



CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:

September 28, 2017

The "Administration Reports" portion of the September 26 City Council meeting was dominated by updates from Sea Isle's Beach Patrol Captain, Police Chief and Chief Financial Officer.

During his presentation, Sea Isle City Beach Patrol Captain Renny Steele reported that the SICBP had 96 employees this summer, among them were 82 beach lifeguards, plus administrative staff, EMT's and a nurse. During the four months that the SICBP was on the sand in 2017, they manned 23 lifeguard stands 7-days a week, as well as an after-hours "ALERT" team. Captain Steele also reported that the SICBP responded to 145 medical service calls, they successfully reunited 49 lost children with their families, and they conducted 12 flag rescues. Additionally, a new Flag Warning System was initiated this year, with colored flags mounted on each lifeguard stand that indicate surf conditions.

It is also worth mentioning that, in addition to their usual lifeguard duties, the SICBP also hosts numerous "good will events" each year, including a 10-Mile Island Run, a 1-Mile Ocean Swim, a very successful Junior Lifeguard Program that helps recruit future beach patrol members, and the popular Mascot School and Races for children.

After Captain Steele's report, Sea Isle City Police Chief Tom D'Intino followed with an update on recent summer issues throughout town. The Chief stated that we had twenty-three Class II and five Class I officers, who complemented our year-round police staff this summer. The SICPD successfully focused on crowd control on the Promenade and during busy holiday weekends, and consequently there were no major events involving juveniles this summer (though 62 juveniles were handled through the system). Additionally, our Police Department received over 16,000 calls for service from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day – 827 of which came via the City's 9-1-1 system. There were also 396 City ordinance violations written, as well as 124 adult arrests. "Overall it was a calm summer," said Chief D'Intino.

Chief D'Intino also explained that the City plans to install additional cameras and lighting on the Promenade as part of a future Capital Project, and that discussions are currently taking place about adding more police officers on the beach in 2018 to address random alcohol violations.

Next, Chief Financial Officer Paula Doll gave Council and the public a report on the State's Best Practices Survey, at which time she explained that due to the City's timely and accurate completion of the survey, we will continue to receive 100% of our State Aid Funding.

Also during the September 26 City Council meeting, Ordinance 1612 was adopted on second reading. This ordinance updates Chapter 14 (Flood Damage Prevention) pertaining to the adoption of revised standards and regulations, definitions, and FEMA flood maps.

Each of the resolutions on the September 26 Consent Agenda was approved, including Resolution 158, which authorized the award of a contract to Larsen's Marine Services for \$20,000 for the installation of Storm Sewer Outfall Check Valves on Park Road at 43rd and 48th Streets.

During the New Business portion of the September 26 meeting, it was announced that City Council will host a Capital Plan Workshop on Tuesday, November 14, at 12 noon in Council Chambers, which will be open to the public.

Our next City Council meeting takes place on Tuesday, October 10, 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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