CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE *March 25, 2021*

Due to COVID-19, the March 23 City Council meeting was held remotely; however, members of the public were able to participate in the meeting telephonically.

At the start of the March 23 meeting, Mayor Desiderio explained that the City's Administration recently contacted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to discuss the dates that dogs are permitted on Sea Isle City's beaches. Subsequently, the City received permission to allow dogs on the beach from September 30 to May 1 between 20th Street and 93rd Street, because the areas north of 20th Street and south of 93rd Street are considered protected beaches due to the presence of specific wildlife species. City Council is grateful to the Mayor and his Administration for working with the State to extend the dates that dog owners and their pets can enjoy the beach from 20th Street to 93rd Street – and we remind everyone of the importance of following all beach regulations.

Also during the March 23 meeting, Ordinances 1665 and 1666 were introduced with first reading. Ordinance 1665 was written to amend the existing ordinance regarding "loading zones" and addresses the area of the future outdoor eatery that is currently being built at the site of the former Springfield Inn. Ordinance 1666 was written to establish the lottery system for the kayak storage racks at Dealy Field. Ordinances 1665 and 1666 will both have second reading and possible adoption during the April 27 City Council meeting.

Ordinance 1663 was adopted on March 23 following second reading. Ordinance 1663 established a CAP Bank for the calendar year 2021.

In addition to the resolutions listed below, on March 23 City Council approved Resolution 029-A, which adopted Sea Isle City 2021 Local Municipal Budget.

Each of the resolutions on the March 23 Consent Agenda was approved, including…

- Resolution 058, which authorized a license for Boardwalk Casino Entertainment LLC (Ryan Kiska) to conduct amusement games.
- Resolution 059, which authorized a Shared Services Agreement between Sea Isle City and Ocean City for Electrical Inspections.
- Resolution 060, which authorized a contract for $498,900 with Arawak Paving Company for the resurfacing of Central Avenue from 69th to 84th Street.
- Resolution 061, which authorized the use of $6,275 from the City's Tennis Fee Trust account for the annual re-opening of the "Har-Tru" tennis courts at Dealy Field by Welch Tennis Courts, Inc.
- Resolution 062, which authorized Local Budget Examination. As the State of New Jersey has deemed that Sea Isle City qualifies for periodic self-oversight of our municipal budget this year, this resolution is required in place of the State's full budget examination process.

- Resolution 063, which instituted a grace period extension for water-sewer and utility bills to June 30, 2021. Governor Murphy's Executive Order #190 (in relation to certain utility fees and service shut-offs) was set to expire on March 15, 2021; and the Governor issued Executive Order #229 to extend the same to June 30, 2021.
- Resolution 064, which authorized Responsible Bidder Requirements for construction contracts with the City of Sea Isle City. This resolution clarifies and publicizes the technical requirements for municipal construction bids (for example: road projects, major buildings, etc.).
- Resolution 065, which authorized the approval of a Raffle Application for the Sea Isle City Women's Civic Club.
- Resolution 066, which approved a Grant Application to accept Federal Grant Funds administered by the State of New Jersey for the "Cops in Shops" program (grant amount to be determined).
- Resolution 067, which approved a Grant Application to accept Federal Grant Funds in the amount of $6000 administered by the State of New Jersey for the "Click It or Ticket" program.
- Resolution 068, which approved members of the Sea Isle City Volunteer Fire Department.
- Resolution 069, which authorized a Closed Session Meeting for City Council to discuss pending litigation.

The next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the pandemic, the April 13 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 13 meeting will be forthcoming.

Best Regards from the Members of City Council,

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