

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Mayor Sabo at 7:00pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Sabo who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Sabo, Deputy Mayor Burke and Commissioner Francis answered roll call. Also in attendance: Deputy Municipal Clerk Theresa Enteado, Solicitor Frank Corrado, and Chief Dekon Fashaw.

**WORK SESSION**  
**OLD BUSINESS**

**COVID-19 - Coronavirus Discussion:**

Mayor Sabo said many people are continuing to navigate the vaccination process and residents are still encouraged to wear masks and practice safe distancing. She said the Borough continues to monitor updates from the state and the county in terms of changes that are required of municipalities. Commissioner Francis mentioned residents offering to help each other with scheduling vaccinations and cautioned against too many people getting involved and possibly confusing matters. Deputy Mayor Burke advised that caution is best when it comes to information on social media and reminded everyone to be careful. The Commissioners agreed we all must be mindful of each other. Mayor Sabo is hopeful that the vaccination process will continue to improve.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**January 2021 Cape May City Water Bill:**

Mayor Sabo explained that we receive a monthly water bill from the City of Cape May for our water use in the Borough. Our Finance Clerk realized that the bill was noticeably higher than usual and after some research of the past five years of billing, she determined that the bill was about ten thousand dollars more than we usually receive from the City. Ms. Sabo said this was brought to the attention of our Water-Sewer Manager who then investigated the matter and has determined that we have been billed inappropriately. The February and March billing may be affected also, and will be monitored. Solicitor Corrado drafted resolution no. 54-21, authorizing the dispute of said billing. He advised the commissioners, if they want to move forward with this, that they motion to add this resolution to the consent agenda.

**Online Forum Hosted by Cape Assist Regarding the Recent Passage of the Legalization of Marijuana:**

Mayor Sabo said that she and Solicitor Corrado both participated in the forum, that the discussion included what municipalities and the County can do, and what steps they should take. Also discussed were issues surrounding education, enforcement and prevention. Solicitor Corrado will review the two-hundred-and-fifty-page bill and, at the next work session, he will provide a thorough presentation of what the bill says; what it will allow and

not allow. Solicitor Corrado said the Borough will most likely have to consider this from a Zoning perspective, if allowed where do you want certain types of businesses, for example.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

NONE

The Work Session concluded at 7:17pm.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The motion made by Commissioner Francis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke, to add Resolution No. 54-21 to the consent agenda was unanimously approved on roll call vote.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Francis, the following Consent Agenda was unanimously approved on roll call vote.

### Minutes:

February 10, 2021 – Work Session and Regular Meeting

### Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

594-21            An Ordinance Amending Section 27-4 of the Borough Zoning Code to Permit Multiple Commercial Uses in Certain Circumstances

### Resolutions:

- 51-21    Authorizing an Agreement between the Borough of West Cape May and the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority to Review, Sign, Submit the 2020 Annual Recycling Tonnage Report
- 52-21    Partial Release of Performance Guarantee for Block 21, Lot 44 – Paul Burgin
- 53-21    Bill Payment
- 54-21    Authorizing an Official Dispute of the January 2021 Water Bill from the City of Cape May

## **NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

### Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing:

NONE

### Resolutions:

NONE

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Francis, once again, reminded everyone to continue to wear masks, social distance and wash hands.

Deputy Mayor Burke said the Shade Tree Commission has presented their annual report, they are meeting to discuss future initiatives. Mr. Burke also reminded the public about the American Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for March 11, 2021 from 12pm until 5pm at the West Cape May Fire Hall.

Mayor Sabo is excited for the Christmas Parade Fundraising Season. She said a June 19<sup>th</sup> Barbeque Fundraiser for the Christmas parade, that will include local vendors, is currently being planned. She reminded everyone of the Fish Fry last year, also a fundraiser for the Christmas Parade, and was happy to announce we will be having another Fish Fry this August 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sabo said the Environmental Commission has organized a Shred Day and E-Waste Day, both to be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Borough Hall parking lot. She noted that in March, representatives of the LOSAP program will be here to speak to our WCM VFC members and explain the benefits. And finally, she mentioned that budget planning is in process and the budget review meeting is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>. Infrastructure and capital improvement discussions are on-going.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm on motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Enteado  
Deputy Municipal Clerk