



**CITY OF CAPE MAY
REORGANIZATION MEETING
Thursday, July 1, 2011 12:00 Noon**

The reorganization meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Mayor Mahaney at 12:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 1, 2011, in the Cape May City Hall Auditorium. The Clerk called the roll.

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

Mayor Mahaney explains that this reorganization meeting will be followed by another reorganization on January 1, 2012 to get the City on a new cycle as a result of the municipal elections being moved from May to November.

An invocation if offered by Reverend Jeffrey Elliot, Pastor Cape May Lutheran Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is led by Eagle Scout Tyler Sole from West Cape May Boy Scout Troop #73.

A moment of silence offered in memory of past Councilmember Joseph Fox.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor

Resolution #142-07-2011 Election of Deputy Mayor – Jack Wichterman

Motion: Murray

Second: Fiocca

Roll Call:

Fiocca	Yes
Murray	Yes
Swain	Yes
Wichterman	Yes
Mahaney	Yes

Oath of Office administered to Deputy Mayor by City Clerk

Resolution #143-07-2011 Appointment of Class III Planning Board Member – William Murray

Motion: Fiocca

Second: Wichterman

Roll Call:

Fiocca	Yes
Murray	Yes
Swain	Yes
Wichterman	Yes
Mahaney	Yes

Resolution #144-07-2011 Appointment of Business Improvement District Board Member – Terri Swain

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Murray

Roll Call:

Fiocca	Yes
Murray	Yes
Swain	Yes
Wichterman	Yes
Mahaney	Yes

Resolution #145-07-2011 Appointment of Tourism Commission Member – Deanna Fiocca

Motion: Swain

Second: Wichterman

Roll Call:

Fiocca	Yes
Murray	Yes
Swain	Yes
Wichterman	Yes

Mahaney Yes

Oath of Office administered by City Clerk to:

Class III Planning Board Member

Business Improvement District Board Member

Tourism Commission Member

Address by Mayor Edward J. Mahaney, Jr.

Mayor Mahaney offers his state of the City address. He reminds all that the purpose of this address is to give all an opportunity to reflect on the events of the last year, looking at our goals, our accomplishments and to looking forward to the challenges before us. The Mayor comments that our main focus is to attain a long-range plan to preserve the quality of life for our citizens and business people while maintaining an economic climate which allows us to live and work in the City of Cape May. Mayor Mahaney mentions the noteworthy accomplishments of the past year beginning with the Lower Cape May Meadows Beach Replenishment project, Phase II and Phase III of the USDA Sanitary Sewer Improvements, reducing a proposed two cent tax increase to six-tenths of one percent through the cooperation and hard work of the current Council, continuing work on the Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement, sponsoring the skin cancer screening for the third year, increasing the Bond rating of the City of Cape May from A+ to AA-, changing the municipal elections from May to November, entering into a twenty-five year lease agreement with the Cape May Tennis Club, the reaccreditation of the Cape May Police Department, continuing work with East Cape May Associates for the implementation of the Settlement agreement which will allow the City to maintain seventy-eight acres as a wildlife sanctuary on the East end of the City achieved solely through grants at no cost to the taxpayer, and upgrading locations throughout the City to comply with ADA requirements. Mayor Mahaney highlights projects that the City will undertake during the current year, including the construction of the new Convention Hall and acknowledges that the Shade Tree Commission received an award this year for thirty years as a "Tree City USA."

Councilmembers Address Remarks to Audience

Councilmember Fiocca speaks of the knowledge gleaned over the past year and looks forward to another great year.

Councilmember Murray comments that it has been a privilege to sit on Council for the past year. He is proud of contributing to the passage of a fiscally responsible budget in these trying times while maintaining the quality of public safety. He mentions the Cape May Vision committee and is proud of the work being done by that committee to maintain the quality of life in the City of Cape May. Finally, he speaks of the cooperation of everyone in beginning the construction of the new Convention Hall building.

Deputy Mayor Wichterman comments that this has been a very enjoyable year and thanks his fellow councilmembers for their cooperation and contributions throughout the year, especially in regard to Convention Hall. He looks forward to next year.

Councilmember Swain compliments the members of the BID and their achievements. She thanks the City Solicitor, City Manager, City Clerk and Deputy Clerk, as well as her fellow councilmembers and looks forward to working with them next year.

City Manager Bruce MacLeod compliments city Council for staying the course and working together on both the easy and more difficult issues.

City Solicitor Anthony Monzo states that it has been an honor to serve as counsel for the City of Cape May.

A Benediction is given by Reverend Rina Terry, Pastor, Cape May United Methodist Church

The following Resolutions will be approved by Consent. Mayor Mahaney offers an explanation of the purpose of the Resolutions for the benefit of the public.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 146-07-2011 Resolution of the City of Cape May extending the appointment of the City Solicitor
- 147-07-2011 Resolution of the City of Cape May extending the appointment of the Municipal Auditor
- 148-07-2011 Resolution of the City of Cape May extending the appointment of Bond Counsel
- 149-07-2011 Resolution of the City of Cape May extending the appointment of the Municipal Prosecutor
- 150-07-2011 Resolution of the City of Cape May extending the appointment of the Public Defender
- 151-07-2011 Resolution establishing business hours for City Hall, Cape May
- 152-07-2011 Resolution designating meeting day, place for Council Meetings of the City of Cape May
- 153-07-2011 Designation of bank depositories for the City of Cape May
- 154-07-2011 Resolution of the City of Cape May appointing members of the Boards and Commissions of the City of Cape May

All of the above were done by consent

Motion: Wichterman

Second: Fiocca

Roll Call:

Fiocca	Yes
Murray	Yes
Swain	Yes
Wichterman	Yes
Mahaney	Yes

The Mayoral Appointments were read.

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 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
Terrence Brown, Director Department of Civic Affairs
Skip Loughlin, Lt., Fire Police

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilmember Fiocca, seconded by Councilmember Murray to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 P.M.

Edward J. Mahaney, Jr., Mayor

Jack Wichterman, Deputy Mayor

Deanna Fiocca, Councilmember

Terri L. Swain, Councilmember

William Murray, Councilmember

Diane L. Weldon, City Clerk