



CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:

June 23, 2016

During the June 14 City Council meeting, Council was pleased to hear a report from City Business Administrator George Savastano, who stated that 2016 Beach Tag sales have reached \$971,605 as of June 12, which is slightly higher than in 2015. Also, Veterans Beach Tags have been distributed to more than 900 men and women, who have served in our nation's armed forces. Both of these figures indicate the ongoing population of our town – and that people very much want to be in Sea Isle City.

There were three ordinances on the June 14 meeting agenda, including Ordinance 1591, which was written to amend the revised general ordinance pertaining to Floor Area Ratio (FAR) in new construction homes – specifically, raising FAR from 0.8 to 0.8 and 0.85 (FAR of 0.8 and under requires three parking spaces; from 0.8 to 0.85 requires four parking spaces). Before passing Ordinance 1591 with a four-to-one vote, City Council opened the meeting to public comment, at which time at least 15 speakers stepped to the microphone to share nearly one-hour of comments for and against the ordinance. Additionally, each of the members of Council explained why they voted as they did. It should be noted that upon completion of the City's new Master Plan, which is currently being drafted, additional ordinances and follow-up procedures related to zoning may be required and the public is invited to participate in that process.

Ordinance 1592 provides for the issuance of \$532,000 in bonds or notes to finance the purchase of a new fire engine; and Ordinance 1593 was written to allow the City to extend metered parking to specific areas of town. Both 1592 and 1593 were passed unanimously by City Council.

Each of the resolutions on the June 14 Consent Agenda was approved by Council, including Resolution 127, which authorizes the adoption of the Cape May County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Participation in this County-wide plan, which is overseen locally by Sea Isle's Office of Emergency Management Coordinator and Flood Plain Manager, is one of numerous requirements Sea Isle City continually meets to ensure our inclusion in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.

Our next City Council meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. on June 28 in Council Chambers. We hope to see you there!

Best regards from the members of City Council,

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