

**WORK SESSION MINUTES OF THE WILDWOOD COMMISSIONERS
IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY**

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
Commissioners Meeting Room
Time: 3:30 p.m.

MEETING CALLED:

Meeting called to order by the Mayor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk leads in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Byron – here, Leonetti – here, Troiano – here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Mary Bittner, Solicitor

Chris Fox, Administrator

J. Powers, CFO

Harvey Coccozza, Auditor

J. Murphy, Police Captain

D. Spiegel, Fire Chief

Christopher H. Wood, City Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 13, 2018 Work Session

June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting

Pending questions from the Board these Minutes will be approved during the Regular Meeting. There were none.

2018 BUDGET

Ordinance:

1112-18 Exceeding the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and establishing a CAP Bank
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

To be conducted during the Regular Meeting.

Budget Document:

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

To be conducted during the Regular Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda:

- A. Awarding bid for “Reconstruction of Newark Ave.” to Perna Finnigan (\$48,979.54)
- B. Authorizing the City Engineer to advertise for bids for “Bulkhead Replacement at Otten’s Harbor” on June 28, 2018 with bids being received on July 19, 2018 at 2 p.m.
- C. Authorizing one-time water bill adjustment to Frank Dona, 135 W. Aster Rd., Wildwood Crest (\$879.77)
- D. Authorizing one-time water bill adjustment to Robert Brady, 250 Seabreeze Ct., N. Wildwood (\$863.91)
- E. Appointing Lewis Ostrander as State Housing Official in the City of Wildwood
- F. Awarding bid for “Water Tank Evaluation Program” to Allied Painting (\$2,266,500.00)
- G. Appointing Marc DeBlasio as volunteer coordinator for “Baseball on the Beach, 2018”
- H. Authorizing filing an application for Facility Funding, USDA – RD, re: streetscaping of Park Blvd., from Rio Grande Blvd. to 26th St. & rescinding Resolution No. 254-6-18
- I. Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$ 2,689,069.52 dated June 27, 2018
- J. Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION

- I. Authorizing payment of bills Additional 1 in the amount of \$9,709.68

ORDINANCES:

- 1113-18 Rescinding Ordinance transferring land to Habitat for Humanity (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)
- 1114-18 Amending various construction permit fees in the City of Wildwood (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)
- 1115-18 Affirming that food service establishments serving alcohol is a permitted use in the BA1 Zone (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)
To be conducted during the Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Mayor stated that a legislative bill out of Trenton passed by a 37-0 vote recently, and if signed by the Governor could bring up to another \$4 million in funding to GWTIDA.

REPORTS:

- Engineer's Report – On File in the City Clerk's Office
- Comm. Byron talked about the need to have a developer at the Bayside Redevelopment project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- None

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to be discussed, this Work Session meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

MOTION: Byron SECONDED: Leonetti
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

PETER BYRON, COMMISSIONER

ANTHONY LEONETTI, COMMISSIONER

ERNEST TROIANO, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CHRISTOPHER H. WOOD, CITY CLERK

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: July 11, 2018
CHRISTOPHER H. WOOD, CITY CLERK

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

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Time: 3:38 p.m.

MEETING CALLED

Meeting called to order by the Mayor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk leads in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Byron – here, Leonetti – here, Troiano - here

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Mary Bittner, Solicitor

Chris Fox, Administrator

J. Powers, CFO

Harvey Coccozza, Auditor

J. Murphy, Police Captain

D. Spiegel, Fire Chief

Christopher H. Wood, City Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 13, 2018 Work Session

June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Leonetti SECOND: Byron

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

2018 BUDGET

Ordinance:

1112-18 Exceeding the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and establishing a CAP Bank
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

Motion to open the Public Hearing:

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Byron

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

- None

Motion to Close the Public Hearing:

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Leonetti

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Motion to adopt:

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Byron

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Mayor Troiano announced that Ordinance No. 1112-18 has passed Second Reading.

Budget Document:

- Presentation of Police Dept. budget by Captain J. Murphy via PowerPoint presentation – on file in Police Dept.
- Presentation of Fire Dept. Budget by Chief D. Spiegel via PowerPoint presentation – on file in Fire Dept.
- Presentation of Municipal budget/Finances by Auditor Harvey Coccozza – on file in CFO's Office

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion to open the Public Hearing:

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Byron

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Bob Ferguson – Said Doo-Wop is dead and the town has to grow up. He said Wildwood’s got to get with it. He said the Millennials are the ones with money these days, and they should be targeted as a vacation group. He suggested beach tags and making the boardwalk more family friendly. Comm. Byron said Wildwood’s not developer-friendly. He said there needs to be a greater focus on the future, not so much on the past.

Al Brannen – Asked how many year-round and seasonal employees Wildwood has. The Mayor told him 152 and 170, respectively. Mr. Brannen suggested hiring an outside company to review operations. The Mayor said Wildwood simply does not have the ratables that N. Wildwood and Wildwood Crest have. Mr. Brannen said the level of people renting here is killing this town. He said he disagrees with any type of a tax increase.

Ryan Troiano – Said the tax issue has been going on for seven years. He asked Comm. Leonetti if he lived in Wildwood Crest. Comm. Leonetti said he is a resident of Wildwood. Mr. Troiano asked how Comm. Leonetti feels the same tax burden with the rest of the taxpayers when he’s a renter. Comm. Byron said the original tax increase was 23 cents, and it currently stands at 9.9-cents. He said he hasn’t gotten the numbers from the administrator, and he made it clear he doesn’t agree with the tax increase, but it’s out of his control. Mr. Troiano asked where do we go from here? He said Wildwood’s always helping people who hurt us, like the Morey Organization. He said we need to control our town. He also said Wildwood is linked to West Wildwood and the financial strife it’s currently facing due to Wildwood Administrator Chris Fox, who’s also the Mayor of West Wildwood. Mr. Fox said if he had things his way he would’ve increased Wildwood’s taxes 21 cents one time, instead of nickel-and-diming it along the way. Mr. Troiano said the solicitor’s salary of \$192K is too high, and that Mr. Fox has no qualifications to be the City’s Administrator. He asked if the City was looking into running the tram car.

Colleen Green – Said she feels like she’s being pushed out of town, and that taxes keep going up and up. The Mayor said the City needs to look into more shared services, ways to increase ratables, and more ways to make money on the beach.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing:

MOTION: Leonetti SECOND: Byron

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

264-6-18 Motion to adopt 2018 Municipal Budget:

MOTION: Leonetti SECOND: Troiano

ROLL CALL: Byron – No, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Mayor Troiano announced that the 2018 Municipal Budget has been adopted.

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

- 266-6-18 Awarding bid for “Reconstruction of Newark Ave.” to Perna Finnigan (\$48,979.54)
- 267-7-18 Authorizing the City Engineer to advertise for bids for “Bulkhead Replacement at Otten’s Harbor” on June 28, 2018 with bids being received on July 19, 2018 at 2 p.m.
- 268-6-18 Authorizing one-time water bill adjustment to Frank Dona, 135 W. Aster Rd., Wildwood Crest (\$879.77)
- 269-6-18 Authorizing one-time water bill adjustment to Robert Brady, 250 Seabreeze Ct., N. Wildwood (\$863.91)
- 270-6-18 Appointing Lewis Ostrander as State Housing Official in the City of Wildwood
- 271-6-18 Awarding bid for “Water Tank Evaluation Program” to Allied Painting (\$2,266,500.00)
- 272-6-18 Appointing Marc DeBlasio as volunteer coordinator for “Baseball on the Beach, 2018”
- 273-6-18 Authorizing filing an application for Facility Funding, USDA – RD, re: streetscaping of Park Blvd., from Rio Grande Blvd. to 26th St. & rescinding Resolution No. 254-6-18
- 274-6-18 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$ 2,689,069.52 dated June 27, 2018
- 275-6-18 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 276-6-18 Authorizing payment of bills Additional 1 in the amount of \$9,709.68

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Leonetti

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

ORDINANCES:

1113-18 Rescinding Ordinance transferring land to Habitat for Humanity (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

Motion to open the Public Hearing:

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Leonetti

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

• None

Motion to Close the Public Hearing:

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Byron

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Motion to adopt:

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Leonetti

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Mayor Troiano announced that Ordinance No. 1113-18 has passed Second Reading.

1114-18 Amending various construction permit fees in the City of Wildwood
(INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)

Motion to open the Introduce:

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Leonetti

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Mayor Troiano announced that Ordinance No. 1114-18 has passed First Reading.

1115-18 Affirming that food service establishments serving alcohol is a permitted use in the BA1 Zone
(INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)

Motion to open the Introduce:

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Byron

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Mayor Troiano announced that Ordinance No. 1115-18 has passed First Reading.

PUBLIC COMMENT: During regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting. Remarks will be limited 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

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to be discussed, this meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

MOTION: Leonetti SECONDED: Byron

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes. Troiano – Yes

Peter Byron, COMMISSIONER

Anthony Leonetti, COMMISSIONER

Ernest Troiano, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Christopher H. Wood, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: July 11, 2018