Fire/Police question to have ‘no’ option

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Cape May – In a 3-2 vote, City Council approved an interpretive statement on the Nov. 3 election ballot for two questions — one on bond ordinances for those who own beach properties and the other to fund construction of just a fire building to house the police. Council also approved an action for voters to write against both bond ordinances for those who do not want either project to take place.

Voters will see two questions on the ballot — a choice of constructing a $1.5 million public safety building to house the fire and police departments, emergency medical services and the Office of Emergency Management and building a house to house just the police department. On Sept. 1, City Council passed a conditional conversion law an interpretive statement on the ballot. The interpretive statement on the ballot for the fire project, he said, is not supposed to reflect what council has agreed or not agreed upon. City Solicitor Stacy Sheehan said council has agreed something should be put on the ballot. "I think it would go against us to put an interpretive statement on the ballot for the fire, he said, and is not supposed to reflect what council has agreed or not agreed upon.

He said there may be some voters who do not want to share the same building. "In my opinion, the ballot needed to have a "no" option. If the ballot had only one question for a bond measure, there would need to be a "no" option. "I don't think the fact that there are two competing referends that change the requirement," Corrado said.

Cape Mayor Jack Mallak said he disagreed with the "no" option. "If someone does not like either building option, they should vote that way," he said. "They don't vote then that guarantees that something is going to be adopted." Corrado said. "One or the other of those ordnances is going to be adopted." He said those who do not want

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