REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

The Meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Mayor Mullock at 5:04 P.M. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 in the Cape May City Hall Auditorium and streamed live on the City's website (capemaycity.com). The City Clerk called the roll and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk announced that under the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this Special Meeting was sent to the Cape May County Herald 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 Lorraine M. Baldwin
	Councilmember Steve Bodnar
	Deputy Mayor Maureen K. McDade
	Councilmember Shaine P. Meier
	Mayor Zachary Mullock
Also Present:	City Solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz
	City Manager Paul Dietrich
	City Clerk Erin C. Burke
	Deputy City Manager Justin Riggs
	Deputy City Clerk Brian Turner

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

198-05-2026 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to Contract for Construction of New Cape May Police Department Headquarters

Motion to add: Baldwin **Second:** Bodnar
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

UPDATES:

- City Manager – City Manager Dietrich states that the ADA mats on the beach front have been placed by DPW, and that benches have been replaced on the promenade, with plaques being installed soon. City Manager Dietrich provides an update on various projects in the City, including the police headquarters.
- City Solicitor – None.
- City Council – Deputy Mayor McDade encourages the public to stop by at the renovated Lifeguard HQ to view the new improvements to the space.

PRESENTATIONS:

Improving Water Sustainability in Cape May: Phase 1 & 2 Updates from Columbia University

Justine Magariel, Environmental Commission Member, provides an update on water usage and sustainability in the City of Cape May.

U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial

John Boecker presents the newly designed plans for the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial, with a proposed location on the promenade in front of the Grand Hotel.

PUBLIC COMMENT on U.S.S. Jacob Jones presentation

Devon Barrow, 1379 Washington Street – Mr. Barrow states his support for the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

Christopher Traficante, 1062 Pennsylvania Avenue – Mr. Traficante states his support for the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

Elizabeth Hyde, 1007 New Jersey Avenue – Ms. Hyde would like to know how the new design is incorporated into the promenade reconstruction.

Vince Dejamo, Maryland Avenue – Mr. Dejamo states his support for the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

Bonnie Pontin, 30 Gurney Street – Ms. Pontin states her support for the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

Theresa Schu, 29 Gurney – Ms. Schu states her support for the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

Kevin Black, 912 Corgie Street – Mr. Black states his support for the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

Jim Testa, 1501 Beach venue – Mr. Testa states his support for the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

Bob Myers, 1108 Lafayette Street – Mr. Myers states his support for the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

Lance Pontin, 30 Gurney Street – Mr. Pontin states his support for the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION:

602-2026 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the City Code Regarding Metered Parking in the City of Cape May

Motion to amend the price of the "yellow" zone, and to maintain a metering schedule of April 1-October 31 for the "blue" zone: McDade **Second:** Baldwin
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

Motion to introduce as amended: Baldwin **Second:** McDade
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION:

601-2026 Ordinance Amending the City of Cape May Code and Establishing Procedures and Regulations for Memorial Program

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

Motion: Meier **Second:** McDade

Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan states her concern over the procurement of bathroom cleaning services. Ms. Sheehan would like to know how much of the Harborview Park project will be paid through grants.

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch would like to know how much the City is contributing to the Fourth of July fireworks display.

Resolutions 189-05-2026 and 195-05-2026 are removed from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolutions:

186-05-2026 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to Chapter 159 PL 1948-American Rescue Monies Received

187-05-2026 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Award and Execution of Indemnification Agreement under the "CMC Land of the Free, Celebration 250" Grant Program

188-05-2026 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to Chapter 159 PL 1948 – CMC Land of the Free, Celebration 250

190-05-2026 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #3 to Contract for Harborview Park Improvements

191-05-2026 Resolution Approving a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Cape May for Animal Sheltering Services

192-05-2026 Resolution Designating the 2026 Bathing and Surfing Beaches

193-05-2026 Resolution Authorizing Contract for Emergent Repairs to Water Treatment Plant Building at 830 Canning House Lane

194-05-2026 Resolution Extending Award of Bid 24-13 Chemical Supply Bid Services to George S. Coyne Chemical Company Inc.

196-05-2026 Resolution of the City of Cape May Authorizing the Annual 4th of July Fireworks Display

197-05-2026 Resolution for the Payment of Bills

Motion to adopt consent agenda: Meier **Second:** McDade

Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

REGULAR AGENDA

189-05-2026 Resolution Authorizing Procurement of Janitorial Services Under New Jersey State Contract – Division of Purchase and Property Contract #T-1480/ 77110 – Access NJ

Motion: Baldwin **Second:** Meier

Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

195-05-2026 Resolution Authorizing Sale of Vehicle to the City of Wildwood Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:12-21.1

Councilmember Baldwin would like to try to sell the equipment via public auction before selling it to the City of Wildwood.

Motion to remove: Baldwin **Second:** Meier
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

198-05-2026 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to Contract for Construction of New Cape May Police Department Headquarters
Motion: Meier **Second:** McDade
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

- City Solicitor None.
- City Manager – None.
- Deputy City Clerk – Mr. Turner announces various upcoming events in the City.
- **Councilmembers**
    - **Councilmember Baldwin** – Councilmember Baldwin thanks the Chalfonte for hosting the HPC awards. Councilmember Baldwin announces that Jazzfest will take place on May 15-17.
    - **Deputy Mayor McDade** – Deputy Mayor McDade thanks Cape May Cares for their community cleanup, and thanks the VanWalsum family for their donation.
    - **Mayor Mullock** – Mayor Mullock recognizes the passing of Sister Kay. Mayor Mullock thanks Lt. Kris Mazza, and congratulates him on his retirement.
    - **Councilmember Bodnar–** Councilmember Bodnar thanks Justine Magariel and John Boecker for their presentations.
    - **Councilmember Meier –** Councilmember Meier comments on the community involvement at the council meeting. Councilmember Meier commends the Arbor Day ceremony in Lafayette Street Park.

PUBLIC PORTION:
Mark Robertson, 1309 Idaho Avenue – Mr. Robertson comments on street trees.

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan asks for clarification on the parking map and ordinance. Ms. Sheehan recommends background checks for restroom cleaners.

Roz Johnson, 826 Lafayette Street – Ms. Johnson thanks Council for the Open House announcement.

Chris Cooke, 313 Washinton Street – Mr. Cooke does not support increasing parking meter rates at this time.

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch comments on the tax increase proposed by the TPA, stating that it should be used to reduce the City's debt. Mr. Rauch would like to know if the Jacob Jones memorial will be appealing to the required boards, and he is assured that they will.

Roz Johnson, 826 Lafayette Street – Ms. Johnson states that she is pleased with recent developments with the USS Jacob Jones project, and offers plant suggestions for the area.

Kevin Black, 912 Corgie Street – Mr. Black clarifies research being done on the U.S.S. Jacob Jones monument, and the public's accessibility to it.

Laura Calnan – Ms. Calnan presents a collage referencing the City's National Historic Landmark status, honoring Carolyn Pitts' contributions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion is made to adjourn by Councilmember Meier, with all in favor. The Regular Meeting adjourns at 7:31 PM.

Zachary Mullock, Mayor

Maureen K. McDade, Deputy Mayor

Lorraine M. Baldwin, Councilmember

Steve Bodnar, Councilmember

Shaine P. Meier, Councilmember

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk