



**REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Tuesday, October 16, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of City Council of the City of Cape May was called to order by Cape May City Deputy Mayor, Shaine P. Meier at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in the Cape May City Hall Auditorium. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Patricia Harbora, City Clerk announced that under the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this meeting was sent to the Cape May Star and Wave 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 Roger M. Furlin
Councilmember Patricia Gray Hendricks
Mayor Clarence F. Lear, III – ABSENT
Deputy Mayor Shaine P. Meier
Councilmember Beatrice Gauvry Pessagno

Also Present: City Attorney Frank Corrado
City Manager Neil Young
City Clerk Patricia Harbora
Deputy City Clerk Erin Burke

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

AGENDA ADDITION/DELETION OF LATE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ACTION:

230-10-2018 Resolution of Support for the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application – ADD

Motion: Hendricks **Second:** Furlin **Pessagno:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Furlin:** Yes **Meier:** Yes

UPDATE:

Master Plan Advisory Committee Survey – John Van de Vaarst and Harry Bellangy

Misters Van de Vaarst and Bellangy report that they have received over 100 responses to the survey thus far, and that the survey is open until October 23, 2018 after which the committee will begin to tabulate results. They emphasize that the City's Master Plan must be updated with the times, and that everyone should be planning 10 years into the future when reexamining the Master Plan. They encourage everyone to complete the survey either in hard copy or online on the City's website. It is announced that the next committee meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2018 at 3:00 P.M in the City Hall Auditorium.

Councilmember Pessagno mentions that she would have liked to see more questions on the survey regarding Cape May's National Historic Landmark status and Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Van de Vaarst states that they had more questions on those topics, however they had to condense the survey to increase the chances of the public completing it.

Councilmember Hendricks states that the HPC has already presented their recommendations for the Master Plan to the Planning Board for consideration.

Councilmember Furlin suggests the creation of a National Historic Landmark Visitor's Center and asks Mr. Van der Vaarst and Mr. Bellangy to take the suggestion back to the Master Plan Advisory Committee for consideration.

Deputy Mayor Meier encourages everyone to complete this survey, as the public's input is crucial to the Master Plan Reexamination.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

363-2018 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Section 7-13 of the Cape May City Code Regarding "No Parking Zones"

Motion: Hendricks **Second:** Furlin **Pessagno:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Furlin:** Yes **Meier:** Yes

City Solicitor Corrado explains that there is already no parking on Capehart Lane, and that this ordinance is simply for codification.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

227-10-2018 Resolution Awarding Architectural Services regarding Cape May Convention Center Annex Renovations

228-10-2018 Resolution Authorizing a Settlement Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

229-10-2018 Payment of Bills

230-10-2018 Resolution of Support for the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application

Motion: Hendricks **Second:** Furlin **Pessagno:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Furlin:** Yes **Meier:** Yes

REPORTS:

Cape May City Police Department report for the month of August and September 2018

Cape May City Fire Department report for the month of September 2018

Cape May City Fire Prevention report for the month of September 2018

Motion: Furlin **Second:** Pessagno **Pessagno:** Yes **Hendricks:** Yes **Furlin:** Yes **Meier:** Yes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A) City Attorney

B) City Manager –

- 2018 Cape May City Water Main Flushing is Scheduled from October 22 through November 8, 2018
- Hallowed Half Marathon, October 27, 2018, Beach Drive starting at 7:30am to 11:00am
- Trick or Treat on the Washington Street Mall Sunday, October 21, 2018 12:00pm to 2:00pm
- Cape May City Halloween Parade, Perry and Washington Street Mall 3:00pm

- Cape May City Trick or Treat, Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 5:00pm to 7:00pm

C) City Clerk –

- Last Day to Register to Vote for the General Election: Tuesday, October 16, 2018
 - (Board of Elections will be open until 9:00P.M. located at 10 W. Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House)
- Last Day County Clerk can receive applications by mail for mail-in Ballots: Tuesday October 30, 2018
- Beach Sweeps: Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.
 - (Volunteers can meet at 2nd Avenue & Beach or the Nature Center)
- Veteran’s Day Ceremony Sunday, November 11, 2018
- October is designated as “Domestic Violence Awareness” month. Vigil to be held in Woodbine on October 24, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

D) Councilmembers

Councilmember Pessagno reports that BID nominations have been received and ballots will be going out in the mail promptly.

Councilmember Furlin recounts a letter he received supporting improvements to the All Wars Monument on Colun.bia and Gurney, citing that it is difficult for the public to access.

Councilmember Hendricks reports that the County Freeholders passed a resolution in support of making Cape May City’s post office ADA compliant.

Deputy Mayor Meier states his appreciation for the Freeholders passing this resolution of support, emphasizing the importance of having an ADA compliant post office in the City. He also comments on the Allen A.M.E. Church fire, citing that the fire damage is minimal, and the church can be repaired, and that the community must come together to support the repair process.

PUBLIC PORTION: Those wishing to publicly comment shall come forward, give their name and address and speak into the microphone.

Lenore McGann, 133 New Jersey Avenue, Villas – Ms. McGann voices concerns regarding the Franks Investments area along Beach Avenue. She recommends moving gardens along Beach Avenue (in front of Convention Hall) up to the promenade to increase parking. She moves on to discuss concerns with a property in the City, and Councilmember Hendricks states that the property in question received all necessary variances and permits. Ms. McGann then urges recognition for her father, who served as a Cape May City Fireman.

Ruth Leo, 237 Capehart Lane – Ms. Leo thanks Council for introducing Ordinance 363-2018: *An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Section 7-13 of the Cape May City Code Regarding “No Parking Zones”* for Capehart Lane, citing safety issues of emergency vehicles being able to access the road during emergencies.

Christine Miller, 535 Bank Street – Ms. Miller questions the final plans of the new Public Safety Building, and Deputy Mayor Meier clarifies that no plans are being reviewed, only Requests for Proposals for architectural services are currently being reviewed. He encourages everyone to tour the existing Police and Fire Departments to understand why a new building is so needed. Ms. Miller opines that the public should be available for the public to view.

Councilmember Pessagno states that she believes the public must be included in the planning process, and that Council should hold a town hall meeting for public input of plans.

Councilmember Hendricks states that even the Council Members have not reviewed the RFPs submitted for the project, only the review committee has seen them because that is the appropriate process.

Councilmember Furlin agrees that the current facilities are in gross need of improvement or replacement, and that the public should be involved after the RFP review process is completed.

Gail Stevenson, 233 Capehart Lane – Ms. Stevenson opines that Capehart Lane is a poorly designed street with excessive signage present. She recommends condensing the signage. City Manager Young states that the Public Works Department is looking into the signage issue on Capehart Lane.

Charlotte Todd, 651 Hughes Street – Ms. Todd recommends that the Environmental Commission and Cape May City Green Team collaborate to create a Cape May City Energy Master Plan. She emphasizes the power of alternative forms of energy, and states that the City must be proactive in their sustainability.

Anthony Marino, Chief of Police – Chief Marino states that the Police Department experiences issues with Capehart and Clanghorn, and that the ordinance introduced this evening will help. He then recognizes Lt. Fashaw of the Cape May City Police Department for his lead role in organizing all the special events being held within the City. Chief Marino then discusses the successful “reunification drill” that recently took place at Cape May City Elementary, in which children practiced being reunited with their guardians after a hypothetical emergency situation at the school.

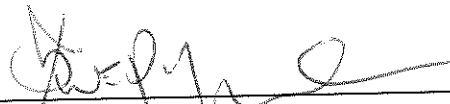
James Brady, 922 Benton Avenue – Mr. Brady questions when the plans for the Public Safety Building are anticipated, and Mr. Young estimates by July 2019.

Mr. Brady then questions *Resolution 228-10-2018: Resolution Authorizing a Settlement Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*. Mr. Carl Behrens, Superintendent of the Water/Sewer Department, explains that during the 4th quarter of 2017, the lab Cape May City employs did not take the required water test in a timely manner, and therefore the City must settle the fine associated with not complying with the DEP water testing regulations. Mr. Behrens assures the public that the water was tested and compliant within 6 days after the testing period. Discussion is undertaken by Mr. Behrens and various Council Members regarding possibly changing labs so as to assure that this mistake does not occur again. Mr. Behrens states that he is looking into it, but the lab must be accredited in New Jersey and that the state has incredibly strict standards for accreditation. Deputy Mayor Meier thanks Mr. Behrens and his department for their dedication to their jobs.

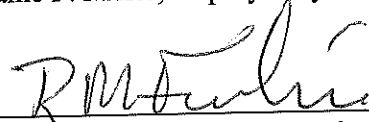
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Councilmember Furlin, seconded by Councilmember Pessagno, to adjourn with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.


Absent from meeting, abstains from adoption
Clarence F. Lear III, Mayor



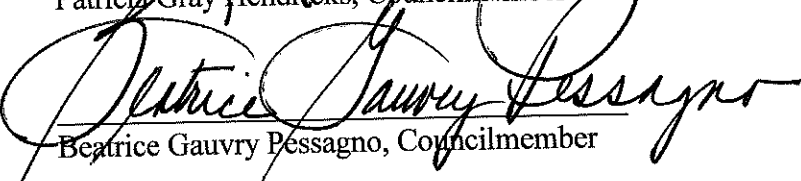
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