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Engineer updates city on projects

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – City engineer James Mott spoke for about an hour, Tuesday, updating city council on ongoing projects throughout the city.

Mott said 13 contractors picked up bid packets on water utility and road resurfacing on the south portion of Cape May Avenue from Madison to Reading Avenue, with six bids being returned. Mott said the lowest bid, submitted by Paramount Enterprises, was \$365,000. He said the balance of the work on south Cape May Avenue would be part of Phase II of the project. The north side of Cape May Avenue would eventually be done in two stages as well.

The city received two bids to install solar panels on the lifeguard headquarters and the Public Work building. Mott said the lowest bid was presented by Energy Enterprises, but they had not

included consent of surety which is required under the bid laws. City solicitor Anthony Monzo said the contract could not be awarded to Energy Enterprises, and the city had the option of either awarding the contract to the second bidder, Ray Angelini Inc., or rebidding the contract. City Manager Bruce MacLeod said rebidding would push the award date to the limit of the rebate period. The city is anticipating \$115,478 in rebates on an approximately \$200,000 project. Mott said the city would save \$100,000 per year in energy costs by installing solar panels on these two properties.

Mott said designs for gateway improvements, including lighting, ADA ramps and improved traffic islands have been submitted to Cape May County and are expected to be back sometime this month. Regarding ADA improve

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LT pays deputy mayor's brother

Attorney says no breach of ethics with landscaping project

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP – After a two-week delay Lower Township Council authorized payment for landscaping work performed by the brother of Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare.

The resolution to pay \$11,166 to Rustic Gardens Landscaping owned by Mark Lare was passed 4-0, Monday, with the deputy mayor abstaining. Two weeks prior, the resolution to pay Rustic Gardens failed to get a second and could not be voted on. At that time, Councilman Thomas Conrad made the

motion to pass the resolution and could not offer a second. Councilmen Glenn Douglass had questions about the project and was not inclined to offer a second, and Councilman Wayne Mazurek said he would not support more spending on Freeman Douglass Memorial Park. Lare planned to abstain on the vote to pay his brother for landscaping work and Mayor Michael Beck said he wasn't sure of the rules on a mayor seconding a motion.

Township solicitor Anthony Monzo spoke briefly before Monday's vote telling the audience there was nothing illegal or unethical about Mark Lare getting the contract. Monzo said the township sought bids from seven companies and three did not respond. A fourth missed the deadline, and of the three

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What a Fourth of July it was!

Cape May celebrated July 4 in style including young and old in its Independence Day Parade. Above is part of the old – Cape May's antique fire truck all decked out for the occasion. At right is Sophia Aebisher, 6, of Ronronkoma, N.Y. The July 4 parade is prelude to the Cape May Baby Parade on Friday, Aug. 7, beginning at 11 a.m. and the 400th Anniversary Parade scheduled for Aug. 29.

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Council picks someone old, someone new for commission

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Cape May City Council appointed one new person to the Tourism Commission and reappointed another, while deciding to explore the creation of two alternate positions for the five-member board.

City council initially disagreed over the reappointment of existing members Bob Steenrod and Mary Stewart or replacing them with two new candidates, Chuck Pritchard and Jerry Emery.

Pritchard is an owner of the Whale's Tale gift shop and Emery is an owner of the Oyster Bay Restaurant.

After council discussion, city council reappointed Steenrod and appointed Pritchard as members of the Tourism Commission.

Deputy Mayor Niels Favre said he talked to Steenrod and said Steenrod expressed a desire to remain on the Tourism Commission. Favre said he liked having new blood on the commission, but also thought due consideration should be given to people who had some history and

experience on the Tourism Commission. He also said Steenrod would be giving up his role as president of the Chamber of Commerce in the fall, which seemed to mitigate one of the concerns expressed by Mayor Edward Mahaney, that of people in leadership roles in specific groups or agencies filling positions on the Tourism Commission.

"I think we should move away from having seats formerly filled by leadership level appointees of specific tourism groups. I think we should go to more broadly-

based representation, so we have the full spectrum of businesses represented in the community to meet the needs of the entire community, including the residential needs more fairly," Mahaney said.

Mahaney said he believed the city should start to branch out, reassess and change how the city is being marketed.

"We need to take the opportunity, with the new Convention Hall coming on line, to take a more systemic approach for marketing the city, and that means finding people with more skill sets,"

he said.

Mahaney said he did not mean that as a denigration of the people who had been serving on the Tourism Commission, and whose terms are now up.

Favre said he understood the need for change, but he still believed Steenrod, who has been on the Tourism Commission since it was founded, ought to be allowed to continue on the commission. Council ultimately agreed, voting to retain Steenrod and appoint Pritchard. Councilwoman Linda Steenrod recused her-

self from the vote on her husband's reappointment.

Mahaney spoke after the meeting about taking a more broad-based approach to marketing the city, including expanding representation by the Tourism Commission.

"There are people in the community who are involved in tourism that don't belong to any organization," he said.

He said membership on the commission requires someone to hold a specific license from the city and there are mercantile license holders

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Shore Drive owners cry foul

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

NORTH CAPE MAY – Several couples who live on Shore Drive near the Delaware Bay asked Lower Township Council for help in reducing dog waste on the beach between Lincoln Avenue and the Ferry Terminal.

Bill Connors, who said he sent a letter to council prior to addressing them on Monday, said somehow the beach near his home became publicized as being a "dog beach," and was even mentioned in Philadelphia Magazine as a beach where people could walk dogs.

"I don't think this is a distinction Lower Township wants," Connors said. "I think people have a right to walk on the beach without watching a dog defecate or urinate on the beach and in the bay."

"Would you enjoy sitting on the beach and watching a dog do its business?" Connors asked council.

Connors said he has nothing against dogs, and in fact likes

them, but he said he has a problem with dog owners who disregard leash laws and ordinances requiring people to pick up after their dogs. He said people are more likely to kick sand over their dog's waste than to pick it up.

A woman within the small group spoke up and said the plastic bags the city provides at some of the beach entrances, which are intended for dog owners to use to clean up after their dogs, are taken by seniors who use them at home.

"Nothing against seniors – I'm one, too," she said.

Connors said if anyone says anything to a dog owner they are just risking an argument or more serious confrontation. Connors recommended council limit the hours or areas where dogs are allowed on the beach, posting signs at the beach entrances, and enforcing the law.

Councilman Glenn Douglass said he is a dog owner who walks his dog on the beach, so he understands Connors' concern. Douglass said he keeps his dog on a

leash. He said there are rules for the beach and as a councilman he attempts to enforce the rules.

"When people don't comply I call Animal Control, and you should call Animal Control when it happens," he said.

Shore Drive resident Mike McGinnis said he called Animal Control last July when someone did not clean up after his or her dog. He said the police came out first and said it was an Animal Control issue and called Animal Control. He said the person who came out from Animal Control had never written a ticket and didn't have a book for writing tickets in the truck. The police were called back and a summons was issued. He said he then spent three and a half hours in court and the person was let off because they had no proof.

McGinnis and others said the beach side of Shore Drive is littered with dog waste. He said there are many renters along Shore Drive who do not follow the law.

Queen Maysea LXXVII

CAPE MAY – Cape May's 2009 Queen Maysea LXXVII and her court will be honored at Cape May City Elementary School Wednesday, Aug. 5 when the new queen is crowned during the 77th Annual Queen Maysea Coronation. Queen Maysea LXXVII Bridget Elizabeth Martin, 10 years of age, will enter the 5th grade at Sandman Consolidated Elementary School this fall. Bridget enjoys singing, music, taking care of her pets, swimming, church activities and the beach. She is the daughter of Jeff and Tracey Martin. This year's princesses are Erin Rose Connelly age 7 and Zoe Bea Lambert age 10. Briar Rhiannon Paige McNeill age 7, Paige Mackenzie Riess age 8, Savannah Hunter Bartleson age 9, Reilly Elizabeth Sheehan age 8, Abigail Frances Zilinek age 8, Sydney Lacosa age 9, Elise Virginia Heim age 6 and Layla Patricia Freeman age 7 will accompany Queen Maysea and the princesses in the 2009 majestic court. Flower girls are Madison Jade Schiffbauer age 5, Mackenzie Lynn Wissman age 4, Madelyn Jane Hays age 5, Jade Marie Holt age 5, Christianna Deborah-Louise Brasch age 3 and



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Bridget Elizabeth Martin