

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 3:30 P.M.

The Meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Mayor Mullock at 3:35 P.M. on Tuesday, June 3, 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

567-2025

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Water-Sewer Utility Improvements, by and in the City of Cape May, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$8,750,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,750,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance the Costs Thereof

Motion to add: McDade

Second: Bodnar

Meier: Yes

McDade: Yes

Bodnar: Yes

Baldwin: Yes

Mullock: Yes

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

City Manager Dietric presents Jennie McCaney with the Employee of the Month award.

UPDATE

LCMR Structured Learning Experience Program – Eddie Fucci provides an overview of the program and his time with the Cape May Fire Department, in hopes that the program will continue in the future.

UPDATES:

- City Manager City Manager Dietrich provides an update on Mercantile Licenses in the
 City, stating that approximately 1,200 licenses have been issued. Mr. Dietrich gives an
 update on Beach Tag sales, and states that within the next two weeks, construction projects
 will start to slow down for the summer season. The City Manager states that on Tuesday,
 June 11, a marker will be unveiled at the Franklin Street School, and on Friday June 13 at
 1:00PM, Cape May County will open the Lafayette Street Park Nature Trail.
- City Solicitor –City Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz states that there are several development ordinances that the Planning Board has reviewed, and that they will be providing recommendations to Council.

DISCUSSION:

City Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz leads a discussion about limiting extension of premises applications for liquor licenses, and a potential ordinance designed to establish what the City desires in relation to the liquor license policies.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

An Ordinance Amending Section 368-2 of the City Code Regarding Prohibited Conduct in Park and Recreation Areas to Prohibit Dogs on the Nature Trails at

Lafayette Street Park

Motion: Meier Second: Baldwin

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

An Ordinance Providing Minimum Parking Limitations and Regulations for All

Vehicles in the City of Cape May

Motion: McDade Second: Bodnar

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

Bond Ordinance providing for Various Water-Sewer Utility Improvements, by and in the City of Cape May, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$2,355,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,355,000 Bonds or Notes of

the City to Finance the Costs Thereof

Motion: Meier Second: Bodnar

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

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Beach Utility Improvements, by and in the City of Cape May, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$2,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,000,000 Bonds or Notes of

the City to Finance the Costs Thereof

Motion: McDade Second: Meier

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

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2025 Capital Improvements, by and in the City of Cape May, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; Appropriating

\$4,620,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,400,000 Bonds or Notes of

the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Motion: Baldwin Second: McDade

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

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Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Water-Sewer Utility Improvements, by and in the City of Cape May, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$8,750,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,750,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance the Costs Thereof

Motion: Baldwin

Second: Meier

Meier: Yes

McDade: Yes

Bodnar: Yes

Baldwin: Yes

Mullock: Yes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Peter Garcia, 705 Kearney Avenue - Mr. Garcia would like to know if the police will be enforcing the prohibition of overnight parking in the lot.

Motion: McDade

Second: Baldwin

Meier: Yes

McDade: Yes

Bodnar: Yes

Baldwin: Yes

Mullock: Yes

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue - Ms. Sheehan requests clarification of the cost to Robbie Conley for additions and alterations to the Cape May Beach Patrol Headquarters. Ms. Sheehan would like to know if the City will be adding another employee to the stipend list, and the City Manager confirms that this is a permanent addition to that list.

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue - Mr. Rauch would like to know how the Fourth of July fireworks are funded. Mr. Rauch is of the opinion that the Oktoberfest special event fee should not be waived. Mr. Rauch would like to know if the alcoholic license renewals listed on the agenda are all of the licenses, or if there are some still outstanding.

Resolutions 197-06-2025, 198-06-2025, 202-06-2025, and 205-06-2025 are removed from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

Cape May City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated March 25, 2025

Cape May City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated March 25, 2025

Cape May City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated April 1, 2025

Cape May City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated April 1, 2025

Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 1, 2025

Cape May City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated April 15, 2025

Cape May City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated April 15, 2025

Resolutions:

Resolution of the City of Cape May City Council Urging Restoration of Federal 194-06-2025 Funding for the Historic Preservation Fund

- 195-06-2025 Resolution of the City of Cape May Authorizing the Annual 4th of July Fireworks Display
- 196-06-2025 Resolution Regarding Temporary Open Container and Public Consumption in Connection with Oktoberfest and the Waiver of Special Event Fees
- 199-06-2025 Resolution of Award for Generator Maintenance and Repair Bid #25RR-01
- 200-06-2025 Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Contract with Robbie J. Conley, AIA for Additions and Alterations to Cape May Beach Patrol Headquarters
- 201-06-2025 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #3 to Contract for Construction of the Lafayette Street Park Nature Trails
- 203-06-2025 A Resolution Providing for A Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 CWA Local 1036 Blue Collar negotiations; Oceanview Parking Lot
- 204-06-2025 Resolution Authorizing Stipend Payments to Certain City Employees based on Unanticipated and Increased Responsibilities during Calendar Year 2025 pursuant to Section 77-9 of the City Code

Motion to adopt consent agenda: McDade Second: Baldwin

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

Councilmember Meier abstains from the March 25, 2025 Minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

197-06-2025 Resolution Approving Alcoholic Beverage Club License Renewals for the 2025-2026 License Year

Motion: Meier Second: McDade

Meier: Yes McDade: Yes Bodnar: Yes Baldwin: Abstain Mullock: Yes

198-06-2025 Resolution Approving Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for the 2025-2026 License Year

Motion to amend to remove Madison Cape May FB LLC: McDade

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

Motion to adopt as amended: McDade Second: Meier

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

202-06-2025 Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Cape May and the I.A.F.F. Local 3495

Motion: Meier Second: Baldwin

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

205-06-2025 Resolution for the Payment of Bills

Motion to amend to add correct information: Meier Second: Baldwin

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

Motion to adopt as amended: Meier Second: McDade

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- City Solicitor None.
- City Manager None.

- City Clerk City Clerk Erin Burke states that the new recycling ordinance went into effect May 13th. Ms. Burke announces that the Primary Election is June 10th, with polls open 6AM-8PM.
- Councilmembers:
 - o Councilmember Baldwin None.
 - o Deputy Mayor McDade None.
 - o Mayor Mullock None.
 - Councilmember Bodnar- None.
 - Councilmember Meier Councilmember Meier asks the City Manager what the anticipated timeline is for the Lifeguard Headquarter renovation.

PUBLIC PORTION

Beth Acker, 637 Hughes Street - Ms. Acker is in support of dogs on the nature trails.

Joan Dempsey, 665 Hughes Street – Ms. Dempsey is in support of dogs on the nature trails.

Leslie Fog, 108 Trenton Avenue – Ms. Fog is not in favor of dogs on the nature trails.

Sharon Lee Kustra, 1037 Michigan Avenue – Ms. Kustra thanks the City, on behalf of the Cape May Board of Education, for making the nature trails a reality.

Jules Rauch, 101 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch states that the tax payers association would like to know the yearly payment for each bond the City approves.

Tim Durstewitz, 712 Franklin Street – Firefighter Durstewitz thanks Council for approving the union contract on behalf of the members of I.A.F.F. local 3495.

Trish Turnove, 721 Franklin Street – Ms. Turnove raises concern over the smoking that takes place on the library property.

Council enters Executive Session at 4:59 PM.

The Open Public Meeting resumes at 6:19 PM with no official action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion is made to adjourn by Deputy Mayor McDade, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin with all in favor. The Regular Meeting adjourns at 6:20 PM.

Zachary Mallock, Mayor

Maureen K. McDade, Deputy Mayor

Lorraine M. Baldwin, Councilmember

Steve Bodnar, Councilmember

Shaine P. Meier, Councilmember

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk