Furlin, Pessagno object to Martz joining Housing Authority board

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CAPE MAY — In a 3-2 vote, City Council approved the appointment of Jessica Martz to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Martz, 44, a two-term member of the Democratic Party, was appointed by Mayor James Furlin, who noted that she has worked closely with him on a number of issues. "I think Jessica is very qualified for this position," he said. "She was elected treasurer of the Cape May County Democratic Committee in November and is a long-time supporter of the Housing Authority." Mayor Furlin said that he was pleased to see Martz join the board and that it would be a valuable addition to the city's housing efforts. "It is important to have a diverse representation on our board," he said. "Jessica brings a unique perspective and I believe she will be a valuable asset to the Housing Authority." Martz was elected to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in 2016 and served as the board's vice chairwoman the past two years. She is currently a member of the New Jersey Association of Housing Authorities. "I am excited to be a part of the Housing Authority," Martz said. "I am committed to ensuring that all residents of Cape May have access to affordable housing and I look forward to working with the other members of the board to achieve this goal." Mayor Furlin said that he was confident that Martz would be a strong leader for the Housing Authority and that her appointment would help the city move closer to its goal of providing affordable housing for all residents. "I believe that Jessica is the right person for this position," he said. "She has a strong track record of success and I am confident that she will be able to make a positive impact on our Housing Authority." Mayor Furlin said that he was looking forward to working with Martz and the rest of the Housing Authority Board to ensure that the city has the resources it needs to provide affordable housing for all residents. "I am committed to making sure that all residents of Cape May have access to affordable housing," he said. "We have a long way to go, but I believe that Jessica is the right person to help us get there."