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City’s effort to stop referendum is denied

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

ATLANTIC CITY – Superior Court Judge Valerie Armstrong denied the city's request for a declaratory judgment in an effort to halt a referendum on parking meter ordinances initiated by the group known as Friends and Neighbors of East Cape May (FAN-ECM).

Armstrong denied the request, saying the ordinances were subject to referendum, quoting New Jersey

‘...(the ordinances) provide for the installation of additional parking meters in primarily residential zones and set the fees to be charged, and the times when they will be operable – nothing more and nothing less.’

–Superior Court Judge Valerie Armstrong

statute which, referring to the Faulkner Act, says voters have the right to approve or reject by vote any ordinance passed by a city council.

Armstrong found that the primary purpose of the ordinances being brought to ref-

erendum was to raise revenue, not control parking. Armstrong quoted Mayor Edward J. Mahaney Jr. from the March 16 city council meetings as saying half of the year's budget was coming from miscellaneous revenues

and user fees. “Parking meters is a part of that...[A]lmost \$1 million of our budget, of our \$15 million budget is from parking meter revenues. It's something that has become a vital source for the continued operation of

this city to provide quality of life and the programs and services you've all been accustomed to,” Mahaney said.

City Solicitor Anthony Monzo had attempted to argue that the city's ordinances were not really ordinances because Title 39 of the state statutes, which governs parking and traffic, permits parking regulations to be enacted by ordinance, resolution or regulation.

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City projects will be reviewed if in Historic District

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY – City council passed Resolution 140-06-2010, Tuesday, which directs the city to send capital projects to the Historic Preservation Commission for review.

The resolution establishes an advisory committee composed of two HPC members, a member of the Environmental Commission and one member of the Shade Tree Commission.

The resolution and the advisory committee it establishes came after complaints were voiced about two city projects. One involved putting vinyl handrails on the Promenade, and the other was the light piers on the small bridge at Schellinger's Landing. Councilwoman Linda Steenrod initially introduced the resolution, which was twice tabled for amendments.

Councilman David Kurkowski, who like Steenrod was taking part in his last city council meeting as an elected official, asked for an amendment to the resolution, Tuesday evening, saying the resolution only asked the committee to review projects in the Historic District.

“The two public issues that came up were outside the district,” he said.

Mayor Edward J. Mahaney Jr. said state statute and city code assigned certain duties to the HPC, and that authority was only applicable within the Historic District. He said if the resolution required a review for all projects within the city it would give the advisory committee more authority than the HPC. Mahaney said limiting the review requirement to the Historic District did not preclude setting up an ad hoc or standing committee to review other city projects.

“But it doesn't hold the city to a higher standard than its residents,” he said.

Kurkowski withdrew his request for an amendment and the resolution passed 4-0.

Citizens, business owners ask council to hurry on Convention Hall

A number of citizens, including business owners asked city council to not delay the construction of a new Convention Hall longer than absolutely necessary.

Dawn DeMayo, a Cape May business owner for 25 years, said the activity gener

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This boat house at 1280 Wilson Rd., located on the canal next to the Dolphin and Whale Watch Center, partially collapsed on the canal side on June 8. The structure has since been completely demolished.

Old boat house collapses, is torn down

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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SCHELLENGERS LANDING – A section of an old wooden boat house that stood next to the Dolphin and Whale Watch Center on Wilson Road collapsed last Tuesday morning, causing the entire building to be demolished ahead of schedule.

Police reported that on June 8 at approximately 7 a.m., Lower Township officials were notified of a building collapse at 1280 Wilson Road in the township's Schellenger's Landing area, just outside the Cape May city limits.

Police said old pilings supporting the structure gave way and a portion of the building collapsed into the back bay waterway and several small pieces of the building broke off and were floating in the channel behind the building.

Construction Office Inspector Gary Playford said he actually

received a call about 1:30 a.m. on Wednesday telling him the back part of the structure fell into the harbor. Playford said he called the police and there had been no call in about the collapse. He said later in the day he went back with local fire chiefs, Emergency Management personnel and the Coast Guard.

“It was determined that it was not a hazard to the navigable waterway,” Playford said.

Playford later talked to the owner, Thomas Brodesser, who had acquired the building about 10 days earlier and had planned to demolish it.

“It was in disarray for years,” Playford said. “The back deck was leaning for as long as I can remember.”

Playford said it appeared there was a pier or pile that had fallen over. He said at low tide it was possible to see several pilings that had collapsed.

“It probably should have fallen years ago. It's lucky it didn't happen when the gentleman was living there,” he said.

The previous occupant of the house, Playford said, was a Mr. Bennett, who he said lived there for years before passing away about a year ago. According to Playford, relatives had sold the property.

Playford said the main concern after inspecting the property was to keep floating debris to a minimum. The Coast Guard determined the collapse was not a hazard to navigation.

Police said the building was unoccupied at the time of the collapse and all the utilities had been shut off for some time. Playford said the building was likely to have been demolished in the near future.

On Monday, a crew demolished the remainder of the structure.

Jazz festival founders Woodland, Stone resign

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY – Cape May Jazz Festival founders Woody Woodland and Carol Stone tendered their resignations from the board June 9.

Reached by telephone at their home, Stone confirmed she and Woodland had stepped down from the board. A tentative interview with Woodland and Stone on Tuesday was cancelled.

Phil Pizzi, president of Friends of Cape May Jazz Inc., said Woodland was co-founder, first vice-president

and public relations co-chair, and Stone was the program committee chair and third vice-president, and both had resigned at the June 9 board meeting.

Pizzi, acting as the spokesman for the Jazz Festival organization, said the board was in the process of having its annual elections, when Woodland and Stone announced they were resigning.

“We decided to postpone, temporarily, the elections due to this situation, but we

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Harbor Fest hosted for third year

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CAPE MAY – June 19 marks the third annual Harbor Fest, Cape May's “celebration of the sea, its culture, its economy and ecology.” A collaboration between The Nature Center of Cape May, the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities, the Rutgers Institute of Marine and Coastal Science, the Cape May Tourism Commission and the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May.

The festivities begin Friday, June 18 with the Blessing of



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Harbor Fest 2009 on Delaware Avenue, Cape May.

the Waters at the Fisherman's Memorial at 7 p.m. followed by a “Meet the Artists” reception at the Nature Center, 1610

Delaware Ave., from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Award-winning photographer, Tina Giaimo, will showcase her latest work including color and black and

white images of Cape May as well as of her recent travels through the United States. Giaimo's image of Monument Valley is an example of her photographic expertise and attention to composition. She manages to capture the vastness of the landscape. Her favorite travel destinations are Southern Utah, Bozeman, Mont. and Costa Rica, though she admits there are some pretty wonderful sites right in her own back yard of Cape May. Giaimo's work can also be seen at “Spirit Catcher Photography,” in Carpenter's Square Mall in Cape May.

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