

Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Garrett presiding. Council members present were Emily Kennedy (Ward 1), Jim Behrens (Ward 2), Mike McDermott (Ward 3), Shawn Sarsfield (Ward 4), Dana Halder (Ward 5), Gerald Brink (At-Large), and Elaine Otte (At-Large). Absent: None.

Also present: City Administrator John Lund, City Engineer Dave Sturm.

Motion by McDermott; second by Brink to approve agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Brink; second by Behrens to approve consent agenda as follows:

Minutes of the October 16, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Minutes of the October 30, 2024, City Council Special Meeting.

Minutes of the October 30, 2024, City Council Work Session.

Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Services – Elbow Room LLC.

Class E Retail Alcohol License – Atlantic Liquor.

Special Class C Alcohol License with Outdoor Service – WineTime LLC.

Bills: \$125,560.35.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum. There were no speakers.

Recognition of Assistant Police Chief Paul Wood for his Twenty Years of Service in Keeping our Community Safe.

Motion by McDermott; second by Sarsfield to approve **Resolution #53-24 “Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Southeast Urban Renewal District.”**

The date of the public hearing was set for December 4, 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Behrens, second by Kennedy to approve **Resolution #54-24 “Authorizing City Administrator John Lund to Sign and Execute Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) SWAP Program and Other Department of Transportation (DOT) Documents.”** All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sarsfield, second by Behrens to approve **Resolution #55-24 “Recognition of Municipal Responsibility for Community Sidewalks and Development of Comprehensive Sidewalk Improvement Plan to Maintain Sidewalks in a Safe and Hazard-Free Condition.”** All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Otte, second by Kennedy to approve the third & final reading of **Ordinance No. 1046 “Amending the City of Atlantic Code of Ordinances Subsection 151.04(03) Titled ‘Prohibited Trees.’”** All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrator’s Report: Lund presented the findings of the FY23 Audit, which showed an improving cash position and no red flags. He stated that consultant Teresa Rotschafer is working on closing out the books for FY24 so we can prepare for the next audit.

Mayor’s Report: The mayor thanked the public for passing the Yes for EMS ballot initiative. She also commended the Splash Pad committee on the completion of their project.

City Council Reports:

- Sarsfield: Attended a workshop on emergency management on 11/1.
- Halder: Hosted a listening session on 11/4 with Brink and Otte. At the Landfill Committee meeting they discussed the audit and revising their handbook to align with the county.
- Brink: Attended the 10/24 Personnel & Finance Committee meeting and the 11/4 listening session.
- Otte: Attended Nishna Valley Trails meeting and two meetings of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. They have created a survey for the community with plans to widely disseminate it. Their goal is to gather responses from 10% of Atlantic's population. She attended the Ward 5 listening session. The Personnel and Finance Committee worked on the SRO agreement. She also attended the Mayors' Design Group working on the Bull Creek Project.
- Kennedy: Announced that the Ward 1 listening session will be held 11/12 from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Chamber of Commerce
- Behrens: Attended a meeting for the Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department is experiencing turnover with John Johnson retiring and several long-time volunteers leaving. Anyone who might be interested is encouraged to go to the Fire station to talk to a firefighter, tour the station, and get an application if they wish. The Ward 2 listening session is scheduled for 11/14 at 5:30 pm at the Library.
- McDermott: The Ward 3 listening session is scheduled for 11/21 at 5:30 pm at the Library.

The Mayor reminds people they can go to any listening session, not just their own ward. She will be meeting with Pacific Islanders to discuss translating the Comprehensive Plan survey, which will be open through 12/18.

Brink suggested the City should market the Council listening sessions more broadly. Any council member could offer to do a radio interview.

Council discussed what issues and tasks Parks and Recreation has been addressing. Kennedy and McDermott stated they have been taking down 3-6 trees per week which needed removing. They are working on some bigger projects which need grants. Members of the public are welcome to contact McDermott or Kennedy if they have further questions. The Parks Commission would welcome input as they work on a vision. The biggest issue of focus now is the pool.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Sarsfield to adjourn at 6:04 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura McLean, City Clerk