

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS MEETING
CITY OF REHOBOTH BEACH**

February 17, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Rehoboth Beach, was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Samuel R. Cooper on Friday, February 17, 2012 in the Commissioners Room in City Hall, 229 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

City Solicitor Glenn Mandalas gave the invocation that was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Bill Sargent
 Commissioner Pat Coluzzi
 Mayor Samuel R. Cooper
 Commissioner Stan Mills
 Commissioner Lorraine Zellers
 Commissioner Mark Hunker

Absent: Commissioner Patrick Gossett

Also in attendance were: City Manager Gregory Ferrese
 City Solicitor Glenn Mandalas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Zellers, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 20, 2012 Regular Meeting and February 6, 2012 Workshop Meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Mills made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zellers, to approve the January 20, 2012 Mayor and Commissioners Regular Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mark Hunker, to approve the February 6, 2012 Mayor and Commissioners Workshop Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

(See attached report.)

Police Chief Keith Banks presented the report of the Police Department for the month of January 2012. There were 21 criminal, 115 traffic and two civil charges made during the month. Three traffic crashes were investigated. The Dispatch Center handled 230 police incidents, 152 ambulance incidents, 34 fire incidents, 152 traffic stops, assisted other agencies four times during the month, and 9-1-1 calls totaling 254 were received.

REPORT OF REHOBOTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

There was nothing to report.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT

(See attached report.)

Chief Building Inspector Terri Sullivan presented the report of the Building & Licensing Department for January 2012. During the month, 66 permits were issued for a value of work totaling \$1,426,881.67. Fees collected totaled \$33,919.00 for the month. Fifty-eight permit processing fees were received in the amount of \$1,160.00. No restaurant applications were received in January. Two stop work orders were issued for contractors working without licenses. Three stop work orders were issued for contractors working without permits. One notice of violation was

issued for a dumpster without barriers. One notice of violation was issued for putting trash out too early. One notice of violation was issued for a flag too low over a sidewalk. One notice of violation was issued for a blinking sign. One notice of violation was issued for a temporary banner. The Board of Adjustment heard one case in January.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cooper called for the presentation by and discussion with the Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 287 concerning energy efficient changes they would like to propose for Grove Park.

Mayor Cooper had the distinct pleasure of traveling to the Scout house two weeks ago and meeting with Troop 287 and its leader, Ms. Nancy Alexander. The Troop wants to see the City make some improvements in Grove Park, and it also wanted the experience of coming to a City meeting to see what the meetings are about.

Correspondence:

1. Letter dated February 7, 2012 from Ms. Nancy Alexander, Leader of Troop 287 Junior Girl Scouts, requesting on behalf of Troop 287 to make a presentation on energy efficient changes to Grove Park at the February 17, 2012 Mayor and Commissioners Regular Meeting.

Miss Kristina Alexander introduced the Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 287 and thanked the Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to make their presentation. Troop 287 is currently learning to put the Girl Scout law into practice in everyday life. Miss Haley Tingle noted that one part of the Girl Scout law is to use resources wisely. The Junior Girl Scouts use Grove Park for their ceremonies, and they thank the Board of Commissioners for maintaining a fun, safe, smoke-free park for their enjoyment. Miss Abby Kane said that Troop 287 has studied the energy efficiency of Grove Park as part of its activities. The Junior Girl Scouts would like to make some suggestions for making Grove Park more energy efficient. Miss Shelby Tobat noted the following are some things which the Junior Girl Scouts thought of after talking to adults in the solar energy field and in government. Troop 287 suggests that the Board of Commissioners install a recycling bin. Miss Hayley Halloran said Troop 287 suggests that the Board of Commissioners put solar panels on the bathroom building. Also suggested was that the Board of Commissioners use solar-powered lights to light paths in the park, and that the Board of Commissioners use energy efficient bulbs in the pole lights that light the park at night. Miss Darby Klopp noted that these changes will reduce the amount of electricity used and reduce the amount of trash that users of Grove Park will produce. The Junior Girl Scouts know that the Board of Commissioners is working hard to reduce the energy used by the City, and they think the Mayor and Commissioners are going a great job. She thanked the Board for allowing Troop 287 to speak at the meeting this evening.

Mayor Cooper noted that much of what has been requested is under the purview of the City Manager. If the Junior Girl Scouts work with the City Manager toward the goals, most of them can be accomplished. Mayor Cooper would be happy to meet with Troop 287 at a future date to notify it of the goals which may have been accomplished.

City Manager Gregory Ferrese commented that recently a recycling bin has been placed at Grove Park. The City is planning that by 2013 the restroom facilities will be upgraded and will be made "green". Mr. Ferrese will keep the Junior Girl Scouts informed and work with them on their suggestions.

Ms. Nancy Alexander noted that this is part of the Junior Girl Scouts working toward a Bronze Award. As part of Girl Scout Council's recordkeeping, Ms. Alexander requested that photographs be taken of Troop 287 with the Board of Commissioners and City Manager.

Mayor Cooper called to confirm the appointment to the Planning Commission for the unexpired term of Patrick Gossett who last month, was selected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Cooper had forwarded a biography of Ms. Lynn Wilson early this week, and it is his recommendation for her to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Bill Sargent made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mills, to confirm the appointment of Lynn Wilson to the Planning Commission. (Sargent – aye, Coluzzi – aye, Cooper – aye, Mills – aye, Zellers – aye, Hunker – aye.) Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

(See attached report.)

City Manager Gregory Ferrese reported that in regard to the Municipal Building Complex Study, Mr. Mike Wigley, City Architect, has interviewed all Department Heads including Judge Judy Catterton with regard to their office requirements for their departments. All base drawings are complete, and the structural assessment has been completed with no major issues. Mr. Wigley will be holding another meeting with the Department Heads, and from that meeting he will prepare the concept plan. The ADA Ramping Project is 50% completed. The Roof, Window and Lighting Project for the Municipal Building is completed except for the punch list. The Delaware Avenue restroom upgrade is on schedule, and that project will be completed in May 2012. Sealed bids will be opened on March 6, 2012 for the beach cleaner, and sealed bids will be opened on March 8, 2012 for the new tractor. The Beach Replenishment Project has been completed except for DNREC rebuilding the dunes in the near future. All of the buried outfalls have been dug up. All departments are gearing up for Easter Weekend and hiring the personnel needed for the summer season. Mr. Ferrese has received a contract from the State regarding to the Lake Avenue Streetscape Project. The State has allocated \$140,000.00 towards the project. As soon as Mr. Ferrese receives an executed copy of the contract with the State, the City will be authorized to proceed with the project. It is anticipated that all necessary engineering will be started by the end of March 2012. The scope of the project is from Rehoboth Avenue to Third Street, property line to property line.

Commissioner Sargent noted that all of the buried outfalls have been dug up. Mayor Cooper added that another contractor will be putting temporary extensions on the outfall pipes until the beach recedes. Until then, the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) has agreed to keep those outfalls open.

Mr. Walter Brittingham, 123 Henlopen Avenue, asked what the disposition is of the radar speed sign on Columbia Avenue. Mr. Ferrese noted that the radar speed sign is being moved approximately 150 feet west of the original placement and on the same side of the street. It is anticipated that the sign will be installed by the end of next week.

Mr. Ferrese recommended the approval of the Street Aid expenditures:

02/15/12	513	Delmarva Power	\$ 8,032.41 (Street Lights)
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Commissioner Mills made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sargent, to approve the Street Aid expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no reports.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT

City Solicitor Mandalas provided an updated with regard to 2 St. Lawrence Street. Late year the Planning Commission denied the partitioning application, and an appeal was filed to come before the Board of Commissioners. There has been discussion with the Applicant about a way to resolve the matter. He hoped to bring something to the Board next month.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Mayor Cooper announced that the Parkmobile contract has been signed. A Parkmobile implementation representative met with Mr. Dave Henderson and City staff on February 16, 2012 to work through the intricacies of the system. Ms. Carol Everhart of Rehoboth Beach/Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce was also present at the meeting. Another vendor is being looked at regarding enforcement and trying to make it as seamless as possible for the people on the street to determine if parking spaces are paid for. This system will be implemented before the start of the summer season.

Commissioner Hunker announced that he had received an opinion from the Delaware Public Integrity Commission about whether he can be fair and impartial about patios, noise and being seated on the Board of Rehoboth Beach Main Street. No violation has been found. Commissioner Hunker is planning to be seated on the Board of Commissioners for the remainder of his term and do the five things he has promised: 1. Implement key sections of the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). 2. Working with citizens – outreach to residents, local

business owners and community leaders. 3. Long-term planning - lake clean-up, outfall project, bike lanes and pedestrian safety and tree canopy. 4. Work with other municipalities. 5. Building consensus on the Commission to move the agenda forward.

Commissioner Coluzzi announced that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan meeting will be held on February 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The Lewes-Rehoboth Canal Improvement Association meeting will be held on February 18, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in regard to a potential water taxi. The public is invited to attend.

Commissioner Mills forwarded a copy of a letter to the editor of the Cape Gazette dated January 31, 2012 to Mr. Ferrese in regard to doing a better job of recycling for the functions in the Convention Center. He thought consideration could be given to the pros and cons of expanding the recycling within the administrative offices and Convention Center.

Discuss items to include on future agendas.

There were no items to be included on future agendas.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Mr. Drexel Davison of Rehoboth Beach Main Street commented that there are good people on the Board of Commissioners who need to stand up against negativity. Main Street is an organization that all of the Commissioners should want to be a part of, and not have a problem with the person who is. It is disheartening to people who are trying to do good things.

The Workshop Meeting will be held on March 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Cooper declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Patricia Coluzzi, Secretary)