CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE *July 1, 2021*

At the start of the June 22 City Council meeting, Mayor Desiderio introduced the local children who will be attending summer camp as part of the Mayor's 2021 Summer Camp Scholarship Program. As the Mayor explained, each child who received a scholarship was able to choose which camp he or she wanted to attend from the list of numerous programs being offered through Sea Isle City's Division of Recreation. It was a pleasure for City Council to see these fine youngsters in Council Chambers as they accepted their scholarships, and we hope they have an enjoyable and memorable time at camp this summer.

Ordinance 1669, which was introduced with first reading on May 11, was adopted on June 22. This ordinance was written to re-zone a very small piece of land in the Townsends Inlet section of Sea Isle City in order to help a nearby private property that was negatively impacted by earlier re-zoning. Before this ordinance was added to the June 22 Meeting Agenda, the Planning Board had determined that it was consistent with Sea Isle City's Master Plan.

Also on June 22, a great deal of discussion took place regarding Ordinance 1672, which was introduced by title and explanation on June 8 to amend the grandfathering clause to permit pocketed licenses to return to their previous premise/structure.

Numerous individuals from the audience stepped to the microphone to show support for and opposition against Ordinance 1672 during the "Public Hearing" portion of the discussion. After all of the comments from the audience were heard, City Council voted to adopt Ordinance 1672 on second reading. (Please Note: Council President Kehner recused himself from voting on this ordinance at the request of the attorney representing 42nd Place Liquor LLC). The Administration advised Council that the public notice for Ordinance 1672 will be advertised on June 26 and the Ordinance will become effective on July 15. City Council voted affirmatively (5-0) to hold a special meeting on July 16 at 10:00 AM to consider a Place-to-Place Transfer Resolution for 42nd Place Liquor, LLC.

Each of the Resolutions on the June 22 Consent Agenda was approved, including…

- Resolution 131, which authorized the issuance of ABC Liquor Licenses to GMH Restaurant Enterprises (trading as The Point) and VFW Post 1963.

- Resolution 132, which authorized the adoption of the 2021 Cape May County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, at the request of Sea Isle City Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Jargowsky.

- Resolution 133, which authorized a contract with Tyler Stroyek for Tennis and Pickleball Instructions through the City's Division of Recreation, with the City receiving 15% of total fees collected.

- Resolution 134, which authorized a contract in the amount of $1,800 with Ocean Marine Welding for Promenade Railing Repairs.

- Resolution 136, which authorized the Business Administrator to execute a Release and Settlement Agreement between the City and 317 46th Place, owned by Madeline Giordano, relating to a drainage pipe adjacent to that property.

- Resolution 137, which authorized an additional contract in the amount of $5,000 with Samuel Reale, Jr, for specialized solicitor services regarding matters related to alcoholic beverages.

Earlier today, at 12 noon on July 1, City Council held a Reorganization Meeting, during which Jack Gibson, J.B. Feeley and Mary Tighe took their oaths of office after being re-elected to City Council during the May 2021 elections. Additionally, Jack Gibson assumed the duties of City Council President for a one-year term.

The members of City Council wish everyone a Happy Fourth of July!

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