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Public safety building plans available for view

Residents can see drawings of four concepts at next City Council meeting

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Cape May should use proper bidding process for public safety building.

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By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — Architect Robbie Conley presented concepts drawings of four different buildings to serve as the new headquarters for the fire and police departments to the city's Public Safety Building Advisory Committee during a meeting Nov. 9.

The conceptual drawings include a linked facility sharing an elevator, a two-story design, a partial third-story

design and free-standing fire and police buildings. Conley said the estimated "ballpark" cost for the total facility was in the range of \$8 million to \$10 million.

Conley and the committee will present the plans to City Council and the public during a special meeting beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21. At issue within the committee is providing enough parking spaces for police and fire personnel at the facility.

Police Chief Tony Marino

said on a summer night as many as 16 officers may be on duty. He said the department would continue to maintain a substation at West Cape May Borough Hall, where officers could park their personal vehicles.

Conley said both the police and fire buildings need to have limited public access to certain areas. Marino said when he started as officer 27 years ago, there was no fear of an armed assailant entering a police station.

In a three-story design for police headquarters, the second floor may have extra space the department could grow into, Conley said.

"I spent probably close to a day looking into how to put a parking garage in the space back here," he said. "It's just not big enough."

He said parking garages are very expensive.

"If you want to make a parking garage look nice, now you're talking about more money," Conley said.

Costs will be presented at the upcoming council meeting for both the joined and separate buildings, he said.

Committee Chairman Jerry Gaffney asked if the price difference was significant if a three-story building were constructed as opposed to a two-story building. Conley said there was not a great difference in cost but there could be a difference in square footage because the

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Never too cold for a beach day

The weather outside was frightful but the beach was still delightful. With temperatures in the 30s Saturday, Nov. 11, Elie and Addison enjoyed a trip to the Cove from their home in Red Bank.

Cut bike hours on Promenade, committee says

Riders would lose two hours in summer, gain four weeks of unlimited offseason riding

By JACK FICHTER
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CAPE MAY — The city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is recommending to City Council that bicycles be prohibited from the Promenade after 8 a.m., two hours earlier than now permitted.

During a City Council meeting Oct. 6, committee member James Moffatt said bike riders on the Promenade in summer at 9 a.m. must share the space with runners, people with baby carriages and families walking six abreast.

"It's just too dangerous," he said.

Moffatt said the committee recommends expanding bike riding hours on the Promenade to any time of the day from Oct. 15 to May

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Advisory panel wants safer route to school, lower speed limit on Pittsburg Avenue.

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15. Committee Chairman Bill Murray said a current ordinance allows bike riding any time on the Promenade from Oct. 31 to April 1. He said if the city installs a public address system along the beachfront, the system could be used to announce when bicyclist should leave the Promenade.

The committee is also rec-

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John Francis, left, joins Karen Sabo and Peter Burke on West Cape May Borough Commission after longtime member Pam Kaithern was defeated at the polls in the election Nov. 7.

Kaithern out, Francis in on WCM Commission

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WEST CAPE MAY — John Francis won a seat on West Cape May Borough Commission, and will join Peter Burke and Carol Sabo after their re-election in the general election Nov. 7. Mayor Pam Kaithern, who was first elected in 2001, lost her seat.

Vote totals: Peter C. Burke: 282, Carol E. Sabo: 274, John H. Francis III: 271, Pamela M. Kaithern: 247, Joseph Campbell: 189, and Joseph T. Gilmartin: 180 votes.

A total of 1,446 votes were cast for the six candidates. Voter turnout was 59 percent in District 1 and 56 percent in

District 2.

Francis said he met many residents while campaigning in the borough.

"I listened to their stories and I'm happy to be selected to be a commissioner," he said. "I'm looking forward to working with the other commissioners to keep West Cape May the way that it is."

In Lower Township, Roland Roy retained his Third Ward council seat over Chris Marlowe with 1,384 votes, or 57.9 percent, over Marlowe's 1,005, or 42 percent, for a total of 2,390 votes. Roy initially was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Erik Simonsen, who resigned his seat to become mayor.

In the Lower Cape May Regional School Board race with two open seats, Charles J. Hunt received 3,167 votes and Thomas Connelly Jr. received 3,514 votes.

Kathleen Elwell was re-elected to represent West Cape May on the Lower Cape May Regional School Board with 366 votes.

In a vote for three seats on the Cape May City Elementary School Board of Education, Thomas Rippman received 461 votes. Larry Reed received 453 votes. Sharon Lee Kustra received 456 votes. Shaun Deignan received 477 votes to complete the one year unexpired term of a board member who

moved out of the city.

For a single seat on Cape May Point Board of Education, which is a sending district, Alice Gibson received 68 votes.

Three seats were available on Lower Township Board of Education-elementary district. Gary Douglass Sr. received 3,634 votes, Jonathan Vile with 3,171 and Patricia Smith received 3,277 votes.

A one-year unexpired term on the Lower Township Board of Education will be filled by Stephen Lewis, who received 3,407 votes.

Thomas Belasco was re-elected to the West Cape May Board of Education with 355 votes.



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