

Permits

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could not find parking spaces.

- Some reserved spaces were not directly in front of the houses where the permit holder lived. (Emerson said this was more a matter of perception than a real problem.)
- The perception was that the program was costing the city too much money.
- And finally, some people believed owners who bought property with no off-street parking should just have to live with it.

“They were saying it’s your problem, but things have changed over 25 or more years,” Emerson said. “Things change and often municipalities have to help.”

The committee members outlined some key points for a new ordinance, including:

- Issuing a sticker that would be applied to the bumper of the car instead of a dashboard placard, meaning it could not be transferred from one renter to another.
- Issuing no more than one

sticker per block-lot, which eliminates the matter of dealing with multi-family structures.

- Limiting the time the permit can be used to May 1 through Oct. 31.
- And establish a fee scale to be determined.

Monzo said he had already drafted an ordinance which included all those elements except the time restriction. It also incorporated a non-transferable sticker, which would be attached to the driver’s side rear bumper.

Kurkowski said if the ordinance was ready to be introduced in two weeks, final approval could be given at the first council meeting in May and the ordinance could be in effect in June. Steenrod said she was inclined to support fast-tacking the ordinance.

“I’m not a proponent of jumping into things, but we have been looking at this for two and a half years. I think we’ve done a complete job,” she said.

Mahaney said he would like language in the bill saying the permit would not transfer to new owners when a property was sold. He said the city should run the costs and try to make the permit revenue-neutral, and he believes the ordinance should indicate the city would select the spot and remove language saying the permit would be for the “closest available space.”

Deputy Mayor Niels Favre asked how the city would handle it if a person changed vehicles during the season. Monzo said the ordinance indicates a person could transfer the sticker one time for a \$25 fee.

“You could change that to more times if you like,” he said.

Mahaney asked for the ordinance to be ready for introduction at the Wednesday April 21 meeting so it could get a second reading and final approval at the first meeting in May.

Block

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30. After that the registration fee is \$75. There is no charge for non-profits. Hemingway said the chamber mailed out 600 applications to vendors. She said the registration is going well – but it could be better.

“Most of the applications have gone out to crafters. It’s hard to build up that market – they want you to be established. But once you are established you can keep them,” she said.

Hemingway said right now they have a very big area to fill and they are hoping to attract local business, out-of town businesses, non-profits, food vendors, entertainment,

and so on. Hemingway said they would have DJs in different areas of the block party, and radio stations would likely be doing live remotes.

“We’ve also reached out the to Cape Cruisers with their antique muscle cars. We’re reaching out to everyone,” she said.

Hemingway is hoping the residents will come out and support the event for both of the reasons stated – to raise money for the community and to just participate in a community event.

“We really want this to be a festive thing. And then the people we book will come back year after year,” she said.

Farmers Market

Lower Township is planning to host a weekly farmers market every Friday from 3 to 7 p.m., featuring vendors, entertainment, and, of course, locally grown produce. The farmers markets are scheduled from July 9 to Sept. 3, and the registration fee is waived for those who hold a mercantile license from Lower Township.

West Cape May has had a farmers market for several years, running every Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This year they begin starting June 29 and run until Aug. 31. Live entertainment runs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Piers

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replace them – including their removal. Mahaney said he asked Carroll to select four people in addition to Fleming and take a look at what is in place, what the city could have, and come up with

a new design. Mahaney said the new design would be presented to both Cape May City Council and the HPC.

“Even though I would have preferred to finish the project, we will take them out now and finish the project,” Mahaney said, saying there

was no sense in creating a negative interest in the project.

Councilwoman Linda Steenrod said she would like to see a permanent oversight committee to review public improvement projects.

Harry’s

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opened up for the season and there is still a lot of work to do to get Harry’s ready for May 7. But many things remain the same. Barbara Collins returns as the restaurant manager. Executive chef DeJohin Nelson is also coming back to prepare people’s favorite dishes.

“We will have more variety of beer, especially micro-brewery and craft beers,” Joey said. “Research has shown there is a demand for it.”

The Hirsches are planning to carry these new beers in the restaurant and the liquor store.

“This is a nice way to start up the new season, with a new name, new beers, and so on,” Joey said.

“But we want to keep the people who have been coming to Café Promenade – the people who remember Harry being here every night,” Jonathon said. “Food, family and tradition – that’s our motto, and we’ve always had good food and a family hotel. It’s been a tradition and that’s

the way we want to run our business.”

Harry came to the United States from Poland in 1951, and spent the last 34 years in Cape May. He took the last two years off to regain his health and has come back to the business.

“The tradition has returned,” Harry said. “I have come back to the place I love. I always love Cape May. When my son picked me up to bring me back I was nervous until I felt the Cape May air. Cape May is my life.”

Student Government Day on April 13

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE Cape May Court House – Freeholder Ralph E. Bakley, Sr. announced that eighteen students representing nine Cape May County High Schools will join Cape May County Freeholders in conducting the Freeholders’ meeting as part of the annual Student Government Day on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

The day will begin for the students at noon with lunch at the Cape May County Special Services School District’s Back Porch Café hosted by Bakley, Education Freeholder. The students will hear from Cape May County Freeholder Director Daniel Beyel and other elected officials who will explain the role of county government.

After lunch, the students will tour the County Museum,

the Main Library and see a demonstration by the Cape May County Sheriff’s K-9 Unit. At 3 p.m. students will visit with representatives from county departments at an “Open House” in the lobby of the County Administration Building. Additionally, the students will preside over the 4 p.m. caucus meeting and the 4:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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