

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

Wednesday, May 25, 2022
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

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

Fitzsimons – here, Mikulski – here, Byron - here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Steve O'Connor, Administrator

Jim Oris, R&V

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 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

May 11, 2022 Executive Session

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

ORDINANCES: None.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

- 234-5-22 Authorizing refund of 2022 Mercantile License to Michelle Mattiace of 4901 Susquehanna Avenue, Unit 206 due to property not rented (\$336.00)
- 235-5-22 Appointing and Re-Appointing Members to the Wildwood Housing Authority (Nancy Mercado term expires 12/31/25; Sue Maxwell term expires 12/31/25; Juanita Jones term expires 12/31/26)
- 236-5-22 Authorizing the release of Subdivision/Site Bond to Midtown Properties, LLC, 3601 Atlantic Avenue
- 237-5-22 Authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers to proceed with Professional GIS Services in connection with Wildwood City Stormwater Outfall GIS Mapping (\$11,500.00)
- 238-5-22 Authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers to proceed with Professional GIS Services in connection with Wildwood City Sanitary Sewer GIS Mapping Updates" (\$68,060.00)
- 239-5-22 Authorizing and accepting a proposal as submitted by Colliers Engineering & Design for Boardwalk Rehabilitation – Phase 2, Maple Avenue to 26th Avenue (\$393,300.00)
- 240-5-22 Authorizing Triad to proceed with Two (2) NJDCA Legislative Appropriation Grant Applications, Boardwalk Reconstruction Project (\$5,000.00)
- 241-5-22 Authorizing Change Order No. 4 – Final as submitted by Remington & Vernick Engineers on behalf of Charles Marandino, LLC for FY2019 Capital Improvement Project – Phase 1A (increase of \$24,799.81 to a new total of \$3,450,556.59)
- 242-5-22 Authorizing Change Order No. 2 as submitted by Remington & Vernick Engineers on behalf of Perna Finnigan, Inc. for FY2019 Capital Improvement Project – Phase 2A (increase of \$603,033.69 to a new total of \$7,614,924.15)
- 243-5-22 Authorizing extending the existing contract with Trinity Code for Plumbing, Electrical and Fire Protection Services (\$41,370.00)
- 244-5-22 Approving Amusement Game License(s)

- 245-5-22 Authorizing Police Chief to execute an application for participation in the Cops in Shops 2022 Summer Shore Initiative Program (\$3,360.00)
- 246-5-22 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$3,831,394.15 dated May 25, 2022
- 247-5-22 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 248-5-22 Authorizing the City Engineers to advertise for bids for the “Pacific Avenue Capital Improvement Program (Phase 3) & FY2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program in the June 3, 2022 edition of the City’s official newspaper with bids being received on June 24, 2022 at 10:00am
- 249-5-22 Authorizing to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Bergen

MOTION: Fitzsimons

SECOND: Mikulski

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

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – Jim Oris – Remington & Vernick: Report on file in the City Clerk’s Office. Mr. Oris reported that Ocean Avenue will be completely paved by this evening and open for business on Thursday. In regard to the 2A Project, he reported that paving has been complete leaving only striping and touch-up work that

will take place between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend. The contractor will return after the summer to complete the project. Mayor Byron asked for an update on the Wharf bulkhead. Mr. Oris said the Wharf has attempted to make the improvements to the bulkhead, they have started but have not completed the project. The bulkhead is not yet secure in terms of being watertight. Commissioner Mikulski asked if they are supposed to work on the bulkhead in the front area. Mr. Oris said, yes, the south side.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Fitzsimons announced Art in the Parks would be starting again for another season as it was highly successful last year. This year will include activities such as painting, family dance parties/karaoke and nature arts and crafts. Everyone has been generous with this program, providing a low cost to the City of Wildwood. In turn, this program has been met with high gratitude from attendees. Commissioner Fitzsimons also announced, new this year will be real life sculptures which have been placed in various parks around the community. These Seward Johnson Art Sculptures have been loaned to the City, funded by TDC, with the idea to bring art and culture to the area. Each sculpture will have a “QR” code for the public to scan and learn about each piece. The sculptures will remain in the various parks for the public to enjoy until November. There will also be tiny sculptures available to win throughout the summer.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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 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.

Keith VanMeter, 3900 Susquehanna Avenue: Mr. VanMeter asked what the status was concerning the stop signs that were requested to be placed on in the area. There was a traffic study performed by CME during the winter months to determine if one was warranted. Mr. VanMeter believed a study was not required and that the placement of stop signs was determined by the Mayor. Mayor Byron said he was unsure whether he had that authority. Mr. Oris said the traffic study has been complete and his firm is now analyzing the data. Mr. Oris said the Mayor does not have the authority to make that decision and that it would come from the engineers. Mr. Oris informed Mr. VanMeter that stop signs do not deter speeding, which is his concern. If there is a history of accidents that warrant a stop sign, then he could move forward. Mr. Oris said he would review the data and provide a determination in 2 weeks. Mayor Byron assured Mr. VanMeter that they are on his side and will do everything they can to get this done within the lines of the law. Mr. VanMeter asked if there was another method to notify residents that the dump drop-off has moved as people are still driving to the old location and dumping their trash in front of the closed gate. Commissioner Mikulski said he has been in contact with the Superintendent of Public Works who is going to make bigger signs, install barricades and redirect them to the new site. Mr. VanMeter asked to have the Water/Sewer charges explained to him. Mayor Byron asked him to speak with him after the meeting to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:22 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 Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: June 8, 2022