



CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:

February 13, 2020

At the start of our February 11 meeting, Mayor Desiderio and City Council took a moment to acknowledge the first responders who assisted in the recent delivery of a baby in a local home. We were fortunate to also have the parents and grandparents of that new baby in attendance that day – so, as you can imagine, it was a very happy gathering. City Council would like to once again commend EMS members Kris Lynch and DJ Fancher for their quick action as they aided the Galato family last month, and also Officers Shawn Lesniewski, Stephen Jankowski and Alex Symanski for their swift assistance.

Also on February 11, Mayor Desiderio presented the City's 2020 Municipal Budget to City Council, along with his annual State of the City Address. During his speech, the Mayor stated that Sea Isle City will have a zero tax increase in 2020. The Mayor also said "our surplus position is the strongest it's ever been," and that our City is in "great financial shape." City Council thanks the Mayor for his thorough address, and we look forward to continuing our work with the Mayor and the Administration throughout the coming year.

Following the Mayor's State of the City Address, City Solicitor Paul Baldini and Sea Isle City's Construction Official / Floodplain Manager Neil Byrne delivered a power point presentation that outlined Sea Isle's efforts to mitigate our flooding issues. As many of you already are aware, we have made great strides in recent years to address flooding problems, which have resulted in noteworthy discounts on local flood insurance premiums and positive acknowledgments from FEMA. While we still have work to do, we are definitely moving in a good direction when it comes to flood mitigation and shore protection. Our thanks go to Mr. Baldini, Mr. Byrne and all of the members of Sea Isle City's Floodplain Management Committee for their ongoing efforts.

After watching the floodplain management plan presentation, Ordinance 1648 was adopted following Second Reading and Public Hearing. Ordinance 1648 was written to update the existing Floodplain Management Plan that was developed in 2017.

Each of the six (6) resolutions on the February 11 Consent Agenda was approved, including...

- Resolution 026, which authorized the approval of the Ocean City PTA's "Casino Night" application.
- Resolution 027, which authorized the approval of the Ocean City PTA's "50/50 Raffle" application.
- Resolution 028, which authorized the award of a contract to Arawak Paving Company in the amount of \$643,700 for the resurfacing of Pleasure Avenue from 73rd to 53rd Street.
- Resolution 029, which authorized the issuance of a license to conduct amusement games to Steven DeCredico, of Boardwalk Casino Arcade.
- Resolution 030, which authorized the award of a contract in the amount of \$195,300 to Whirl Construction for poured-in-place rubber safety ground surface at the playground on JFK Boulevard.

Following our February 11 meeting, City Council hosted a Budget Workshop this morning (February 13) at 9:00 a.m., at which time Council and the City's Administration closely reviewed the proposed 2020 Municipal Budget.

Our next regular City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 25 in Council Chambers. We hope to see you there!

Best Regards from the Members of City Council,

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