

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

August 19, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Rehoboth Beach was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Samuel R. Cooper on Friday, August 19, 2016 on the second floor of the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company, 219 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Paul Kuhns
Commissioner Toni Sharp
Commissioner Patrick Gossett
Mayor Samuel R. Cooper
Commissioner Stan Mills
Commissioner Lorraine Zellers
Commissioner Kathy McGuiness

Also in attendance: City Manager Sharon Lynn
City Solicitor Glenn Mandalas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Lorraine Zellers to approve the Agenda with the deletion of the February 8, 2016, March 7, 2016, June 6, 2016, July 5, 2016 and August 8, 2016 Workshop Meeting and July 18, 2016 Special Workshop Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Minutes of the July 15, 2016 Regular Meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Minutes of the February 8, 2016, March 7, 2016, June 6, 2016, July 5, 2016 and August 8, 2016 Workshop Meetings and the July 18, 2016 Special Workshop Meeting were not available for approval.

Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Paul Kuhns to approve the July 15, 2016 Mayor & Commissioners Regular Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Keith Banks presented the report of the Police Department for the month of July 2016. The report for the month of June 2016 had been amended and will be forwarded to the Commissioners for their review. Last week Police Chief Banks attended a briefing at the White House in Washington, D.C. on advancing the 21st Century Policing. Issues were discussed with regard to building trust, policy and oversight, technology and social media, crime reduction, training education and officer wellness and safety, etc.

Walter Brittingham, 123 Henlopen Avenue, noticed that at 2 & 4 Oak Avenue there have been construction materials on the street, and he has asked for them to be removed. The contractors should not use half of the street

because this prevents vehicles to pass on the street. Between the sidewalk and curb at 53 Surf Avenue, there is a bush halfway out into the sidewalk which is causing joggers and pedestrians to go out into the street. At Grove Street and Henlopen Avenue, the stop sign is buried in the brush. The lights have been fixed at the Stockley Street park, but the trees have not been trimmed.

REPORT OF REHOBOTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

John Meng of the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company reported that there were 65 crew calls, 26 alarms and four assists to other departments for the month of July 2016. On July 22, 2016, Governor Markell visited the fire station on Rehoboth Avenue to sign a bill that exempts new members of any volunteer fire company in Delaware on having to pay for a background check.

REPORT OF BUILDING AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT

Chief Building Inspector Damalier Molina presented the report of the Building & Licensing Department for the month of July 2016.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman David Mellen presented the Planning Commission report for the month of July 2016.

PRESENTATION BY NANCY ALEXANDER, DIRECTOR OF THE REHOBOTH BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THEIR EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE MUSEUM.

Nancy Alexander of Rehoboth Beach Historical Society gave a presentation on the activities of the Society and their efforts to complete the second floor of the museum. The Society is taking reservations for Sea Witch weekend programs. At two lectures, Michael Morgan spoke and introduced his new book about the history of Rehoboth Beach during World War II. Membership to the Society is growing. The Society has Jolly Trolley tours around the City, and when the tours end, the visitors go to the Anna Hazzard house where a presentation is held with representatives portraying Reverend Todd and a parishioner on the life during that period of time in Rehoboth Beach's history. The Society also has walking tours of the City from the Bandstand on selected Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. The Beach Ball was a record breaking fundraiser. An image of the second floor plan and a mockup of a three dimensional picture of what the second floor of the museum will look like were provided to Commissioners. Based on a good faith estimate, the Society needs \$600,000.00 to complete the project, and it has all but approximately \$175,000.00. Recently, the Society has secured pledges of approximately \$23,500.00, and it is confident that the remaining need of approximately \$150,000.00, will be secured. The Society's architect has met with City representatives. The State Fire Marshal has given approval on the project. Bids will go out in mid-September 2016. The architect will get back to the Commissioners on how long the construction will take and when the event space will be available for renting. It is anticipated that construction will be done over the winter months.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider adoption of an ordinance repealing Subsection 92-34(26) of the City code, which would remove the current prohibition of on-street parking on the ocean block of St. Lawrence Street between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., from May 14 and September 30.

City Solicitor Mandalas read the synopsis of the ordinance. This Ordinance repeals the prohibition on parking on both sides of St. Lawrence Street, ocean block, from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from May 14 to September 30 of each year.

Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Paul Kuhns, to adopt the Ordinance amending Chapter 92 of the City Code relating to overnight parking on the ocean block of St. Lawrence Street. (Kuhns - aye, Sharp - aye, Gossett - aye, Cooper - aye, Mills - aye, Zellers - aye, McGuinness - aye.) Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider award of contract for the Lake Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project for which bids were received and opened on August 11, 2016.

Four bids were opened on August 21, 2016. The low bid was Sam's Construction of Wilmington, DE, in the amount of \$975,392.00. The bid pack was then vetted through the City Engineer, Kercher Engineering, and the recommendation was for the bid to approved for Sam's Construction. The bid is contingent upon DelDOT approval since it is a project through DelDOT with federal funding. The remaining bids were Mumford & Miller in the amount of \$1,020, 287.00, ADeI in the amount of \$1,189,784.73 and George & Lynch in the amount of \$1,614,932.05.

Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Paul Kuhns, to award the contract for the Lake Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project to Sam's Construction in the amount of \$975,392.00 contingent upon DelDOT approval. (Kuhns - aye, Sharp - aye, Gossett - aye, Cooper - aye, Mills - aye, Zellers - aye, McGuinness - aye.) Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The steel erection on the first and second floors of the west side of City Hall started on August 15, 2016. The metal floor deck has been received, and some of that has started to be installed on August 18, 2016. The cast stonework is progressing on the east side of the Convention Center, and the concrete deck was poured and completed for the new loading dock. City Manager Sharon Lynn thanked the City staff, including the Police Department and Beach Patrol, who have been working in extreme heat conditions last weekend.

City Manager Lynn recommended the approval of Street Aid expenditures:

07/15/2016	579	Delmarva Power	\$8,457.17 (Street Lights)
08/12/2016	581	Delmarva Power	\$8,445.69 (Street Lights)

Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Paul Kuhns to approve the Street Aid expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

There were no announcements/comments.

DISCUSS ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Walter Brittingham, 123 Henlopen Avenue, noted that the lifeguards have done a fantastic job this year. With regard to the wastewater treatment plant incident, he had talked to Bob Stenger, Superintendent, and found that there really was not a problem or spill into the canal on August 14, 2016.

The next Workshop Meeting will be held on September 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

(Lorraine Zellers, Secretary)