



**REGULAR MEETING  
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ  
Tuesday, April 1, 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, April 1, 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 – Present via telephone 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

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

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS - None.**

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

City Manager Paul Dietrich presents David Scheffler with the employee of the month award.

**UPDATES:**

- City Manager – City Manager Dietrich reminds visitors and residents that parking meters have been turned on today. Mr. Dietrich commends DPW and Convention Hall staff for their work on the new Community Center.
- City Solicitor – None.
- Special Projects Engineer Vince Orlando – Mr. Orlando provides an update on various projects:
  - Franklin Street Reconstruction – Project 85% complete. Gas lamps and landscaping remain.
  - Water Transmission Line – Waterline installed. Coordinating electrical and controls with contractor.
  - City Hall Parking Lot – currently under construction.
  - Lafayette Street Park Phase 1 – Currently under construction. Anticipated completion date of July 2025.

- Lafayette Street Park Nature Trails – Construction 70% complete. Anticipated completion date of May 15, 2025.
- Harborview Park – Currently under design. Proposed bid date July 2025. Construction to begin Fall 2025

#### **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

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 Bodnar recommends amending the ordinance to state that “Dogs are permitted, and shall be leashed at all time. Owners are responsible for cleaning up all animal waste.”

**Motion to amend:** McDade **Second:** Baldwin

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

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

**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:** McDade **Second:** Baldwin

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

#### **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION:**

554-2025 An Ordinance Amending the City Code to Require Covering of Dumpsters in Transit

**Motion to amend to include six points of attachment:** McDade **Second:** Baldwin

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

City Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz advises that this amendment is not substantial and does not impact potential adoption of this ordinance this evening.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – None.**

#### **PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY**

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch inquires how far the beach mats will be extending up the beach, and City Manager Dietrich states that for now, they will be ending at Madison Avenue. Mr. Rauch inquires if City Auditor Leon Costello will be giving an audit report on his findings. Mr. Rauch requests an explanation on the resolution authorizing the police outside duty services.

Resolution 141-04-2025 is removed from the consent agenda.



## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **Minutes:**

Cape May City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes dated December 3, 2024  
Cape May City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated December 17, 2024  
Cape May City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated December 17, 2024  
Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 17, 2024

### **Resolutions:**

- 140-04-2025 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Sunbelt Rentals Through Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract "Equipment Rental Supplier" Beach Accessible Mats and Accessories
- 142-04-2025 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Professional Services to Ford Scott & Associates, L.L.C., for Account Reconciliation Services
- 143-04-2025 Resolution Authorizing CC#25-02 Police Outside Duty Services to Hart Halsey, LLC D/B/A Extra Duty Solutions in a Fair and Open Manner
- 144-04-2025 Resolution for Rejection of Bids for Generator Maintenance and Repair Bid #25-01
- 145-04-2025 Resolution of Award for Bid #24R-19 HVAC Services – Falasca Mechanical, Inc.
- 146-04-2025 Resolution of Award for Bid # 24-20 Electrical Services – Northeast Mechanical Services, Inc.
- 147-04-2025 Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Property Owned by JCP&L known as Block 1061, Lots 50, 43, 48 & 49 in the Area of St. John Street and Lafayette Street
- 148-04-2025 Resolution Extending the 2025 Budget Introduction and Adoption Dates
- 149-04-2025 Resolution for the Cancellation of Unexpended Balances of Emergency Appropriations in the Current Fund
- 150-04-2025 Resolution Authorizing and Encouraging Unpaid Internship and Volunteer Opportunities within All Cape May City Departments
- 151-04-2025 Resolution Authorizing Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank to Fund Improvements to the City's Sanitary Sewer System and Watermain Improvements – FY2025 Drinking Water Application
- 152-04-2025 Resolution Authorizing Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank to Fund Improvements to the City's Sanitary Sewer System and Watermain Improvements – FY2025 Clean Water Application
- 153-04-2025 Resolution Recognizing NJ Local Government Week April 7 Through April 11th, and Encouraging All Citizens to Support the Celebration and Corresponding Activities
- 154-04-2025 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:** Baldwin

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 141-04-2025 Resolution Rejecting All Bids for Bid #24-30 Lighting Replacement City of Cape May Convention Hall

**Motion to amend to indicate that two bids were received:** Baldwin      **Second:** McDade

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

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- City Solicitor – None.
- Deputy City Manager – City Manager Dietrich states that the lineup for the summer concert series is published and that there are several events happening in the City for the month of April.
- City Clerk – City Clerk Erin Burke states that the Blessing of the Waters ceremony will be on April 5, at 11AM, at the Fisherman’s Memorial. On May 7 at 4PM the City will be hosting a job fair at Convention Hall. Ms. Burke announces that the Kiwanis Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 19 at 11AM on the beach in front of Convention Hall, and the Easter Fashion Stroll will take place in Rotary Park on April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11AM.
- Councilmembers:
  - **Councilmember Baldwin** – None.
  - **Deputy Mayor McDade** – None.
  - **Mayor Mullock** – The Mayor praises recent singer/songwriter events in the City. Mayor Mullock commends the Water Department for their work to contain a recent leak in the water facility.
  - **Councilmember Bodnar** – None.
  - **Councilmember Meier** – None.
- **Deputy City Manager Riggs** – Mr. Riggs announces that next week will start “Local Government Week” and that several events will be posted on the City’s social media.
- **Police Chief Dekon Fashaw** – Chief Fashaw provides an update on the security camera installations in the City.


#### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Peter Cole, President of the TPA – Mr. Cole reads a letter on behalf of the TPA, officially opposing the recycling ordinance, as it is written.

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch states that he supports the TPA’s view on the recycling ordinance, opposing the ordinance as it is written.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion is made to adjourn by Councilmember Baldwin with all in favor. The Regular Meeting adjourns at 6:13PM.




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Zachary Mullock, Mayor



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Maureen K. McDade, Deputy Mayor



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Lorraine M. Baldwin, Councilmember




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Steve Bodnar, Councilmember



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