

**City of Cape May Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 28, 2018**

Opening: The meeting of the City of Cape May Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Bill Bezaire at 6:30 PM. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice was provided.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bezaire, Chairperson	Present
	Mr. Shuler, Vice Chairperson	Present
	Mr. Elwell	Present
	Mr. Macciocchi	Present
	Councilmember Hendricks	Present
	Mr. Inderwies	Present
	Mr. Jones	Present
	Mayor Lear	Present
	Dr. Maslow	Present
	Dr. Wolf Alt #1	Present
	Mr. Martz Alt #2	Present

Also Present: Craig Hurless - Board Engineer
 Tricia Oliver - Board Assistant

Resolutions:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hendricks to adopt Resolution number 08-28-2018: 1, Resolution Approving Cape May City Ordinance 359-2018: An Ordinance Amending the City of Cape May's Affordable Housing Ordinance in Compliance with the City's COAH Settlement, seconded by Dr. Maslow and **carried 9-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Macciocchi, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mr. Jones, Mayor Lear, Dr. Maslow, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Bezaire. Those opposing: None. Those abstaining: None.

Discussion:

An update on the progress of the Master Plan Advisory Committee was given by Board Engineer, Craig Hurless, relaying their efforts on the completion of the public outreach survey and encouraging members of the Planning Board to promote its online presence on the City's website. The Advisory Committee's other agenda items include developing specific recommendations for elements of the Master Plan Reexamination to bring directly to the Planning Board at a later date.

Moving forward, Mr. Hurless, presented to the board his power point presentation regarding the Conservation Element, to be included in the Master Plan Reexamination. He went on to review the goals and objectives of this particular element, with the inclusion of the Bike and Pedestrian Path which was reviewed and approved as a part of the Master Plan Reexamination in 2017. Mr. Hurless noted to the board members that many large scale projects included within the 2009 Master

Plan Reexamination are currently being worked on, but will need status updates and reevaluation within this reexamination. Another key point Mr. Hurless explained to the membership, was that of the implementation of the Municipal Public Access Plan (MPAP), a document already adopted by the Planning Board that facilitates continued and new public access to tidally flowing waters throughout the City of Cape May.

Thorough discussion was undertaken by the board members, Board Engineer, Craig Hurless, as well as Evelyn Lovitz, Charlotte Todd, and Linda Steenrod, members of the Environmental Commission, regarding the Environmental Resource Inventory provided by the Environmental Commission and the Cape May City Green Team. This inventory, as thoroughly explained by Mr. Hurless and commission members, is a guide for the Planning Board to utilize for the Environmental Commission's suggestions on how to maximize conservation throughout the City.

Further explanation, and a list of recommendations from the Environmental Commission and Green Team were thoroughly presented by Ms. Lovitz, Mrs. Todd, and Ms. Steenrod.

Members of New Jersey Audubon and the City of Cape May Facilities Task Force, David La Puma, Gretchen Whitman, and Nancy Childs presented to the board regarding branding Cape May and the attention to Eco-tourism and the push to recognize the city as "a bird city." Mr. La Puma reviewed numerous statistics throughout a power point presentation highlighting birds, butterflies, sea watch, and song birds along the beach dike. Mr. La Puma noted to the membership that Cape May is a nationally ranked wild life refuge community. Overall, the Master Plan should have a well-developed "Nature Plan" within the reexamination and strive for Cape May to become a year round "natural spectacle."

Moving forward, Gretchen Whitman of the Nature Center addressed the board regarding the partnership that the Nature Center has coveted with the New Jersey Audubon and preservation of Cape May Harbor. Ms. Whitman emphasized that early education is key to further preservation.

Members of the Planning Board were able to comment regarding both presentations and brief discussion was undertaken throughout.

Discussion was opened to the public within 200 ft. and beyond at 9:15 PM, and closed with no public coming forward to comment.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Inderwies at 9:15 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Tricia Oliver, Board Assistant.

****Copy of presentation available on the City of Cape May website.**