CITY OF CAPE MAY, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 603-2026

BOND ORDINANCE PRVIDING FOR VARIOUS FLOOD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $35,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $35,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Cape May, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the principal amount of $35,000,000. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7 and 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"), no down payment is required. It is anticipated that a portion of this project will be funded via one or more grants from Federal Emergent Management Agency and/or the County of Cape May, New Jersey.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding $35,000,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the City in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding $35,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are various flood mitigation improvements including, but not limited to, the construction of a sea-wall and all related beach replenishment improvements related thereto.

(b) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is $35,000,000.

(c) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is $35,000,000.

(d) All such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall include, but are not limited to, as applicable, engineering, architectural and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration; and also shall include all work, materials, equipment, accessories, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Cape May and/or a private entity make a contribution or grant in aid to the City for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the City prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Cape May and/or a private entity. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Cape May and/or a private entity shall be received by the City after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the City as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such time as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the City, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the City shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance, and to the extent of any inconsistency herewith, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the Office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the City may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15.00 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by $35,000,000 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $7,000,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. Unless paid from other sources, the full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Unless paid from other sources, the obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The City hereby declares the intent of the City to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 9 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

SECTION 10. The City Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the City and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the City. The City Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the City pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission4 (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the City and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the City fails to comply with its undertaking, the City shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The City covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ATTEST:

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

CITY OF CAPE MAY, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey

BY: _____
Zachary M. Mullock, Mayor

NOTICE

Ordinance 603-2026 was introduced at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cape May, held on May 19, 2026 and was further considered for final passage during a Regular Meeting of the City Council, held at the Cape May City Hall Auditorium, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey, on June 1, 2026 at 3:30 P.M. at which time a Public Hearing was held.

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

Roll Call	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain	Motion	Second
Meier	X					X
McDade	X				X	
Bodnar	X					
Baldwin	X					
Mullock	X					

cc: Bond Counsel
City Engineer

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