CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE *April 22, 2021*

Due to COVID-19, the April 13 City Council meeting was held remotely; however, members of the public were able to participate in the meeting telephonically.

At the start of the April 13 meeting, Mayor Desiderio stated that the City's new fishing pier and kayak launch at Dealy Field is nearing completion and that a ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 12 noon on May 1 to open the pier and dedicate it to the memory of former commissioner Jim Iannone. The Mayor also said that the City's future pickleball courts at the Municipal Marina are expected to be completed in time for use this summer.

Also on April 13, Ordinance 1667 was introduced with first reading. This ordinance was written to prohibit the sale, manufacturing, cultivation, processing, and/or distribution of marijuana within Sea Isle City's geographical boundaries. It also prohibits dispensing, smoking or ingesting cannabis in public places, and it regulates the delivery of cannabis within the City. Ordinance 1667 will have second reading and possible adoption during the May 11 City Council meeting.

Following second reading and public hearing, Ordinance 1664 was adopted on April 13. This ordinance was written to amend the existing ordinance relating to the adoption of the City's Watershed Management Plan and will help maintain Sea Isle City's status in FEMA's CRS Program.

Each of the resolutions on the April 13 Consent Agenda was approved, including…

- Resolution 071, which authorized a contract in the amount $44,000 with Stier Electrical Company for electrical work on an as-needed basis.

- Resolution 073, which authorized a contract with Teri O-Connor, of NJ Beach Yoga, for public yoga classes, with 10% of total registration fees collected to be paid to the City for facility usage.

- Resolution 074, which approved amending the adopted budget for additional revenue and offsetting appropriation relating to a grant for the "Cops in Shops" program.

- Resolution 076, which authorized a contract with Viply for a mobile application for the sale of beach tags and credit card processing pursuant to the results of a public bid.

- Resolution 077, which authorized a contract in the amount of $24,000 with Media Passport for Information Technology Consulting.

- Resolution 078, which authorized a contract for $25,900 with Out Front Media for billboard advertisements as per the City's Division of Tourism and Tourism Commission.

- Resolution 079, which authorized a contract in the amount of $7,600 with CTM Media for the distribution of marketing materials on New Jersey's Parkway and Turnpike, in campgrounds, and in other areas as per the City's Division of Tourism and Tourism Commission.

- Resolution 080, which authorized City Council to hold a Closed Session Meeting to discuss pending litigation.

The next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 27, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the pandemic, the April 27 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 April 27 meeting will be forthcoming.

In closing, City Council would like to commend the Sea Isle City Environmental Commission for hosting another successful Beach Clean-Up on April 17 and the Sea Isle City Chamber of Commerce for hosting an enjoyable Girls Weekend April 16-18.

Best Regards from the Members of City Council,

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