CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE ***July 23, 2026***

Council's last meeting was held on July 14, and at that meeting, Police Chief Tony Garreffi gave a presentation on the activity of the police department during the summer season. The chief explained the hiring of summer seasonal officers and how they are deployed in conjunction with full time police officers to perform the various patrols throughout the city. The chief discussed various areas of enforcement on quality-of-life issues such as noise, curfew violations, and public disturbances; and explained the assignment of officers around bar locations. The chief also provided statistics on various violation summons that have been issued, including traffic stops, parking violations, city ordinance violations, and juvenile interactions. Information on police activity is posted on the Sea Isle Police Department's Facebook page, on the city website, and typically with the first newsletter of each month.

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

- Resolution 100, which authorized the approval of vouchers.
- Resolution 101, which authorized the approval of a raffle application (St. Joseph's Catholic Church).
- Resolution 102, which authorized the refund of certain Tourism Fall Family Festival Weekend Vendor Registration Fees.
- Resolution 103, which authorized the adjustment of charges for the installation of curbs and sidewalks under Project SIC 0258 – Various Streets.
- Resolution 104, which authorized the purchase of a roll off truck for the Department of Public Works.
- Resolution 105, which authorized the purchase of a Ford F-250 maintenance vehicle for the Department of Public Works.
- Resolution 106, which authorized the release of a performance guarantee for a project at 28 89th Street.

During the "Citizen Comment" portion of the meeting, several citizens stepped to the microphone to comment on various topics, including the following:
-Navigability of Townsends Inlet (the administration will review this with the Army Corps of Engineers).
-When tax bills will be mailed (note- the city just received the certified tax rate from the county, so bills should be mailed out within a few days).
-Status of the former LaCosta property.
-Thanking the city for enforcement of trash violations.
-E-bike laws (in response, Chief Garreffi indicated that the laws will be posted on the website; and that they will not take effect until one year from now).
-Jitney potential for the north end of the island (in response, mayor and council indicated that the jitney operator will not provide service to the north end of the island, as it is not economically sustainable).
-Handicap accessibility to the beach and marina (the administration will review this with the city engineer).
-Noise concerns.
-Opportunities for seniors.
-Issues regarding bulkhead construction.

Our next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 28, 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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