The event was moderated by Anthony Calabrese, president and CEO of the Atlantic City. He said more than 9 percent of the city’s voters were from the New York City area this summer and 8 percent were in the 18- to 34-year-old category. "We were up 20 percent from our normal North Jersey-New York variation," Calabrese said. He said the city experienced challenges in enforcement of social distancing and sanitation. "A no dancing rule," was difficult to enforce, he said. "Veddy Clark, president of the Atlantic City Commerce, said the city did better than anticipated. She said in July and August "toned it down a little." Everyone will report that it was off from what it was in 2019," she said. "We were really stung to have a record setting summer. Clark said the closing of the casino and other facilities will make it challenging for the city to find new customers who had never previously vacationed there. A considerable increase in the camping industry can be traced back to those are the original social distancing experiences. A surge took place in the purchase of recreational and camping vehicles and at the same time, campground owners and managers were teaching people how to camp. Clark said camping could be teaching people what those strange sounds were in the middle of the night," she said. They were learning how to build fires." The casino did "fairly well." Its core customer base is not likely to have continued the gaming in 2020, so that would continue into the fall. "We were up 20 percent from what it was in 2019," he said. "They were teaching people how to camp, Clark said. "The city was well positioned to expand outside dining and to relax its laws. She said she hoped that would continue into the fall season.

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Cape May — City Hall is planning to reopen from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 100 people, depending on how many council meetings are scheduled for Oct. 19 had to be rescheduled for Oct. 26, Inderwies said. "It’s just a step forward in a process," she said. The city must still complete a case of COVID-19 testing, Inde, but has completed testing for the county with the public, she said.

City Clerk Erin Burke recommended not switching the location of meetings back and forth between City Hall and Convention Hall. A Historic Preservation Review Committee meeting was canceled when the Convention Hall powers did not work. Burke said there were applications that had been scheduled for the meeting.

Lear said he believed council meetings should be held in Convention Hall. Council meetings of the city’s planning commission and zoning board meetings at this time just for boards and commissions. She suggested an advisory board is the best way to decide on the rise, Inderwies said.

Inderwies said a meeting in Convention Hall could accommodate any interested person and could be streamed with public comment being taken in the hall. Mayor Chuck Level asked if council members would be able to attend meetings at this time just for boards and commissions. Burke said she did not believe every meeting needed to be held in Convention Hall.

City councilor Frank Cor- rado said a Planning Board or Zoning Board meeting could have no one in the audience and Council meetings should be held in City Hall after Jan. 1.

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