

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

Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Time: 6:02 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.

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

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:

May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting

May 13, 2020 Executive Meeting

May 27, 2020 Regular Meeting

May 27, 2020 Executive Meeting

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

ORDINANCES:

None.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS ONLY: None.

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

232-6-20 Approving Amusement Game License(s)

233-6-20 Authorizing refund of a Special Event Permit fee to Morey's Piers for Cape Express Soccer Club Beach Blast Sand Soccer Tournament, June 27-28, 2020 (\$500.00)

234-6-20 Authorizing refund of a Special Event Permit fee to Morey's Piers for "A Closer Walk" Christian Youth Camping, August 6-8, 2020 (\$500.00)

235-6-20 Awarding RFQP to Trinity Code Inspections, LLC for On-Site Inspection and Plan Review Agencies for Sub-codes; Plumbing, Electrical, Fire Protection

236-6-20 Awarding Professional Services Contract with DeBlasio & Associates to provide Engineering Services in connection with the replacement of water mains & services on Stanton Road from New Jersey Avenue to the beach within Wildwood Crest (\$19,000.00)

237-6-20 Authorizing refund to Erin H. Groff for 2020 Beach Box, due to duplicate payment (\$75.00)

238-6-20 Authorizing increase in contract with Monmouth Telecom pertaining to the City Phone Messaging System (increase \$2,028.23 for a new total of \$49,476.27)

239-6-20 Authorizing refund to Richard Marconi for 2020 Beach Box, due to duplicate payment (\$75.00)

240-6-20 Awarding Bid to Tel-Dat Communications, Inc. for Fiber Optic Cable Install

241-6-20 Authorizing refund to Oleksandr Mogylei for 2020 Mercantile License, due to COVID-19 (\$327.00)

- 242-6-20 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$2,648,214.82 dated June 10, 2020
243-6-20 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
244-6-20 Amending Resolution No. 176-4-20 as to relaxing the procedures associated with site plan review and approval for existing restaurants in relation to current social distancing restrictions enacted in connection with the ongoing Coronavirus Public Health Emergency

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 congratulated Mr. DeBlasio on a job well done in regard to completing the repairs on the Boardwalk. It looks great and is open and ready for travel.

Commissioner Mikulski spoke on the protest that occurred in Fox Park last Friday. He said it was a peaceful, moving event. Chief Regalbuto gave a wonderful speech stressing the need for additional training and enforcement and ensured everyone the police department will continue to support peaceful rally’s. Commissioner Mikulski applauded everyone who made the event a successful one.

Mayor Byron announced he had a successful meeting with business owners, the BID, Steve Booy, Zoning Official and Chief Regalbuto, relative to closing Pacific Avenue for the summer from Spencer Avenue to Wildwood Avenue, in an effort to assist business owner in recouping some loss incurred due to COVID-19. By closing Pacific Avenue, business owners would be permitted to expand onto the sidewalk and extend their liquor licenses as well. Mayor Byron encouraged the business owners to fill out the application to do so. He said most establishments on Pacific Avenue do not have parking lots to extend their businesses and wanted to provide them with support that they all need right now.

Commissioner Mikulski agreed with Mayor Byron and believes it is a fantastic idea.

Commissioner Fitzsimons said by doing this, Pacific Avenue will become an attraction and hopefully downtown can recoup some of the money they’ve lost. She is looking forward to enjoy the outdoor dining atmosphere with

her family and looks forward to a lot of foot traffic on Pacific Avenue

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 8 people in attendance via the internet application ZOOM.

Jennifer Wetzel, 210 W. Maple Avenue: Ms. Wetzel said there is a tremendous amount of kids piling into these rental homes turning them into party houses. She asked if there were any occupancy restrictions on the rentals. Mayor Byron said if the property were a commercial property, the fire department would be able to control it. If it’s a privately owned property, there is an occupancy limit based on the square footage however, there’s no way to tell how many people are occupying any one location. He urged Ms. Wetzel to contact the police department for disturbances. After so many substantiated calls, the Board of Commissioners will have the opportunity to bring the property owner in and discuss the issues occurring in their rentals. Ms. Wetzel also said the landlords are not keeping up with the upkeep of their properties. She is seeing trash piling up and overgrown grass. Mayor Byron said the City has people out looking for things such as this. He encouraged her to call him on his cell if she ever has any concerns. Commissioner Mikulski also encouraged her to call his cell phone and told her he has a list of properties with code violations are that being taken care of.

Mayor Byron the Commissioner Meetings will be reopen to the public for the July 8th meeting. The attendance will have to be capped in order to adhere to the Governor’s occupancy requirements.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 6:18 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: June 24, 2020