CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE *November 3, 2020*

Due to COVID-19, the November 24 City Council meeting was held remotely; however, members of the public were able to participate in the meeting telephonically.

At the start of the November 24 meeting, Mayor Desiderio acknowledged the many sacrifices that people have made during this pandemic and the difficulties many individuals are facing because they won't be able to spend the upcoming holidays with their loved ones. However, the Mayor also stated that "it's our shared spirit of goodwill, our caring and compassion for one another, and our determination to persevere that will get us through this."

Following the Mayor's comments, Council President Kehner recognized that while this Thanksgiving may be different from past holidays, there is still a great deal to be thankful for. Additionally, Mr. Kehner stated that there are many fine organizations that do good work and are worthy of our support; and he also encouraged everyone to stay safe and follow all CDC directives throughout the holiday season.

Also on November 24, two (2) new ordinances were introduced with first reading…

- Ordinance 1657, which was written to amend and repeal existing ordinances related to wages, salaries and compensation for officers and employees of the City.

- Ordinance 1658, which was written to amend 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.

Ordinance 1657 and Ordinance 1658 will have second reading and public hearing during the December 22 City Council meeting.

Prior to voting on the resolutions listed on the November 24 Consent Agenda, City Council pulled Resolution 194 because it lacked a signed Memorandum of Agreement. Subsequently, the members of Council approved each of the remaining resolutions on the November 24 Consent Agenda, including…

- Resolution 192, which instituted a grace period extension for fourth quarter 2020 and first quarter 2021 Water-Sewer Utility Bills, based on an Executive Order from Governor Murphy.

- Resolution 193, which ratified a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7 Sergeants, which is subject to presentation and adoption of a contract in confirmation of same.

- Resolution 195, which authorized a contract in the amount of $30,000 for Bond Counsel (legal guidance regarding the wording of Bond Ordinances) with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.

- Resolution 197, which authorized a contract for the purchase of rock salt pursuant to the results of a local co-op bid with various vendors, thus saving the City money on that purchase.

- Resolution 199, which authorized the online sale of city-owned equipment on GovDeals.com.

- Resolution 200, which amended Resolution 234 (2019) regarding Bank Depositories, allowing the City to update its list of municipal employees given signature authority on specific accounts.

- Resolution 201, which authorized the transfer of appropriations.

The next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the pandemic, the December 8 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 November 10 meeting will be forthcoming.

Best Regards from the Members of City Council,

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