

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

Wednesday, December 1, 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
Steve O'Connor, Administrator
Doug Rohmeyer, CME
Ray Roberts, R&V
Christopher H. Wood, 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:

November 10, 2021 Regular Meeting

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

ORDINANCES:

1215-21 Amending Ordinance No's. 568-02, 652-05 and 711-07 of the City's Revised General Ordinances pertaining to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Corporation (UEZ) for the Cities of North Wildwood, Wildwood, Borough of Wildwood Crest and Borough of West Wildwood
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

There being no comment, this hearing was closed.

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

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1215-21 has passed Second Reading.

1216-21 Amending Chapter VI of the City's Revised General Ordinances re: Traffic pertaining to West Maple Avenue, One-Way Conversion **(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)**

MOTION TO TABLE
MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

Commissioner Mikulski stated he was contacted last year from residents residing on the 300 west block of Maple Avenue requesting the street be made one-way due to the increase of motor vehicle accidents. A traffic study was done and reports were obtained from the Wildwood Police Department. The outcome of both indicated there was validity to move forward with making the street a one-way street. Last winter, the street was switched to one-way for a trial period. The residents residing on the 400 west block of Maple Avenue were not happy with the change, thus changing the street back to a two-way street. It is the discretion of the Board to keep Maple Avenue a two-way street and explore other measures to ensure the street is safe and the residents are satisfied. Therefore, this ordinance is tabled.

ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance 1216-21 has been Tabled.

1217-21 Vacating a portion of Hudson Avenue in the City of Wildwood (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

There being no comment, this hearing was closed.

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

MOTION TO ADOPT

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1217-21 has passed Second Reading.

1218-21 Authorizing the completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Improvements (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

There being no comment, this hearing was closed.

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

MOTION TO ADOPT

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1218-21 has passed Second Reading.

1219-21 Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation for the Preparation of an Approved Tax Map (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

There being no comment, this hearing was closed.

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

MOTION TO ADOPT

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1219-21 has passed Second Reading.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS: City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda, striking Resolutions “A” and “I” from the agenda.

- 429-12-21 Authorizing refund of taxes to 522 W. 26th Avenue for 2021 third quarter due to overpayment (\$2,691.32)
- 430-12-21 Authorizing cancellation of unexpended balance of 2021 Emergency Appropriation (\$271,000.00)
- 431-12-21 Authorizing re-appointments to the Wildwood Housing Authority (Sue Maxwell, Juanita Jones)
- 432-12-21 Authorizing contract to Stewart Business Systems for desktop printer maintenance (\$5,400.00)
- 433-12-21 Amending contract with Xerox for copier equipment maintenance (\$16,279.28 increase to \$50,100.00)
- 434-12-21 Requesting approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation (Body work police cameras; \$101,900.00)
- 435-12-21 Authorizing cancellation of Capital Improvement Appropriations
- 436-12-21 Authorizing payment to the WBID for Light Pole Replacement on Pacific Avenue
- 437-12-21 Authorizing amendment to contract for sale of 201 W. Burk Avenue
- 438-12-21 Rescinding Resolution No. 167-4-21 re: Various Police Department Equipment
- 439-12-21 Authorizing the return of escrow balance deposits
- 440-12-21 Authorizing contracts with various professionals in conjunction with USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Program, Taylor Avenue
- 441-12-21 Amending contract with Graybar (\$25,000.00 increase)
- 442-12-21 Authorizing transfers between Budget Appropriations
- 443-12-21 Authorizing cancellation of Grant Receivables and Appropriations
- 444-12-21 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$3,381,456.25 dated December 1, 2021
- 445-12-21 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 446-12-21 Authorizing the cancellation of small balances of less than \$10.00 re: Tax Collector
- 447-12-21 Authorizing interest rate and grace period for 2022 tax and sewer collection

MOTION: Fitzsimons

SECOND: Mikulski

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

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – Ray Roberts, RVE: NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – They are petitioning the DOT to increase grant funding. Sightseer Improvements – not granted by DOT and will reapply. USDA Application for Taylor Avenue – working with Triad to submit an application for funding by the end of the year. Flood Hazard Project on Ocean Avenue – Work was delayed due to not receiving supplies. Supplies have finally been received and work will begin next week. Phase 1A Project – Determining final cost for the project and they believe it will be less than what was originally awarded. They are now looking into how to use those additional funds. They would like to put tyflex valves on the City’s drains. Phase II – there is basically a crew on every street, and the project will be finished as quickly as possible. Site Remediation for Kojax – the Brownfields money is not available, so they are now working with Triad to find additional funding. Intersection at Pacific and Rio Grande Avenues – they are pushing the contractor to submit a proposal to fix the sinkhole. Commissioner Mikulski asked if there would be any issues meeting the deadline concerning the Ocean Avenue project. Mr. Roberts said no, he’s still comfortable with the 2022 completion date. Commissioner Mikulski asked what streets the Taylor Avenue project encompassed. Mr. Roberts told him and said they are looking for additional funding to do more blocks.

Doug Rohmeyer, CME: HVAC installation is continuing at Byrne Center, and is progressing nicely. The insulation has been installed, painting is in progress and this will bring the project up to punch list. City Hall Renovations – Work is ongoing out front. The concrete demolition is basically done and currently the cracks are being addressed. Work will begin to move inside the meeting room as well as back outside to the marquee, the sign and the roof. County Open Space Grant for Maxwell Field – They are putting the City in position to be ready for construction. The project is still on track. Full report on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commissioner Fitzsimons invited everyone to attend “Christmas in the Park” event, which will be held on December 10-11, and 17-18 at Holly Beach Park. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be there along with music, lights and free hot chocolate.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Raffle – American Legion Post 184, December 10, 2021

MOTION: Fitzsimons

SECOND: Mikulski

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Repealing and Restating Chapter 28, Article II Establishing Procedures and Standards regarding Deployment of Small Wireless Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way in the City of Wildwood – The City Solicitor advised to hold off on taking any action on this matter.

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.

Christopher D’Amico, 121 W. Magnolia Avenue: Mr. D’Amico said he had a meeting with Mr. Groon relative to his concerns with the Wharf property. He is not satisfied with having to wait 3-4 months to have the issue corrected. Mr. DeLollis said the engineer met with the property owner and they came up with an agreement. The property owner has a punch-list of things to complete and if he does not follow through, the City can take action. Commissioner Mikulski said he did take a ride down to see what the area looked like, and where the flooding was occurring. Mr. D’Amico said the City gave the Wharf the land to do a project and they have done nothing. He urged the City to place crushed concrete on the property to alleviate the flooding in the meantime, while the property owner is working on the punch list.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:30 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: December 8, 2021