

## Atlantic Cape board elects new chair, OKs drone degrees effective fall 2019

MAYS LANDING — The Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees elected a Ventnor woman as its chairwoman during its monthly meeting and annual reorganization Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Mays Landing Campus.

Maria Mento was elected chairwoman, James Kennedy, of Linwood, was elected vice chairman and Ellen Nicholson Byrne, of Sea Isle City, was elected treasurer.

Mento is the first Atlantic Cape alumna elected as chairwoman of the board.

Mento is currently a management consultant for Jersey Professional

Management and serves as administrator of Ventnor.

She is a former executive vice president and chief finance officer for the Atlantic County Utilities Authority.

A 2018 Atlantic Cape Distinguished Alumni recipient, Mento went on to earn her MBA from Rutgers University.

Kennedy has more than 30 years of experience working in the public sector, legal sector, higher education and casino gaming. He is also a former executive director of both the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority and Stockton University Foundation.

Byrne is an attorney and part-time public defender for Sea Isle City. She is also a substitute teacher for the Ocean City School District and is involved in the production team for the drama guild.

The board also approved offering the Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Field Technician and the Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Repair Specialist degrees and certificates effective fall 2019.

The next meeting of the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees is scheduled for 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Mays Landing Campus.

## Furlin, Pessagno object to Martz joining Housing Authority board

By JACK FICHTER  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — In a 3-2 vote, City Council approved the appointment of Dr. Patricia Martz to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, filling the unexpired term of Thomas Hynes.

Councilman Roger Furlin, who voted against the appointment with Councilwoman Bea Pessagno, said he spoke with Martz and believes she is a “very capable person” and would be an asset to the board.

Furlin said, however, he was “still hung up” on members that were not renewed for the Housing Authority, city boards and commissions including Frank Acker, Diane Hutchinson, Dillion Mullock and Hynes.

“To the mayor’s credit, he asked me for my input and I gave it to him,” Furlin said. “He didn’t select my choices, that’s his prerogative.”

Pessagno called Martz a “wonderful, dedicated person.”

“However, as I said at the last meeting, I feel very much that this has got to be in the right hands, this authority, because it deals with human lives,” she said. “I think it needs someone experienced who has been on this authority.”

Pessagno suggested a former member of the Housing Authority board for the appointment. She said Martz would be the fifth new person on the board and she felt Hutchison should have been reappointed.

Deputy Mayor Shaine Meier said it was council’s responsibility to fill the opening. He said if Hutchinson had asked to fill the position, he would have listened.

“Mrs. Hutchinson was unceremoniously fired, so to speak,” Pessagno said.

Councilwoman Patricia Hendricks said “fired”

was not a correct term, as Hutchinson’s term of service on the board had expired.

Pessagno said Hutchison’s term had expired but she had filled only a portion of the term.

During a council meeting Sept. 4, Furlin and Pessagno complained they were left out of the process to appoint new members to the city’s Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. At that time, Mayor Chuck Lear said a number of persons had been considered and he had asked Victor Faison, Chris Traficante and Carol Boyd to serve on the board.

At that time, city solicitor Frank Corrado explained that the Housing Authority board has seven members of which five are appointed by City Council, one by the city manager and one by the Department of Community Affairs.

## City trimming fire inspection regulations

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CAPE MAY — City Council introduced two ordinances to repeal items in its fire code dealing with inspections to eliminate duplication, ambiguity and to update a fee schedule.

During a Nov. 20, city solicitor Frank Corrado said the city was repealing a section of an ordinance that authorizes inspections of bed and breakfast inns but it did not indicate B&Bs would not be inspected. He said they are inspected routinely by the city’s Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Corrado said the city and the county health departments would be called in the case of any potential health violations.

“All we are really doing is eliminating some redundancies in our ordinances and also eliminating unnecessary fees that the B&Bs in Cape May have to pay for this inspection,” Corrado said.

One ordinance eliminates the requirement for year-round rental properties to be inspected for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguisher compliance during a change in tenants. In the fee schedule for retail and eating establishments,

a \$50 inspection fee was eliminated for kiosks up to 499 square feet, moving to a higher category fee of \$125 and a \$375 inspection fee for establishments of 7,501 square feet to 12,000 square feet was eliminated. They would be inspected at a rate of \$250.

As many as nine motel units would be inspected for a fee of \$125 per building. A section of violation penalties was eliminated from the ordinance. It stated any structure owner who violates any provision of the ordinance would be subject to a fine of up to \$1,250 plus costs for each offense or violation. It stated each day a violation continues after a 10-day notification period expires shall constitute a separate violation.

A section of the ordinance requiring the city’s Bureau of Fire Prevention upon the sale of a property and occupancy of a rental property, including one and two family dwellings, conduct a fire inspection prior to settlement and/or occupancy was eliminated.

A public hearing for the ordinances is scheduled for 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at City Hall.

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**Saturday, Dec. 8th 11am - 6pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 9th 11am - 5 pm**

Join us and shop from over 50 different unique, local artists and vendors with a glass of wine in your hand at our 6th Annual Holiday Sip & Shop “Locals Love Drive.” Bring a non-perishable food item, Toys for Tots and pet food & supplies to enter to win great prizes from your favorite vendors. Admission is free!

**Sip** Enjoy wines by the glass or bottle while you shop. Choose from over 10 different wines & 2 sangrias. Our delicious tapas menu will be available, too!

**Shop** Over 50 unique, local vendors! From hand made crafts to art, to wines for the holidays, there is something for everyone on your list.

**Support** It’s your chance to support 2 great causes! Donations will be accepted for the West Cape May Fire Department Food Drive, and Toys for Tots. Last year our farm raised over 3,000 pieces of nonperishable food items and had over 700 visitors attend the 2 day sip & shop event. With your help, we know we can do even better.

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