Engineer presents plan for higher seawall

New concept seen as less obtrusive, more user-friendly than previous proposal

By ALFRED J. ROY
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CAPE May — The city intends to raise the height of the seawall along Beach Avenue to increase its protection from rising ocean levels, and stop catastrophic coastal flooding from happening in the future.

Walter Walczak, project manager for Coastal Engineering Design, presented conceptual drawings for a new seawall more than 50 percent to City Council on Oct. 18.

The state Department of En
evironment (DEP) has already assembled a New Jersey shore protection plan for the city. Walczak said the previous design was a "block wall on the road."

The Federal Emergency Man
gement Agency (FEMA) has approved Cape May's flatly elevation at 11 feet, while the seawall is at a minimum elevation of 9 feet, so you've seen, historically, you get creative foundering or overtopping of the existing seawall," Walczak said.

He said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is planning a projec
t at the corner of Beach and Washington avenues that would replace the seawall he said is coordinating with Walczak said May will be SeaWall, Page A4

Developers may have to provide a drainage plan

City wants to ensure projects do not flood neighboring properties, area

By JACK FICHTER
City News

CAPE May — City Council introduced an ordinance providing for stormwater management, storm and drainage requirements, and regulation of nuisance stormwater conditions.

At its Oct. 18 meeting, city solicitor Chris Silfverstolm said the republi
can controlled council's decision not to go into the Planning Board to consider the ordinance was silfverstolm said developer submitted a drainage plan without an examination of the property grading could result in nuisance flooding or drainage issues to neighboring properties.

He said when he served as Mayor of West Cape May in 2017, new buildings were "building through the cracks" because old ones did not go before a board.

West Cape May passed an ordinance to establish stormwater and drainage requirements that have the fix for the problem" he said.

"You have to come in and you have to do an 180 degree permit stage and then you have to do an as-built drainage plan and in this case, a stormwater man
agement plan," he said.

You submit an applica
tion to the city engineer review the application, and at the end, before you get your CO (cer
tificate of occupancy) you need to make sure there are no conditions are met and complied with." See Drainage, Page A2

Cape May failed to meet water quality standards

By JACK FICHTER
City News

CAPE MAY — The city failed to meet water quality standards for total coliform bacteria, according to data from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

The city failed to meet the standard in 2016 and 2017, according to the report.

"Our water was re
cently violated a drinking water standard, and we have a plan to correct this problem," he said.

"Our system has installed corrosion control treatment to help prevent lead and copper from leaching into the water, and we have completed testing in June 2021, monitoring results, we failed to con
sistently meet treatment technical requirements for our corrosion control sys
tem, WQP (Water Quali
ty Parameters) "sodium and lead exceeding standard limits for days 2 days in the 6-month period and the system cannot be outside the values set by the state for nine or more days," the letter continues.

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See swallows

Surfer Tesseract Becker heads into the surf and a sea of two swallows taking flight in Cape May

Continue doing what works plan for Bulakowski

Hankerson says county diversity not represented

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When your story is good you work to keep it that way. But, when it’s bad you have to work to fix the problems that have been made.

"I think that I have done a good job shar
ging the time I have served as a commis
sioner I am absolutely honored I am able to stand as your county commissioner," she said.

"We have a lot of good projects going on in the county and I want to see the process of this county go forward, and if I am the one who can help that along, I will do that," she said.

Hayes was appointed to the board in 2015 to fill an unexpired term and then was elected and re-elected in 2015, 2017 and 2019. She is the only incumbent among the four candidates running for the two three-year terms.

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