

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

Wednesday, September 9, 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 open to the first 14 members of the public, and members of the public were also invited to participate by utilizing the internet application ZOOM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mikulski leads in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Deputy 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

Steve O'Connor – Administrative Assistant

Christopher D'Amico, Superintendent of Public Works

John Hess, CME

Karen M. Gallagher, Deputy 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:

August 26, 2020 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

ORDINANCES:

1174-20 Establishing Titles and Salary Ranges for Officers and Employees of the City of Wildwood
(INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance 1174-20 has passed First Reading

1175-20 Adopting an Application Process for Street Vacation requests **(INTRODUCTION/FIRST
READING)**

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance 1175-20 has passed First Reading

1176-20 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance's 1111-18 and 1152-19 and Chapter 6, Section 14 entitled
"Handicapped Parking Locations" **(INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)**

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance 1176-20 has passed First Reading

1177-20 Establishing Procedures and Standards Regarding Deployment of small Wireless Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance 1177-20 has passed First Reading

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS: Deputy City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda and announced “Resolution F” has been stricken from the agenda.

- 344-9-20 Authorizing a Contract with CME Associates pertaining to Wildwood Police Building ADA Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$35,100.00
- 345-9-20 Awarding a Bid to Paving Plus to Sewer Utility and Water Utility Paving and Repairs in the amount not to exceed \$172,161.00
- 346-9-20 Awarding an EUS Contract with V.E. Ralph & Sons, Inc., pertaining to Power Stretchers for the City’s Ambulances in the amount not to exceed \$102,054.00
- 347-9-20 Authorizing an Agreement with Cape May County to process the purchase of Rock Salt
- 348-9-20 Authorizing refund to Deborah Ferrara for 2020 Beach Box due to duplicate payment (\$75.00)
- 349-9-20 Awarding a contract to Perna Finnigan, Inc. pertaining to 2019 Capital Improvements – Phase 2A
- 350-9-20 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$2,018,290.84 dated September 9, 2020
- 351-9-20 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 352-9-20 Appointing Phil Swetsky as Class IV Member to the City of Wildwood Planning/Zoning Board with a term expiring 12/31/21
- 353-9-20 Authorizing the sale of a Surplus Broyhill Load and Pack from City of North Wildwood to the City of Wildwood
- 354-9-20 Authorizing the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk to execute and agreement with BCMF, LLC for Special Events
- 355-9-20 Authorizing the Planning Board of the City of Wildwood to conduct a Preliminary Investigation into whether certain properties in the Back Bay area can be designated as a Non-Condemnation Area in need of Redevelopment

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Fitzsimons announced January is “Human Trafficking” month. The Cape May County Women’s Commission, of which she is a member of, have posters, which will be distributed to every municipality in Cape May County to bring awareness to human trafficking. She said the FBI has listed human trafficking as the third highest criminal activity, majorly affected women and children and it even happens here in Cape May County. Commissioner Fitzsimons thanked the Board for their support.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

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 4 people in attendance via the internet application ZOOM.

Christopher D’Amico, Superintendent of Public Works: Mr. D’Amico announced Rio Grande Avenue will be closed to traffic from September 14 – September 28 due to the County placing murals on the street, which need

to be coated with epoxy. Each murals requires three days of sunlight. Traffic will be diverted to Hand Avenue. Mr. D'Amico also informed the public that, after the street closure there will be lane closures on Rio Grande Avenue while the County works on the lights.

Al Brannen, 217 E. Bennett Avenue: Mr. Brannen asked if we need to have murals on the middle of the most heavily trafficked street and asked who will be maintaining them. Mr. D'Amico said the County will be maintaining the murals and he will personally make sure they do. Mr. Brannen said these things are all nice but require maintenance, which is where the issue sits.

Jack Morey, Morey's Piers: Mr. Morey said there is an addition to the Rio Grande Avenue project, which is a piece of art in the shape of a wave, which is proposed to be placed on top of the wall. He said somehow this was left out of the bid package and is waiting on funding.

EXEVUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

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

Krista Fitzsimons, COMMISSIONER

Steve Mikulski, COMMISSIONER

Peter Byron, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Karen M. Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: September 23, 2020