

**REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Monday, November 16, 2015, 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Councilmember Roger M. Furlin
Mayor Edward J. Mahaney, Jr.
Councilmember Shaine P. Meier
Councilmember Beatrice Gauvry Pessagno
Deputy Mayor Terri L. Swain

Also Present: City Attorney Anthony Monzo
City Manager Bruce MacLeod
City Clerk Louise Cumiskey
Deputy Clerk Patricia Harbora

Mayor Mahaney announced that under the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this meeting was sent to the Cape May County Herald and The Press and a copy of the agenda was delivered to each Member of Council and was posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board.

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

AGENDA ADDITION/DELETION OF LATE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ACTION:

248-11-2015 – Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement between Hatch Mott MacDonald and the City of Cape May for Remedial Investigation **ADDED**

Mr. MacLeod reports that the City Engineer will perform a remedial investigation of soil and groundwater at Canning House Lane caused by an aboveground diesel fuel storage tank which is slowly leaking.

247-11-2015 – Resolution Authorizing Bidding for Beach Concessions along the Beach Strand **AMENDED by changing the date for receipt of bids to January 13 2016.**

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Swain
Roll Call:
Furlin Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS:

Beach Tag Awards

Mayor Mahaney explains that the City of Cape May has sponsored a Beach Tag Design Program since 1976. The City Council asks students from local elementary schools to submit a design for a veteran, seasonal and weekly beach tag for the upcoming 2016 summer season. The designs are judged and the winning designs are used on the beach tags for the new summer season. The Mayor announces that this year's winner for the veteran/active military beach tag design is Raylee Konczyk , a 5th grade student from Charles W. Sandman Consolidated School; the seasonal beach tag design winner is Shaye Fletcher, an 8th grade student from Richard M. Teitelman School; and the weekly design winner is Maya Eppenbach, a 5th grade student from Cape May Elementary School. The winners each spoke about why they chose to create their design and each winner received a gift certificate from the City of Cape May.

2016 Washington Street Mall Business Improvement District Budget presentation

Dawn DeMayo, President, and Lienna Geylani, Treasurer, of the BID are present at tonight's Council Meeting to submit the 2016 Budget proposal and update Mayor and Council on last year's events and accomplishments. Ms. DeMayo announces that a new website has been designed for the Washington Street Mall Business Improvement District and she asks everyone to support local, small businesses.

Mayor Mahaney comments that the Administrative costs of the BID are low and mentions some of the ways in which the BID supports the City.

Deputy Mayor Swain questions the expenditures on the miscellaneous line item in the BID budget.

Ms. Geylani explains that the miscellaneous category is maintained in the event any unexpected projects or costs arise during the year.

Councilmember Meier compliments Ms. DeMayo and Ms. Geylani on their efforts in decorating the Mall.

242-11-2015 -- Resolution Introducing and Approving the 2016 Budget of the Washington Street Mall Business Improvement District of the City of Cape May (December 15, 2015 City Council Meeting -- (Public Hearing and approval of budget by City Council)

Motion:	Mahaney
Second:	Meier
Roll Call:	
Furlin	Yes
Meier	Yes
Pessagno	Yes
Swain	Yes
Mahaney	Yes

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

298-2015 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

Mr. MacLeod advises that the bond issuance is being introduced now rather than the spring because the City is seeking approval for installation of new potable water well and the bids will be scheduled to be received in February 2016. The ordinance will allow the City to incur the cost to finance a new potable water well.

Mr. MacLeod reports that the required supplemental debt statement has been completed by Neil Young, CFO, and forwarded to the State of New Jersey.

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Meier
Roll Call:
Furlin Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

297-2015 AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE UNIFORM SALARY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL POSITIONS IN THE CITY OF CAPE MAY

Mr. MacLeod explains that this ordinance is required by the State of New Jersey to update titles, positions and salary ranges for the employees of the City of Cape May.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Meier
Second: Pessagno
Roll Call:
Furlin Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

There are no questions or comments from the public.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 297-2015

Motion: Meier
Second: Pessagno
Roll Call:
Furlin Abstain
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

RESOLUTIONS:

- 242-11-2015 – Resolution Introducing and Approving the 2016 Budget of the Washington Street Mall Business Improvement District of the City of Cape May (December 15, 2015 City Council Meeting – (Public Hearing and approval of budget by City Council) **REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
- 243-11-2015 – Resolution Establishing the 2016 On-Street Parking Permit Fee
REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA
- 244-11-2015 – Resolution Approving Transfer of Appropriations – 2015 Budget
- 245-11-2015 – Resolution Approving Refund of Overpaid 2015 Taxes
- 246-11-2015 – Payment of Bills “A”
- 246-11-2015 – Payment of Bills “B” **REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
- 246-11-2015 – Payment of Bills “C” **REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
- 247-11-2015 – Resolution Authorizing Bidding for Beach Concessions along the Beach Strand
AS AMENDED
- 248-11-2015 – Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement between Hatch Mott MacDonald and the City of Cape May for Remedial Investigation

Vote on Resolutions 244, 245, 246 A, 247 and 248

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Swain
Roll Call:
Furlin Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

243-11-2015 – Resolution Establishing the 2016 On-Street Parking Permit Fee

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Meier
Roll Call:
Furlin Abstain
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

246-11-2015 – Payment of Bills “B”

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Meier

Roll Call:
Furlin Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Abstain
Mahaney Yes

246-11-2015 – Payment of Bills “C”

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Pessagno
Roll Call:
Furlin Yes
Meier Abstain
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

MINUTES:

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 20, 2015

Motion: Meier
Second: Pessagno
Roll Call:
Furlin Abstain
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes

Mahaney Yes
City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated November 2, 2015

Motion: Meier
Second: Pessagno

Roll Call:
Furlin Abstain
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Abstain
Mahaney Yes

REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE CLERK:

City of Cape May Tax Assessor's monthly report dated November 5, 2015
City of Cape May Monthly Report of Tax Collections for the period August 31, 2015
Cape May Fire Department Fire Service Incidents and EMS Incidents for October, 2015

Motion: Meier
Second: Pessagno

Roll Call:
Furlin Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) City Attorney
- B) City Manager – Mr. MacLeod announces that bids were received on Friday, November 6, 2015 for three separate road projects – the Reconstruction of Missouri Avenue, the Reconstruction of Cape May Avenue and the Hughes Street/ Stockton Place water/sewer project. Mr. MacLeod advises that the City will receive bids on the SCADA System upgrades project on Friday, November 20, 2015. The award of contracts for all of the aforementioned projects will take place on December 1, 2015. Mr. MacLeod announces that pre-season beach tags will go on sale on December 1, 2015 and the cost is \$20.00. Mr. Macleod reports that City is currently collecting leaves in the City of Cape May.
- C) City Clerk – Ms. Cummiskey reminds everyone that the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

Mayor Mahaney comments that Patty Harbora has done a wonderful job setting up the Blood Drive in the City of Cape May for the past several years. The American Red Cross commended the City of Cape May and Ms. Harbora for the large number of donors that arrive at the Blood Drive.

Ms. Harbora encourages everyone to donate blood at the Cape May City Blood Drive on Monday, November 23, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Convention Hall.

D) Councilmembers – Councilmember Furlin announces that he is honored to serve on the Cape May City Council and thanks the Councilmembers for their support in updating him on important City matters.

Deputy Mayor Swain wishes everyone a Happy Holiday!

Councilmember Pessagno welcomes Councilmember Furlin. Ms. Pessagno thanks Ms. Harbora for her relentless efforts with the Blood Drive. Finally, Ms Pessagno wishes everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Councilmember Meier welcomes Mr. Furlin and comments that he is excited to be working with him.

Mayor Mahaney wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Also, Mayor Mahaney reports that the beach slope study is going well but based upon the tremendous amount of information being gathered, the City Engineer has asked City Council to extend the deadline for the presentation by two weeks. Mayor Mahaney announces that the feasibility study will be presented to Council at the December 15, 2015 Council Meeting.

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.

Dennis DeSatnick, 1307 Trenton Avenue, Cape May asks about the additional employees that were to be hired by November 2015 in the Fire Department. Mr. DeSatnick is also concerned about safety on the City beaches and is eagerly awaiting the feasibility study.

Mr. MacLeod gives a report on the staffing recommendations submitted by the Fire Department Committee.

Mayor Mahaney advises that Army Corps of Engineers and NJ DEP are highly involved with the beach project feasibility study and safety on the beaches of Cape May.

Patricia Hendricks, 106 Trenton Avenue, Cape May, talks about improving the live stream system and asks Council to include all the City Board/Committee meetings on live stream. Also, Ms Hendricks asks about “paperless” Council Meetings and is advised by Mr. MacLeod that the City has purchased tablets for Council to use, so meeting information can be forwarded electronically, eliminating photocopying, time and expense.

John Lindeman, 261 Grant Street, Cape May talks about beach replenishment and the beach slope feasibility study. Also, Mr. Lindeman asks about the new fencing on the beach at the Cove and why it was put up.

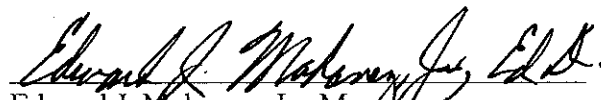
Mr. MacLeod advises that the snow fence was recently put up to prevent sand from blowing onto the street.


Beverly Yanich, 1015 New Jersey Avenue, Cape May asks about the updated salary ordinance and ask about employee performance reviews.

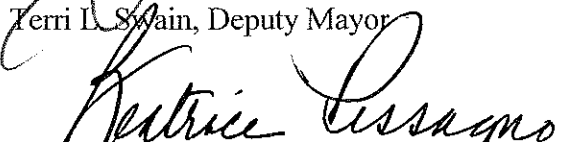
Mr. MacLeod comments that employee performance reviews will be performed by Department Heads.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilmember Pessagno seconded by Deputy Mayor Swain to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

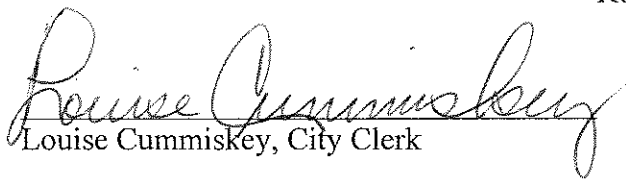

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