

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WILDWOOD COMMISSIONERS
IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY**

Wednesday, April 29, 2020
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Time: 6:00 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. The meeting room was not open to the public, but members of the public were invited to participate by utilizing the internet application ZOOM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor 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

Carl Groon, Administrator

Louis DeLollis, Solicitor

Jeanette Powers, CFO

Mike Welding , Auditor

John Hess, CME

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.

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

187-4-20 Public Hearing and Adoption of the City of Wildwood 2020 Municipal Budget

At this time, Mayor Byron asked Mike Welding, Auditor, to present the slide show of the 2020 Municipal Budget highlights. Mr. Welding proceeded with the slide show however, due to technical difficulties, the public present via Zoom, could not see the slide show so, Mr. Welding presented the slideshow again from the beginning.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Byron thanked Mr. Welding and said, no one is ever happy with a tax increase but assured the public that this was a very lean budget compared to what it could have been. Mayor Byron thanked everyone who participated in the development of this budget and for putting the City in a good position.

Commissioner Fitzsimons thanked everyone for their guidance and hard work. She acknowledged Mr. Groon's hard work to streamline the budget items and put the City in the position for a better future.

Commissioner Mikulski thanked all staff members for their hard work in preparation of the 2020 Municipal Budget.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

Jack Morey, Morey's Piers: Mr. Morey asked if the City is comfortable with the revenue projections, such as parking revenues and so on. Mr. Groon replied, stating that he's not really comfortable with the projections and at this time it's hard to predict the next 3-4 months. The City is currently working on reducing costs for this year and are doing their best to minimize exposure, at the same time, putting the community in a position for a better future next year.

Joe Cleary, 105 N. Station Ave, Wildwood Crest: Mr. Cleary asked how much the City has considered the loss of revenue due to COVID 19, in this budget. Mr. Groon said the city will probably lose an additional \$1 million out of the budget this year but the City is planning for additional loss. Mr. Cleary asked how much loss is projected in parking. Mr. Goon said, there's about a 50% loss in that area.

There being no further comments, 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 the 2020 Municipal Budget has passed second reading.

188-4-20 Authorizing a contract with R.A. Walters & Sons, Inc. for April 13, 2020 Emergency Windstorm Boardwalk Repairs (\$375,000.00)

189-4-20 Authorizing the advertisement of RFQP for Seasonal Food Facility on the Wildwood Beach.

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

REPORTS:

Engineers Report – On file in the Engineer's office.

PUBLIC COMMENT: During Special 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.

Todd Stevens, 102 W. Andrews Avenue: Mr. Stevens offered helpful tips for people trying to contact Unemployment during this pandemic. Mayor Byron also suggested visiting the website, nj.gov/labor.

Joe Cleary, 105 N. Station Avenue, Wildwood Crest: Mr. Cleary asked if the City of Wildwood will be offering any Tax relief. Mayor Byron said the deadline will extended to June 1st with no penalty, per authorization of the State.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 6:29 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 City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: May 13, 2020