

**REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Monday, November 17, 2014 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. Monday, November 17, 2014 in the Cape May City Hall Auditorium. The Clerk called the roll and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor Edward J. Mahaney, Jr.
Councilmember William H. Murray, Esquire
Councilmember Terri L. Swain
Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman

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

AGENDA ADDITION/DELETION OF LATE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ACTION:

AWARD OF BEACH TAG DESIGNS

Veteran and Active Military Beach Tag Design Winner – Madasyn McCloskey
Seasonal Beach Tag Design Winner – Anthony Benigno
Weekly Beach Tag Design Winner – Zachary Long

Mayor Mahaney explains that the City of Cape May has sponsored a Beach Tag Design Program since 1976. City Council asks students from local elementary schools to submit a design for a veteran, seasonal and weekly beach tag for the upcoming summer season. The designs are judged and the winning designs are used to decorate the beach tags for the new summer season. The Mayor announces that this year's winner for the veteran/active military beach tag design is Madasyn McCloskey from Teitelman School. Anthony Benigno, a seventh grade student from Teitelman School is the winner of the seasonal beach tag design and the weekly design winner is Zachary Long, an eighth grade student also from Teitelman School. The winners each spoke about why they chose their design and each winner received a proclamation and a gift certificate.

Councilmember Murray comments on the exceptional veteran tag design and advises that he will be proud to wear the winning beach tag.

Colleen Ferraro, Art Teacher, thanks Council for allowing the students to participate in the Beach Tag Design Program. The students take pride in their creativity, comments Ms. Ferraro.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2015 BUDGET OF THE WASHINGTON STREET MALL MANAGEMENT CO., INC. OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY

Dawn DeMayo, BID Chairwomen and Lienna Geylani, BID Treasurer, submit the 2015 WSMMC Budget to Council. Ms. DeMayo reports that the total fee assessed for each business for the year 2015 will not be increased, and a surplus of \$5,000 will be carried over from last year towards advertising and social media costs in the coming year.

Mayor Mahaney and Council commend the BID Committee for the beautiful decorations on the Mall and the excellent work they do promoting the City of Cape May. The Mayor advises that the public hearing for the WSMMC Budget will be held on December 16, 2014.

RESOLUTIONS:

260-11-2014 – Resolution Introducing and Approving the 2015 Budget of the Washington Street Mall Business Improvement District of the City of Cape May

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Murray
Roll Call:
Murray Yes
Swain Yes
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

Mayor Mahaney asks Council to table Ordinance 286-2014 and 287-2014, as requested by the Planning Board. Mayor Mahaney recommends adding both Ordinances to the Agenda at the January Council Meeting so that the new Council can vote on the two Ordinances.

286-2014 An Ordinance Amending Chapters 310 and 525 of the Cape May City Code Regarding Licensing and Zoning of Businesses Engaged in the Rental of Low Speed Vehicles **TABLED**

287-2014 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Cape May City Code Regarding the Operation of Low Speed Vehicles **TABLED**

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Wichterman

Roll Call:
Murray Yes
Swain Yes
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

RESOLUTIONS:

261-11-2014 – Resolution Approving Refund of Duplicate Payment for Permit for Tree Removal

262-11-2014 – Payment of Bills “A”

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Wichterman

Roll Call:
Murray Yes
Swain Yes
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

262-11-2014 – Payment of Bills “B”

Motion: Mahaney
Second: Wichterman

Roll Call:
Murray Yes
Swain Abstain
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

MINUTES:

City Council Worksession/Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 7, 2014

City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated October 7, 2014

City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated October 31, 2014

City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated November 3, 2014

Motion: Wichterman
Second: Murray

Roll Call:
Murray Yes
Swain Yes
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE CLERK:

City of Cape May Occupancy Tax 2% Budget Projection dated November 14, 2014
Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes dated September 11, 2014 and October 9, 2014
City of Cape May Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes dated October 28, 2014
City of Cape May EMS Incident Report for October, 2014
City of Cape May Fire Department Monthly Report for October 2014
City of Cape May Assessor's Office Monthly Report dated November 6, 2014

Motion: Wichterman
Second: Swain
Roll Call:
Murray Yes
Swain Yes
Wichterman Yes
Mahaney Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

A) City Attorney
B) City Manager – Mr. MacLeod announces that Seasonal Beach Tags, at the reduced rate of \$20.00 for the 2015 summer season, will be available in the Tax Office beginning December 1, 2014. Veteran/Active Military beach tags may also be obtained beginning December 1, 2014 at no cost. However, Veterans/Active Military must apply in person and must present proper identification. Mr. MacLeod advises that the City of Cape May has qualified to receive an annual dividend of \$8,250.00 from the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund. Those funds will be applied toward next year's insurance costs. Finally, Mr. MacLeod reports that the next phase of the ADA Improvements around the Washington Street Mall, East Lyle Lane and Mansion Street will be advertised with bids to be received December 9, 2014.

Mr. MacLeod announces upcoming City Events and Activities as follows:

Holiday Craft Fair at Convention Hall, November 28 & 29, 2014 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Cape May City Christmas tree lighting in Rotary Park, December 5, 2014 at 7 P.M.
Free Holiday Concert at Convention Hall, December 13, 2014 at 7 P.M.
Free Holiday Party at Convention Hall from 7 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

C) City Clerk – Ms. Cummiskey announces that the City of Cape May is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Monday, November 24, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Convention Hall. The American Red Cross is in need of blood, especially during the Holidays. For more information, please contact Patty Harbora, Deputy City Clerk at (609) 884-9530 or you may make an appointment on the web-site at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: cape may city.)

D) Councilmembers – Deputy Mayor Wichterman reminds everyone to attend the round table discussion regarding the School Funding Formula change. The discussion will be held at Convention Hall on Friday, November 21, 2014 at 1 P.M.

Mayor Mahaney announces that the City of Cape May will be receiving a Sustainable Jersey Silver Award on November 18, 2014 at the NJ League of Municipalities. Mayor Mahaney reports that FEMA recently released the updated flood insurance maps for the State of New Jersey. In that regard, Cape May County will hold a Public Open House Meeting respecting flood risk updates at Cape May Convention Hall on Friday, December 12, 2014 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. Mayor and Council encourage all residents whose properties are currently within a flood hazard area to attend the meeting. Property owners will have the opportunity to view the maps so they may take the necessary steps to protect their property and obtain affordable flood insurance. Finally, Mayor Mahaney announces that the Cape May channel dredging project has been completed.

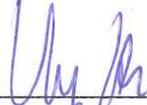
PUBLIC PORTION: Those wishing to publicly comment shall come forward, give their name and address and speak into the microphone. Each speaker will be limited to five (5) minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

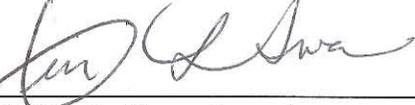
Motion made by Deputy Mayor Wichterman, seconded by Councilmember Murray, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.



Edward J. Mahaney, Jr., Mayor



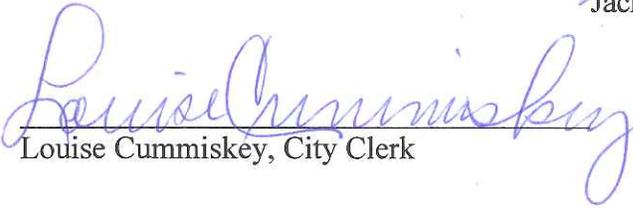
William H. Murray, Esq., Councilmember



Terri L. Swain, Councilmember



Jack Wichterman, Deputy Mayor



Louise Cummiskey, City Clerk