

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

Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Time: 5 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:

Fitzsimons – here, Mikulski – here, Byron - here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Louis DeLollis, Solicitor (via FaceTime)
Steve O'Connor, Administrator
Carl Groon, Special Projects Administrator
Doug Rohmeyer, CME
Ray Roberts, R&V
Brian Lavin, DCO Energy
Christopher H. Wood, City Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 22, 2021 Regular Meeting
September 30, 2021 Special Meeting

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

ORDINANCES:

1209-21 Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Pacific Ave. Redevelopment area (**SECOND READING/
PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING:

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes
A. Brannen, Bennett Ave. – Told the Commissioners to take a trip to Asbury Park and see how they're doing up there. He said it was a rough start, but they're doing better now. The Mayor said a field trip is a good idea. Comm. Fitzsimons said she was also up in Asbury Park.

CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

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

ADOPTION:

At this time the Board decided not to adopt 1209-21, and to place it on a future agenda for consideration.

1210-21 Capital Ordinance for the Wildwood Water Utility, \$480,000.00 (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST
READING**)

INTRODUCTION:

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

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda. The Mayor asked to remove Resolution C from the consent agenda, and take it separately, since he needs to abstain. The Board agreed. The City Clerk noted that Resolution AA, “Authorizing the RVE to advertise for bids for FY2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program, Taylor Ave. in the AC Press on Oct. 23”, was added by the Board just prior to the start of the meeting, at the request of RVE.

- 376-10-21 Authorizing Professional Services Contract with CME re: Bid estimates, Phase 3, street construction (not to exceed \$10,000.00)
- 377-10-21 Correcting sewer billing for 2021 second quarter billing, due to incorrect calculation re: 5100 Lake Rd. (\$23,951.60)
- 378-10-21 Amending Shared Services Agreement with N. Wildwood re: Boardwalk Master Plan
- 379-10-21 Designating Trick-Or-Treat Night in the City of Wildwood as Sunday, October 31, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- 380-10-21 Designation intersections for “flashing” cycle (off-season) for municipal traffic lights
- 381-10-21 Awarding proposal to CME for Construction Management re: City Hall Meeting Room (not to exceed \$20,000.00)
- 382-10-21 Exercising option to extend Shared Services Agreement with N. Wildwood re: Tax Assessor (1yr.)
- 383-10-21 Accepting the 2020 Municipal Audit
- 384-10-21 Authorizing refund of third quarter taxes to 424 W. Roberts Ave. due to duplicate payment (\$1,077.24)
- 385-10-21 Approving energy savings plan
- 386-20-21 Awarding contract for City Hall Renovations to Capri Construction Co. (\$713,290.00)
- 387-10-21 Approving Small Wireless Facility Right-of-Way Use Agreement
- 388-10-21 Authoring the Director of the Wildwood Water Utility to execute a Settlement Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- 389-10-21 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of **\$5,429,041.61** dated October 13, 2021
- 390-10-21 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 391-10-21 Authorizing the RVE to advertise for bids for FY2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program, Taylor Ave. in the AC Press on Oct. 23

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

- 392-10-21 Authorizing Street Opening Permit & Test Monitoring Wells be drilled in a Public Right-of-Way, 4600 New Jersey Ave. (Burk Ave.)

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

REPORTS:

- Ray Roberts, RVE – Updated the Board on Flood hazard issues, and said the contractor will be coming back on-site in late October. He also thanked the Board for adding Resolution AA to tonight’s meeting.
- Doug Rohmeyer, CME - Report on file in the City Clerk’s Office. He made note of the Pacific Ave. Streetscape Phase III roadway work. Comm. Fitzsimons asked when the Byrne Center AC is going to be fixed. He said the equipment to fix it just arrived today.
- Brian Lavin, DCO Energy – Updated the Board on where they stand with regard to solar. He said we’ll go out for financing shortly, and that the report is with the PBU right now. He said the Board will then have to decide if it wants to fund the project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commissioner Fitzsimons reminded everyone about the “Trunk-or-Treat” event at Fox Park on October 30, 2021, from 3pm-6pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 15-minute parking zone, Poplar Ave. – Comm. Mikulski said the sign was taken down over the summer, with no plans to put it back up. He said the spot will not be metered and will be a no-parking area. He said the spot will still be available to drop –off, just not designated that way in an official capacity.
- Stop Signs – Young Ave. by Byrne Center. The Board wants to move ahead with the erection of an additional stop sign, and asked the Engineer to expedite the situation. The engineer noted it will have to be done by Ordinance.

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.

Joseph Toland, Glenwood Ave. – Said he has an issue with vapes being sold on the boardwalk while Wildwood is trying to clean up its image. He said the City should be in discussions with the Chamber on how to control this, and give Wildwood a better reputation.

Al Brannen, Bennett Ave. – Asked where the City stands on Boardwalk repair. Mr. Groon said the bids came in within the budget range. He said it's a total of three blocks of boardwalk being replaced. Mr. Brannen wondered if the City should have a lobbyist on its sided, to help get more funding. Mr. Groon said he is cautiously optimistic. Mr. Brannen asked about getting a camera shot of the Wildwood Boardwalk on NBC10. Comm. Fitzsimons said she was working on that issue, but then the summer got away from her. She apologized, and said she'll follow up.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:42 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: _____
Christopher H. Wood, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: October 27, 2021