



CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE

January 12, 2023

At the start of the January 10 City Council meeting, Mayor Desiderio reminded Council and the public that City Hall will be open on occasional Saturday mornings throughout the year, including January 28. The Mayor also stated that the City's Administration is fine-tuning the 2023 municipal budget, and that he will present the completed budget to City Council on February 14, at which time he will also deliver his annual State of the City Address. Furthermore, the Mayor said that he is looking forward to his second meeting with Sea Isle City's recently-formed Youth Recreation Committee later this month, and that working with our younger residents not only gives the City additional input regarding recreation programs and the use of Sea Isle's future Community Center, it also serves as a tool to gather feedback that will help the City address other issues, such as the challenges related to young people gathering in large crowds during the summer season.

During the "Council Reports" portion of the January 10 meeting, City Council congratulated Mayor Desiderio on recently being appointed Director of the Cape May County Board of Commissioners. While making his acceptance speech during last week's swearing-in ceremony, the Mayor (and new Commissioner Director) stated that he wants to work with all municipalities in order to make each community within Cape May County as good as it can be.

Prior to City Council voting on the resolutions listed on the January 10 Consent Agenda, a discussion took place regarding the number of concession vendors that are permitted to sell food items on Sea Isle City's beaches. Following some concerns related to Resolution 006 that were expressed by Council President Tighe, Business Administrator George Savastano explained that the City's Administration looks at each concession permit on a case-by-case basis – and the City reserves the right to reverse a decision on any concession agreement if it is later determined to not be in the best interest of this community.

Following the discussion regarding beach concessions, each of the resolutions on the January 10 Consent Agenda was approved, including...

- Resolution 001, which adopted Sea Isle City's 2023 Temporary Budget, thus allowing the City to make purchases and payments for services prior to the 2023 Municipal Budget being approved.
- Resolution 002, which approved the most recent Vouchers, which is a routine requirement in the City's purchasing process.
- Resolution 003, which authorized 2023 "Change Funds" for the City's Tennis Desk at Dealy Field, the Municipal Marina, and the Beach Tag Office, thus allowing City employees to change larger bills for smaller as needed, when someone makes a cash purchase or payment.
- Resolution 005, which authorized a Professional Services Contract with Andy Previti / Colliers Engineering for engineering work on City projects.

- Resolution 006, which authorized the Advertisement of Bids for Beach Concession vendors, who wish to sell Acai Bowls on the beach, involving a 2-year contract requiring a minimum of \$5,000 paid to the City each year.
- Resolution 007, which authorized the newspapers to be used for City Publications during 2023: the Ocean City Sentinel and the Press of Atlantic City.

During the “Pending Business” portion of the January 10 meeting, City Council requested an update on existing and upcoming road construction projects, which the Business Administrator said he would present to Council during our next meeting on Tuesday, January 24, at 10:00 AM on the third floor of City Hall.

City Council wishes everyone a healthy and happy 2023!

Best regards from the members of City Council,

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