



CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:

March 1, 2018

During the February 27 City Council meeting, Business Administrator George Savastano announced that the Sea Isle Boulevard Elevation Project is on schedule and will be completed prior to the summer of 2019. Mr. Savastano also reported that work is progressing on the Townsends Inlet Bridge (connecting Sea Isle City and Avalon); however the T.I. Bridge is expected to be closed to all traffic for several weeks in April. The City will confirm the exact dates that the bridge will be closed in future communications.

During the "Council Reports" portion of the February 27 meeting, Council President Tighe announced that, from all reports, this year's Polar Bear Plunge Weekend was very successful. Council would like to thank all of the City employees and the members of support organizations outside of Sea Isle City, who worked diligently to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment during this year's Polar Bear Plunge and Mike's Seafood Run-Walk for Autism.

Ordinance 1616 was introduced and had first reading on February 27. The purpose of this ordinance is to allow the prompt deployment of wireless communication facilities in public rights-of-way while also effectively managing the rights-of-way in the interests of public health, safety and welfare.

Resolution 036 was approved by City Council on February 27. This resolution introduced Sea Isle's 2018 Local Municipal Budget, which City Council will review and adjust as needed. Council will also listen to public comments regarding the 2018 Budget, which will ultimately be adopted at a later date. The 2018 Proposed Budget has a 0% tax rate increase and a 0% water/sewer rate increase. According to Sea Isle City's auditor, Leon Costello, who was present during the February 27 Council meeting, this budget is very good.

There were seven other Resolutions listed on the February 27 Consent Agenda, including...

- Resolution 038, which established the beaches that will have lifeguards on duty during the summer of 2018.
- Resolution 039, which authorized a Change Order for additional summer entertainment. This Change order was created because the Sea Isle City Chamber of Commerce decided not to host weekly evening events at the Band Shell this summer, and subsequently the City's Administration decided to add two additional nights of entertainment to their weekly line-up, which the City will fund.
- Resolution 041, which authorized the award of a contract to create a new Bocce Court at Dealy Field, which is expected to be completed in time for the summer of 2018.

During the "Pending Business" portion of the February 27 City Council meeting, Council President Tighe displayed and explained the rack card that Council recently created, which gives specific information about beach safety and beach etiquette. Also during "Pending Business" on February 27, Councilman Gibson asked for an update on the future kayak launch and storage site at Dealy Field. At that time, Mr. Savastano stated that grant applications for that project will be submitted to the County in April, and the City will apply for DEP permits soon after. Following a brief discussion, it was also decided that Dealy Field is the ideal location for the kayak project.

Our next City Council meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13 – we hope to see you there!

Best Regards from the Members of City Council,

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