



## **CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:**

*January 4, 2018*

City Council hopes everyone enjoyed the holidays, and we wish each of you a Happy and Healthy New Year! –We are looking forward to a great 2018!

Our last City Council meeting of 2017 was held on December 26. During that meeting, Mayor Desiderio announced that FEMA has designated Sea Isle City as a “Class 3” community in their CRS program, which means owners of compliant properties will receive a 35% discount on flood insurance rates beginning May, 2018. The 35% discount will equate to an overall savings of \$1.9 million for Sea Isle’s property owners – which is a wonderful holiday present! Thanks to the hard work of Sea Isle City Flood Plain Manager Neil Byrne, City Solicitor Paul Baldini and others in the Administration, Sea Isle was able to achieve this prestigious community rating – and Council is grateful for their efforts.

Also on December 26, Ordinance 1615 was introduced and had first reading. 1615 is a “housekeeping” ordinance that will amend, update and clarify various sections of our general ordinances and help Sea Isle City comply with State mandates.

Each of the Resolutions on the December 26 Consent Agenda was approved, including several that authorized necessary annual professional service contracts for 2018, including our Municipal Prosecutor, Engineer, Public Defender, and Animal Control provider. Additionally, Resolution 221 confirmed the re-appointment of the members of Sea Isle’s Zoning Board of Adjustment.

There were also two Resolutions on December 26 that were not part of the meeting’s Consent Agenda. The first, Resolution 203, appointed Shannon Romano as Sea Isle’s new City Clerk for a three-year term effective January 1, 2018. The second, Resolution 203-A, honored City Clerk Cindy Griffith, who retired from her position on December 31. Mrs. Griffith has been a loyal public servant to the people of Sea Isle City for ten years, and she will be greatly missed. To further emphasize the valuable service she has provided to Sea Isle City, several City Council members spoke of Cindy’s admirable qualities, and she was also presented with a Joint Legislative Resolution and a Joint Legislative Commendation from the State of New Jersey. That being said, City Council has every confidence that Mrs. Romano, who was sworn-in by Mayor Desiderio moments after Resolution 203 was approved, will also serve our community astutely, honorably and with the utmost integrity. Our best wishes go to our outgoing and incoming City Clerks!

During the “Pending Business” portion of the December 26 meeting, Council President Tighe announced that the City’s Administration will be adjusting the start time of the 2018 Saturday Night Concerts at Excursion Park from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

During “New Business” on December 26, Business Administrator George Savastano announced that South Jersey Gas will begin an aggressive improvement project in Sea Isle’s south-end (69<sup>th</sup> to 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pleasure Avenue to the Bay) beginning the second week of January. Mr. Savastano also noted that property owners in the affected area will be contacted directly by South Jersey Gas and that work is expected to be completed by mid-June, 2018.

City Council will hold a brief meeting on Tuesday, January 2, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers to adopt the City’s 2018 Temporary Budget. Then, our next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. We hope to see you there!

Best Regards from the Members of City Council,

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