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West Cape May has scheduled a special meeting for 6 p.m., April 24, to review a proposed sanitary sewer expansion project for Second Avenue, McCullough Avenue and Morean Avenue.

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