CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE *August 12, 2021*

At the start of the August 10 City Council meeting, Mayor Desiderio reported that he has been meeting with Municipal, County and State officials (including representatives from Governor Murphy's office) to address the issue of large crowds of young people gathering in Sea Isle City and other shore communities this summer – and the disruptive and destructive behavior that they have displayed. The Mayor went on to explain that a city-wide initiative is now underway to curb these problems.

As part of the new initiative, business owners are asked to consider limiting the number of patrons permitted in their establishments at any one time and to work with the police department to post the appropriate signage that will help enforce that rule; and condominium owners are advised to post "No Trespassing" signs on their properties.

Furthermore, effective immediately, all beach entrances (AKA dune paths) will close when the beach closes at 10:00 PM, so there will be no loitering on the beach or the dune paths late at night.

Moreover, the Mayor has directed Police Chief Tom McQuillen to use all available resources to immediately increase police presence in Sea Isle City; and the Mayor has received a commitment from the County Sheriff to provide us with additional manpower for the remaining weekends of this summer.

Perhaps most importantly, anyone who sees or hears anything that they feel is a problem is asked to call the police department right away.

City Council applauds and supports the Mayor's initiative, because it is clear that local residents and property owners want proactive steps such as these to take place, as is evident by the numerous complaints and concerns that were voiced by members of the public during the "Citizen Comment" portion of the August 10 meeting.

Each of the resolutions on the August 10 Consent Agenda was approved, including…

- Resolution 167, which amended Sea Isle City's budget to allow for a grant from the State of New Jersey for Body Worn Cameras for the Sea Isle City Police Department.
- Resolution 169, which authorized the submission of a Grant Application to the Cape May County Open Spaces Board to acquire funding for a new Dog Park.
- Resolution 170, which authorized a contract with Garden State Highway Products for the purchase of street signs and street sign services, up to the bid threshold and with no minimum purchase implied or guaranteed.

The next City Council meeting will take place inside Council Chambers at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 24. –We hope to see you there!

Best regards from the members of City Council,

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