CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE *January 28, 2021*

Due to COVID-19, the January 26 City Council meeting was held remotely; however, members of the public were able to participate in the meeting telephonically.

At the start of the January 26 meeting, Mayor Desiderio spoke about the COVID-19 vaccination process and how the demand for vaccines is currently exceeding supplies. The Mayor also stated that Cape May County officials are doing all they can to expedite the vaccination process, and they will continue to work with State and Federal agencies to keep the vaccine program moving forward.

Three new ordinances were introduced during the January 26 meeting…

- Ordinance 1660, which authorized the use of surplus capital funds for the construction of pickleball courts at the municipal marina. The new courts will be built on a parcel of land the City refers to as "the Clam Shell Lot," which is adjacent to the Marina Building and is a New Jersey Green Trust Fund property.
- Ordinance 1661, which amends the existing parking ordinance and disallows the transfer of seasonal parking passes from one vehicle to another. This change to the ordinance will create consistency, thus ensuring that both weekly and seasonal parking passes will be non-transferable.
- Ordinance 1662, which creates a "Duty Crew Program" for Sea Isle City's Volunteer Fire Department. This program will ensure that paid firefighters will be standing-by inside the fire house during peak times of the summer season.

Ordinances 1660, 1661 and 1662 will have second reading and possible adoption during the February 9 City Council meeting.

Each of the eight Resolutions on the January 26 Consent Agenda was approved, including…

- Resolution 017, which authorized the Advertisement of Bids for numerous City projects and programs, including the installation of lighting at the new Fishing Pier & Kayak Launch at Dealy Field, construction of the new pickleball courts at the Municipal Marina, the resurfacing of Central Avenue from 69th to 84th Street, maintenance and repair of existing HVAC equipment, and Beach Concessions for kayak rentals and the sale of ice cream and bottled water.
- Resolutions 018 and 019, which authorized the execution of contracts between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7 Sergeants and Lodge 7 Superior Officers (respectively) through December 31, 2023, subject to presentation and adoption of a contract in conformance of same.
- Resolution 020, which authorized a Shared Services Agreement between the City and the County of Cape May for a Rescue Task Force, which will provide an increased level of protection for our community if needed.
- Resolution 021, which designated a 2012 Polaris 4-wheel drive vehicle as surplus property and authorized its sale online.
- Resolution 023, which authorized the issuance of a License to conduct amusement games at Boardwalk Casino Arcade.

The next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 9, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the pandemic, the February 9 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 February 9 meeting will be forthcoming.

Best Regards from the Members of City Council,

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