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CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE
CAPE MAY — The preliminary budget presented to Cape May City Council on Jan. 16 calls for a 1.3-cent tax-rate increase.

City Council will examine the budget and may suggest changes before it adopts the spending plan in March.

The general budget totals $17.6 million, in which salaries and wages building $6.5 million. The amount to be collected in local permanent taxes is $8.5 million, an increase of $430,000, or 2.5 percent.

The proposed budget for city service, pensions, insurance and other service, $43,400; third-party service, $40,000; a reserve for construction office vendor inspection, $40,000; and a reserve for capital improvements, $58,932.

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