REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

The Meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Deputy Mayor McDade at 5:06 P.M. on Tuesday, September 15, 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 – Present via telephone
Also Present:	City Solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz
	City Manager Paul Dietrich
	City Clerk Erin C. Burke
	Deputy City Clerk Turner

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS – None.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER
City Manager Paul Dietrich presents the Employee of the Quarter Award to Brittany Elsasser, Civic Affairs/Convention Hall.

UPDATES:

- City Manager – City Manager Dietrich highlights several points in the monthly Manager's report from Fire, Police, DPW, and Beach Patrol. City Manager Dietrich provides a revenue update from beach tags and parking, as well as a JIF report.
- City Solicitor – None.
- City Council – None.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:
609-2026 Ordinance Amending Zoning Code Regarding Minimum and Maximum Roof Pitch Requirements

Motion: Baldwin **Second:** Bodnar
Meier: Absent **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY:

Hunter Cochrane, 1429 New Jersey Avenue – Mr. Cochrane cautions Council on adopting Ordinance 609-2026, which would grant certain discretion to the HPC regarding roof pitches.

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch requests clarification on pricing for participation in the Camden County Educational Services Commission cooperative pricing system, and asks if there will be a CPI increase in the City's shared services agreement with the Borough of Cape May Point for bulk water.

Hunter Cochrane, 1429 New Jersey Avenue – Mr. Cochrane asks if there will be a CPI increase in the City's sharded service agreement with the Borough of Cape May Point for bulk water. Mr. Cochrane would like to know if the articulating telescopic aerial device is a rental or a City purchase.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Reports:

Manager's Monthly Departmental Report for the month of August 2026

Minutes:

Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated September 1, 2026

Resolutions:

319-09-2026 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Global Rental CO. INC. through Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract #040924-ALT, for Articulating Telescopic Aerial Device and Mounting

320-09-2026 Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Camden County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System, CO-OP #66CCEPS

321-09-2026 Resolution Acknowledging and Endorsing an Amendment to the Beach Patrol Pension Plan

322-09-2026 Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus City Property No Longer Needed for Public Use through Govdeals.Com Public Online Auction

323-09-2026 Resolution of Support From Local Governing Body Authorizing Application to the Safe Drinking Water Cybersecurity Grant Program

324-09-2026 Resolution Authorizing Bulk Water Rate Adjustment for the Borough of Cape May Point

325-09-2026 Resolution Regarding Temporary Open Container and Public Consumption in Connection with the Cape May County Coast Guard Community Foundation Always Ready 5K and Waiver of Event Fees

326-09-2026 Resolution for the Payment of Bills

Motion to adopt consent agenda: Baldwin **Second:** Bodnar

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

REGULAR AGENDA – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- City Solicitor – None.
- City Manager – None.
- Deputy City Clerk – Deputy Clerk Brian Turner announces the following:
    - Red Cross Blood Drive – Convention Hall – September 16th – 10am-3pm appointments preferred
    - Locals' Summer Bike Ride – Community Center – September 16th – 5:30pm
    - City-wide Fall Sidewalk Sale September 17th through September 19th
    - Beach cleanup – September 17th – 3:00pm – Perry St. Beach

- Councilmembers –
    - **Councilmember Baldwin** – Councilmember Baldwin announces that Jazz Fest will take place October 23-25.
    - **Deputy Mayor McDade** – None.
    - **Mayor Mullock** – None.
    - **Councilmember Bodnar –** None.
    - **Councilmember Meier –** None.

PUBLIC PORTION:
Hunter Cochrane, 1429 New Jersey Avenue – Mr. Cochrane suggests an ordinance setting specific days for landscaping in the City.

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch would like to see a Jitney report at the end of the year. Mr. Rauch expresses concern over the amount of City owned vehicles. Mr. Rauch is concerned with the amount of long-term bonds that the City has acquired.

Brett Blythe, 1313 Massachusetts Avenue – Mr. Blythe asks the City Manager if there is a report of vandalism costs; expresses concern over the amount of City owned vehicles; and would like to know the process landscapers go through as it pertains to mercantile licenses.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion is made to adjourn by Councilmember Baldwin, with all in favor. The Regular Meeting adjourns at 5:53PM

Zachary Mullock, Mayor

Maureen K. McDade, Deputy Mayor

Lorraine M. Baldwin, Councilmember

Steve Bodnar, Councilmember

Absent from meeting; abstains from adoption
Shaine P. Meier, Councilmember

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk