

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

Wednesday, January 10, 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.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners answered to their names:
Commissioner Fitzsimons – here, Commissioner Mikulski – here, Mayor Troiano – here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Jim Oris, Remington & Vernick Engineers
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk
Amanda Neill, Aide to the 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.

PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 27, 2023 Regular Meeting
MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons– Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Abstain

January 3, 2024 Reorganization Meeting
MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

ORDINANCES:

1277-23 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: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano– Yes

There being no comment, Public Hearing was closed.
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1277-23 has passed Second Reading

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS: City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda. City Clerk noted Resolution “C” will be considered individually.

- 17-1-24 Authorizing Intra-County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements with participating entities in the County of Cape May
- 18-1-24 Approving Amusement Game License (s)
- 19-1-24 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$2,583,545.44 dated January 10, 2024

20-1-24 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda

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

21-1-24 Appointing members to the Planning/Zoning Board

MOTION: Mikulski SECOND: Troiano
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Abstain, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk’s Office. Commissioner Mikulski inquired if the Living Shore Line consisted of the area from the water to the Shore Line and asked if that area will be cleaned out. Mr. Oris confirmed that the Living Shore Line does encompass the areas he mentioned and they will be cleaned out. They will be creating a berm to mitigate flooding and a retaining wall to keep dirt back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

•Commissioner Fitzsimons wished to retract her roll call vote from “No” to an abstention in regards to Resolution “C”. Commissioner Fitzsimons stated this is due to not having enough information or involvement and that this is not because of the people or an issue with the appointees. Mayor Troiano and Commissioner Mikulski agreed for the Minutes to reflect her abstention. Mayor Troiano makes a motion to allow this change, seconded by Mikulski.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

•Authorizing Bingo Application as submitted by Greater Wildwood Rotary Club, Inc. to be held on February 23, 2024 at the Wildwood’s Convention Center

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

•Authorizing Raffle Application as submitted by NJ State Council, Knights of Columbus to be held on May 18, 2024 at the Wildwood’s Convention Center

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

•Authorizing Raffle Application as submitted by Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation to be held on April 12, 2024 at the Wildwood’s Convention Center

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano - Yes

•Authorizing Raffle Application as submitted by CMDC Booster Club to be held on May 4, 2024 at 3421 Boardwalk

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano - Yes

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.

Al Brannen, 217 E. Bennett Avenue: Mr. Brannen questioned if the pumps are working on Leaming Avenue. Jim Oris states they are working and did well through the recent storm. Mr. Brannen states Bennett and Pacific

Avenues flooded Tuesday night and Commissioner Mikulski explained Public Works was out at 6:00am working diligently to aid this issue by removing debris from the backed up sewer grates. Mr. Brannen says he would like for the pump station to be painted before summer time along with suggesting the Regular Meetings now be held at 7:00pm. Mayor Troiano stated they would be taking a good look at the pump station and wants it done properly the first time and explained that meetings were previously held at 7:00pm and 6:00pm and the public was not attending which is why they are now conducted at 5:00pm. Mr. Brannen asks the Board to consider placing television screens for Planning & Zoning so the public can know what is going on. Lastly, Mr. Brannen states that he does not want a local who is favored to be put in place as Administrator and asks the Board of Commissioners to take this into consideration as well. Mr. Brannen noted he could provide a phone number of a potential Administrator. Mayor Troiano directed Mr. Brannen to provide the City Clerk with that information at the conclusion of the meeting.

Christopher D'Amico, 121 W. Magnolia Avenue: Mr. D'Amico adds to Brannen's statement in regards to the pump and states that the pump project is not yet complete and that it is still relying on the old infrastructure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Regular Business Meeting was recessed at 5:20 p.m. by motion of Fitzsimons, seconded by Mikulski. The City Clerk read the subject(s) to be discussed and Executive Resolution No. 1-1-24 convening this meeting.

- Contractual Matters – 2024 Professional Services
- Contractual Matters – IT/Social Media
- Personnel Matter – Administrator

RECONVENED: The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:18 p.m. by motion of Fitzsimons and seconded by Mikulski. The following action took place as a result of Executive Session:

- 22-1-24 Appointing Steven A. Morris, Esquire of the Morris Law Firm, LLC as Municipal Solicitor for 2024
- 23-1-24 Appointing DeBlasio & Associates as Municipal Engineer for 2024
- 24-1-24 Appointing Steven A. Morris, Esquire of the Morris Law Firm, LLC as Tax Appeal Counsel for 2024
- 25-1-24 Appointing Steven A. Morris, Esquire of the Morris Law Firm, LLC as Redevelopment Counsel for 2024

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – No, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

- 26-1-24 Appointing Gibbons P.C. as Bond Counsel for 2024
- 27-1-24 Appointing Ford, Scott & Associates, LLC as Municipal Auditor for 2024
- 28-1-24 Appointing Testa Heck Testa & White P.A. as Labor Counsel for 2024
- 29-1-24 Appointing Ronald J. Gelzunas, Esquire as Municipal Prosecutor for 2024
- 30-1-24 Appointing Seth A. Fucellaro, P.A. as Municipal Public Defender 2024
- 31-1-24 Appointing Triad Associates as Grant Coordinator for 2024
- 32-1-24 Appointing Steven Secare, Esquire of Secare & Hensel as Attorney Hearing Officer for Employee Disciplinary & Property Maintenance/Demolition for 2024
- 33-1-24 Appointing Shore Animal Control Services, LLC to provide Animal Control Services for 2024
- 34-1-24 Appointing Lisa A. Brown as Interim Municipal Administrator

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes Mikulski – Yes, Troiano - Yes

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

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

Krista Fitzsimons, COMMISSIONER

Steven Mikulski, COMMISSIONER

Ernest Troiano, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: January 24, 2024