

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

Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Time: 5:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED

Meeting called to order by the Mayor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

City Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners answered to their names:
Commissioner McConnell – here, Commissioner Mikulski – here, Mayor Troiano – here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Jessica Stilley, DeBlasio & Associates, PC
Ed Grant, Administrator
Steven A. Morris, Solicitor
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk
Amanda Neill, Aide to the City Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

MOTION: McConnell SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell– Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

ORDINANCES:

1292-24 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Section 14 as to Designated Parking Spaces for Persons with Disabilities (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

There being no comment, Public Hearing was closed.
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1292-24 has passed Second Reading

1293-24 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 of the General Ordinances of the City of Wildwood governing Street and Sidewalk Openings (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Margaret Clark, 328 East Glenwood Avenue: Ms. Clark asks if this Ordinance includes Atlantic Avenue that was being paved. Ms. Stilley explains the Ordinance was not yet in effect at the time when Atlantic Avenues project took place.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1293-24 has passed Second Reading

1294-24 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the General Ordinances of the City of Wildwood governing Animals on the City Boardwalk

(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Eileen Robinson, 236 East Davis Avenue: Ms. Robinson would like Ordinance No. 1294-24 further explained in regards to dogs on the Boardwalk. Mayor Troiano states this reinforces the law. Solicitor, Steve Morris, explains pedestrian walkways have now been completed so there is no reason for any dogs to be on the Boardwalk unless they are a service dog. Mayor Troiano says it is next to impossible to keep all dogs off of the Boardwalk. Commissioner Mikulski states he has been seeing officers escort dogs and their owners off the Boardwalk. Ms. Robinson asks when this Ordinance will officially become a law. Mayor Troiano explains that 20 days after Second Reading, it will become the law.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1294-24 has passed Second Reading

1296-24 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Section 14 as to Designated Parking Spaces for Persons with Disabilities

(INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

The Mayor announced Ordinance 1296-24 has passed First Reading

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

275-6-24 Authorizing the use of funds designated for the City of Wildwood from the FY2024 Wildwoods Urban Enterprises Zone Fund for the Wildwood Boardwalk Rehabilitation Phase IV Project for a cost not to exceed \$300,000.00

276-6-24 Authorizing refund of TDF Fees to Frank Mangini in the amount of \$4,375.00

277-6-24 Authorizing waiver of Bus Permit Fees for Barefoot Country Music Festival

278-6-24 Authorizing and accepting proposal as submitted by DeBlasio & Associates for Professional Land Surveying services for the preparation of Boundary Surveys for Easement Acquisition of various parcels in connection with the USACE Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet Storm Damage Reduction Project, in the amount not to exceed \$72,500.00

279-6-24 Authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. in connection with Landfill Closure Project, Phase 1 (decrease of \$445,547.50)

280-6-24 Authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 for Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. in connection with Landfill Closure Project, Phase 1 (increase of \$445,547.25)

281-6-24 Authorizing refund of TDF Fees to Jennifer Hall and Dennis Schwendiman in the amount of \$2,625.00

282-6-24 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$4,223,559.27 dated June 26, 2024

283-6-24 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda

284-6-24 Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Wildwood and 4301 Niagara, LLC regarding sewer system for the property located at 4301 Niagara Avenue

MOTION: McConnell SECOND: Troiano

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk’s Office – Jessica Stilley reports the Atlantic Avenue Storm Sewer Improvement Project is now complete and states their office is currently waiting on authorization to proceed with the Landfill Road Project. Ms. Stilley states their office has been in consultation with Public Works and Finance Department for Capital Improvement Plan Phase 3 and has initiated submitting grant funding with IBank to proceed. DeBlasio & Associates submitted a grant yesterday for FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program and will proceed with plans once approval has been granted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Mikulski states there was a fantastic turnout at the Barefoot Country Music Festival. He states there was a total of 197 incidents involving EMS with 15 people needing to be taken to the hospital and 10 total arrests were made. He notes the police did a great job. Commissioner Mikulski says fireworks will be starting this weekend as well. Mayor Troiano states this Sunday, June 30, 2024, concerts will be kicking off again starting at 7:30pm. Mayor Troiano states he has received several calls about the wooden walkways. He notes they will go down after Beach Blast. Mayor Troiano would also like to thank Governor, Phil Murphy, for allowing a number of police officers to come and assist with the issues on the Boardwalk and notes there have been fewer incidents. Commissioner McConnell states it is so good that Ordinance No. 1295-24 is now in place so that we are ready and prepared for next year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

•2024 MJPP (Atlantic-Cape Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Annual Update

City Clerk, Lisa A. Brown, explains to the Board no action needs to be taken at this time. Ms. Brown states Zoning Official, Steve Booy requested to have this information on the agenda for tonight’s Regular Meeting and as part of the process, is presented to the Board.

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 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.

Margaret Clark, 328 East Glenwood Avenue: Ms. Clark complains of absentee neighbors who are not tending to or appropriately maintaining their properties. Ms. Clark states a number of residence are getting parking meter permits and taking up parking spots from other homeowners along with parking in her spot. Mayor Troiano states he will reach out to the owners for their parking and maintenance issues. Ms. Clark states she consistently sees an issue with vehicles blocking the sidewalks and making it difficult for other to utilize them, giving the example of parents having to push their babies’ strollers into the street to get around. Mayor Troiano advises Ms. Clark to call the police when she notices such acts to have a well-documented record. Ms. Clark states she never sees officers ticketing vehicles for parking without a parking permit. Commissioner Mikulski states Chief Murphy is very diligent and strict about this and notes he does in fact see officers taking care of this matter. Ms. Clark asks the Board where the trash cans on the corner of Glenwood and Ocean Avenues went. Mayor Troiano says that some were pulled for the Trump rally and it is kind of an experiment at the moment stating they are not seeing an accumulation of trash at Ocean Avenue at this time. Ms. Clark states there was a time in which no construction took place between Memorial and Labor Day. Mayor Troiano states that is incorrect and it has always been this way and notes a plywood fence will be going up soon at Glenwood and Ocean Avenues. Lastly, Ms. Clark says there is still a broken sidewalk present located at 323 East Glenwood Avenue. Mayor Troiano states he will have Code Enforcement out there tomorrow.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

MOTION: McConnell SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Krista McConnell, COMMISSIONER

Steven Mikulski, COMMISSIONER

Ernest Troiano, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: July 10, 2024