



CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 15, 2026

At the October 13 council meeting, Mayor Desiderio reported on the resolution before council which would authorize the city to enter into a shared services agreement with Avalon, and declare an emergency condition relative to the shoaling of Townsends Inlet, which has created a significant issue for navigation through that channel. The administration has worked with Avalon, NJDEP, the Army Corps of Engineers, Cape May County, and the Bridge Commission to come up with a plan to dredge the sand that is choking up the inlet. The total cost of the project is about 1.6 million dollars. The County will contribute \$250,000; the Bridge Commission will contribute \$50,000; and Avalon and Sea Isle each will contribute \$650,000.

Following the mayor's report, he made a special presentation to the Public Works Department, recognizing their outstanding work in cleaning up the city from the nor'easter we recently experienced, as well as for all their efforts throughout the year in keeping the city clean and well maintained.

Each of the resolutions on the consent agenda were approved, including...

- Resolution 140, which authorized the approval of vouchers.
- Resolution 141, which authorized approval of a raffle application for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.
- Resolution 142, which authorized approval of a bingo application for the Italian American Club of Sea Isle City.
- Resolution 143, which authorized the purchase of an ambulance for the EMS Division.
- Resolution 144, which authorized the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe for the EMS Division.
- Resolution 145, which designated a 5-ton cargo truck as surplus property and authorized its trade-in for credit towards repair of another emergency high water vehicle for the police department.
- Resolution 146, which authorized the execution of a shared services agreement with the Borough of Avalon and declaration of an emergency for the purposes of dredging TI Inlet to address navigation problems due to shoaling of the inlet.

During the "Citizen Comment" portion of the meeting, several citizens stepped to the microphone and commented on the following:

-Thanking the city for addressing the issue in TI inlet.

-Concerns with the inability to receive permission from a neighbor to consent to the installation of a gas line on their property. The city agreed to examine the condominium documents related to this matter.

Our next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 27, at 10:00 AM 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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