

**REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Edward J. Mahaney, Jr.
Councilmember Shaine P. Meier
Councilmember Beatrice Pessagno
Deputy Mayor Terri L. Swain
Councilmember John W. Wichterman

Also Present: City Attorney Anthony Monzo
City Manager Bruce MacLeod
Deputy 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:

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS

Bruce MacLeod, City Manager gives an explanation breakdown of each Ordinance individually.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION:

292-2015 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,499,675 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,424,691 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION

Motion: Meier
Second: Pessagno

Joe Schmidt, 1236 Cape May Avenue, Cape May, NJ questions the City's use for the 15 Passenger Van.

Mr. MacLeod advises that the primary purpose of the Van will be to transport Entertainment Personnel in the City of Cape May. Secondly, the City needs to transport Federal, State and County Officials around the city to show various infrastructure and area improvement needed to apply for grant monies.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

Motion: Wichterman

Motion: Pessagno

Second: Swain

Roll Call:

Meier Yes

Pessagno Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

293-2015 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$994,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$994,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION

Motion; Wichterman

Second: Pessagno

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

Motion: Wichterman

Motion: Pessagno

Second: Mahaney

Roll Call:

Meier Yes

Pessagno Yes

Swain Yes

Wichterman Yes

Mahaney Yes

294-2015 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS BEACH UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$198,100 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$198,100 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION

Motion: Meier

Second: Pessagno

Laura DeCamillo, 1350B Virginia Avenue, Cape May reports that the bulkhead has raised boards and medal sticking out on the promenade between Jackson Street and 2nd Avenue and Poverty Beach. Ms. DeCamillo asks Council to repair the area.

Mayor Mahaney advises that the City is working with the County to have Poverty Beach bulkhead repaired. The City Public Works Department will repair the bulkhead near 2nd Avenue. Mr. MacLeod reports that \$25,000 has been put in the budget to repair the area near 2nd Avenue.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

Motion: Wichterman

Motion: Meier
Second: Pessagno

Roll Call:
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Yes
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

RESOLUTIONS:

- 83-03-2015-A Resolution Appointing Municipal Engineer and Approving Professional Services Agreement April 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 **AMENDED**
- 123-05-2015 – Resolution Authorizing Utility Bill Adjustment Due to Catastrophic Occurrence
- 124-05-2015 – Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for 1217-1221 New Jersey Avenue, Block 1131, Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28, Lawrence A. Pray Builders, Inc.
- 125-05-2015 – Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Issue Bingo and Raffle Licenses throughout the Year to Qualified Organizations
- 126-05-2015 Resolution Designating the 2015 Bathing Beaches
- 127-05-2015 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for the Provision of Electric Generation Supply Service for the South Jersey Power Cooperative
- 128-05-2015 – Payment of Bills “A”

Dennis DeSatnick, 1307 Trenton Avenue, Cape May has a discussion with Mayor and Council on the engineer appointment.

Mr. Monzo explains the Engineer appointment by New Jersey State Statute and the Cape May City Ordinance.

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

Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

128-05-2015 – Payment of Bills “B”

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Wichterman
Roll Call:
Meier Yes
Pessagno Yes
Swain Abstain
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE CLERK:

City of Cape May Assessor’s Office Monthly Report dated May 5, 2015
City of Cape May Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes dated April 28, 2015
City of Cape May Fire Service Incident and EMS Incident Reports for the month of April, 2015
City of Cape May Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes dated April 9, 2015

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A) City Attorney
B) City Manager – Mr. MacLeod announces that a Fire Department Committee meeting took place internally on May 7, 2015 and May 14, 2015 with Councilmember Pessagno, Councilmember Meier, Fire Chief Coulter and the City Manager. The meeting was to discuss the Fire Department staffing, criteria, collection of information and preparation for an open public meeting which will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Hall Auditorium.

Mr. MacLeod informs the public that both the report prepared by Chief Coulter and the 2015 Budget is available for review on the city web-site. Mr. MacLeod announces the first Cape May City concert series with Crystal Gayle will be on Saturday, May 23, 2015 starting at 8:00 P.M. at Convention Hall. Finally, Mr. MacLeod announces that the Cape May City Elementary School is celebrating their 50th Anniversary on June 5, 2015 at 5:30 P.M., open to the public.

C) City Clerk – Patricia Harbora, Deputy City Clerk reminds everyone that due to Primary Election on Tuesday June 2, 2015 the next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015. On Primary Election Day polls will be open from 6:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Ms. Harbora reports that the Cape May City Blood Drive was a great success with 29 productive donors.

D) Councilmembers – Councilmember Meier gave blood and also thanks everyone that participated in the City Blood Drive. Mr. Meier reports that he will bring the City Code Book down after the meeting to read the ordinance on the City Engineer appointment.

Mr. Monzo reads the Cape May City ordinance on the Engineer Appointment.

Dennis DeSatnick, 1307 Trenton Avenue, Cape May has a discussion with Council on the Engineer Appointment.

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.

Tom Keene, 832 Lafayette Street, Cape May asks if Captain Sheehan was exonerated of any wrong doing and would like Mr. Sheehan to be reinstated to Chief of Police.

Mr. Monzo advises that City Council will make their decision and state their opinions based on the facts; however following the Council Meeting on March 24, 2015 a law suit was filed against the City by Captain Sheehan. At this time the City has not had any communication with Mr. Sheehan's Attorney.

William Murray, 1012 Kearney Street, Cape May asks when and where the hearing is with the City of Cape May vs. Cape May County Prosecutor. Also, Mr. Murray thanks Council for putting the Ordinances and Resolutions on the Cape May City Web-site.

Mr. Monzo replies that the Court hearing will be held at the Cape May County Superior Court, Route 9, Cape May Court House, NJ on Friday, May 22, 2015 at 1:30 P.M.

Charles Hendricks, 106 Trenton Avenue, Cape May asks Mr. MacLeod if the City has a policy regarding hiring family.

Mr. MacLeod considers recommendation from Department heads on hiring personnel.

Jerry Gaffney, 810 Columbia Avenue, Cape May ask Council to reinstate Rob Sheehan to Cape May City Chief of Police.

Helen McDevitt-Smith, 1113 New York Avenue, Cape May, gives her opinion on the Cape May City Police Department and Mr. Rob Sheehan's demotion.

Carol Boyd, 1009 Washington Street, Cape May would like Council to reinstate Rob Sheehan.

Shaine Meier makes a motion to reinstate Rob Sheehan.

Bob Boyd, 1009 Washington Street, Cape May, retired Police Chief of Cape May would like Rob Sheehan reinstated.

Jerry Inderwies, 911 Philadelphia Avenue, Cape May would like Council to work together with the Police Department and reinstate Rob Sheehan.

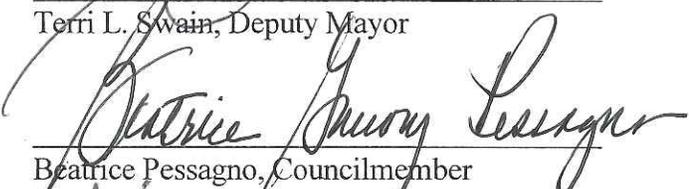
Suzanne Taylor, prior resident of Cape May is not happy with Cape May City Council's Decisions with the Police Department.

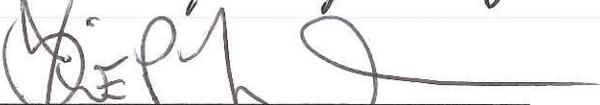
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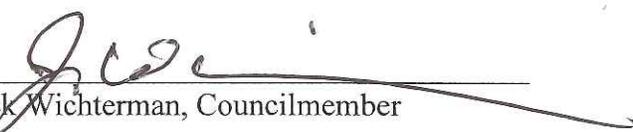
Motion made by Mayor Mahaney seconded by Councilmember Pessagno to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

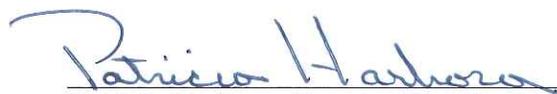

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