Mullock says city rejects plan for Icona hotel zone
Mayor says same rules apply to major and minor projects

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CAPE MAY — Following Icona Resort's public hearing Wednesday night at the new convention center, 150 residents attended the site of the former Beach Theater. Mayor Zack Sheehan said he enjoys a lot of feedback.

Finance, Parks, chairman, and CEO of Icona Resorts, is requesting the approval of the zoning board because this is a change zone, which could expire after 20 years. The project is likely to take a couple of years to arrive at its finality in the ocean.

“I don’t want to publicly discuss this council has said ‘no’ to in the development of this area and the Historic Preservation Commission and planning and zoning boards because a property is declared a redevelopment zone,” Sheehan said. He is in favor of the plan.

The former freeholder was in the Historic Preservation Commission or planning and zoning boards because a property is declared a redevelopment zone. “To close your eyes and walk around Cape May and you look at what our town is, the value of our town, the uniqueness of our town, you have to thank the volunteers that these boards do,” he said. “They did wonderful work.

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City solicitor Chris Gioioli-Schatz said an engineering and professional engineering investigation was conducted by the city manager’s office in coordination with the police department.

“We didn’t have a consultant to do that,” said Gioioli-Schatz. “We didn’t have the data that existed. Gioioli-Schatz said his understanding in the proposed speed limit reduction was driven by common sense. He said the city was never a “perfect grid town.”

Sightscreens can be reduced for a driver traveling at more than 25 mph. Gioioli-Schatz said he had federal traffic statistics indicating the slowing speed limit by 10 mph drastically reduced the risk of someone being struck by a vehicle.

Shelton said she believes a traffic study must be conducted before the city lowers speed limits. “I don’t think it’s common sense to lower the speed limit. She said “I think it’s common sense that we enforce the speed limit because we have lowering the speed limit doesn’t stop people from going over the limit that they have doing now.”

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Mental health professionals on all 50 states celebrated last month as the nation’s 988 Crisis & Suicide Lifeline went live, providing a simple way for those struggling with emotional challenges to reach assistance.

The 988 Lifeline continues to provide a national phone call, text or chat service for people experiencing mental health issues or crisis. All free, confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in English and Spanish, the service also assists those who are concerned for the well-being of a loved one who may need emotional support.

The number of local crisis centers providing free and confidential support services in the state of New Jersey has increased from 32 to 40 crisis centers in the state. The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in English and Spanish, and has phone service available in many languages.

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To reach a counselor via call, text or chat, dial 988 or, to provide a simple way for those struggling with emotional challenges (including emergency mental health issues and suicidal thoughts) to reach assistance, text 988 or see 988Lifeline.org.

Solemn ceremony on 9/11
Members of the Army National Guard 23rd Transportation Company stand guard during Lower Township’s Patriot’s Day event Sept. 11. The ceremony included township officials and first responders.

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Cape May — City Council voted 4-1 to award a contract to CMK Associates to serve as a traffic engineering consultant for the expansion of Cape May’s desalination plant.

The enabling resolution noted CMK Associates does not have experience in water project engineering and management and its proposal incorporates partnership with Triad Associates, of Vineland, which has recognized expertise for grant funding, public project financing and state and federal program administrators.

In answering the city’s request for qualifications, CMK Associates stated it has 270 professionals and staff working in eight offices including one in Cape May, 14 in West North Jersey and two primary engineering offices.

According to CMK Associates, it has 45 years of professional engineering experience and has represented municipalities, counties, companies, authorities and New Jersey since 1983.

At a Sept. 6 council meeting, Deputy Mayor Stacy Sheehan, who cast the only “no” vote, said “I think it’s common sense that we enforce the speed limit because we have lowering the speed limit doesn’t stop people from going over the limit that they have doing now.”

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