CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE *March 11, 2021*

Due to COVID-19, the March 9 City Council meeting was held remotely; however, members of the public were able to participate in the meeting telephonically.

At the start of the March 9 meeting, Mayor Desiderio acknowledged that one year ago a state of emergency was declared in New Jersey due to the coronavirus – however, wearing masks, social distancing and maintaining best sanitary practices has paid off. The Mayor also mentioned that the Administration will host an online public meeting in April to outline the current plans for the City's future Community Center on Park Road. While no date has yet been determined for that meeting, the Mayor will announce when an exact date and time are confirmed.

Also on March 9, Ordinance 1664 was introduced with first reading. Ordinance 1664 was written to amend the existing ordinance relating to the adoption of the City's Watershed Management Plan and will help us maintain our status in FEMA's CRS Program. Ordinance 1664 will have second reading and possible adoption on April 13.

Each of the resolutions on the March 9 Consent Agenda was approved, including:

- Resolution 048, which authorized a contract with Ricky Slade Construction in the amount of $179,716 for the construction of seven (7) new pickleball courts at the Municipal Marina. Initially, the anticipated cost for this project was higher, so this apparent lowest bid is very good news.

- Resolution 149, which authorized a co-op contract for an Integrated Parking Management System, thus allowing Park Mobile (the app-based parking fee collection service) to include a user fee of $0.30 per transaction when the City implements the Park Mobile parking app this summer.

- Resolution 050, which authorized the Advertisement of Bid for an Iced Coffee Beach Concession.

- Resolution 051, which authorized a contract with Seven Mile Publishing in the amount of $44,100 for print, digital and billboard advertisements through the City's Tourism Commission and Tourism Office.

- Resolution 052, which authorized a contract with Victor Printing in the amount of $19,000 for print marketing publications through the City's Tourism Commission and Tourism Office.

- Resolution 053, which authorized a contract with Signarama in the amount of $15,092 for sign projects.

- Resolution 054, which authorized a contract with Devine Brothers for approximately $7,500 for HVAC repairs at City Hall as needed.

- Resolution 056, which authorized a Closed Executive Session for City Council for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

The next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the pandemic, the March 23 meeting will be held remotely; however members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting via telephone – and the public can also email questions and comments to the City Clerk's Office prior to the meeting (sromano@seaislecitynj.us). More information about the March 23 meeting will be forthcoming.

Best Regards from the Members of City Council,

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