CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE *January 23, 2025*

Two ordinances were listed on City Council's January 14 meeting agenda, including Ordinance 1722, which was Introduced with First Reading. Ordinance 1722 was written to allow a small increase in fees for seasonal boat slip rentals and boat ramp usage at Sea Isle City's Municipal Marina along 42nd Place. Ordinance 1722 will have Second Reading (and possible adoption) on February 11.

Also on January 14, City Council adopted Ordinance 1721. This ordinance is an amendment to the city's salary ordinance, which encompasses department heads along with those positions that are not included within a collective bargaining agreement with one of the city's unions. From time to time the salary ordinance must be amended, to reflect changes in salaries based on cost-of-living adjustments, merit increases, or additions to the roster of "non-union" employees. Ordinance 1721 includes the addition of the position of Fire Chief. While the city still has a volunteer fire department, with the evolution of fire and rescue services, and the multitude of regulations that must be followed, it makes sense for the position of Fire Chief to be full time, within the municipal government.

Each of the resolutions on the January 14 Consent Agenda was approved, including…

- Resolution 003, which appointed Stephen Serwatka, of Animal Control of South Jersey, as Sea Isle City's 2025 Certified Animal Control Officer ($11,400).
- Resolution 004, which authorized a Professional Services Contract (per rate schedule) with Andrew Previti, of Colliers Engineering, to serve as 2025 City Engineer.
- Resolution 005, which authorized a Professional Services Contract (not to exceed $30,000) with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, to provide 2025 Bond Counsel.
- Resolution 006, which authorized a State Contract and Trade-ins for the purchase of two Cargo Vans for the Department of Public Works, from Gentilini Chevrolet ($59,090).
- Resolution 007, which authorized a State Contract and Trade-in for the purchase of a Dump Truck for the Department of Public Works, from Gentilini Chevrolet ($129,336).
- Resolution 008, which established the Beaches that will have Lifeguards in Attendance during the 2025 Summer Season.
- Resolution 010, which authorized a Professional Services Contract (not to exceed $10,000) with the firm of Blaney, Donohue & Weinberg, PC, to provide 2025 Conflict Attorney Services.

City Council would like to commend Sea Isle's Department of Public Works for doing a great job clearing the snow that fell during the recent winter storm.

Our next City Council meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 28, on the third floor of City Hall – and we hope to see you there!

Best regards from the members of City Council,

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