CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE *February 10, 2022*

During the February 8 City Council meeting, Mayor Desiderio presented Council with Sea Isle City's proposed 2022 Municipal Budget, which will be reviewed in detail during the weeks ahead. The Mayor also delivered his annual State of the City Address on February 8, at which time he said Sea Isle City's "financial position is the best it has ever been." In addition to other pertinent information, the Mayor also announced that the proposed 2022 budget calls for neither a tax rate increase nor an increase to the City's water-sewer rates; and the Mayor also explained that he will be meeting on February 11 with State legislators, mayors and law enforcement officials from neighboring communities, and other government representatives to discuss the challenges shore towns have experienced with juveniles in recent years.

Following the Mayor's speech, City Council adopted Bond Ordinance 1676, which had second reading and public hearing on February 8. This ordinance approved the appropriation of $20 million for the construction of Sea Isle City's future Community Center on the site of the former public school on Park Road.

Each of the Resolutions on the February 8 Consent Agenda was approved, including…

- Resolution 017, which affirmed the Mayor's appointment of Maureen Conte as Sea Isle City's new Tax Collector.
- Resolution 020, which authorized Billboard Advertisements with Outfront Media in the amount of $20,000, purchased by Sea Isle City's Division of Tourism.
- Resolution 022, which confirmed the Mayor's appointment of Frank Donoto as interim Chief Financial Officer.
- Resolution 023, which confirmed the Mayor's appointment of Jennifer McIver as permanent Chief Financial Officer (effective March 7)
- Resolution 024, which authorized Professional Services from McCrosson & Stanton for a Hearing Officer / Conflict Attorney, at a rate of $195 per hour.
- Resolution 026, which authorized an Advertisement of Bid for Storm Sewer Reconstruction on 46th Place.

The next City Council meeting will take place at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 22, on the third floor of City Hall – we hope to see you there!

Best regards from the members of City Council,

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