

**REGULAR COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE WILDWOOD  
COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY**

Wednesday, May 27, 2020  
Commissioner's Meeting Room  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

**MEETING CALLED**

Meeting called to order by the Mayor.

*NOTE: This meeting was conducted under the restrictions of the COVID-19 virus, as dictated by the Governor's Office. The meeting room was not open to the public, but members of the public were invited to participate by utilizing the internet application ZOOM. There were 28 members of the public in attendance.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor leads in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners answered to their names:

Fitzsimons – here, Mikulski – here, Byron - here

**OTHERS ATTENDING**

Carl Groon, Administrator

Lou Delollis, Solicitor

Christopher H. Wood, City Clerk

Lisa Brown, Aide to the City Clerk

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

As per N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the Mayor read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May 20, 2020 Special Meeting

MOTION: Fitzsimons           SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

**ORDINANCES:**

1168-20           Capital Ordinance, Water Utility, \$500,000.00, self-liquidating (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Byron           SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

No public comment.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Byron           SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT: Byron           SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1168-20 has passed Second Reading

1169-20           Capital Ordinance, \$1,723,000.00, various improvements (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Byron           SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

No public comment.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Byron           SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT: Byron           SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1169-20 has passed Second Reading

1170-20 Amending Staffing Numbers in the Department of Public Safety in the City of Wildwood  
(**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

No public comment.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1170-20 has passed Second Reading

**EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS ONLY:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda.

- 215-5-20 Approving Amusement Game Licenses
- 216-5-20 Authorizing an Agreement with CASA Reporting Services to provide Affordable Care Act Reporting services in 2020 (\$7,600.00)
- 217-5-20 Authorizing a refund to Sandra Romano for 2020 Beach Box due to COVID-19 (\$400.00)
- 218-5-20 Authorizing refund of taxes for 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> ¼ to Shore Title due to overpayment
- 219-5-20 Authorizing refund of taxes for 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> ¼ due to overpayment (various)
- 220-5-20 Authorizing refund of taxes for 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> ¼ to Kevin & Jacqueline Catalina due to overpayment (\$553.16)
- 221-5-20 Authorizing refund of 2020 Mercantile License to Dolores Wolfer due to COVID-19 (\$790.00)
- 222-5-20 Authorizing refund to Samuel Reinhold for 2020 Beach Box due to COVID-19 (\$400.00)
- 223-5-20 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$4,681,956.44 dated May 27, 2020
- 224-5-20 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 225-5-20 Authorizing the Tax Collector to prepare and issue estimated Tax Bills for the Third Installment of 2020 Taxes
- 226-5-20 Appointing Steven Secare, Esq., as Hearing Officer for 2020 and Approving a Professional Service Contract (\$6,000.00)
- 227-5-20 Authorizing an Agreement with CME Associates to Perform Monthly Structural Visual Condition Survey Assessment to the Wildwood City Boardwalk for the City of Wildwood

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

**REPORTS:**

Engineers Report – On file in the Engineer’s office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Requesting the County to study the addition of a left turn arrow for the North Bound New Jersey Avenue heading West into Rio Grande Avenue.

City Clerk stated this would have to be approved by Resolution should the Board choose to do so. The Board agreed to approve this Resolution.

228-5-20 Requesting the County to study the addition of a left turn arrow for the North Bound New Jersey Avenue heading West onto Rio Grande Avenue

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

**OLD BUSINESS:** The City Clerk said he inadvertently left out the appointments to the Lifeguard Pension Committee. He recommended the Board approve the members he provided by Resolution. The Board agreed to act and approve the Resolution.

229-5-20 Appointments to the Wildwood Lifeguard Pension Committee

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski  
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** During regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting. Remarks will limit to five (5) minutes per person. The Deputy City Clerk will be keeper of time and advise speaker when time has expired. Each member of the public will be permitted to speak only once per meeting. Criticism of public employees will be directed to the Human Resources Department during work hours only.

*NOTE: There were 28 people in attendance via the internet application ZOOM.*

**John Donio, 4010 Atlantic Ave:** Mr. Donio submitted a written plan to the Board requesting the expansion of outdoor dining, the closure of Pacific Avenue during specified times, allow alcoholic beverages to be served to patrons while dining, amongst other requests. Mr. Donio asked that these requests be reviewed and approved at the next meeting. Mayor Byron said he did not receive this letter until late this afternoon and hasn't had the chance to review it. He said a few requests are already in place as the City is trying to be proactive. He will look into the other requests with heavy consideration. Mr. Donio said last year a plan was submitted for park dining, with no response. Mayor Byron said legal guidance would be needed for that. Commissioner Fitzsimons assured Mr. Donio they are doing everything in their power to help but, with having just received the letter late in the day, they will need a little time to review the document and that it will not be ignored. She said they take this very serious and acknowledge this economic disaster can seriously change our community. Mr. Donio appreciates the Board's attention to this matter and knows the businesses are looking for quick action.

**Charles Eyster, 2805 Ocean Ave:** Mr. Eyster requested the Board consider a 1:00pm ending for bikes on the Boardwalk as opposed to 12:00pm. Mayor Byron said he reached out to Mayor Rosenello, who is also favorable of the change to 1:00pm. He requested the Administrator speak with the other two Commissioners for their thoughts. Mayor Byron said if the times were amended, it would have to be done by Ordinance and would not take effect until the middle of July. Mr. Eyster said he was aware of the timing.

**Jack Morey, Morey's Piers:** Mr. Morey is in favor of extending bicycle hours on the Boardwalk. He feels towns that are more "bikeable" make for a better town. Mayor Byron said this just reinforces the need for a designated bike path in the City of Wildwood. The Boardwalk is not the best place to ride a bike due to the pedestrian traffic and hopes to continue the dialogue with the County relative to implementing a bike path in the City.

**Tom Gerace, Shamrock Bar:** Mr. Gerace asked why there were double standards between the Boardwalk as opposed to the streets, when enforcing alcohol. Mayor Byron said there were no double standards and requested Mr. Gerace come in to speak with the Police Chief and Commissioner Mikulski regarding his concerns. Mr. Gerace agreed to setting up a meeting to discuss.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

This meeting was recessed at 6:24p.m. The City Clerk read the subject(s) to be discussed and Executive Resolution No. 4-5-20 convening this meeting:

- Personnel Matter – City Clerk

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski  
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

**RECONVENED:** This meeting was reconvened at 6:34 p.m. There was no action taken as result of Executive Session.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski  
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

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Krista Fitzsimons, COMMISSIONER

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Steve Mikulski, COMMISSIONER

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Peter Byron, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRISTOPHER H. WOOD, CITY CLERK

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: June 10, 2020  
CHRISTOPHER H. WOOD, CITY CLERK

