



**REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Tuesday, May 6, 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 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 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
Councilmember Maureen K. McDade
Councilmember Shaine P. Meier
Mayor Zachary Mullock

Also Present: City Solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz
City Manager Paul Dietrich
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 - None.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

City Manager Dietrich presents Esther Chico with the Employee of the Month award.

UPDATES:

- City Manager – City Manager Dietrich provides an update on the State Plan, and presents the proposed capital budget. Mr. Dietrich and Council have a discussion about the electric trolleys, and decide they will not be moving forward at this time.
- City Solicitor – None.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

559-2025 Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 Of the Cape May City Code Regarding Metered Parking and Incorporating the Cape Island Baptist Church Parking Lot Pursuant to the City Use Agreement

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

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION:

556-2025 An Ordinance Amending Section 368-2 of the City Code Regarding Prohibited Conduct in Park and Recreation Areas to Regulate use of the Lafayette Street Park Nature Trails

Councilmember Meier states that he is not in favor of dogs being allowed on the nature trails due to safety and health concerns, especially for the school children who will be utilizing the trails during the school day.

Police Chief Dekon Fashaw recommends not allowing dogs on the nature trails.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

Motion: Meier **Second:** Bodnar

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

557-2025 An Ordinance Authorizing the Grant of a Conservation Restriction/Easement to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for Property Known as Block 1000, Lot(S) 60.01, 61.01, 62.01, 63.01, 63.02, 63.03 in Connection with the Cape May Seawall Madison to Wilmington Avenue Project

Motion: Baldwin **Second:** McDade

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Patricia Reagan, 1621 Beach Avenue – Ms. Reagan expresses concern over flooding, and the ability of pumps to properly relieve the effects of it.

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan replies to Ms. Reagan’s comments, stating that there should not be an issue with the sand and the flooding.

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan would like to see “no smoking” signs at the Lafayette Street Park Nature Trails. Ms. Sheehan would like to see public interaction with the Quality of Life workgroup.

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch would like the public to be made aware of the total cost and how those costs will be allocated for the seawall project.

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan would like to know where the \$25,000,000 came from for the seawall project.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Reports:

Quality of Life workgroup report

Police Incident Report for the month of April 2025

Fire Incident Report for the month of April 2025

Minutes:

Cape May City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes dated August 6, 2024

Resolutions:

- 169-05-2025 Resolution Approving Certified List of the City of Cape May LOSAP Qualified Volunteer Fire Department Members for the Year 2024
- 170-05-2025 Resolution Acknowledging 100 Years of City Managers in the City of Cape May, and Recognizing Paul A. Volcker as Cape May's First City Manager
- 171-05-2025 Resolution to Appoint Contact Person for the Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Service Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 172-05-2025 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to J. P. Bainbridge & Associates, Inc. to Perform Real Estate Appraisal Services in Connection with the Application for Green Acres Funding for Block 1000, Lot 34
- 173-05-2025 Resolution Designating the Month of August as Veterans and Military Appreciation Month in the City of Cape May
- 174-05-2025 Resolution Rejecting All Bids for Bid #25R-01 – Generator Maintenance and Repair Bid
- 175-05-2025 Resolution Authorizing Change Order Number 2 to Contract for Franklin Street Reconstruction with Charles Marandino, LLC
- 176-05-2025 Resolution for the Payment of Bills

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

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

Councilmember Bodnar abstains from the August 6, 2024 Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- City Solicitor – None.
- City Manager – The City will be hosting a City-wide job fair, tomorrow at Convention Hall.
- City Clerk – City Clerk Erin Burke states that there will be a property tax relief information session at the Crest Arts Pavillion, at 6301 Ocean Ave in Wildwood Crest on May 13th at 10AM.
- Councilmembers:
 - **Councilmember Baldwin** – Councilmember Baldwin commends the City on the grand opening of the new Community Center. Ms. Baldwin would like to remind residents and visitors about Jazz Fest, taking place May 16-18.
 - **Deputy Mayor McDade** – Deputy Mayor McDade provides an update on the affordable housing on Lafayette Street.
 - **Mayor Mullock** – Mayor Mullock would like to thank everyone that worked on getting the Community Center opened up and ready for public use.
 - **Councilmember Bodnar** – Councilmember Bodnar states that on May 15th there will be the next beach cleanup on Queen Street Beach, at 3PM. Mr. Bodnar states that on May 15th at 5PM, the Citizenship Award Ceremony will take place on the Washington Street Mall.
 - **Councilmember Meier** – Councilmember Meier would like to remind residents about lantern flies and the tree of heaven.

PUBLIC PORTION

Peter Cole, 1075 Michigan Avenue – Mr. Cole states that he would like to see dogs allowed on the Lafayette Street Park Nature Trails.

Jules Rauch, 101 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch expresses frustration over the enforcement of dogs and bikes in certain public areas of the City. Mr. Rauch would like an update on the mercantile renewals for 2025.

Bob Egler, 5 Jackson Street – Mr. Egler raises a question about the location of the proposed bathroom near Jackson Street on the Washington Street Mall.

Peter Garcia, 705 Kearney Avenue – Mr. Garcia expresses concern over various safety issues he has identified in the City, particularly around Soldiers and Sailors Park.

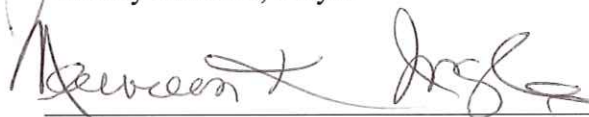
Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan would like to see regulation on pools in side yards, in the historic district. Ms. Sheehan expresses concerns over the proposed location of the USS Jacob Jones Memorial, stating that it is unsafe for visitors to stop in that area.

Matt Moser, 1351 Delaware Avenue – Mr. Moser states that he would like to see a zoning change in the village green section of the City, allowing the homes to be built higher.


ADJOURNMENT


Motion is made to adjourn by Councilmember Meier with all in favor. The Regular Meeting adjourns at 7:04PM.



Zachary Mullock, Mayor

Maureen K. McDade, Deputy Mayor

Lorraine M. Baldwin, Councilmember

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Erin C. Burke, City Clerk