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CITY OF ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 2025, 5:30 PM

Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Grace 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), Jeremy Butler (At-Large), and Elaine Otte (At-Large). Absent: None. Also present: City Administrator John Lund.

Motion by Sarsfield; second by Butler to approve agenda. All ayes. Motion passed.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Otte; second by McDermott to approve consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the November 5, 2025, City Council Meeting.
- Class C Retail Alcohol with Catering Privileges – The Flour Mill.
- Bills: \$121,329.17.

Public Forum. There were no speakers.

Motion by Behrens; second by Halder to approve [Resolution #69-25](#) “Setting the Date for Public Hearings and Additional Action on Proposals to Enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements and to Borrow Money Thereunder.” Roll call vote: unanimous.

Motion by McDermott; second by Sarsfield to approve [Resolution #70-25](#) “Obligating Funds from the Southeast Urban Renewal Area Revenue Fund for Appropriation to the Payment of Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Financed Obligations Which Shall Come Due in the Next Succeeding Fiscal Year.” Roll call vote: unanimous.

Motion by Kennedy; second by Otte to approve [Resolution #71-25](#) “Obligating Funds from the Hotel Whitney Urban Renewal Area Revenue Fund for Appropriation to the Payment of Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Financed Obligations Which Shall Come Due in the Next Succeeding Fiscal Year.” Roll call vote: unanimous.

Butler moved to Approve the **Annual Urban Renewal Report**; Behrens seconded. All ayes.

McDermott moved to Approve the **FY25 Road Use Tax Report**; Halder seconded. All ayes.

Administrator’s Report.

- This month involves working on the 2026 bond issue; filling out surveys for the SEC; annual financial reporting for the state and federal governments.
- Working with Barb Barrick to finalize FY25 books for the year.
- Lund said he will be presenting budget surveys to the Council to take anonymously, measuring individual assessments of budget priorities.

Mayor’s Report.

- Due to the hospital’s public meeting on cancer rates in Cass County, the City Council meeting will begin its December 3, 2025, regular meeting one hour earlier than usual, at 4:30 pm.
- Six EV charging stations are being installed at the City parking lot on Poplar St.

City Council Liaison Reports:

- Several council members attended a budget workshop on November 18 in Atlantic.
- Kennedy: AMU: public budget hearing 12/1 4pm. Beautification: approved downtown flowerbeds bid.
- McDermott: Library: closing 12/5-12/6 for staff workdays as the ceiling is repaired. All Carnegie libraries will receive a \$10K unrestricted grant. Using endowment to pay for art appraisal this month.
- Otte: Attended first League Board meeting. Chamber of Commerce. CADCO.
 - Butler: Produce in the Park. Airport Commission. Cemetery commission. Beautification.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025.

Motion by McDermott; second by Kennedy to adjourn at 5:57 pm. All ayes. Motion passed.

Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Laura McLean, City Clerk

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