS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY AND APPROPRIATING \$400,000 THEREFORE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$380,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

Motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, and, a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was opened. With there being no comment from the audience, upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, and, a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was closed. Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Russell, Ordinance 2019-13 was passed on second and final reading and is attached hereto, as Schedule 1.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Introduction of Ordinance 2018-14, which was read by title only, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 2000" AS THE SAME IN CHAPTER 19 PERTAINS TO "BEACH RESORT REGULATIONS"

and moved that same be given its first reading. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr.Klose, Ordinance 2019-13 was introduced and passed on first reading and will be considered for final passage, after a public hearing, to be held on October 9, 2019.

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Proclamation designating the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution Week. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following proclamation was adopted:

### CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: September 17, 2019, marks the two hundred and thirty-second anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary and to the patriotic celebrations, which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Francis R. Hodgson, Sr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of Surf City, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

#### CONSTITUTION WEEK

and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals that the framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Surf City to be affixed this twelfth day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution adding Barry A. Stieber, Esq. of the firm of Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarski as an Alternate Municipal Prosecutor. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, the following resolution was adopted:

# RESOLUTION 2019-113

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING BARRY A. STIEBER, ESQ. OF THE FIRM CITTA, HOLZAPFEL & ZABARSKY AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City (hereinafter "Borough") entered into a Professional Services Agreement with the Law Firm of Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky (hereinafter "Firm") for prosecutorial services effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to appoint Barry A. Stieber, Esq. of the Firm as additional Alternate Municipal Prosecutor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. That the governing body does hereby appoint Barry A. Stieber, Esq. as additional alternate Municipal Prosecutor effective as of September 1, 2019.
- 2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Firm and to the Municipal Court Administrator.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays -

Resolution authorizing release of a curb bond posted by Brian McManimon - 1112 N. Central Avenue in the amount of \$3,000. Upon a motion by Mr. Wm. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

# RESOLUTION 2019-120

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ordinances 04-09 and 04-11, a performance guarantee may be posted with the Borough for permanent curb installation at the time of exchange of ownership.

WHEREAS, the below listed person(s) posted a guarantee in the corresponding amount prior to the exchange of ownership;

WHEREAS, The Zoning Official made a final inspection and approved same to be in conformance with the Borough ordinances.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that:

The following guarantees may be released:

Brian McManimon - 1112 N. Central Avenue in the amount of \$3,000.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution approving the applications for membership in the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. as submitted by Patrick Carey, Kyle Gross, Drew McNellis and Jake Shoemaker. Councilman Russell and Councilman Hartney must recuse themselves from this item of business in accordance with State Statutes. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Wm. Hodgson, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2019-116

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the applications for membership in the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. as submitted below are hereby approved:

Patrick Carey - Regular Membership Kyle Gross - Probationary Membership Drew McNellis - Probationary Membership Jake Shoemaker - Probationary Membership

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Siciliano. Nays - None.

## Reports:

Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month of July, 2019. Municipal Court Report for the month of July, 2019 Federal Flood Insurance Program Report

## **Committee Reports:**

Councilman Hadash, Chairman of Sanitation provided the sanitation and recycling report for the month of August, 2019. He extended congratulations on retirement to Tom, Mary and Andy.

Councilman Russell, Chairman of Public Property and Lifeguards reported on lifeguard and lifeguard in training activities for the end of the season. He talked about 14 years ago, when he met Mary, how he was elected to the Borough Council and her becoming his good friend. He expressed thanks to Mary, as did the entire Governing Body,

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**Councilman Wm. Hodgson - Finance and Police** provided the Statistical Report of Operations for the month of August 2019 and various other activities within the department. He also commented on the upcoming trunk or treat in October. Mr. Wm. Hodgson motioned resolution 2019-119, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 2019-119**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sandi Gomez be and is hereby appointed a part time clerk in the municipal offices at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, without benefits, effective as of September 13, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Councilman Hodgson also commented on Mary's service to the community.

**Councilwoman Siciliano, Chairwoman of Streets and Roads** provided a report on the maintaining and patching of streets and the blinking of the traffic lights. She also motioned resolution 2019-114, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

## RESOLUTION 2019-114

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authorization be and is hereby given to proceed with the necessary plans, specifications and bids for the reconstruction and resurfacing of the 300 block of North 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

She extended remembrance of September 11 and how people came together on September 12. Councilwoman Siciliano also commented on her time on the PTA with Mary and the time she has spent with Tom. She wished them both the best.

Councilman Hartney, Chairman of Beaches recognized three beach badge checkers, Jale Shoemaker, Drew McNellis and Julie Simms for their impressive beach badge sales. He also provided a final report on the sale of beach passes and the bay program. He also gave a brief speech about his time with Mary and Tom and commented that anything that was thought to be a problem was not because it was handled by Tom and Mary.

Council President Klose, Chairman of Water/Sewer commented on what a pleasure it has been to work with Mary and Tom.

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Comments from the Audience: None

## Correspondence:

## **Action Required:**

Correspondence from Kim Cassidy, requesting permission to again hold their Get LBI Running 5K/walk for the benefit of the Surf City Volunteer Fire Company on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Mayor Hodgson felt no permission was necessary and it was referred to the Police Department and all should be the same as last year.

Correspondence from Susan Vaccaro requesting permission to purchase a memorial bench for placement at the bay on North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, in dedication to her parents. It was agreed to approve the request and to follow our normal procedure.

Correspondence from Kevin Kelly requesting permission to again allow their Scout Troop to plant dune grass on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and to campfire and pitch tents on the beach. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Russell, the request was approved:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Mayor's recommendation of Christine Hannemann to fill the positions held by Mary Madonna. Upon a motion by Mr. Wm. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2019-117

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that Christine Hannemann be and is hereby appointed to the following positions effective October 1, 2019, all with a one year probation:

Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent/Pending Improvement Search Official/Community Development Block Grant Representative/ Affirmative Action Public Agency Compliance Officer/ADA Municipal Coordinator/ Community Flood Rating System Coordinator.

Board of Health Secretary - Filling the unexpired 3 year term expiring on 12/31/2021.

Registered Municipal Clerk - 3 year term expiring on October 1, 2022

Registrar of Vital Statistics - 3 year term expiring on October 1, 2022

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Emergency Management Coordinator - Filling the unexpired 3 year term expiring on 12/31/2019.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Mayor's recommendation to fill the positions held by Thomas Hudson. Upon a motion by Mr. Wm. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2019-118

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that Robert McGowan be and is hereby appointed to the following positions effective October 1, 2019, all with a one year probation:

Borough Superintendent, Driver #1, Carpenter, Equipment Operator, Recycling Coordinator.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution acknowledging the retirement of Thomas Hudson. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2019-115

WHEREAS, Tom Hudson, son of Samuel and Evelyn was born in Riverside, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Tom spent the majority of his time on Long Beach Island where he met Cynthia, they were married 34 years ago and have two sons, Sam and Jack; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1992, Tom Hudson was appointed to a position as Carpenter for the Borough of Surf City, after which he obtained his Commercial Driver's License; and

WHEREAS, Tom obtained certification as a Public Works Manager and was appointed as the Borough Superintendent on May 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, after 27 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Surf City, Tom is retiring to spend time with his family; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to Tom for his hard work and outstanding service to the taxpayers, residents and visitors of Surf City. Tom truly loves this community and it shows in everything he does for Surf City,.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Mayor Hodgson, the members of the Borough Council, all of the Borough employees and friends would like to extend to Tom, best wishes for a lengthy, healthy and happy retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council would also like to extend their gratitude to Tom's wife Cindy and his two sons, Sam and Jack, for their support and understanding of the time Tom spent answering the myriad of after hours calls.

"Tom, you will be missed"

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution acknowledging the retirement of Mary Madonna. Upon a motion by Mr. Wm. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the resolution attached hereto as Schedule 2, was adopted:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Mayor Hodgson commented about Mary's years of service and told a story about how she handled a marriage license for someone after hours and a recent encounter with the bride. He also commented on how well the office staff treats people and takes care of their problems.

## No Action Required: None

Resolution from the Township of Jackson and the Township of Ocean.

#### Comments from the Audience:

Fred Madonna addressed the Council and thanked them for all they have done, noting how he and Mary love the Governing Body and the employees.

**Bill Resolution:** Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, N.J. that the appurtenances known as "Scheduled Payment Reports" containing vouchers to be paid in the total amounts of:

Water & Sewer -	\$ 80,912.73
Current -	847,218.65
Payroll Account -	292,744.61
Dog License Account - Ice Cream Vendor Acct	5.40
	.00
Escrow Release -	3,000.00

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Tax Certificate Acct. - .00 \$1,223,881.39

are hereby ordered paid; and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to draw an order upon the Borough Treasurer for same.

Approved:

Councilman J. Russell

Councilman P. Hartney Councilman J. Siciliano

Dated: September 11, 2019

/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Sr., Mayor

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

**Adjourn Meeting:** With there being no further business to come before the Governing Body, upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hartney, and a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY P. MADONNA, RMC/MMC/QPA/CPM

Municipal Clerk/Borough Administrator