



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

*February 16, 2017*

During the February 14 City Council meeting, Mayor Desiderio delivered his annual State of the City Address, during which he said the City continually strives to accomplish its mission of “providing the services needed to maintain a safe, clean, and enjoyable community; and providing a balanced system of laws and regulations that give everyone the best opportunity to pursue private and public ventures.”

Following the State of the City Address, the Mayor presented City Council with the proposed 2017 Budget. A public budget workshop was held this morning to review the details of the proposed budget; and Council is expected to introduce the 2017 Budget during the February 28 City Council meeting.

Also on February 14, City Solicitor Paul Baldini gave Council a brief update about mobile app taxi services (such as Uber and Lyft) – specifically that Governor Christie has signed new legislation regulating app-based taxi companies. The new legislation will require drivers to abide by basic safety standards and undergo background screenings. It will also require vehicles to have adequate insurance coverage.

Each of the Ordinances on the February 14 agenda was approved for introduction, including...

- Ordinance 1600, which amends the City's salary and wages ordinance and will accommodate the new Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) that are being added to the City's payroll.
- Ordinances 1601 and 1602, both of which relate to Flood Damage Prevention.

The aforementioned Ordinances will have Second Reading and Public Hearing during the March 14 City Council meeting.

All of the Resolutions on the February 14 Consent Agenda were approved, including...

- Resolution 028, which designates which of Sea Isle's beaches will have lifeguards on duty this summer, and which beaches will allow surfing, volleyball, rafting and other activities.
- Resolution 031, which authorizes the City to enter into the South Jersey Power Cooperative for the supply and delivery of Natural Gas.
- Resolution 035, which authorizes a contract for \$86,795 with K & G Marine Construction for the reconstruction of the Promenade's 38<sup>th</sup> Street Bulkhead.

During the "Pending Business" portion of the February 14 City Council meeting, Business Administrator George Savastano reported that the pools of water found on some of Sea Isle's beaches last summer have disappeared due to natural re-grading of the shoreline by the ocean, however the City's Public Works beach crews will continue to monitor that situation. Also, Sea Isle's beach entrances will be cleared and maintained prior to the summer season, and each of Sea Isle's ADA beach entrances will have plastic "Mobi-Mats" in place this summer. Additionally, the Mayor confirmed that the County will improve the driving conditions along Landis Avenue (from approximately 72<sup>nd</sup> to 80<sup>th</sup> Street), where construction is currently underway.

As a reminder, this weekend is Polar Bear Plunge Weekend in Sea Isle City, and a variety of events and activities will take place from Friday, February 17, through Sunday, February 19. For more information, please go to [www.VISITSICNJ.com](http://www.VISITSICNJ.com).

Our next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 28, at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Best regards from the members of City Council,

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