



**REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Tuesday, January 21, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.**

The Meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Mayor Mullock at 5:09 P.M. on Tuesday, January 21, 2026 in the Cape May City Hall Auditorium and streamed live on the City's website (capemaycity.com). The 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
Deputy Mayor Maureen K. McDade
Councilmember Shaine P. Meier
Mayor Zachary Mullock

Also Present: City Solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz
City Manager Paul Dietrich
City Clerk Erin C. Burke
Deputy City Clerk Brian Turner

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

- 87-01-2026 Resolution Establishing a Task Force for the Creation of Uniform Standards for City Signage
- 88-01-2026 Resolution of the City of Cape May Approving Agreement with the Borough of West Cape May for Law Enforcement and Dispatching Services
- 89-01-2026 Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Cape May and the Police Benevolent Association, Local 59
- 90-01-2026 Resolution of the City of Cape May Requesting the Governor to Issue Disaster Declaration for New Jersey's Beaches in Response to Storm Damage

Motion to add to regular agenda: Baldwin **Second:** McDade
Meier: Yes McDade: Yes Bodnar: Yes Baldwin: Yes Mullock: Yes

UPDATES:

- City Manager—The City Manager announces that the City has received all permits to begin the desalination plant project. The City Manager recognizes Deborah Lindholm for holding the highest level of tax certification. Mr. Dietrich states that he was in Washington D.C. to

meet with representatives and the Army Corp of Engineers for beach protection. The City Manager seeks a motion to proceed with change orders one and two for the lifeguard headquarters, with a memorializing resolution to be prepared for the next meeting.

Motion to authorize Change Order numbers 1 and 2 for the Beach Patrol Headquarters project: McDade **Second:** Baldwin

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

- City Solicitor – City Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz provides an update on E-Bike legislation.
- City Council – Mayor Mullock states that when Ordinance 588-2026: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Cape May Regarding On-Street Parking Permits to Confirm Residency Requirement returns for consideration for adoption on February 3, 2026, Council indents on tabling the ordinance indefinitely.

City Manager Dietrich invites Anthony Chadwell and Dave Maillet from Remington & Vernick Engineers to briefly present on the proposed design of the First Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT:

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch would like to know if there will be lights installed along the path of the bridge.

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan is concerned with the width of the bridge as it relates to pedestrians and bicycles. Ms. Sheehan expresses concern over public notice of the presentation.

Roz Johnson, 826 Lafayette Street – Ms. Johnson expresses concern over public notice of the presentation.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

589-2026 Ordinance Confirming the Appointing Authority for the Shade Tree Commission

Motion: Meier **Second:** Baldwin

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

590-2026 Ordinance Amending Section 482 of the City of Cape May Code to Update the Policies and Procedures for the Protection of Trees in the City of Cape May

Motion: Meier **Second:** Baldwin

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

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY – None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Reports:

Tax Collector Report for the months of August, September, October, and November 2025

Police Incident Report for the month of December 2025

Resolutions:

82-01-2026 Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Stockton University Coastal Research Center for Beachface Slope Surveying

- 83-01-2026 Resolution for the Refund of Overpaid 2025 Water/Sewer – 711 Kearney Avenue, Block 1065, Lot 12
- 84-01-2026 Resolution Authorizing Submission of Strategic Plan for the Cape May County Municipal Alliance Grant Program for FY2027
- 85-01-2026 Resolution for Transfers of Appropriations – 2025 Budget
- 86-01-2026 Resolution for the Payment of Bills

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

- 87-01-2026 Resolution Establishing a Task Force for the Creation of Uniform Standards for City Signage

Motion to amend to include Councilmember Meier: Mullock **Second:** McDade

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

Motion to adopt as amended: McDade **Second:** Baldwin

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

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Motion: McDade **Second:** Bodnar

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Motion: McDade **Second:** Baldwin

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Motion: McDade **Second:** Bodnar

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- City Solicitor – None.
- City Manager – Mr. Dietrich advises residents and businesses to prepare for snow and shovel sidewalks, especially if they are on school or business routes.
- City Clerk – None.
- **Councilmembers**
 - **Councilmember Baldwin** – None.
 - **Deputy Mayor McDade** – None.
 - **Mayor Mullock** – Mayor Mullock thanks the City Manager for driving to Washington D.C. The Mayor states that there will be another opportunity to present the pedestrian bridge plans, with advanced notice.
 - **Councilmember Bodnar** – None.
 - **Councilmember Meier** – Mr. Meier states that the Shade Tree Commission will be removing a Tree of Heaven on Elmira Street, and encourages the City to

determine if a sidewalk in that location would be possible.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Roz Johnson – Ms. Johnson asks for an update on the Quality-of-Life committee.

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch suggests the planting of Crape Myrtles as part of the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Rauch asks the City Manager if there is a plan to add a jetty at the Coast Guard beach.

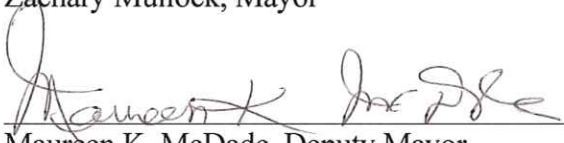
Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan states that there are lights behind City Hall that are out. Ms. Sheehan requests clarification on the On-street parking process; questions the cost details of the West Cape May police shared services contract; and inquires who is responsible for putting a sidewalk on Elmira Street.

Mike Barker, 1017 New Jersey Avenue – Mr. Barker thanks Council for their intent to table proposed Ordinance 588-2026 regarding On-street parking residency requirement indefinitely.

ADJOURNMENT

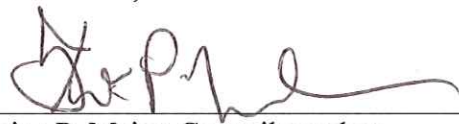
Motion is made to adjourn by Councilmember Meier with all in favor. The Regular Meeting adjourns at 6:46 PM.



Zachary Mullock, Mayor

Maureen K. McDade, Deputy Mayor

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Erin C. Burke, City Clerk