

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING  
April 27, 2022**

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Deputy Mayor Burke at 7:03 p.m. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Deputy Mayor Burke. Deputy Mayor Burke and Commissioner Kurkowski answered roll call; Mayor Sabo was absent for medical reasons. Also in attendance: Acting Municipal Clerk Theresa Entead, Deputy Municipal Clerk Erin Seer, Solicitor Frank Corrado, Engineers Raymond Roberts and Anthony Chadwell, and associate Lia Domico.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Covid-19:

Deputy Mayor Burke noted a slight rise in Cape May Counties covid cases, but remains hopeful that it will not impact our day-to-day activities

HPC - Historic District

Deputy Mayor Burke explained that the district is to be extended north along Broadway and include the house at 300 Sixth Avenue as a historic site outside of the consolidated district, upon the request of the home owners.

Solicitor Corrado, noted the Ordinance was on the agenda for introduction and will be published in the paper. He advised that the Ordinance will then go before the Planning Board for review, and that the Commissioners won't have a hearing on the Ordinance for about a month. He further indicated that a notice will be sent to all of the properties within the district that will be affected.

Sunset Beach Sportsmen's Club

Deputy Mayor Burke introduced the topic for discussion.

Solicitor Corrado suggested that no action take place on this topic tonight because of Mayor Sabo's absence and that the discussion be deferred until all Commissioners are in attendance.

Christopher Gillin-Schwartz, Esquire, legal representative for Sunset Beach Sportsmen's Club gave a brief explanation on what they are requesting of the Borough and of the other neighboring municipalities on Cape Island.

Commissioners Burke and Kurkowski agreed to postpone discussion of the matter until Mayor Sabo returns.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

Certificate of Recognition:

Raymond M. Roberts, Borough Engineer Retirement

Deputy Mayor Burke read the Certificate of Recognition in full, honoring and appreciating the dedication of Raymond M. Roberts, Borough Engineer, for over 15 years of service to the Borough.

Mr. Roberts thanked the Commission and expressed that his years of service had been very rewarding and that the Borough stands out as a place he will love to always be near.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Deputy Mayor Burke opened the meeting for Public Portion. When no one expressed a desire to speak, the Work Session was concluded at 7:22pm.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### Minutes:

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### Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

613-22           An Ordinance Amending Section 27-19 Of The Borough Of West Cape May Zoning Code Pertaining To Historic Preservation

### Resolutions:

75-22   Authorizing Special Event Permit To Cape May County Indivisible For The Purpose Of Hosting Meetings  
76-22   Re-Appointing Acting Municipal Clerk Theresa Enteado  
77-22   Approving Bill Payment

## **NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

### Ordinances:

None

### Resolutions:

NONE

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Kurkowski indicated he had no news to report.

Deputy Mayor Burke noted that the Shade Tree Commission will be celebrating Arbor Day on April 29<sup>th</sup> with the students of West Cape May Elementary, and on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting a regional sapling giveaway and providing free tree saplings at the Borough Hall.

He went on to announce that all are welcome to also attend the free Community Shred Day that will take place Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 12pm in the Borough Parking Lot.

Deputy Mayor Burke further noted that during the first day of adult cannabis use, there were 12 cannabis dispensaries that opened to retail sales, and \$1.9 million in sales from that day alone. Solicitor Corrado noted, that currently the closest retail cannabis location is in Egg Harbor Township.

Deputy Mayor Burke finished his report by reminding the residents of the Cape May Community Food closet non-profit organization that serves Cape May, Cape May Point, West Cape May and Lower Township, by distributing groceries to low income households and encouraging those who can to volunteer and/or donate.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Paula Rosenzweig, 415 Second Avenue, indicated she represented 19 people on her street and requested sewer service for Second Avenue.

Paige Cunningham, 134 Third Avenue, had questions regarding the water rates and requested the Commission look into potentially creating a lower tier.

Janet Payne, 202 Atlantic Avenue, had concerns regarding the water rates and asked for there to be a lower tier for those households who use less than 7,000 gallons of water.

Pam Kaithern, 207 Stevens Street, requested the water rates be looked over and commended the Commissioners for their attention to the speakers.

When no one further expressed a desire to speak, Deputy Mayor Burke closed the public portion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m., on motion of Commissioner Kurkowski, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Seer  
Deputy Municipal Clerk