

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
CITY OF OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Hartzell (6:03 p.m.), Mr. Levchuk, Mr. Madden (6:01 p.m.), Mr. Polcini and Mr. Winslow. Mr. Present also was Mayor Gillian, Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano and Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson.

Council President, Mr. Crowley called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and moment of silence. Mr. Crowley announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Jeff and Pam Craighead from the City to Shore MS Bike organization spoke about the event this year. It will be on September 26th and there will be about 4,000 cyclists. They said thank you and that they appreciate all the support especially from the police while they navigate through the city as they make their way across the 34th Street bridge.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Mayor Gillian provided an update on beach replenishment and trash and recycling. He also spoke about upcoming events happening in the city. A full report can be found on the city website.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

No one wished to speak.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Winslow announced that tomorrow the boardwalk subcommittee will present their findings and recommendations regarding 6th and the boardwalk. The meeting will take place at the Tabernacle at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. No formal action will be taken at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, May 21, 2026. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed.

ORDINANCE - SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 26-07 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Polcini. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title.

Ordinance No. 26-07- An Ordinance of the City of Ocean City, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, Amending the Municipal Code to Prohibit the Parking of Commercial Vehicles Adjacent to Municipal Playgrounds and Recreation Fields

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation on the ordinance. Mr. Crowley opened the meeting up for public comment and no one wished to speak. Mr. Crowley closed the public comment portion of the meeting and asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 26-07 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Polcini, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTION – NON-CONSENT:

26-145 - A Resolution Adopting the 2026 Local Municipal Budget

Director of Finance, Mr. Donato spoke and provided an explanation on the budget. He also informed council that the budget will be amended this evening to add grant funding that the city received.

Mr. Crowley opened the meeting up for public comment on the budget and no one wished to speak. Mr. Crowley closed the public comment portion of the meeting and asked for a motion to adopt the 2026 local municipal budget (Resolution No. 26-145). Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed.

The city clerk made the following announcement: Be it resolved by the council members of the City of Ocean City, County of Cape May that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$76,881,521.63 for municipal purposes, and \$8,348,942.00 Minimum Library Tax.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

26-146 – A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Pending Litigation (Ryan Scharff vs. City of Ocean City, et al.)

26-147 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #26-06, 34th Street Sandcastle Park Revitalization

26-148 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC-BUY) Contract #FS12-23, Fire Apparatus and Related Vehicles to Purchase Two (2) Enforcer Pumpers

- 26-149** - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC-BUY) Contract RH04-25, Refuse Handling Equipment to Purchase One (1) Pac Mac RL8 Cubic Yard Rear Loader Trash Truck
- 26-150** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to ACT Engineers, Inc. for Professional Geospatial Services for a Watershed Inventory Report – Phase I
- 26-151** - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #8 to City Contract #24-28, Various Alleys, Roads & Drainage Improvements, Phase I with Paving Plus, LLC
- 26-152** - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to City Contract #25-11, Improvements to the Parking Lot at 16th Street & Haven Avenue with Lexa Concrete, LLC
- 26-153** - A Resolution Authorizing the Final Acceptance & Final Payment to City Contract #24-30, Moorlyn Terrace Boardwalk Ramp Improvements with Weatherby Construction & Renovation Corp.
- 26-154** - A Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of Bids for City Contract #26-18, Supply and Installation of Solar Panels on Various City Buildings
- 26-155** - A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of City Property that has been Deemed Surplus or Abandoned on GovDeals, Inc.
- 26-156** - A Resolution Approving a Special Event Permit for the 2026 4th of July Firework Display
- 26-157** - A Resolution Approving a Special Event Permit for the 2026 Night in Venice Firework Display
- 26-158** - A Resolution Approving a Special Event Permit for the 2026-2027 First Night Firework Display
- 26-159** - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License for Fence Encroachment for Placement of a Fence Within the City Right-of-Way Known as West Avenue Adjacent to the Property Located at 1651 West Avenue, Block 16.04, Lot 5.01
- 26-160** - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License for Fence Encroachment for Placement of a Fence Within the City Right-of-Way Known as Asbury Avenue Adjacent to the Property Located at 5429-31 Asbury Avenue, Block 5402, Lot 7.02
- 26-161** - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License for Fence Encroachment for Placement of a Fence Within the City Right-of-Way Known as West Avenue Adjacent to the Property Located at 1817 West Avenue, Block 1804, Lot 8
- 26-162** - A Resolution Approving Tax Overpayment Refund #2026-5 Thru #2026-7
- 26-163** - A Resolution Amending the 2026 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant 2025/26
- 26-164** - A Resolution Amending the 2026 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue from the County of Cape May, "Land of the Free, Celebration 250"
- 26-165** - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS:

No pending business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ed Dixon – 3507 Asbury Ave – asked that council communicate with the public face to face when a question is asked.

Tom Sirianni – 3213 Bay Ave – provided a handout to council and said that there are 91 options for the proposed cell tower and encouraged city council to vet those options.

Archie Sirianni – 5 Waterway Rd – requested that council publicly vote on and to formally respond regarding the 91 options presented for a location for the cell tower. He suggested that it be placed at 45th Street.

Cindy Dahlke - 128 Waterway Rd – spoke about the proposed cell tower and expressed concerns about it being in the way of the coastal evacuation route if it should fall down.

Donna Saber – 1324 Asbury Ave – spoke about the carousel that was at Wonderland and said she plans to celebrate its 100th anniversary with a treasure hunt and prizes.

Colleen King – 1132 Asbury Ave – suggested a rodent proof cart for commercial properties to alleviate the rat boroughs.

Charles Farinski - 209 Wesley Rd – said that trash pick-up is being missed where he lives and it's becoming an issue; he would like it to be resolved.

Janice Dickson – 1241 West Ave – expressed her concerns about rodents especially by families' outdoor showers. She is hoping the city can do something to help.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Polcini. All ayes followed. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Melissa Rasner

Melissa Rasner, City Clerk