

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

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Commissioner's Conference Room
Time: 5:00 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. Members of the public were also invited to participate by utilizing the internet application ZOOM, as well as "Go to Meeting". There were 9 members of the public were present via Zoom.

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 Zoom)
Carl Groon, Municipal Administrator
Steve O'Connor – Administrative Assistant
Mike McIntyre – Water Utility Director
Christopher 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:

February 24, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

ORDINANCES:

1191-21 Amending various ordinances re: Annual sewer rental charges for the use and operation of sewerage facilities 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, the Public 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. 1191-21 has passed Second Reading.

1192-21 Establishing Water Rates to be charged to all users and bulk purchases (**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, the Public 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. 1192-21 has passed Second Reading.

1193-21 Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Bl. 173, L. 1.01 & 1.02 (SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

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

Louis Joyce, Professional Planner – Mr. Joyce prepared and presented the report for the Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board, which they adopted by resolution. Zoning for this area can remain intact.

There being no further comments, public 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 – Abstain
The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1193-21 has passed Second Reading.

1194-21 Repealing Ord. 1164-20 and Restating Ch. 10 of the City Code re: Trash Collection/Disposal (SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

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

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

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

There being no comment, the Public 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. 1194-21 has passed Second Reading.

1195-21 Exceeding the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits (CAP) (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, the Public 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. 1195-21 has passed Second Reading.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS: City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda. He advised the Board of an additional Resolution to be considered at today’s meeting, to approve an MOU for Union clothing allowance, if they chose to add it to the agenda. Mr. O’Connor said instead of the Union getting a clothing allowance of \$300.00 twice a year, they will get \$600.00 once a year. Mr. DeLollis they would get the allowance in November. The Board agreed to add this Resolution as Addendum I.

- 105-3-21 Amending Agreement with Tri-Marketing for social media services
- 106-3-21 Amending Resolution No. 349-9-21 re: Awarding contract for 2019 Capital Improvements
- 107-3-21 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 as submitted by RVE for Northeast Remsco Construction, Inc. for the project NJDEP FHRRGP – Pacific Ave. Drainage (\$192,991.64 increase to \$22,184,820.64)
- 108-3-21 Authorizing Change Order No. 2 as submitted by RME for Northeast Remsco Construction, Inc. for the project NJDEP FHRRGP – Pacific Ave. Drainage (\$131,325.00 increase to \$22,316,145.54)
- 109-3-21 Increasing Construction Phase Services for RVE re: FHRRRP (\$21,000.00 increase to \$671,000.00)
- 110-3-21 Awarding contract for DeBlasio & Associates for Inspection Services re: Replacement of Water Mains, Stanton Road (\$15,000.00)
- 111-3-21 Awarding contract for retail electric supply under SJ Cooperative
- 112-3-21 Authorizing refund of First Quarter Taxes on Bl. 182, L. 6, due to overpayment (Thomas Schick, \$1,480.85)
- 113-3-21 Approving Amusement Game Licenses
- 114-3-21 Awarding contract to Asphalt Paving Systems for Water Utility Improvements, Stanton Rd. (\$249,717.00)
- 115-3-21 Authorizing contract with Wild Island Graphics to provide website maintenance and updates (\$9,000.00)
- 116-3-21 Authorizing return of Escrow Balance Deposits
- 117-3-21 Authorizing Agreement with CME Associates re: Center Designation (\$38,500.00)
- 118-3-21 Amending Professional Services Contract with Secare Law Firm re: Hearing Officer (new total: \$15,000.00)
- 119-3-21 Authorizing Triad Associates to process an application for the Wildwood Fire Dept. re: SAFER Grant Application 2021
- 120-3-21 Approving Shared Services Agreement with Wildwood Crest re: Wildwood Water Utility
- 121-3-21 Authorizing Official Signatories
- 122-3-21 Authorizing Official Administrator for Crest Savings Bank re: Cash Management Program
- 123-3-21 Authorizing Transfers between Budget Appropriations
- 124-3-21 Awarding 2021 Annual Bids for various Water Utility Meters/Parts
- 125-3-21 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$1,544,352.04 dated March 10, 2021
- 126-3-21 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 127-3-21 Approving MOU between the City of Wildwood and the Amalgamated Local 2327, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement of Workers of America (UAW Clothing Allowance)

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – John Hess – CME: The bid opening for the Police Department will be held on March 17th. About 5 contractors took out bid packages. Preliminary plans for improvements to the Commissioners Meeting Room are ready and a meeting will have to be scheduled. A report and certification for the “one-way” street sign placed on Maple Avenue has been issued and an Ordinance will have to be adopted by the Governing Body. The street does not meet the necessary standards with cars parking on both sides. Commissioner Mikulski said they’ll be keeping it a two-way street for the summer, and will revisit the issue in the fall.

Jim Oris – RME: Engineer’s report is on file with the engineer. Mayor Byron asked when the 5100 block of

Ocean Avenue will be reopened, as he does not want it closed over Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Oris said he will tighten up the timing. Commissioner Mikulski asked if the portion of the Boardwalk that has been removed will be replaced by Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Oris said it would.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Byron congratulated all the island basketball teams, especially Wildwood High School boys for being the Tri-County Champions.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The City Clerk deferred to Chief of Police, Robert Regalbuto. Chief Regalbuto wanted to Make the Governing Body was aware of the new law that came along with legalizing marijuana in the State of New Jersey. He said it's going to have a dramatic impact on our City this summer, and is going to be very difficult to enforce. Officers can no longer use "odor" as a means to investigate. If an individual does not want to provide an officer with the correct identification information, the officer cannot push for that information, or the officer could be charged with a Third Degree crime. Chief Regalbuto is currently trying to fill as many positions as possible so there's a strong police presence on the Boardwalk this season. He advised the Board to anticipate numerous complaints from home and business owners due to the new law. He said the Police Department can only follow the laws set by the Governor and interpreted by the Attorney General. Commissioner Fitzsimons asked if most of the focus of the police department will be on the Boardwalk. Chief Regalbuto said the Boardwalk is inundated with people, as well as the beaches. However, he said making arrests is going to be very difficult.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

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.

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:33 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: March 24, 2021