PROJECT UPDATES: ***March 7, 2024***

Beach Replenishment

A beach replenishment project will take place this spring to increase the amount of sand on Sea Isle City's beaches near the downtown area (approximately 29th to 52nd Street) and at the south-end of town (approximately 74th to 94th Street). The contractor, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, has begun mobilizing equipment onto the beach; and dredging operations are expected to begin in the south-end of Sea Isle City in mid-to-late March. This project is being completed through a partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the City of Sea Isle City.

New Community Center

On August 23, 2022, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $116,000 to Plymouth Environmental Company, of Norristown, PA, for asbestos removal at the former public-school building at 4501 Park Road. The asbestos abatement process was completed in October 2022.

On December 13, 2022, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $354,900 to Richard E. Pierson Construction, of Woodstown, NJ, for the demolition of the school building, to make way for Sea Isle City's future Community Center. The demolition process was completed in May 2023.

On February 14, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $276,867 to H4 Enterprises LLC, of Cape May Court House, NJ, for Surcharge Operations as part of Phase 1 Site Preparations for the future Community Center. The surcharge process involves the placement of fill on the site, which will ensure a proper foundation. The contractor completed adding fill to the site in mid-June, and the soil will continue to sit and compress until construction of the Community Center commences.

Following a four-month review process of this project's construction documents, the New Jersey State Comptroller's Office gave Sea Isle City approval to advertise for construction bids, which took place on November 8. A "Pre-Bid" Meeting took place on November 16 to answer questions from prospective contractors. Construction Bids for this project were opened on December 21, 2023.

On February 27, 2024, City Council awarded a construction contract in the amount of $21,093,000 to Ernest Bock & Sons, of Philadelphia, for the construction of the Community Center. On March 5, a pre-construction meeting took place, attended by numerous representatives from Bock & Sons, Architect Henry Hengchua, the Project Managers, Mayor Desiderio, the City's Business Administrator, and several other City officials. Construction is expected to begin in mid-to-late March. The date of this project's Groundbreaking Ceremony will be announced in the near future.

New Dog Park and Picnic Pavilion

On August 22, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $967,931.00 to Fred M. Schiavone Construction, of Malaga, NJ, for the construction of a dog park in the north-end of Sea Isle City (between 6th and 8th Street). The dog park will include two fenced-in areas with sand surfaces for both large and small dogs, each having a shade pavilion, water stations, "playground" fixtures for dogs, and benches. There will also be an additional shade pavilion with picnic tables located outside of the fenced-in areas, as well as bicycle racks, a bicycle repair station, trash and recycling receptacles, and new landscaping. Funding for this project has been approved by the Cape May County Open Spaces Board. A pre-construction meeting took place on September 18, 2023. Grading has taken place, and the paint chip racks have been moved to their new location on the north-end of the parcel (which created the needed space for the Dog Park). The park's cement pathways, benches, flag poles, pavilions and water stations are in place. Work continues on this project.

ADA Ramps to the Promenade

On January 23, 2024, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $298,500.00 to R. A. Walters, of Cape May Court House, NJ, for the construction of ADA-compliant ramps leading to the Promenade at the 51st Street and 53rd Street street-ends. A preconstruction meeting took place on February 12, 2024. The contractor is securing local permits and will begin work towards the end of the month.

Water Main Replacement

On January 23, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $186,660.20 to Mathis Construction, of Little Egg Harbor Township, NJ, for water main replacement and service renewals on 31st Street (Landis Avenue to Central Avenue). A preconstruction meeting took place on February 14, 2024. The contractor is "performing test holes" prior to the commencement of the project later in March.

Roadway Reconstruction

On September 12, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $215,636.00 to Think Pavers and Hardscape, of Mt. Royal, NJ, for the reconstruction of 46th Place. A preconstruction meeting took place on November 14, 2023. The concrete and storm sewer work has been completed and the work area has been cleaned-up in anticipation of paving in the next few weeks.

Asbestos Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Water Line Work

On March 14, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $457,737.25 to Perna Finnigan, Inc., of Vineland, NJ, for the following work:

- Asbestos Cement Sanitary Sewer replacement on 40th Street (Central Avenue to Landis Avenue).
- Water Services as needed on 40th Street (Landis Avenue to Central Avenue).
- Water Main replacement on Central Avenue (40th Street to West Jersey Avenue).

A pre-construction meeting took place on March 15, 2023. The water main replacement has been completed on Central Avenue. The Sanitary Sewer replacement on 40th Street has been completed, and the contractor has connected the properties on the street. An add-on to this project addressed improvements to the sanitary sewer on Cini Street (36th Street to 38th Street) and in the vicinity of VFW Post 1963, which has been completed. Most of the ditches involved with this project have been

asphalted. The water main tie-in and trench paving have been completed. The resurfacing of the road is the only remaining work on this project, with no set schedule for resurfacing as of this date, due to weather conditions.

Roadway Reconstruction

On October 10, 2023, City Council awarded a contract to Think Pavers, of Mt. Royal, NJ, in the amount of $505,439 for the reconstruction of Central Avenue (JFK Boulevard to 36th Street), and 40th Street (Landis Avenue to Central Avenue). A pre-construction meeting took place on November 14, 2023. Paving will take place following the completion of the Asbestos Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Water Line Work in that area.

Roadway Reconstruction

On March 14, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $773,800 to Arawak Paving Company, Inc., of Hammonton, NJ, for the reconstruction of Central Avenue (56th Street to 69th Street). A pre-construction meeting took place on March 21, 2023; and a second pre-construction meeting took place on August 30, 2023. The concrete work has been completed. The roadway work is being held-off until March/April, due to weather conditions.

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