Committee casts wider net for coastal engineer

By JACk FICHTER
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CAPE MAY — The Beach Cabana continues to take steps to find a coastal engineer to do a study for a solution to a sharp drop off in the surf along the southern part of the beach that has been blamed for head and neck injuries to bathers.

A coastal engineer would be sought to provide a computer-generated model that would mimic the water in Cape May’s position on the coast.

At a Aug. 2 meeting, Beach Safety Advisory Committee Chairman Steve Surje said engineer Mike DiBlasio has been in touch with the committee that has experience with the problem in May’s ex- ception.

Deputy Mayor Lorraine Baldwin said the city initially received quotes for quali- fications (RFQs) from only two terms.

“After review, the subcom- mittee felt like we needed to cast a wider net,” she said.

DiBlasio said he researched other “pursely coastal engineer- al firms” that did not submit RFQs but sent in letters of in- terest. He said he in- formed them the city would be receiving additional RFQs and received positive responses.

The city is likely to receive more robust responses from coastal engineers as it adver- tises again for RFQs, Baldwin said.

“One of our other coastal committees that we work in has completed a feasibility study — not quite the same ex- act same problems that Cape May faces in terms of the in- ner,” she said. “Some of the things that I learned I’m going to bring forward to help shape how the city can look at coastal safety and the possible of the beach, and then we can also incorporate that to our discus- sions with consultants that you are considering to move forward.”

She said the subcom- mittee would review and inter- view candidates, this time the “broader,” to find a coastal engineer to address the city’s issue.

Surje said the beach modell- ing process can begin once the city selects a coastal engineer. That will provide data to the See Committee, Page A10

Hayes appointed surrogate, setting off domino effect

O.C. councilman Barr takes her position on County Commission

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OCEAN CITY — Former Ocean City Council pres- ident Bobby Barr has taken his place on the Cape May County Board of County Commissioners. Earlier this year, Ocean City Mayor John G. Hayes was appointed as county surrogate.

That leaves a vacancy to be filled on Ocean City Council.

Barr resigned his council seat last week immediately after Cape May County Republican commissioners gathered Aug. 2 to fill a special Ocean City District seat that Barry Horner announced was being vacated to become Cape May County Surrogate. The replacement was announced Aug. 23.

The state Senate the week before to fill a vacancy created when Dean Malm- colms was a Superior Court Judge.

That also will change the makeup of the November election among GOP can- didates, with Barry Horner now running as the only Republican running for office in Ocean City,新世纪

Horner also will be run- ning for reelection after his short-appointed term as surrogate. She will be facing Democrat Beverly McCall, who made it onto the ballot with a write-in campaign.

Barr will be teamed up with fellow Ocean County Collette of Middle Town- ship and incumbent Will Money. Sitting County Commissioner Jeffrey Parsons of Upper Town- ship decided not to seek re-election.

Democrat

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Cape May council OKs $12.4 million bond sale

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CAPE MAY — City Council voted to authorize the sale of the previously issued bond ordinances, combi- ning them into a single $12.4 million bond.

The ordinance includes funds for the recently completed $4 million bike path and future development projects. The city’s share of costs for these new facilities totaling $10 million and improvements related to the beach utility dating back to 2013.

At an Aug. 1 meeting, former councilwoman Sue- cy Stanger noted the total included funds approved for the project to be $1.5 million. The city owed $9.4 million as of the end of June 2021. The city’s share of costs for these new facilities totaling $10 million and improvements related to the beach utility dating back to 2013.

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Some of these activities have already been purchased as well as the ambulances, but I don’t understand why we are going out to bond for an ambulance that was already purchased, she said.

“Why aren’t we bond-

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National Night Out in Cape May

The city and Cape May Police Department held the annual National Night Out event Aug. 1 that included beach games, bounce houses, a dunk tank, U.S. Coast Guard display, and live music. Above, Firefighter-Engineer Yash Vandermark of the Cape May Fire Department shows Bradley James Carney how to work the fire hose. Below, Cape May Police Chief Dalton Fanelli addresses the crowd.