

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
CITY OF OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Levchuk, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Polcini and Mr. Winslow. 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.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Mayor Gillian provided a report on beach replenishment, flood mitigation and he also informed everyone that the city is still waiting on the tax rate from the state. A full, more detailed report given by the Mayor can be found on the city website.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

No one wished to speak.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Kelly congratulated the hosts of the Ocean City Homes Garden Tour. He explained how this event personifies the community's generosity and pride. This partnership between the Friends of Ocean City and the Tabernacle attracted many visitors across the region and is a great example of how Ocean City is shared and is loved as a community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, June 25, 2026. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Barnes. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Kelly who abstained.

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adopt the Re-Org meeting minutes of Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Levchuk. All ayes followed.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 26-08 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Barnes. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 26-08 – An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter IV, Police Regulations, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Ocean City (Prohibiting Camping or Sleeping on Public Property)**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation on the ordinance. Mr. Crowley opened the meeting up for public comment on the ordinance 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. 26-08 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Barnes. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

26-204: A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #26-24, Rental & Servicing of Portable Restrooms & Trailers for the City of Ocean City

26-205: A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #26-21, Supply & Delivery of Sand Fence & Post & Split Rail Fence Materials for the City of Ocean City with Lumberman Associates

26-206: A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to ACT Engineers for 2027 Hydraulic Dredge Program for Shooting Island Wetland Restoration

26-207: A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Prescribed Marketing Group, LLC for Providing a Guest Appearance at the Night in Venice Boat Parade

26-208: A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 and the Final Acceptance and Final Payment of City Contract #26-13, Demolition of Existing Structures Located at Block 806, Lots 21, 22 & 23 with Neri's Construction and Rental, Inc.

26-209: A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #6 and the Final Acceptance & Final Payment of City Contract #24-20, Construction of the Ocean City 8th Street Police Substation with Weatherby Construction & Renovation Corp.

26-210: A Resolution Approving the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2026 Beginning September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 in Accordance with the U.S. Department of HUD Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

26-211: A Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation for the Legal Department: Other Expenses

26-212: A Resolution Amending the 2026 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Recycling Tonnage Grant

26-213: A Resolution Approving Tax Overpayment Refund #2026-7

26-214: A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 325 West Avenue, Block 308 Lot 9; Project #25-009ZBA

26-215: A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 28 Haven Avenue, Block 13, Lot(s) 17.02; Project #23-0103PBA

26-216: A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 24 Haven Avenue, Block 13, Lot(s) 17.01; Project #23-0101PBA

26-217: A Resolution Authorizing Settlement in the Matter of Ryan P. Scharff V. City of Ocean City, Et Al

26-218: A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

26-219: A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Appointment and Reappointment of Joseph Grzyminski and Robert Scott Halliday as Members to the Ocean City Housing Authority

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

No pending business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kelly requested that a resolution be placed on the August 6th agenda adopting the boardwalk sub-committee report.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Gene McCaffrey - 3320 Bay Ave – not in favor of the proposed location of the 125 ft cell tower at 34th Street.

Greg Sirianni - 3208 Simpson Ave – not in favor of the proposed location of the 125 ft cell tower at 34th Street.

Archie Sirianni - 5 Waterway Road – not in favor of the proposed location of the 125 ft cell tower at 34th Street.

Tom Sirianni - 3213 Bay Ave – not in favor of the proposed location of the 125 ft cell tower at 34th Street.

Nancy Notaro - 11th and Central – spoke about the difficulty her friend had visiting recently while navigating the uneven sidewalks especially on Asbury Avenue coming from from 8th and the boardwalk. Also, restaurants on Asbury Avenue that have outdoor seating present challenges for people who are in a wheel chair and she asked council to consider changing the outdoor seating rules.

Bronwyn Zitrides - 25 Central Ave – said that she has the same view as the most recent “letter to the editor” in the Sentinel regarding 600 Boardwalk.

Susan Cracovaner - 156 Asbury Ave – expressed her frustration about bicycles on the sidewalks and asked that something be done to prohibit this for safety reasons.

Marie Crawford - 835 Pelham Place – requested that there be longer traffic lights at busy intersections to alleviate accidents from occurring. She also mentioned that more thought and more vetting should have been done regarding Resolution No. 207 on the consent agenda.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Polcini, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Melissa Rasner, City Clerk