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Mahaney said the city was receiving complaints from private citizens who hired businesses such as these, but there was nothing that could be done. He said the city had no administrative control over them because they were not required to have a license.

If a business owner applies for a mercantile license with the city, he or she must show proof they have the necessary state registration and legitimate insurance.

City Manager Bruce MacLeod said portions of the current ordinance are unclear regarding the assessment of late charges when a business owner doesn't acquire a mercantile license.

Mahaney said the city solicitor will draw up an ordi-

nance to be introduced at the next meeting. According to Mahaney, the revenue made from additional mercantile licenses was not figured into the city manager's budget and will be put into the miscellaneous budget.

"I don't see it to be a tremendous amount," Mahaney said.

The ordinance was on Tuesday's city council agenda but was pulled for changes and will be introduced in February.

Council also voted to up the cost of its one-week beach tag, which will increase city revenue as well. The tag, which is actually an eight-day tag, valid from one Saturday to the next, will increase from \$13 to \$15 this season. The cost of a single day tag, week-end tag and seasonal tag will remain the same.

"We want to keep reasonable rates for beach tags with several different options," Mahaney said. "Many beach towns don't have that."

During the budget report, MacLeod said beach tag sales totaled \$1,955,340 in 2010. The revenue from the beach tags goes into the Beach Utility budget, which deals with maintaining the beaches and keeping them safe.

In other business, the Capehart Lane project will proceed without removing the median and car path. Mahaney said the existing plan calls for the infrastructure to be maintained and freshly paved using funds from a USDA grant.

The Municipal Utilities Authority service area located there said there was some trouble getting trucks in, so they were hoping it could be

widened to 27 feet by taking out the median and car path to allow better flow of truck traffic.

Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman addressed his disapproval of the extra work and said there was no reason for it.

"We're not creating a 42nd Street when all we need is a Hogan's Lane," he said. "It's a change no body wants."

Wichterman and Councilman Bill Murray said residents in that area did not want to see the bigger project take place and would rather see just the paving Capehart.

"The MUA would like to see the improvements made, and they will work with us" Mahaney said.

MacLeod and Mahaney would have both liked to see the widening of Capehart Lane.

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Hosford accepted a job at LCMR teaching business.

"I was given the opportunity to make a difference and it gave me a sense of accomplishment," he said.

He moved to North Wildwood and built a home where he and wife lived until 10 years ago when they moved to Egg Harbor Township as part of a job commute compromise with his wife.

Even though teaching was Hosford's career, he never considered it to be work.

"It was never a job to me," he said. "I enjoyed being here everyday and I take pride in what I do."

One thing Hosford said he tries to teach his students, is that no matter what future career they have, the most important thing is to be happy with it. Given his family history and position as a business teacher, Hosford takes sort of a unique approach in certain aspects of his teaching. One assignment for his students involves writing down three careers they would be interested in pursuing. He said that one of these jobs must be one that does not require a college degree.

"College isn't for everyone," he said, "and there's nothing that says you can't be successful if you don't have a degree."

Hosford said a degree doesn't always get you the better job or more money, and money isn't as important as happiness. None of his siblings have a strong education background, but he said they are still content with their lives and have the means to support their families.

"Success has to be defined individually and money does not guarantee happiness," he said.

Hosford said either way he wishes all his students the best of luck in their lives ahead. His love for teaching and that institution have kept him in the same position for over three decades and he will miss it a lot. Hosford said he considered retiring last

year but couldn't bring himself to do it. He decided that 2011, his 36th year would be his last.

Hosford will be taking with him the many memories of LCMR that made his career so enjoyable, like the 20-year involvement in softball and his induction into the National Honor Society as a lifetime honorary member after being an advisor for 12 years.

Hosford spent 16 years as head coach of the varsity softball team and led them to a CAL Championship. He was voted Atlantic City Press Coach of the Year and received nine Gazette Leader coach of the year awards.

In his retirement, Hosford plans to do a little more fishing and golfing. He and a teaching friend own a boat in Wildwood, so he would like to get out on the water and do some bay fishing.

Hosford may not retire from teaching completely, and has considered doing some substitute teaching or homebound instruction. He has children who live in different parts of the country, like Texas and North Carolina, so he and his wife will also be travelling more. No matter where he goes, Hosford said he will always be a Capertiger and take comfort in knowing LCMR is in good hands.

"Lower Cape May does a great job of bringing in teachers who know and understand what school is trying to accomplish," he said. "I may be leaving, but there's still so much enthusiasm and dedication in this staff."

Hosford said he hopes he has passed on some sort of inspiration and legacy to the faculty at LCMR and was proud to have worked with the people he has over the years. Looking back on his life thus far, Hosford feels he has exceeded any and all expectations he held when he was younger.

"I've had problems in my life just like everyone else, but for the most part it's been one huge blessing," he said.

COAH

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increase in the quantity of housing units statewide and if signed into law, the likelihood of Cape May Point being expected to provide many more units than its present certification requires. Considerable revenue expenditures would be needed to comply, as well as the possibility of costly and prolonged litigation. In Resolution 20-11, the borough is described as making efforts "to reduce costs to already overburdened taxpayers," and it deems the bill as "unfair and ill-conceived legislation," especially in light of the borough having no businesses and public transportation within two miles of its boundaries, placing "unrealistic expectations" on the borough. After the resolution was passed, spontaneous applause from those assembled indicated support for

this action. Public comments and questions focused on the topic as well, culminating in the board's hope Governor Chris Christie would not sign S-1 COAH Reform Bill. Residents were urged to voice their opinions to their legislators.

Point senior residents

Commissioner Anita Van Heeswyk referenced a recent report which said 67 percent of Cape May Point residents are age 65 and over. Heeswyk said this figure appears inaccurate and does not reflect 2010 U.S. Census figures expected to be released in March 2011, which could be higher.

Also, Brock D. Russell was appointed as the 2011 Municipal Solicitor. Russell resides in the borough and maintains his law office in Millville.

Costs

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storm water to enter mean the municipality has a higher rate of flow than it should and would pay higher sewer costs.

The amount of rain and number of hot days in a given year also affects the amount of flow a municipality creates.

Cape May County handles about 18 million gallons of flow every day. Cape May is responsible for 1.49 million gallons per day (yearly flow) or about 9 percent of the yearly total of the MUA. West Cape May sends roughly 1 percent of the yearly total and Cape May Point provides less than half a percent. Lower Township has its own MUA and processes its own wastewater, with the exception of the Shawcrest area. It accounts for about a half a percent of the county's total. The largest single municipal user in the county is Ocean City, which is billed for about 26 percent of the cost of the CMCMUA.

Norkis said Cape May's flow dropped from about 1.60 million gallons daily in 2006 to the 1.49 seen today. It's share of use in terms of the

county has remained fairly constant.

Norkis said the MUA is cognizant of the 2 percent budget cap imposed on municipalities by the state, and the difficult economy in New Jersey and the nation over the last several years. He said they have tried to keep costs to municipalities under the 2 percent cap. As a result, he said, the CMCMUA has had to make changes, cutting back on costs, including reducing the staff. He said they could not cut back on fixed costs, however.

The MUA is also looking at replacing some of its 30-year-old equipment, which means additional cost to the ratepayers. This is something Norkis said the MUA is sensitive to.

"We try to be cognizant who our customers are," he said.

Norkis said municipalities pay an estimated amount in variable costs and then at the end of the year the MUA trues up the charges, giving the municipality a credit or billing them for an excess amount. After four years of credits, Cape May was billed an additional \$38,298 for 2010. Norkis said the CMCMUA does not maintain a fund surplus.

"Once a Government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until finally, it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country, where everyone lives in fear."

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