



**REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.**

The Meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Mayor Mullock at 5:15 P.M. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 in the Cape May City Hall Auditorium and streamed live on the City's website (capemaycity.com). The Deputy City Clerk called the roll and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk announced that under the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this Special Meeting was sent to the Cape May County Herald and The Press of Atlantic City and a copy of the agenda was delivered to each Member of Council and was posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board.

Present: Councilmember Lorraine M. Baldwin
Councilmember Steve Bodnar
Councilmember Maureen K. McDade
Councilmember Shaine P. Meier
Mayor Zachary Mullock

Also Present: City Solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz
City Manager Paul Dietrich - Absent
Deputy City Manager Justin Riggs
City Clerk Erin C. Burke
Deputy City Clerk Brian Turner
CFO Kevin Hanie

Minutes do not reflect the actual order in which the events occurred.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

121-03-2025 Resolution of the City of Cape May, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Award of Cooperative Contract with Fox Fence for Restoration Services Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System Contract ESCNJ 24/25-15

Motion to table indefinitely: Baldwin **Second:** Bodnar
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

UPDATES:

- Deputy City Manager – Deputy City Manager Riggs states that the Budget introduction and Manager's presentation is scheduled for April 1, 2025. Mr. Riggs states that all City projects are on schedule. The Deputy City Manager states that CFO Kevin Hanie is in attendance for the bond ordinance introduction.
- City Solicitor – City Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz provides an update on the sale of 610 Beach Avenue and the existing easement agreement. Mr. Gillin-Schwartz states that both parties

have been in contact, and that the City has a first right of refusal if an offer is made on the property.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

555-2025 An Ordinance Amending Section 434 of the City of Cape May Code to Establish Limits on City Recycling Collection and Require Private Collection for Amounts Exceeding Those Limits

City Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz recommends adding language providing a “carve-out” for properties located within the Washington Street Mall Improvement District, giving the City Manager and Recycling Coordinator the authority to direct collection in this area. The amendment also emphasizes that any property owner in the City has the ability to bring excess recycling to the municipal recycling station at 830 Canning House Lane.

Motion to amend: Baldwin **Second:** Meier
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

Motion to introduce as amended: McDade **Second:** Meier
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION:

552-2025 Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Cape May City Code Regarding Metered Parking Zones and Fees

Motion: Baldwin **Second:** Bodnar
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

553-2025 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements to City-Owned Buildings and Grounds, by and in the City of Cape May, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$2,200,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,095,238 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Motion: McDade **Second:** Baldwin
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

130-03-2025 Resolution Authorizing a Non-Binding Letter of Intent with the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC) A New Jersey Non-Profit for Bond and Reimbursement Plan to Fund Improvements to City Owned Property Known as the Emlen Physick Estate

Motion: McDade **Second:** Bodnar
Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan would like to know why the roof at Convention Hall is being replaced, and the extent of the work. Ms. Sheehan inquires as to which area of the City the preservation grant applies to. Ms. Sheehan would like to know the extent of the work on the windows at City Hall.

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch would like to know how the City decides on how they are going to go out to bid for projects, for example, state contract versus a bidding process. Mr. Rauch would like to know the reason behind the resolution approving the emergency temporary budget appropriations.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Reports:

Fire Incident Report for the month of February 2025

Police Incident Report for the month of February 2025

Minutes:

Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 18, 2024

Cape May City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated December 3, 2024

Cape May City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated December 3, 2024

Resolutions:

- 120-03-2025 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Cape May City Police Department and Cape May County Prosecutor's Office in Connection with Cape May County Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Program
- 122-03-2025 Resolution of the City of Cape May, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Award of Cooperative Contract with Fox Fence for Roof Repair and Maintenance Services Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System Contract ESCNJ 23/24-30
- 123-03-2025 Resolution of the City of Cape May to Apply for and Accept a Neighborhood Preservation Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
- 124-03-2025 Resolution Extending CC#24-07 to Primepoint LLC in a Fair and Open Award for Payroll Processing Services
- 125-03-2025 Resolution for Release of Performance Guarantee for 1317 Beach Avenue, Block 1146, Lot (s) 10,6,7,11-24
- 126-03-2025 Resolution Authorizing the Signature of the Recertification of the Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Cape May
- 127-03-2025 Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing a Grant Application to the Wawa Foundation – Cape May City Office of Emergency Management
- 128-03-2025 Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing a Grant Application to the Wawa Foundation – Cape May City Police Department
- 129-03-2025 Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing a Grant Application to the Wawa Foundation – Cape May City Volunteer Fire Company
- 131-03-2025 Resolution Authorizing Contract for Services with Deckard Technologies, Inc. for Short Term Rental Property Data and Analytics
- 132-03-2025 Resolution Accepting the FFY2025 Cops in Shops Grant
- 133-03-2025 Resolution Appointing the Cape May City Clean Communities Coordinator
- 134-03-2025 Resolution Authorizing a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with the County of Cape May for Cape May City Hall
- 135-03-2025 Resolution Approving Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriations – Current Fund
- 136-03-2025 Resolution Authorizing Agreement for 2025 Spring and Summer Recreation Program for Skyhawks & Supertots Sports Academy
- 137-03-2025 Resolution for the Payment of Bills

Councilmember Bodnar states that he is abstaining from the adoption of all minutes listed.

Motion to adopt consent agenda: McDade **Second:** Meier

Meier: Yes **McDade:** Yes **Bodnar:** Yes **Baldwin:** Yes **Mullock:** Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

- City Solicitor – None.
- Deputy City Manager – None.
- City Clerk – City Clerk Erin Burke states that Mercantile License renewals were emailed out March 6th. Ms. Burke states that the City will be hosting a job fair at Convention Hall, May 7th, from 4PM-7PM.
- Councilmembers:
 - **Councilmember Baldwin** – Councilmember Baldwin states that the polar plunge was a success, and that singer/songwriter is back this year, March 28th and 29th.
 - **Deputy Mayor McDade** – Deputy Mayor McDade is looking forward to enforcing mercantile licenses through Deckard Technologies.
 - **Mayor Mullock** – Mayor Mullock announces the “Mayor’s Wellness Campaign.”
 - **Councilmember Bodnar**– Councilmember Meier compliments DPW for their work during recent heavy rains, and encourages residents to help by clearing storm drains.
 - **Councilmember Meier** – Mr. Meier is excited to see the United States astronauts return to earth.

PUBLIC PORTION

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch comments on the recycling ordinance, stating the taxpaying residents should not be paying for business expenses.

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan would like clarification on how much recyclables businesses are allowed to have in the City of Cape May.

Patricia Ternove, 719 Franklin Street – Ms. Ternove would like clarification on the size of recycling cans allowed to be placed at the curb, and commends the work of DPW.

Bernie Haas, 1069 Michigan Avenue – Mr. Haas is excited to see the temporary bathroom structure gone from Beach Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion is made to adjourn by Councilmember Meier with all in favor. The Regular Meeting adjourns at 6:16PM.



Zachary Mullock, Mayor



Maureen K. McDade, Deputy Mayor



Lorraine M. Baldwin, Councilmember



Steve Bodnar, Councilmember



Shaine P. Meier, Councilmember



Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

