



CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:

May 26, 2016

During the City Council meeting on Saturday, May 21, which was a well attended gathering held in conjunction with the City's annual Community Day, Ordinance 1591 was introduced, had first reading and received a split vote from Council. This ordinance was written to amend the Revised General Ordinance related to residential zoning districts. It permits a .05 increase in Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to .85 for new residential construction if four parking spaces are provided per dwelling unit. The recently enacted .8 remains if the permittee elects not to provide the fourth parking space. Copies of the proposed change to the ordinance are available online at <http://seaislecitynj.us/city-clerk.aspx> (click the link at the bottom of the web-page for City Clerk & Registrar of Vital Statistics Forms to access Ordinance 1591). Paper copies of the ordinance are also available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall.

During the "Citizen Comment" portion of the meeting, there was a considerable amount of discussion related to the introduction of Ordinance 1591 – both for and against. The public is advised that Ordinance 1591 will go before the Planning Board for a Master Plan Consistency Review on June 13 at 7:00 p.m. The Ordinance will then be taken up for second reading, public hearing and final voting during the June 14 City Council Meeting, which will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, located on the third floor of City Hall.

Also during the May 21 meeting, each of the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved, including Resolutions 095 through 099, which authorized the City to participate in the National Joint Power Alliance for the acquisition of needed equipment, including two four-wheel drive vehicles, a tractor and a dump truck. Participating in co-ops such as the National Joint Power Alliance gives the City buying power and ultimately saves our tax-payers money.

Our next City Council meeting is May 31 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. –We hope to see you there!

Best regards from the members of City Council.

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