

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ  
Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Attorney Anthony Monzo  
City Manager Bruce MacLeod  
City Auditor Leon Costello  
CFO Neil Young  
City Clerk Louise Cummiskey  
Deputy City 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:**

**PROCLAMATION**

City Clerk, Louise Cummiskey, reads a Proclamation commemorating Read Across America in the City of Cape May.

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS:**

**2016 CAPE MAY CITY BUDGET:**

Mayor Mahaney states that the 2016 Budget was presented by the City Manager at a Special Meeting on January 15, 2016 and the budget contained a 0.7% tax increase. Mayor Mahaney offered recommendations to reduce the proposed tax increase.

Leon Costello, City Auditor, explains that the CAP Bank Ordinance is a mandatory requirement as part of the budget process each year. Mr. Costello advises that the 2016 Budget does not exceed the Cap and this Ordinance merely establishes a bank of unspent monies for future spending.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

301-2016      ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

302-2016 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$375,000 FROM THE FUND BALANCE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Costello explains Ordinance 302-2016 appropriating \$375,000 from the capital fund for various capital improvements. The appropriation will not be taken from the current fund.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 52-02-2016 Resolution Approving Certified List of City of Cape May LOSAP Qualified Volunteer Fire Department Members for the year 2015
- 53-02-2016 Resolution Approving Refund of Overpaid 2016 Taxes
- 54-02-2016 Resolution of the City of Cape May to Approve Member of Cape May Volunteer Fire Company
- 55-02-2016 Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – Personnel
- 56-02-2016 Resolution Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions of the City of Cape May
- 57-02-2016 Resolution to Award Bid for Reconstruction of East Lyle Lane (Jackson Street to Decatur Street) and Renovations to Rotary Park
- 58-02-2016 Resolution to Refund Overpaid 2015 Utilities
- 59-02-2016 Payment of Bills “A”
- 59-02-2016 Payment of Bills “B” **REMOVED FROM CONSENT**
- 60-02-2016 Resolution to Award Bid for Lafayette Street Park Project Phase I Renovations, City of Cape May, New Jersey, New Jersey Economic Development Authority Project D #39811 **REMOVED FROM CONSENT**

Patricia Hendricks, 106 Trenton Avenue, Cape May asks City Manager to explain Resolution No. 60-02-2016 respecting the add-alternate items for the Lafayette Street Park Phase I project.

Mayor Mahaney explains that the City can advertise for a base bid and subject to the availability of additional money, the City can specify alternate add-ons and incorporate the add-ons if desired.

Motion: Mahaney  
Second: Pessagno  
Roll Call:

**REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE CLERK:**

Cape May Fire Department Fire Service Incidents and EMS Incidents Report for January, 2016  
City of Cape May Occupancy Tax 2% Budget Projection Report dated February 2, 2016  
City of Cape May Overtime Report for the month of January, 2016

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) City Attorney
- B) City Manager- Mr. MacLeod talks about the “User Friendly Municipal Budget” and the process with the New Jersey DLGS/DCA which was introduced last year. The required procedures are in place and the documentation is completed by the CFO/Treasurer in all Municipalities. Also, Mr. MacLeod acknowledges the Public Safety personnel, firefighters and other departments that supported Cape May in a residential fire over Valentines weekend in the City of Cape May.
- C) City Clerk
- D) Councilmembers – Councilmember Meier thanks Mayor for his support regarding the replacement of sidewalks on Elmira Street and advises that everyone will benefit by the new sidewalk.

Councilmember Furlin thanks Anita DeSatnick for reading to the kids over many years at the Cape May Elementary school.

Mayor Mahaney also thanks Ms. DeSatnick for her support of reading in the Cape May Elementary School Mayor Mahaney thanks the city personnel and the fire departments from the surrounding area who participated as a team in controlling the fire in the City of Cape May. Mayor Mahaney reports that no injuries or fatalities were suffered.

**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.

Jim Matthews, 1009 Shunpike Road, Cape May, talks about the Fire Museum building and the necessity for heating and air conditioning to be installed to preserve the antique Fire Truck. Mr. Matthews advises that the Fire Museum does not need museum quality air control and feels the price quoted by the engineer is outrageous.

Mayor Mahaney agrees with Mr. Matthews and asks Mr. MacLeod to set up a meeting by the end of the week with Mr. Thornton, Mr. Matthews and Fire Department personnel.