

**REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 7:00 P.M.**

The Regular meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Mayor Mahaney at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 in the Cape May City Hall Auditorium. The Clerk called the roll and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Councilmember Inderwies
Mayor Edward J. Mahaney, Jr.
Councilmember Meier
Councilmember Gauvry Pessagno
Deputy Mayor Swain

Also Present: City Attorney Anthony Monzo
City Manager Bruce MacLeod
City Auditor Leon Costello
CFO Neil Young
City Clerk Louise Cumiskey
Deputy Clerk Patricia Harbora-Absent

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:

63-02-2015 – Resolution Approving Appointments to Zoning Board of the City of Cape May
ADDED

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

2015 CAPE MAY CITY BUDGET

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 Budget does not exceed the Cap Bank and this Ordinance merely establishes a bank for unspent money for future spending. The City of Cape May is \$349,000.00 under the CAP for spending purposes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

290-2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

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

Mr. Costello reports that the 2015 Budget will be introduced at tonight's meeting which is the official start the City Budget process with the State of New Jersey.

54-02-2015 – Resolution Approving Introduction of 2015 City of Cape May Local Municipal Budget

Mayor Mahaney moves to change the 2015 Budget proposed at the February 3, 2015 meeting by moving \$84,000.00 from the City's surplus fund to reduce the tax increase from 1.3 cents to 1 cent.

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Pessagno
Roll Call:
Inderwies No
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

Mr. Costello comments that the next step in the Budget process is a Public Hearing at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March, 24, 2015. Mr. Costello advises that at said meeting, the public will have the opportunity to comment or question any item on the 2015 Budget. At the March 24, 2015 Meeting, Council can approve the budget as introduced or amend the budget as they see fit.

The Mayor announces that after the 2015 Budget is introduced, copies will be available at the City Clerk's Office on the City web-site and at the Cape May City Library.

291-2015 ORDINANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT OF SALE BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF CAPE MAY AND MARY JANE BARRETT AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1061, LOT 44, ON THE TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY

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

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

288-2015 AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE UNIFORM SALARY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL POSITIONS IN THE CITY OF CAPE MAY

City Manager, Bruce MacLeod, explains that the laws of the State of New Jersey require all Municipalities to have a Salary Ordinance in place containing employee titles and setting forth minimum and maximum salary ranges for each title. Mr. MacLeod has amended the Salary Ordinance to comply with the new Federal hourly rate increase. Mr. MacLeod talks about the different employment titles.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Meier
Second: Pessagno

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Pessagno
Second: Meier
Inderwies Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

289-2015 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAPE MAY SEAWALL PROJECT IN

AND BY THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$475,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Meier

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Pessagno
Second: Meier
Inderwies Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

RESOLUTIONS:

- 55-02-2015 – Resolution Approving Certified List of City of Cape May LOSAP Qualified Volunteer Fire Department Members for the year 2014 **Removed from Consent**
- 56-02-2015 – Resolution Approving Refund of Overpaid Taxes
- 57-02-2015 – Resolution Approving Refund of Overpaid Taxes
- 58-02-2015 – Resolution Refunding Deposit for Sidewalk Repair
- 59-02-2015 – Resolution Authorizing the Competitive Contracting Process for the Creation of an Energy Savings Improvement Plan
- 60-02-2015 – Resolution Authorizing the Competitive Contracting Process for an Intensive Level Survey of Historical Resources
- 61-02-2015 – Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement between Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers and the City of Cape May for New Supply Well on the Site of the Existing Desalinization Plant, Block 1061, Lot 139
- 62-02-2015 – Payment of Bills “A”
- 62-02-2015 – Payment of Bills “B” – **Removed from Consent Agenda**
- 63-02-2015– Resolution Approving Appointments to Zoning Board of the City of Cape May **Added to Agenda**

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Pessagno
Inderwies Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

55-02-2015 – Resolution Approving Certified List of City of Cape May LOSAP Qualified Volunteer Fire Department Members for the year 2014 **Removed from Consent Agenda**

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Meier
Inderwies Abstain
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

62-02-2015 – Payment of Bills “B” **Removed from Consent Agenda**

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Pessagno
Inderwies Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Abstain
Mahaney Yes

MINUTES:

City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated February 3, 2015

Motion: Meier
Second: Pessagno
Inderwies Yes
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE CLERK:

City of Cape May Overtime Report dated December, 2014 and January, 2015
City of Cape May Fire Department Incident report and EMS Report dated January, 2015
City of Cape May Assessor’s Office Monthly Report dated February 9, 2015

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Meier

Inderwies Yes

Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Mahaney Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) City Attorney
- B) City Manager – Mr. MacLeod thanks the Public Works and Water/Sewer Departments for their efforts last night plowing the streets, and cleaning the sidewalks of municipal properties. Mr. MacLeod reports that he met with Councilmember Meier and Councilmember Pessagno to discuss nonprofit organizations in the City. The meeting was very productive, comments Mr. MacLeod.
- C) City Clerk-Ms. Cummiskey announces that a Special Meeting will take place on February 24, 2015 to interview the Engineering firms that submitted a response to the City’s RFP. Also, Ms. Cummiskey reminds everyone that the Regular Council Meeting in March will be held on March 24, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
- D) Councilmembers – Councilmember Inderwies explains his vote on the Resolution regarding the introduction of 2015 Municipal Budget. Mr. Inderwies advises that he cannot support the proposed budget without public safety being addressed in the City. Mr. Inderwies would like to see the \$70,000.00 cut from the Fire Department Budget restored so that the City may hire additional part time Firefighters.

Deputy Mayor Swain supports the Police and Fire Departments but comments that a number of other City Departments have realized cuts in recent years.

Councilmember Pessagno advises that City Council will study the Budget of the Fire Department for fiscal security. Ms. Pessagno comments that she would like to keep the current high bond rating which the City of Cape May currently enjoys, which rating results in lower interest rates.

Councilmember Meier thanks Mr. MacLeod for meeting with him and Ms. Pessagno on the nonprofit organizations.

Mayor Mahaney would like the City to look into manpower and equipment in the public safety sector by conducting a study of both the Police and Fire Departments.

Mayor Mahaney thanks the Police, Fire, and Water/Sewer Departments for their hard work this past week. Many City residents experienced water leaks due to frozen pipes and were assisted by those City Departments. Also, the Mayor congratulates Edward Zebrowski on his promotion to Lieutenant in the Fire Department.

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.

John Fleming, 1484 Washington Street, Cape May asks Council for suggestions to increase the volunteers in the Fire Department. Mr. Fleming feels acquiring additional volunteers should not be hard to achieve.

Mr. MacLeod comments that advertising for volunteers is an option. Also, Mr. MacLeod advises that the City has a LOSAP program in place which is an incentive program that provides tax-deferred income benefits to active volunteer emergency service members.

Mr. Inderwies advises that the high cost of living for younger families makes it difficult to live in the City of Cape May.

City Council discusses ways to increase the Fire Department volunteers.

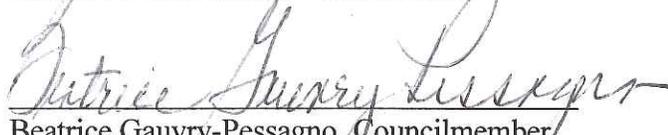
ADJOURNMENT

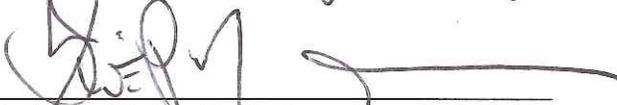
Motion made by Councilmember Meier seconded by Councilmember Pessagno to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

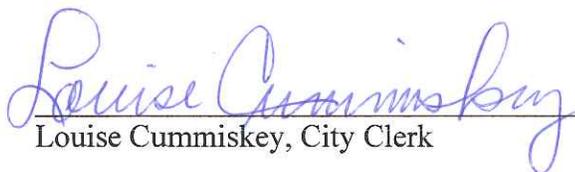

Edward J. Mahaney, Jr., Mayor


Terri L. Swain, Deputy Mayor


Jerome E. Inderwies, Councilmember


Beatrice Gauvry-Pessagno, Councilmember


Shaine P. Meier, Councilmember


Louise Cummiskey, City Clerk