



**REGULAR MEETING  
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Cape May City Deputy Mayor, Shaine P. Meier at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, February, 2018 in the Cape May City Hall Auditorium. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Patricia Harbora, City Clerk announced that under the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this meeting was sent to the Cape May Star and Wave and The Press of Atlantic City and a copy of the agenda was delivered to each Member of Council and was posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board.

Present: Councilmember Roger M. Furlin  
Councilmember Patricia Gray Hendricks  
Mayor Clarence F. Lear, III - ABSENT  
Deputy Mayor Shaine P. Meier  
Councilmember Beatrice Gauvry Pessagno

Also Present: City Attorney Frank Corrado  
City Manager Neil Young  
City Clerk Patricia Harbora  
Deputy City Clerk Erin Burke

**Minutes do not reflect the actual order in which the events occurred.**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY HIRED CAPE MAY CITY POLICE OFFICERS**

Chief of Police Anthony Marino introduces the following newly hired Cape May City Police Officers and gives a brief history of their professional backgrounds thus far: Nicholas Campanella, Cory Hofmann, and Emmanuel Mendez.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

**341-2018 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 158 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, CONCERNING BEACH TAGS**

City Solicitor Frank Corrado explains that the amendment to this ordinance is to allow a single person to purchase ten (10) beach tags, rather than five (5) as the ordinance currently mandates.

**Public Portion:** None.

Motion: Hendricks  
Second: Pessagno  
Furlin: Yes  
Hendricks: Yes  
Pessagno: Yes  
Meier: Yes

**342-2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, CONCERNING TRAFFIC**

Solicitor Corrado explains that this proposed amendment is meant to bring the ordinance into conformance with State statute by allowing the City Manager to close roads in the event of an emergency, rather than the Mayor.

**Public Portion:** None.

Motion: Pessagno  
Second: Furlin  
Furlin: Yes  
Hendricks: Yes  
Pessagno: Yes  
Meier: Yes

**343-2018 BOND ORDINANCE APPROVING FOR PRELIMINARY EXPENSES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IN AND BY THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE INSURANCE OF \$285,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**Public Portion:**

Several members of the Public Safety Building Advisory Committee (Jerry Gaffney, Wister “Barney” Dougherty, Scott Griffith, and Rosanne Traficante) voice their support of the proposed ordinance, citing the inadequacies of the existing Fire and Police Department structures and the need to provide modern, code-compliance facilities for emergency responders.

**Bob Boyd, 1009 Washington Street** – Mr. Boyd emphasizes that more consideration should be given to the needs of the Police Department, in addition to the Fire Department.

**John Van der Vaarst, 1030 Ohio Avenue** – Mr. Van Der Vaarst voices support for the proposed ordinance, but urges that a professional be hired to help the City plan the project so that the future needs of both the Fire and Police departments are accounted for. He suggests looking into grants that may be available from the Department of Homeland Security to help fund the project.

**Dennis DeSatnick, 1307 Trenton Avenue** – Mr. DeSatnick thanks all the first responders in attendance this evening, and strongly supports the proposed ordinance.

**Everett Hoffman, 608 Washington Street** – Speaking as having served as a fireman for 32 years, Mr. Hoffman states that first responders deserve to work in a facility where they can provide the best care and response to their community. He details numerous inadequacies of the existing firehouse, and voices support for the proposed ordinance.

**Police Chief Anthony Marino** – Chief Marino states his belief that the site of the existing firehouse could easily accommodate a combined public safety building, and urges Council to move forward with the project.

Councilmember Pessagno states that every first responder gives their very best, and that the City owes them the same. She urges the public to participate in the future public hearing of this ordinance.

Councilmember Hendricks states that a new public safety building is clearly needed, and that this project should not be delayed any further.

Councilmember Furlin voice his support for the proposed ordinance. He emphasizes that the public should be totally involved in the planning process for a new public safety building and that any meetings that may take place regarding this project should be transparent and denoted in minutes.

Deputy Mayor Meier echoes that both the Police and Fire Departments must be equally considered in this project, and that the City must focus on the future when planning a new public safety building. He thanks the Public Safety Building Advisory Committee for their dedication.

Motion: Pessagno  
Second: Hendricks  
Furlin: Yes  
Hendricks: Yes  
Pessagno: Yes  
Meier: Yes

**A brief recess is taken at 6:41 P.M.  
The meeting resumes at 6:45 P.M.**

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION**  
**338-2018 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CITY  
MANAGER IN THE CITY OF CAPE MAY**

**Public hearing:** None.

Motion: Pessagno  
Second: Hendricks  
Furlin: Yes  
Hendricks: Yes  
Pessagno: Yes  
Meier: Yes

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

74-02-2018 Resolution Approving Certified List of the City of Cape May LOSAP Qualified Volunteer Fire Department Members for the Year 2017

**Motion:** Hendricks **Second:** Pessagno **Furlin:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Meier:** Yes **Pessagno:** Yes  
75-02-2018 Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of Not Exceeding

\$2,000,000 Bonds, Series 2018, of the City of Cape May, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, and Providing for their Sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (F/K/A the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust) and the State of New Jersey and Further Authorizing the Execution of Various Agreements, All Pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2018 New Jersey Water Bank

**Motion:** Hendricks **Second:** Pessagno **Furlin:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Meier:** Yes **Pessagno:** Yes

76-02-2018 Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to The Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – Council on Affordable Housing (COAH)

Solicitor Corrado states that the purpose of this closed session is to discuss settlement related to ongoing Fair Share Housing litigation. This potential settlement would essentially validate Cape May City's COAH compliance. Mr. Corrado states that formal action may be taken after the closed session.

**Motion:** Hendricks **Second:** Pessagno **Furlin:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Meier:** Yes **Pessagno:** Yes

77-02-2018 Resolution Rejecting Bids – Cape May Stage Fire Protection System

**Motion:** Hendricks **Second:** Pessagno **Furlin:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Meier:** Yes **Pessagno:** Yes

78-02-2018 Resolution of the City of Cape May Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Contract with Charles Marandino, LLC for Reconstruction of Hughes Street and Stockton Place - Contract M-10

**Motion:** Hendricks **Second:** Pessagno **Furlin:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Meier:** Yes **Pessagno:** Yes

79-02-2018 Resolution Awarding Contract for the Supply, Delivery & Installation of: Beachfront Public Safety Paging System & Background Music System Phase 1

**Motion:** Hendricks **Second:** Pessagno **Furlin:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Meier:** Yes **Pessagno:** Yes

80-02-2018 Resolution Transferring Appropriations – 2017 Budget

**Motion:** Hendricks **Second:** Pessagno **Furlin:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Meier:** Yes **Pessagno:** Yes

81-02-2018 Payment of Bills

**Motion:** Hendricks **Second:** Pessagno **Furlin:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Meier:** Yes **Pessagno:** Yes

## **MINUTES**

City of Cape May Special Council Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2017

Motion: Furlin  
Second: Hendricks  
Furlin: Yes  
Hendricks: Yes  
Pessagno: Yes  
Meier: Yes

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) City Attorney – None.
- B) City Manager – None.
- C) City Clerk – None.

D) Councilmembers –

Deputy Mayor Meier questions when the proposed completion date of the beachfront PA system is, and City Manager Neil Young answers that the project is expected to be finished by May 24, 2018.

Councilmember Pessagno reiterates her suggestion that the public attend the upcoming public hearing on Ordinance 343-2018 scheduled for March 20, 2018.

Councilmember Furlin states that, upon invitation, he attended and thoroughly enjoyed the Black History Month Celebration/Service at the Macedonia Baptist Church.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** Those wishing to publicly comment shall come forward, give their name and address and speak into the microphone. Each speaker will be limited to five (5) minutes.

**Jim Brady, 922 Benton Avenue** – Mr. Brady questions how the amount of \$800,000 was reached in the Sheehan vs. Cape May City settlement. Mr. Corrado explains the various details that were taken into account when arriving at the \$800,000 settlement amount, stating that it was a reasonable amount to offer to Captain Sheehan without reinstatement.

**CLOSED SESSION 7:00 P.M.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMES 7:39 P.M.**

**AGENDA ADDITION:**

82-02-2018 A Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Litigation Involving Cape May City's Mount Laurel Obligations **ADD**

Motion: Pessagno  
Second: Furlin  
Furlin: Yes  
Hendricks: Yes  
Pessagno: Yes  
Meier: Yes

82-02-2018 A Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Litigation Involving Cape May City's Mount Laurel Obligations **ADOPT**

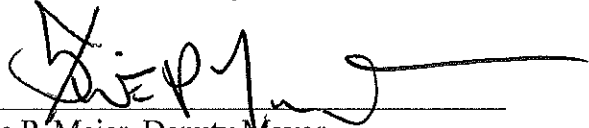
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Second: Furlin  
Furlin: Yes  
Hendricks: Yes  
Pessagno: Yes  
Meier: Yes

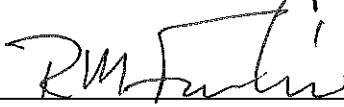
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilmember Pessagno to adjourn with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M

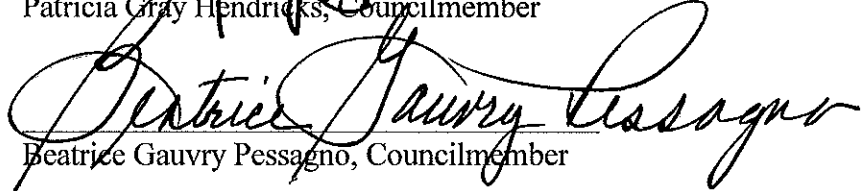
ABSENT


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Shaine P. Meier, Deputy Mayor

  
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Roger M. Furlin, Councilmember

  
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