

**REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Tuesday, March 31, 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 5:03 P.M. on Tuesday, March 31, 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
Deputy City Manager Riggs
City Clerk Erin C. Burke
Deputy City Clerk Brian Turner

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

Mayor Mullock holds a moment of silence for Barney Dougherty.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

- 158-03-2026 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract for Brown & Connery LLP as Special Counsel
159-03-2026 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 – FY2026 Drinking Water Application

Motion to add all: McDade **Second:** Bodnar

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

UPDATES:

- City Manager – City Manager Dietrich provides an update on capital projects in the City. Mr. Dietrich states that he has revised the list of GovDeals items in resolution 156-03-2026, removing several of the AME Church items.

- City Solicitor – None.
- City Council – Councilmember Baldwin states that she has asked the City Manager to do an analysis of the City’s electric bills.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION:

600-2026 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 \$17,220,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$17,220,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance the Costs Thereof

Motion: McDade **Second:** Baldwin

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch would like to know if there is a rate estimate on this ordinance, and would like to know the payment details when they become available.

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan suggests reaching out to non-profits in town to see if they would be interested in the AME Church items removed from resolution 156-03-2026.

Jules Rauch, 1010 New York Avenue – Mr. Rauch would like to know the amount of the Infrastructure Bank loan to fund improvements to the City’s sanitary sewer system.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 2, 2025
 Cape May City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2025
 Cape May City Council Closed Session Minutes dated December 16, 2025
 Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2025
 Cape May City Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes dated January 6, 2026
 Cape May City Council Closed Session Minutes dated January 6, 2026
 Cape May City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2026
 Cape May City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2026
 Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2026
 Cape May City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated February 3, 2026
 Cape May City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated February 3, 2026
 Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated February 3, 2026
 Cape May City Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated February 17, 2026
 Cape May City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated March 3, 2026
 Cape May City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated March 3, 2026

Resolutions:

146-03-2026 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 – FY2026 Clean Water Application
 147-03-2026 Resolution Authorizing a Revised Contract with Deblasio & Associates Engineers for Planning and Design Services for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program
 148-03-2026 Resolution authorizing Change Order #1 to Contract for Sanitary Sewer & Water System Improvements (FY2025 New Jersey Water Bank)

- 149-03-2026 Resolution Authorizing Invitation for Bids for the FY2025 Municipal Aid Program Reconstruction of Wenonah Avenue – Madison Avenue to Sewell Avenue Project
- 150-03-2026 Resolution for Transfers of Appropriations – 2025 Budget
- 151-03-2026 Resolution for the Appointment of Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Official
- 152-03-2026 Resolution Regarding City of Cape May City-Wide Bi-annual Sidewalk Sales
- 153-03-2026 Resolution for Appointment of a Member to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee of the City of Cape May
- 154-03-2026 Resolution Recognizing NJ Local Government Week April 12 through April 18th, and Encouraging All Citizens to Support the Celebration and Corresponding Activities
- 155-03-2026 Resolution Accepting the FFY2026 Cops in Shops Grant
- 157-03-2026 Resolution for the Payment of Bills

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

- 156-03-2026 Resolution Authorizing Sale of Surplus City Property No Longer Needed for Public Use through Govdeals.com Public Online Auction

Motion to amend to remove AME Church items: McDade **Second:** Bodnar

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

- 158-03-2026 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract for Brown & Connery LLP as Special Counsel

Motion: Meier **Second:** Bodnar

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

- 159-03-2026 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 – FY2026 Drinking Water Application

Motion: Meier **Second:** Baldwin

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- City Solicitor – None.
- City Manager – None.
- Deputy City Clerk – Deputy City Clerk Brian Turner announces that the next City Council meeting is scheduled for April 21st at 5:00PM. Mr. Turner states that parking meters turn on Citywide on April 1st; the City of Cape May in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th; and the Easter Fashion Stroll will be at Rotary Park on April 5th.
- **Councilmembers**
 - **Councilmember Baldwin** – None.
 - **Deputy Mayor McDade** – None.
 - **Mayor Mullock** – Mayor Mullock commends DPW for storm recovery, and work

around the City.

- **Councilmember Bodnar**– Councilmember Bodnar announces the Run Through History 5K on May 9th.
- **Councilmember Meier** – Councilmember Meier wishes everyone a happy Easter.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Dennis Crowley, 806 Lafayette Street – Mr. Crowley recognizes the achievements and passing of Bernie Dougherty. Mr. Crowley suggests that the Steven Smith House receive needed attention from the City.

Dekon Fashaw, Chief of Police – Chief Fashaw recognizes the passing of Bernie Dougherty. Chief Fashaw reminds everyone that meters will turn on April 1st. The Chief announces that the City has hired an accreditation firm, and on April 9 and 10 representatives from the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association will be in City Hall evaluating the Police Department. Chief Fashaw addresses E-Bike and LSV safety, stating that the Police Department is working with BAPAC to address safety in and around the City.

Ryan Davies, 242 Windsor Avenue – Mr. Davies disagrees with not being able to hold a mercantile license and have an on-street parking permit simultaneously.

Stacy Sheehan, 928 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Sheehan would like to know how debris from the recent winter storm will be handled going forward. Ms. Sheehan announces the Blessing of the Waters ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 11th, at 11AM. Ms. Sheehan asks for an update on the USS Jacob Jones presentation, and City Manager Dietrich states that there will be an online presentation on April 15th, at 6PM.

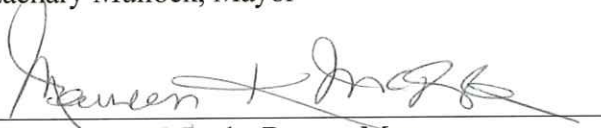
Peter Cole, 1075 Michigan Avenue – Mr. Cole recognizes the passing of Bernie Dougherty. Mr. Cole presents Council with the TPA's plan for debt reduction in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion is made to adjourn by Deputy Mayor McDade, with all in favor. The Regular Meeting adjourns at 5:51 PM.



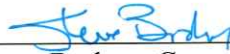
Zachary Mullock, Mayor



Maureen K. McDade, Deputy Mayor



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