

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

Wednesday, September 11, 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. Mayor Troiano asked for a moment of silence to remember those who lost their lives or have been negatively affected from the 9/11 attack.

ROLL CALL

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

McConnell – here, Mikulski – here, Troiano - here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Steven Morris, Solicitor

Ed Grant, Administrator

Nancy Mauro, DeBlasio & Associates Engineers

Lisa A. Brown, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 28, 2024 Regular Meeting

MOTION: McConnell SECOND: Mikulski

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

ORDINANCES:

1301-24 Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance No. 1287-24 adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Wildwood on April 10, 2024 in connection with Lead Service Replacement Project – Phase 1
(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.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1301-24 has passed Second Reading

1302-24 Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$3,500,000 for Water Main Replacement for the Water Utility and Authorizing for the issuance of \$3,500,000 bonds or notes of the City of Wildwood for financing part of the appropriation
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

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

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MOTION TO ADOPT

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1302-24 has passed Second Reading

1303-24 Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$13,200,000 for Sanitary Sewer System Improvements for the Sewer Utility and Authorizing the issuance of \$13,200,000 bonds or notes of the City of Wildwood for financing part of the appropriation
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1303-24 has passed Second Reading

1304-24 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 939-12 regarding the City of Wildwood Pension Plan for Lifeguards in accordance with N.J.S.A. 43:13-23 et seq.
(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.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1304-24 has passed Second Reading

1305-24 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.

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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. 1305-24 has passed Second Reading

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

- 349-9-24 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation (FY2025 Grant Program for UEZ Administration, \$88,895.00)
- 350-9-24 Authorizing waiver of portion of Public Works Fees for 2023 Monster Truck Event
- 351-9-24 Authorizing agreement between the City of Wildwood and Rettew Motorsports, LLC for use of the Baker Avenue beach parking lot during the 2024 Monster Truck Event
- 352-9-24 Amending Resolution No. 228-5-24 re: Sunday Night Concert Series Entertainment Contracts (amended total amount \$45,600.00)
- 353-9-24 Amending contract with Spatial Data Logic for Municipal Management Software to include SDL Services for West Wildwood (increase of \$3,400.00)
- 354-9-24 Amending Contract with Trinity Code for Building, Plumbing and Electrical Services (increase of \$30,000.00 for a new total of \$555,000.00)
- 355-9-24 Authorizing payment to the Cape May County Treasurer for the assistance of Cape May County Sheriff's Office during various weekends (\$29,025.00)
- 356-9-24 Authorizing refund of Taxes for 2024 3rd ¼, due to overpayments re: Bl. 101, L. 24 in the amount of \$837.39
- 357-9-24 Approving Shared Services Agreement with the Wildwood School District for Cops in Schools in the amount of \$60,000.00
- 358-9-24 Authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Michael P. Chapman to serve as interim Project Manager for utility projects in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00
- 359-9-24 Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Triad Associates to provide I-Bank Loan Program Administration/Project Implementation Services for Phase 1, Contract 1, Replacement of Lead Services Lines Project in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00
- 360-9-24 Awarding contract to Perna Finnigan, Inc. for Otten's Harbor Flood Mitigation Project, Susquehanna Avenue Drainage Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$875,751.25
- 361-9-24 Authorizing the extension of a Non-Fair and Open contract with GRR Consulting, LLC for Operational and Administrative Services (increase of \$23,500.00)
- 362-9-24 Accepting proposal as submitted by DeBlasio & Associates to perform the engineering and construction management services for NJDEP I-Bank No. 0514001-007 Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Phase 1, Contract 1, Construction Phase Services in the amount not to exceed \$828,500.00
- 363-9-24 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$2,972,194.14 dated September 11, 2024
- 364-9-24 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 365-9-24 Authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers to advertise for bids for Lead Service Line Replacement Program – Phase 1, Contract 1 in the Cape May County Herald on September 18, 2024 with bids being accepted on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at 10:00am

MOTION: McConnell

SECOND: Mikulski

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

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Mikulski announced the City has been awarded a \$1.5 million Safer Grant. This grant will allow for the Wildwood Fire Department to hire an extra person for each shift for a period of three years with the salaries being fully funded by this grant. Commissioner Mikulski said the City has applied each year for the past few years and have been unsuccessful so this award is huge success for the City and taxpayers alike. He thanked the Wildwood Fire Department and Triad Associates for all their hard work in achieving this award. Mayor Troiano congratulated the Wildwood Fire Department on a job well done. Mayor Troiano said volunteers in neighboring fire departments have decreased drastically which makes our paid department that much more crucial.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

•Authorizing Bingo Application as submitted by Greater Wildwood Rotary Club, Inc. for an event to be held on November 1, 2024 at 4501 Boardwalk

MOTION: McConnell

SECOND: Mikulski

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mikulski said he still had pamphlets from the last meeting wherein a presentation was held to educate the public on the proposed REAL/PACT regulations. He urged everyone to scan the QR code on the pamphlet to submit a letter to the State opposing the use of Executive Order and ask the DEP to take a better approach on the issue. Mayor Troiano reminded everyone the proposed rule of increasing the height of their homes and streets. He said by the year 2100, the only buildable land not affected by this will be in Rio Grande. Commissioner McConnell added ADA compliance has not even been considered when proposing these new regulations.

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 only.

Keith VanMeter, 3900 Susquehanna Avenue: Mr. VanMeter thanked the governing body for the small progress with the debris behind his home and hoped it would continue. He stated the owner only received one violation however there are five lots in total. Mayor Troiano said the owner is waiting on parts to fix a machine behind his property. As soon as that is received and an alternate location is found, the machine will be removed.

Tom Thompson, 325 W. Roberts Avenue: Mr. Thompson enjoyed the drone show and hoped the City would continue to consider this for next year. Mayor Troiano said the company did a great job and hopes to continue the show however; they have to factor in the cost, as the price is about \$15,000.00 per show.

Carl Schmoyer, 5301 Ocean Avenue: Mr. Schmoyer asked how the REAL/PACT project would be approved. Commissioner McConnell said currently, the State intends to approve this project using Executive Order approved by the Governor. By doing this, it only takes the signature of the Governor to approve thus leaving no room for public input. Commissioner McConnell said the lack of concern for ADA Compliance should make this illegal on that level alone. Mayor Troiano said if this is passed, it would stifle development and revenue.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:23 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

Steve Mikulski, COMMISSIONER

Ernest Troiano, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: September 25, 2024