

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

**December 3, 2012**

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Rehoboth Beach, was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Mayor Samuel R. Cooper on Monday, December 3, 2012 in the Commissioners Room in City Hall, 229 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Mayor Cooper gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:     Commissioner   Patrick Gossett  
              Commissioner   Bill Sargent  
              Commissioner   Pat Coluzzi  
              Mayor            Samuel R. Cooper  
              Commissioner   Stan Mills  
              Commissioner   Lorraine Zellers

Absent:     Commissioner   Mark Hunker

Also in attendance were:     City Manager Gregory Ferrese

Also Absent:                    City Solicitor Glenn Mandalas

The purpose of this Special Meeting was to consider the request of the United States Army Corps of Engineers that the City contribute \$200,000.00 towards a project that will extend the stormwater outfalls at Laurel Street, Delaware Avenue and Rehoboth Avenue. Without funding from the City the extension of the Rehoboth Avenue stormwater outfall will be dropped from the project.

The scheduling and posting of this special meeting occurred less than seven days from the time of the meeting because the City did not receive the request of the Army Corps of Engineers until November 29, 2012, and the Army Corps of Engineers is requiring the City to respond to its request by the close of business on December 3, 2012.

Mr. Tony Pratt, Director of Shoreline Management, was in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Cooper provided background on this project. The City had its first federally sponsored beach replenishment project in 2005. At that time, the dune was created along the Boardwalk and that necessitated dealing with the City's stormwater outfalls because a number of them emptied by the Boardwalk and would have been obscured and blocked by the dune. A project was put together to extend the stormwater outfalls out through the beach and into the ocean. The first periodic re-nourishment of the beach was completed in winter 2011. At that time, there was too much sand put on the beach in the area of the three outfalls at Laurel Street, Delaware Avenue and Rehoboth Avenue. The City benefitted from the additional sand but the outfalls were covered and caused the problem. Discussion occurred during spring 2012 and into summer about what to do with regard to the outfalls. To date the beach has receded and the outfalls have been partially uncovered. During a major issue on August 25, 2012 and the occurrence of Hurricane Sandy, the Delaware Avenue stormwater outfall was blocked, and the outfalls at Laurel Street and Rehoboth Avenue were open. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) has had an excavator operating continuously on a daily basis to uncover the outfalls. The ACOE has put together a set of plans to extend the three outfalls at issue, but it was unable to come to terms with the contractor that did the beach fill. The ACOE is currently working with another contractor to extend the three outfalls. The outfalls at Rehoboth Avenue and Laurel Street are slated to be extended by 18 feet, and the outfall at Delaware Avenue by 36 feet. The ACOE has set aside monies which were sequestered from last year to do this project. The State will pay 35% and 65% will be paid by the federal government. There is a \$200,000.00 shortage in funds to do all the stormwater outfalls. The City has been asked to provide \$200,000.00 to keep the Rehoboth Avenue outfall in the project. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Pat Coluzzi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bill Sargent that the City contribute \$200,000.00 as requested towards the stormwater outfall extension project. (Gossett – aye, Sargent – aye, Coluzzi – aye, Cooper – aye, Mills – aye, Zellers – aye.) Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**(Patricia Coluzzi, Secretary)**