

# REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.

The Meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Mayor Mullock at 1:05 P.M. on Tuesday, August 5, 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 - ABSENT

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 Paul Dietrich presents Rich Heym with the employee of the month award.

#### **UPDATES:**

- City Manager City Manager Dietrich provides an update on City projects scheduled to begin in the Fall. Mr. Dietrich states that based on public feedback, the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial Committee has stated that they are starting back at the beginning with a new look at size and scope of the memorial, as well as the location.
- City Solicitor None.

## ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

574-2025 An Ord

An Ordinance Amending Zoning Code to Confirm the Intent and Purpose of Pool

Setback Requirements

Motion to amend to include a fire review: McDade

Second: Baldwin

Meier: Absent

McDade: Yes

Bodnar: Yes

Baldwin: Yes

Mullock: Yes

Motion to introduce as amended: Baldwin Second: McDade

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

575-2025 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 310 of the Code of the City of Cape May,

Concerning Licensing and Permits to Update Fees and Costs Associated with

Special Events and Use of Public Property

Motion: McDade Second: Bodnar

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

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

573-2025 An Ordinance Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts,

INC. (MAC) for a Portion of the Welcome Center

Motion: Baldwin Second: Bodnar

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

PUBLIC HEARING - None.

#### PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan has a question about the resolution for the water supply contract, with City Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz explaining the process. Ms. Sheehan asks Council how the corrective action plan is going to be addressed going forward, relating in particular to repeatedly identified items. Ms. Sheehan asks about the resolution authorizing proposals for risk management, and what exactly that induvial would be providing for the City.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### Reports:

Fire Incident Report for the Month of June 2025

#### Minutes:

Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 20, 2025

Cape May City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated May 20, 2025

Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 3, 2025

Cape May City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated June 3, 2025

Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 17, 2025

Cape May City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2025

#### **Resolutions:**

241-08-2025	Resolution for	the Refund of	Overpaid 2025	Property Taxes
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242-08-2025 Resolution Certifying the 2024 City of Cape May Annual Audit

243-08-2025 Resolution of the City of Cape May Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the

Year 2024

244-08-2025 Resolution for Award of Contract for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services -

Mutual of Omaha

245-08-2025 Resolution Authorizing Request for Proposals # 25-14 – Risk Management

Consultant Services for the City of Cape May

246-08-2025 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget

Pursuant to Chapter 159 PL 1948 - American Rescue Plan Infrastructure

247-08-2025 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget

Pursuant to Chapter 159 PL1948 -FY 2025 Wawa Foundation Grant

248-08-2025 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to Contract for the Promenade

Preservation Project

249-08-2025 Resolution for Appointment of a Member to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee of the City of Cape May

250-08-2025 Resolution Authorizing State Aid Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection for Construction of the Lower Cape May Meadows-Cape May Point, New Jersey Ecosystem Restoration Project Sixth Renourishment Cycle Project Number 6056-CMC-R-6

251-08-2025 Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intent to Enter into a Public-Private Contract Pursuant to the New Jersey Water Supply Public-Private Contracting Act for Tank Maintenance

252-08-2025 Resolution for the Payment of Bills

Motion to adopt consent agenda: McDade Second: Baldwin

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

### REGULAR AGENDA - None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- City Solicitor None.
- City Manager None.
- City Clerk City Clerk Erin Burke announces that National Night Out at will be taking place in front of Convention Hall at 5:30PM tonight.
- Councilmembers:
  - o **Councilmember Baldwin** Councilmember Baldwin commends Convention Hall staff on their summer concert series, stating that they have been very well attended.
  - Deputy Mayor McDade Deputy Mayor states that the Community Center has been a success and details several events taking place therein the coming months.
  - Mayor Mullock Mayor Mullock thanks Mr. Cassidy for joining the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Mayor Mullock thanks the lifeguards for their hard work this summer, and encourages residents and visitors to swim near a lifeguard.
  - o Councilmember Bodnar-None.
  - o Councilmember Meier None.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Sally Snyder, 1 Wilmington Avenue – Ms. Snyder states her opposition to the location of the proposed U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial, and presents a petition to Council.

Gail Wisley Morrison, 501 Lafayette Street – Ms. Morrison states her opposition to the location of the proposed U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial citing environmental concerns.

Jeff Morris, 1621 Beach Avenue – Mr. Morris provides suggestions for the proposed U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial

Lee Snyder, 1 Wilmington Avenue – Mr. Snyder states his opposition to the location of the proposed U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial, citing safety and traffic concerns.

Elizabeth Trucksess, 1725 New York Avenue – Ms. Trucksess states her opposition to the location of the proposed U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial, providing some alternate suggestions to Council.

Roz Johnson, 826 Lafayette Street - Ms. Johnson would like to know the process of getting approval to construct the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

Leslie Fog, 108 Trenton Avenue – Ms. Fog states her opposition to the location of the proposed U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial, suggesting that it be placed in Cape May Point.

Alice Morris, 1621 Beach Avenue – Ms. Morris questions the process for constructing the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial.

Hunter Cochrane, 1429 Beach Avenue – Mr. Cochrane questions the process of getting the U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial approved.

Joseph Carroll, 1720 Maryland Avenue – Mr. Carroll states his opposition to the location of the proposed U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial citing environmental concerns.

Elizabeth Hyde, 1007 New Jersey Avenue – Ms. Hyde states her opposition to the location of the proposed U.S.S. Jacob Jones Memorial citing environmental concerns.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion is made to adjourn by Councilmember Baldwin with all in favor. The Regular Meeting adjourns at 2:36 PM.

Zachary Mullock, Mayor

Maureen K. McDade, Deputy Mayor

raine M. Baldwin, Councilmember

Steve Bodnar, Councilmember

Absent from meeting; abstains from adoption Shaine P. Meier, Councilmember

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk