



**CITY OF CAPE MAY
REORGANIZATION MEETING
Thursday, July 1, 2010 12:00 Noon**

The reorganization meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Mayor Mahaney 12:00pm Tuesday, July 1, 2010, in the Cape May City Hall Auditorium. The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Councilmember Elect Deanna Fiocca
Mayor Edward J. Mahaney, Jr.
Councilmember Elect William Murray
Councilmember Terri L. Swain
Councilmember Elect Jack Wichterman
City Attorney Anthony Monzo
City Manager Bruce MacLeod
City Clerk Diane Weldon
Assistant to the City Clerk Louise Cummiskey

Mayor Mahaney announced that under the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this meeting was sent to the Cape May Star and Wave 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.

Presentation of the Colors West Cape May Boy Scout Troop #73 led by Joseph Monzo and David VonSavage

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by:

 VFW #386 Peterson-Little Post James Roney, Chaplain and Patrick Sbarra, Adjutant

Invocation by Jim Richards, Pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, Cape May

Oath of Office administered by Judge Raymond Batten to:

 Deanna Fiocca, Councilmember at Large
 William H. Murray, Councilmember at Large
 John W. Wichterman, Councilmember at Large

Councilmembers Address Remarks to Audience

Nominations for Deputy Mayor

Resolution # 141-07-2010 Election of Deputy Mayor

Motion: Murray

Second: Fiocca

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Abstain

Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

Oath of Office administered to Deputy Mayor by Judge Raymond Batten

Resolution # 142-07-2010 Appointment of Class III Planning Board Member – William Murray

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes
Murray Yes
Swain Yes
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

Resolution # 143-07-2010 Appointment of Business Improvement District Board Member – Terri Swain

Motion: Mahaney

Second: Wichterman

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes
Murray Yes
Swain Abstain
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

Resolution # 144-07-2010 Appointment of Tourism Commission Member – Deanna Fiocca

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Murray

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes
Murray Yes
Swain Yes
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

Oath of Office administered by Judge Batten to:

Class III Planning Board Member

Business Improvement District Board Member

Tourism Commission Member

Address by Mayor Edward J. Mahaney, Jr. of the State of the City

Mayor Mahaney thanks everyone in attendance and congratulates and thanks the three new councilmembers for giving back to the city. The Mayor advises that the number one project of the City of Cape May is the Convention Hall project and that there have been eleven Town Meetings over the past two years to allow for public input. Mayor Mahaney recaps what has transpired through the years to get us to where we are today. The Mayor advises that we have a plan but not enough money to see that plan completed and the job of this Council will be to sit as a group and, knowing what the public desires, to do what is best for the future of Cape May.

The Mayor moves on to other projects in the last year that were significantly important to the City of Cape May. He congratulates the Washington Street Mall Merchants for bringing to Council their first budget and living up to their pledge to the City to establish the ongoing vitality of the Mall and take the burden from the tax payers.

Mayor Mahaney thanks the volunteers who worked on the Flood Plain Management Plan of the City of Cape May which has been submitted to FEMA and upon approval, will hopefully decrease the flood insurance premium.

The Mayor commends Mott Engineers who have undertaken and completed fifteen 15 projects during the past year, the most noteworthy of which are the green feature projects at the Public Works yard and the Beach Patrol building. Also noteworthy is the fact that the City of Cape May was one of the first 47 municipalities in the State of New Jersey to have substantive certification from COAH, which advises the Mayor, will save the City of Cape May significant money in the future.

The Mayor notes that through the hard work of the Police and Fire Departments, the City has implemented a reverse 911 system which allows us to reach out to our residents to let them know of emergency situations. He speaks of our partnership agreement with the Temple University School of Environmental Design, which resulted in four town meetings with resulting plans for the renovation of our parks and a conceptual design for the Lafayette Street open space. The Temple students are currently pursuing grant money to fund the improvements. The other Temple project, a tourism and hospitality management plan is being developed to help us market tourism in the City of Cape May.

Challenges for 2010 and 2011. The Mayor reflects that most of our time will be delegated to the Convention Hall project; however, there are other issues to address. One is the 2011 budget and the Mayor notes that Governor Christie is proposing 2.5% tax levy cap for 2011. If that cap is implemented, it would mean that in the City of Cape May with a \$15 million budget, would only be able to increase our expenses by \$180,000.00 a year. That is not nearly enough to maintain the programs and services which are currently operating and which the taxpayers have come to expect advises the Mayor. We need to continue to share services, keep our debt service under control, reduce our insurance expenses and reduce the burden on the current fund budget to create the services to compete in the future. One of these services is Information Technology and Information Offices is another advises the Mayor. Communication technology is moving very rapidly and we need to keep pace with it. The Mayor continues by advising that the Tourism Utility will allow us to segregate our expenses and revenue for each aspect of City Government so that we can see what we are receiving for each dollar spend.

The plan endorsement process advises the Mayor, is a major undertaking for the City of Cape May and the Master Plan reexamination was completed last year, the Flood Plain Management Plan was completed last year, the COAH Recertification was completed last year, and now we are ready to move on the last phase, finalizing the endorsement. The Mayor projects that we will have the Plan endorsement within the year. Once achieved, we will be open for any types of grant or funding mechanisms.

Mayor Mahaney speaks about the Beach Theatre issue and the need to save the building and have it restored to its former elegance.

In closing, the Mayor thanks the members of the public for their cooperation during the past year by serving on the City's Boards and Commissions, by attending meetings, and working with the City employees during the February blizzard. He encourages all to continue to come to meetings and attend the volunteer boards and commissions. Finally, he thanks all for the opportunity to serve as Mayor.

Benediction by Joseph Bogle.

RESOLUTIONS:

145-07-2010 Appointment of City Solicitor and authorizing the execution of professional services contract for same

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

146-07-2010 Appointment of Municipal Auditor and authorizing the execution of a professional services contract for same

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

147-07-2010 Appointment of Bond Counsel and authorizing the execution of professional services contract for same

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

148-07-2010 Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor and authorizing the execution of professional services contract for same

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

149-07-2010 Appointment of Municipal Public Defender and authorizing the execution of professional services contract for same

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

150-07-2010 Resolution approving amendment to professional services agreement between Mott Associates, LLC and the City of Cape May

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

151-07-2010 Appointment of Deputy Clerk

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

152-07-2010 Resolution establishing business hours for City Hall, Cape May

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

153-07-2010 Resolution designating meeting day, place for Council Meetings of the City of Cape May

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

154-07-2010 Designation of bank depositories for the City of Cape May

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

155-07-2010 Resolution of the City of Cape May appointing members of the Boards and Commissions of the City of Cape May

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Fiocca Yes

Murray Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

The Mayoral Appointments were read by the clerk.

Mayor's Advisory Committee

Alison Bjork

John Suebert

Barbara Pitman

Joseph Leifheit

John Van DeVaarst

Roger Furlin

Rich Townsend

Susan Mullins

Dawn Hynes

Bonnie Pontin

Cape May Library Advisory Committee

Eileen Cassidy

Ed Hutchinson

Anita DeSatnick

Janice Davis

George Catanese

Emergency Management Coordinator

N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.1

3 year term

term to expire 7/1/2013

Robert H. Smith

Emergency Management Council

Dr. Edward J. Mahaney, Jr., Mayor
Terri L. Swain, Councilmember/Businessperson
Bruce MacLeod, City Manager
Diane Sorantino, Chief of Police
Clarence Lear, Lt., Cape May Police Department
Jerry Inderwies, Jr., Fire Chief
Richard Lundholm, Deputy Fire Chief
Victoria Zelenak, Administrative School Principal
Jennifer Kopp, Editor, Cape May Star and Wave
Skip Loughlin, Lt., Fire Police

PUBLIC PORTION

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Wichterman
Second: Swain

Edward J. Mahaney, Jr., Mayor

Jack Wichterman, Deputy Mayor

Deanna Fiocca, Councilmember

Terri L. Swain, Councilmember

William Murray, Councilmember

Diane L. Weldon, City Clerk