CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE ***December 31, 2020***

Due to COVID-19, the December 22 City Council meeting was held remotely; however, members of the public were able to participate in the meeting telephonically.

At the start of the December 22 meeting, Mayor Desiderio spoke about several recent events that clearly displayed the goodness of Sea Isle City's people. Additionally, he said: "While we still aren't out of the woods with the pandemic, we're getting closer to a return to normalcy; and this community's actions are showing our goodwill and good spirit despite the challenge."

Following the Mayor's comments, Ordinances 1657 and 1658 were both adopted. Ordinance 1657 amended and repealed existing ordinances related to wages, salaries and compensation for officers and employees of the City. Ordinance 1658 amended existing ordinances for accuracy and consistency, including laws related to dogs on the beach, loading zones and the speed limit in Sea Isle's north-end.

Prior to City Council voting on the resolutions that were listed on the December 22 Consent Agenda, several of those resolutions were pulled from the agenda:

- Resolution 219 was pulled because an agreement has not been reached between the two parties involved in the transfer of a liquor license (Bennett Enterprises to 42nd Place Liquor, LLC)
- Resolutions 236 and 237 were pulled because agreements have not been finalized in union contract negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police's Lodge 7 Superior Officers and Lodge 7 Sergeants.

Each of the remaining resolutions on the December 22 Consent Agenda was passed, including:

- Resolution 221, which re-appointed Shannon Romano as City Clerk.
- Resolution 222, which re-appointed Erika MacMurray as Deputy City Clerk.
- Resolution 223, which authorized the Mayor to execute a non-union contract with City Clerk Shannon Romano.
- Resolution 224, which authorized the re-appointment of Sea Isle City's Zoning Board Members.
- Resolution 227, which authorized a Change Order for the City's recent Decorative Lighting Project, specifically a decrease of $55,447.
- Resolution 228, which authorized the City to fix interest rates on delinquent property taxes, utilities and municipal claims and provide a ten-day grace period, as per Governor Murphy's recent Executive Order.
- Resolution 229, which authorized a contract with Thomas Rossi in the amount of $22,500 for Municipal Prosecutor Services.
- Resolution 230, which authorized a contract with Ellen Nicholson-Byrne in the amount of $4,500 for Public Defender Services.

- Resolution 231, which authorized a contract with Marcus Karavan at an hourly rate of $185 for Hearing Officer Services.
- Resolution 232, which authorized a contract with Dorothy McCrosson at an hourly rate of $185 for Hearing Officer and/or Conflict Attorney Services.
- Resolution 235, which authorized a national co-op contract for supplies at Home Depot Pro (orders placed only as needed).
- Resolution 239, which authorized a contract with Lilliston Honda in the amount of $16,039 for a 2021 Honda Pioneer for the City's Beach Patrol.
- Resolution 240, which authorized a contract with Heritage Towers in the amount of $26,700 for the purchase of Lifeguard Stands and Lifeguard Stand Storage Boxes (based upon the solicitation of quotes).
- Resolution 241, which authorized the City's Police Department to participate in a Law Enforcement Support Program, enabling them to request and acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment.
- Resolution 242, which authorized a Closed Executive Session to discuss pending litigation between 8600 Landis Avenue, LLC and the City of Sea Isle City.
- Resolution 243, which authorized a Cash Management Plan for 2021.
- Resolution 244, which authorized 2021 Bank Deposits.

The next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the pandemic, the January 12 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 January 12 meeting will be forthcoming.

City Council wishes everyone in Sea Isle City, across our nation and around the world a Happy and Healthy 2021!

Best Regards from the Members of City Council,

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