



**REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY, NJ
Tuesday, March 20, 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 Mayor, Clarence F. Lear, III at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 20, 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—*Present via telephone. Excused at 6:15 P.M.*
Councilmember Patricia Gray Hendricks
Mayor Clarence F. Lear, III
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.

City Solicitor Frank Corrado explains that the Open Public Meetings Act allows for meetings to be held telephonically, so Councilmember Furlin is participating in a portion of this Council meeting via telephone.

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

96-03-2018 Resolution Approving Government Workers Union Collective Bargaining Agreement for White Collar Clerical Employees - **ADD**

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

97-03-2018 Resolution Approving Government Workers Union Collective Bargaining Agreement for Communications Employees - **ADD**

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PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lear reads the proclamation honoring Doctor Carl Records' 100th birthday.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

Due to the level of interest of the public attendees, the second reading and public hearing for proposed Ordinance 343-2018 is taken out of order on the agenda for consideration.

343-2018 Bond Ordinance Approving for Preliminary Expenses for the Construction of a New Public Safety Building in and by the City of Cape May, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating \$300,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Insurance of \$285,000 Bonds Or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

PUBLIC HEARING:

John Van der Vaarst, 1030 Ohio Avenue – Mr. Van der Vaarst states that following his tour of the current Police and Fire Departments, he believes new facilities are completely necessary. He voices support for proposed Ordinance 343-2018.

Harley Shuler, 722 Corgie Street – Mr. Shuler supports proposed Ordinance 343-2018, and questions what will be done with the \$300,000. City Manager Neil Young explains that if this ordinance is adopted, the City will first advertise requests for proposals (RFPs) for a survey and more accurate engineering and architectural designs.

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

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Beach Safety Advisory Committee (BSAC) – Andrea C.S. McCoy, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Cape Regional Medical Center

Dennis Desatnick, Chair of the BSAC, gives a brief summary of the committee's 2017 goals and achievements, highlighting the permit received from the NJDEP to remove the beach scarp after storms; the various initiatives to increase the public awareness and education on beach safety; and the future installation of the beachfront public address system. Mr. Desatnick requests that a member of the Chamber of Commerce be appointed to the BSAC to allow for better collaboration between the entities.

Dr. McCoy discusses the ongoing effort of her and her staff at the Cape Regional Medical Center to create a data collection system to record the number and patterns of beach and surf-zone related injuries that are received by the hospital. Dr. McCoy states that of the 207 patients that presented at the hospital during their data collection period, 45 patients came from a Cape May beach. From within the patients that went to the hospital from Cape May beaches, 80% of the injuries were water-related. She states within the Cape May beach-related injuries, there was a higher percentage of upper extremities injuries (specifically head and neck injuries) than the rest of the County. Dr. McCoy emphasizes that the data she is presenting is very raw, and that additional data collection and research must be conducted to provide more accurate insight on beach-related injuries.

Beach Patrol Captain Geoff Rife details the various accomplishments of the Cape May City Beach Patrol, citing that they are the model for beach safety within South Jersey. He details the various actions and initiatives the Beach Patrol takes to guarantee the safety of Cape May City beachgoers, and urges the public to support the efforts of the Beach Patrol.

Municipal Building and Property Committee (MBAPC) Presentation – Robert Elwell (Chair), Gregg Giancola, Larry Reed, Robert Boyd

Members of the MBAPC distribute their report to Council and summarize their recommendations. Mr. Larry Reed speaks in depth regarding the current conditions of Cape May Convention Hall and the

surrounding City-owned buildings. The committee recommends immediately fixing existing minor eyesores such as deteriorated railings and showers on the promenade before the start of the summer season. The committee also recommends retaining the ownership of the deteriorating properties adjacent to Convention hall, but propose extensive renovations to increase the value of the properties. The committee also suggests the creation of a Promenade Improvement District (PID) similar to the existing Business Improvement District (BID).

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

345-2018 An Ordinance of the City of Cape May Approving an Amendment of the Lease with the New Jersey Audubon Society

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

346-2018 An Ordinance Amending Section 7-35 of the Code of the City of Cape May, Concerning Mid-Block Crosswalks

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

347-2018 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 134, Section 5(A) of the Cape May City Municipal Code, Regulating Sunday Sales of Alcoholic Beverages

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

348-2018 An Ordinance Amending Section of 199-7 of the Code of the City of Cape May, Concerning Miscellaneous Construction Fees

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

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

341-2018 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 158 of the Code of the City of Cape May, Concerning Beach Tags

PUBLIC HEARING: No public comment.

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

342-2018 An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Cape May, Concerning Traffic

PUBLIC HEARING: No public comment.

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

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS :

RESOLUTIONS:

91-03-2018 Resolution Approving the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Agreement with the USDA for Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

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

92-03-2018 Resolution for Appointment to and Removal from the Lafayette Street Park Advisory Committee

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

93-03-2018 Payment of Bills

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

94-03-2018 Transfers of Appropriations – 2017 Budget

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

95-03-2018 Resolution Refunding Over Paid 2017 Utilities

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MINUTES:

City of Cape May Council Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 21, 2017

City of Cape May Council Worksession Meeting Minutes dated December 5, 2017

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

REPORTS:

Cape May City Monthly Report of Tax Collection dated December 31, 2017

Cape May City Overtime Report for the month of February 2018

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A) City Attorney – None.

B) City Manager – None.

C) City Clerk –

City Clerk Patricia Harbora announces that a free rabies clinic is to be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Cape May Point Public Works building at 801 Lighthouse Avenue. She also announces that City Hall will be closed on March 30, 2018 for Good Friday.

D) Councilmembers –

Councilmember Pessagno encourages all to attend the Easter Stroll scheduled for Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at Rotary Park.

Deputy Mayor Meier announces that he attended the Paddy's Day Polar Plunge/5K event held on March 17, 2018, which is a growing event benefiting the non-profit organization "Family Promise". He states that the event was a success and that he hopes to attend again next year.

Councilmember Hendricks states that there were just under 60 attendees at the viewing of "A Plastic Ocean" on March 15, 2018 in the City Hall auditorium. The event was organized by the Environmental Commission and the Surfrider Foundation of South Jersey and was a success. Councilmember Hendricks also states that she has received many thanks by the students of Cape May City Elementary School for the new pool.


Mayor Lear emphasizes the significant role the Cape May City Public Works Department plays in keeping our ocean clean by raking the beach every evening in the summer.

PUBLIC PORTION: Those wishing to publicly comment shall come forward, give their name and address and speak into the microphone. Each speaker will be limited to five (5) minutes.

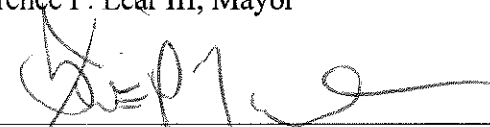
No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Meier, seconded by Councilmember Pessagno, to adjourn with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M



Clarence F. Lear III, Mayor

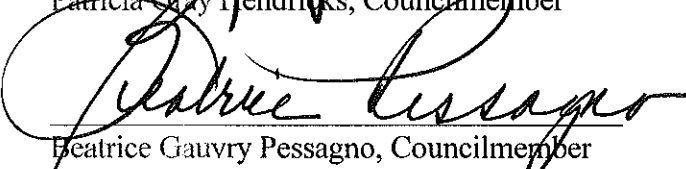


Shaine P. Meier, Deputy Mayor


ABSTAIN
Roger M. Furlin, Councilmember



Patricia Gray Hendricks, Councilmember



Beatrice Gauvry Pessagno, Councilmember



Patricia Harbora, City Clerk