

Sea Isle City Financial Facts

Source: 2006 Budget and Audited Financial Statements 2003-2005

SOURCES OF CITY REVENUES

(all \$ in millions)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>%</u>
Municipal Property Taxes	8.680	45%
Fees & Permits	2.431	13%
State Aide & Govt Grants	.382	2%
Surplus	<u>1.650</u>	9%
	13.143	
Water & Sewer	<u>6.006</u>	31%
TOTAL REVENUES	19.149	

SIC FINANCIAL FACTS - TAXES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Valuation</u> <u>Billions \$</u>	<u>City Tax</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Total Tax</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Tax Receipts</u> <u>Millions \$</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>PY Year</u>	
2006 Budget	3.554	.263	.610	9.344	1.022	1
2005	3.498	.235	.570	8.322	-0.338	2
2004	3.447	.236	.560	8.660	1.029	3
2003	1.077	.694	1.690	7.631	0.048	

Footnotes

- 1 Impact of 12% tax increase & new construction ratables
- 2 Errors made in Tax Dept as noted by Auditors
- 3 Impact of tax increase and new construction ratables

Observation: Over the Past 3 Years

SIC Property Values increased \$2.477 Billion

SIC Tax Revenues increased \$1.713 Million

SIC salaries and benefits increased \$1.527 Million

SURPLUS

<u>Year</u>	<u>\$ Balance</u>	<u>\$ Used</u>	<u>% Used</u>
2005	2,237,604	1,650,000	74
2004	3,047,321	1,600,000	53
2003	3,310,195	1,530,936	46

Over the past three years, SIC has used \$1.073 M of its surplus due to increased spending. The surplus was \$3,310,195 in 2003. By 2005 it was down to \$2,237,604.

Over the last three years, SIC has received \$1,713,000 of additional taxes, but has had to use \$1,073,000 of its surplus to meet its expenses.

Observation: Over the past 3 years

The City has received and spent additional
Municipal Taxes of \$1.713 Million

PLUS...

The City has spent \$1.073 Million or 1/3 of its
Surplus!

OWED TO EMPLOYEES

Unused sick and vacation pay owed to employees \$1,223,000.

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>\$ Unused Sick & Vacation Pay</u>
25+	19	277,000
20+	16	178,000
15+	29	382,000
10+	15	125,000
5+	20	121,000
0 to 4	30	72,000
Other		68,000
	<hr/> 129	<hr/> 1,223,000

Reserve needed to cover the liability ←

REVENUES/FEES in thousands of dollars

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Beach Fees	850	854	868
Construction Codes	575	683	483
State Aid	341	341	305
Interest on Investments	73	268	110
Court Fees	205	206	244
Licenses	160	176	166
Cable & Beach Vendors	120	134	130
Cell Phone Tower	120	127	NA
Parking Meters	115	127	106
Marina Rentals	95	105	NA
Interest on Taxes	73	73	110
Recreation Fees	47	48	45
Government Grants	44	42	22
Permits	29	30	43
Alcohol Licenses	14	15	15
Misc & Govt Services	835	1,410	1,398
	<hr/> \$3,696	<hr/> \$4,639	<hr/> \$4,045

Revenues/Fees Observations

Comcast pays \$53,000 in fees, should this be renegotiated?

Alcohol Licenses on the bars in SIC are \$14,000. Is this the state maximum?

Should the bars be assessed to cover police enforcement in their areas?

Should all these fees be reviewed to determine if any can be increased?

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Corzine's 4% cap on municipal government spending?

Full time attorney and engineer? Save \$200,000?

Seven City owned cars at \$9,000 each?

Medical benefits for part time employees/elected officials?

Establish a citizen's budget committee?

Sewers in the North End?

County library system?



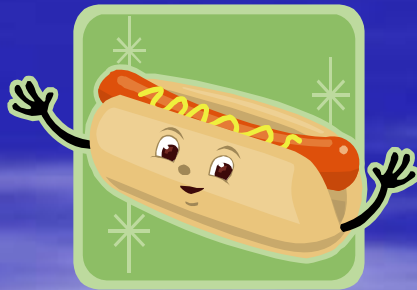
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Salary Increases

YEAR	Middle Management	Public Works Supervisors	Clerical	Public Works Blue Collar
2006	4.0% +\$400	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
2007	4.0%	4.0%	4.0% +\$300	4.0%
2008	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
2009	4.0%	4.0%	4.0% +\$300	4.0%
2010	XXX	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%

Additional Salary Adjustments

Longevity (2% to 10%)

Clothing Allowance

Certifications

Promotional Adjustments



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Health Benefits

\$100 Deductible

50 ¢ Prescriptions

Rider "J"

Dental

Psychiatric

Vision

Extra Life Insurance

Retiree Spousal Survival Benefits



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Leave/Time Off Provisions

Holidays	14 days
Sick Time	16-17 days
Personal Days	5-6 days
Death/Illness	5-6 days
Vacation	12-25 days
Paternity Leave	3-5 days
Maternity Leave	State Law

Total: 55-73 Days or 21% to 28% of Work Year



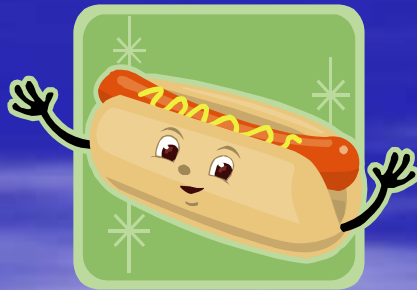
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AC PRESS ARTICLE HANDOUT

INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES Rein in benefits

New Jersey's 60 "independent" authorities were set up to be independent of state government for specific reasons, such as the ability to borrow money. They were not set up to be independent fiefdoms in which the well-connected can give away public perks like Halloween candy — jobs, big salaries, cushy benefits, free turkeys, whatever.

To his credit, former Gov. Richard J. Codey started a move to rein in these authorities, and current Gov. Jon S. Corzine has continued that effort. And now a recently released study by the inspector general, commissioned by Codey, confirms that authorities, in general, offer even more generous benefits than state government does.

And remember, folks, state government is no piker in that area.

Benefits, policies and procedures deviate from the state government's in many of the authorities, the report says. Among those findings:

State government employees get 13 paid holidays. But many of the authorities allow more — such as the South Jersey Transportation Authority, whose employees get 16 paid vacation days. Our favorite is the federally funded North Jersey Transportation Planning Agency — which takes off the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Nice work if you can get it. And with many of these agencies, you can get it only by knowing the right people.

The state reimburses employees at 31 cents per mile when they use their own cars on work-related matters. Fourteen authorities — including the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority, the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority and the SITA — use the reimbursement rate allowed by the IRS of 44.5 cents per mile.

The report also found that entertainment and travel policies often varied from those at state government. For example, the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority allows nearly twice the state's \$31-per-day meal allowance rate and allows employees to be reimbursed for up to two alcoholic drinks.

And when it comes to salaries, many people at these authorities are making more than Cabinet officers or the governor — whose salaries are set at \$141,000 and \$175,000, respectively. Twenty-four employees at the state's 10 independent authorities make more than \$200,000 a year. Lowly, the highest salary is at the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority, which is \$167,740.

While these agencies are "independent," their routines and the appointment of their members are under the control of state government. The inspector general recommends that, to the extent possible, the state should require these authorities to make their policies consistent with those at the state. Corzine

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NJ State Commission of Investigations

Commission Recommendations



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Employees are Entitled to a Fair Salary and Compensation Package

Comparisons:

State

County

Other Communities

Private Sector



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What is the Impact of the State Mandated 4% Cap on the City?



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Excerpt from Report by NJ STATE Commission of Investigation 2006
" *TAXPAYERS BEWARE: WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW
CAN COST YOU* "

Pitfalls:

Inflated & Questionable Compensation/Benefits

Severance Packages/Buy-Outs

Pension Manipulation

Obstacles to Public Disclosure

Lax Oversight

Excerpt from Report by NJ STATE Commission of Investigation 2006
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Enforce Benefit Limits:

Sick Leave

- Limit payout to state process
- No cashing in prior to retirement
- Require medical documentation
- No use of sick days as pre-retirement leave

Vacation

- Limit carryover to one annual entitlement
- No cashing in of unused vacation
- Pay out based on current year plus carry-forward from prior year

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***"TAXPAYERS BEWARE: WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW
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Full Public Disclosure:

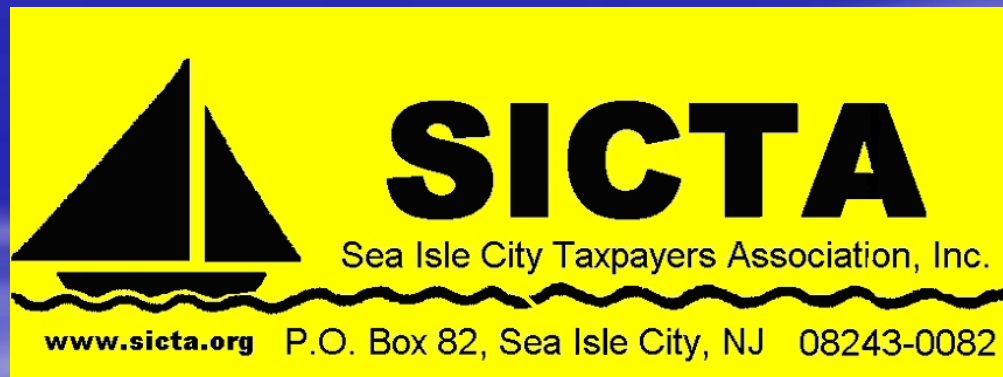
Statement of all contract terms for those not in Collective
Bargaining Units

Yearly cost of all benefits provided

Cost of all benefits provided an employee and their family
after separation from city.

"In-kind" and other forms of remuneration provided to city
employees

SICTA ANNOUNCEMENTS



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[North End Association \(NEA\)](#)

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update 1/21 See Isle City Change of Governmental Form

First public mtg held to explain and discuss SIC's new form of government. On Saturday, January 20, Dr. Keock spoke to a large number of SIC residents about the implications of the upcoming change of governmental form. [Dr. Reock's handout.](#)

Public mtg on Saturday, February 3, 1:30pm, Community Lodge (Park Ave and JFK). Topics: finance, management, open discussion.

Public mtg on Saturday, March 3, 1:30pm, Community Lodge (Park Ave and JFK). Topics: transportation, parking, recreation, SICTA survey results, North End issues, open discussion.

SICTA plans to host candidate forums and post blogs on our Web site. Stay tuned for details.

Election-related dates. March 15, 2007: Filing deadline for candidates. May 8, 2007: Election of Mayor and five Council Members. **July 1, 2007**, at noon: Commission Form of government is abolished, and May-Council Form is established. **September 28, 2007**: Deadline for creation of an Administrative Code. For more details, see [Dr. Reock's handout.](#)

See the [Change of Government News Archive](#) for more details.

Important Notes

update 1/20 TI Civic Center fundraiser! See the [Townsend Inlet improvement Association](#) page for details.

Next SICTA Board mtg (all members welcome): Sat, Feb. 10, 10am at the Public Safety Building Commissioners' Mtg Room. Landlord 2-strike hearings held on 1/8/07. See the [Town Watch/Town Pride](#) page for details.

As a community service, SICTA is sharing information from other SIC organizations (see the box in the navigation bar at the left).

See the [About SICTA](#) page to sign up for SICTA e-mail Alerts, join SICTA or make a donation to help SICTA continue to represent SIC taxpayers. (You'll find the latest SICTA Alerts below in the Recent SICTA News & Research section.)

Recent SICTA News & Research, Municipal Documents

update 1/20 Board of Education 1/23/07 mtg agenda (includes 2007/8 staffing proposal)

update 1/19 2007 Budget Message From The Freeholder Director

update 1/19 January 2007 CMC Chief Financial Officer's Budget Analysis (and see this 1/19/07 Island article)

[SICTA Alert 1/18/07](#)

update 1/14 CMC Abstract of 2006 Rates (and SICTA analysis) (page 04 - 3 SMP)

1/5/07 Commissioners Mtg Agenda

Water Resource Development Act -- IMPORTANT! Information on the WRDA and the Greater Egg Harbor - Townsend Inlet beach replenishment project

[Archived news](#)

Recent News From Newspapers, etc.

Quick survey. Do you find this section helpful? Please let us know one way or the other by dropping the Webmaster an e-mail: webmaster@sicta.org

1/30/07 (Press) Council wants to rebuild Avon House washed away in 1/2 storm

1/28/07 (Press) Assembly approves property tax cut

1/21/07 (Press) County to help towns with capital projects

1/20/07 (Press) WA Hired Down to L OOM

1/24/07 (Herald) County budget set; tax rate cut

1/24/07 (Herald) SIC growth slows

1/24/07 (Herald) Former trading post site carries trace charges (two pages)

1/24/07 (Herald) SIC's pending government form explained

1/24/07 (Herald) County Library offer online library cards

1/25/07 (Press) SURFID - AWMARKE - BRICKS: Voting for dollars?

1/25/07 (Press) Shore rentals heat up as home sales cool off

1/25/07 (Press) 1/18/07 (Herald) Freeholders Approve Budget

1/19/07 (Press) zoning dispute delays rebuilding of burned out store in Gettys

1/17/07 (Press) FINES FOR FLOODING SPAGNOLI'S? O.C. files idea

1/17/07 (Island) Fireworks highlight SIC Recreation

1/17/07 (Island) Dumfries Pizzeria Expansion Okayed



1/17/07 (Herald) AARP presents plaque to SIC Ambulance Corps

Town Survey

SEA ISLE CITY TAXPAYER ASSOCIATION TOWN SURVEY 2007

Sea Isle City has begun its Master Plan efforts. A Master Plan is the blueprint that communities use to guide their future growth. An essential element of a Master Plan is community input, especially as regards goals and objectives of the community. SICTA would like to provide a vehicle for every taxpayer to express their opinion on what they feel are important objectives for the town.



Likewise, SICTA believes that it is important for citizens to provide feedback on the quality of services provided by the town. SICTA will be sharing with the Planning Consultant, the Planning Board and the Commissioners the compiled feedback from surveys which are returned. Don't be left out of the feedback loop. Complete this survey and return it to SICTA, either through the mail or at drop boxes located throughout town. Written comments are appreciated and we encourage you to attach these to your survey. It is your town, take an active role in shaping its future.

To help us interpret our results, please tell us about yourself

1. Do you live outside SIC at least 3 months each year? a. Yes b. No	If Yes, what State? c. NJ d. PA e. FL f. Oth	2. Are you a registered SIC voter? a. Yes b. No	3. In which age bracket are you? a. 18-24 b. 25-34 c. 35-44 d. 45-54 e. 55-64 f. 65-74 g. 75+
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4. Do you own property in SIC? a. Yes b. No	5. SEX a. M b. F	YEAR c. Year purchased first property in SIC? d. Year purchased current property in SIC?
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6. How often do you use your property?	i) Full Time or Nearly Full Time	ii) Part-time or Weekends	iii) Infrequently	iv) Never
Time of Year				
a. Jan-Mar				
b. Apr-May				
c. Jun-Aug				
d. Sep-Oct				
e. Nov-Dec				

If you are a SIC Resident, please answer questions 7 thru 9

7. Own/Rent # Yrs	8. K-8 Children	9. High School Children
a. Own	a. # in SIC School	a. # in OCHS or CMCTS
b. Rent	b. # in Oth School	b. # in Oth School

If you are a SIC non-resident Taxpayer, please answer questions 10-11

10. Which best describes your situation
a. Own single property for personal use only, never rent
b. Own single property solely for investment, no personal usage
c. Own single property - rent part-time, some personal use
d. Own more than one property, one for personal use, rest investment
e. Own more than one property, all for investment

11. Children in Household	a. # pre-school	b. # in K - 8	c. # in High School
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12. Please rate the following services 1 = Very Dissatisfied 2 = Dissatisfied 3 = Neutral 4 = Satisfied 5 = Very Satisfied
a. Maintenance of City Streets (Repair)
b. Maintenance of City Streets (Cleanliness)
c. Maintenance of City Buildings and Facilities
d. Overall Quality of Police
e. Overall Quality of Fire & Emergency Services
f. Overall Quality of Feral Cat Control

See Other Side

12. Please rate the following services 1 = Very Dissatisfied 2 = Dissatisfied 3 = Neutral 4 = Satisfied 5 = Very Satisfied
g. Overall Quality of City Storm Runoff Management
h. Overall Quality of Marina Facilities
i. Overall Quality of Traffic Flow
j. Adequacy of Parking Facilities for Beach area in Season
k. Adequacy of Parking Facilities for Commercial area in Season
l. Enforcement of City Codes & Ordinances (Construction)
m. Enforcement of City Codes & Ordinances (Noise, Trash, etc)
n. Effectiveness of City Communication with Public
o. Overall Quality of Customer Service from City Employees
p. Overall Quality of City Parks & Recreation Programs
q. Overall Quality of Lifeguard Services
r. Overall Quality of General Maintenance & Cleanliness of Beaches
s. Overall Quality of Replenishment of Eroded Beaches
t. Overall Quality of Trash Collection Services
u. Overall Quality of Water & Sewer Utilities
v. Overall Quality & Hours of Library Services

13. Please rate the following 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Somewhat Disagree 3 = Neutral 4 = Somewhat Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
a. It is important that businesses maintain a presence in town
b. It is important that City Hall maintain Saturday Morning hours
c. It is important the public elementary school be maintained in town
d. The SIC elementary school is too expensive
e. The SIC elementary school provides a high quality education
f. It is important that park and recreation facilities be expanded in town
g. The quality of life in SIC is improving
h. SIC is becoming a more attractive place to visit
i. The SIC taxpayers receive a great deal for their Tax Dollar
j. The City of SIC is doing a good job promoting tourism
k. The City of SIC is doing a good job planning for the future
l. The City of SIC is doing a good job promoting business development
m. There is a reasonable level of public involvement in local decisions
n. It is important to preserve the "small town" quality of life in SIC

14. If you are now or plan to be a SICTA member, please tell us where we should be focussing our efforts Rate the following as 1 = Important, 2 = Secondary, 3 = Minor
a. Improving Communication between Property Owners and City Administration
b. Seasonal Issues (Noise, Traffic, etc)
c. Beach Replenishment
d. Enforcement of Zoning Codes/Building Codes
e. City Spending
f. Independent Library
g. School Spending
h. Sewer Extension/FEMA Discount
i. Street Maintenance

15. Rate each of SICTA's Services 1= Good, 2 = OK, 3 = Needs Improvement
a. Newsletter
b. Website (www.sicta.org)
c. Membership Meetings
d. Informational Meetings

Please return your completed survey by February 12th by mailing it to
 SICTA PO BOX 82 Sea Isle City, NJ 08243
 or delivering it to one of our drop boxes located at
 Diamonds Liquors (4009 Landis) or Sofrony Real Estate (4201 Landis)
 Thank You for Your Participation
 Contact us at www.sicta.org for further information

SICTA Application



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2007

STEP 1: Check appropriate box Application is for a new renewal membership

STEP 2: Provide household information

Property Taxpayer/Owner(s):

Sea Isle City Property Address:
 #: St Name: St Type: (Blvd, St, Ave, etc.)
 Suffix: (1st Fl, North, Rear, etc.) Condo #

Property Tax Mailing Address:
 #: St Name: St Type:
 Suffix: Condo #
 City: State: Zip:

Phone #'s: SIC: - - Other: -

STEP 3: Provide household adult members

	Last Name	First Name	E-mail Address
1 st			
2 nd			
3 rd			
4 th			

STEP 4: Complete questionnaire

- We want to get more involved in taxpayer issues and SICTA volunteer activities.
- We would like information on voting in Sea Isle City.
- If there were one thing we would improve in Sea Isle City, it would be: _____

STEP 5: Remit membership check (Membership dues cover all adults within your household)

Checks payable to "Sea Isle City Taxpayers Association, Inc."	Membership Dues	\$ 20.00
Send check & application to:	Donation (Optional)	\$
SICTA, PO Box 82, Sea Isle City, NJ 08243-0082	Total Amount Enclosed	\$

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 Articles, meeting announcements, SICTA alert subscriptions and other useful taxpayer information

SICTA's Next Town Meeting

March 3rd 1:30PM --- Community Lodge

- Transportation
- Parking
- Recreation
- SICTA Survey Results
- North End Issues
- Open Discussion



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Thanks for Coming Today!

