

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

Thursday, September 12, 2019
Commissioners Meeting Room
Time: 1:30 p.m.

MEETING CALLED:

Meeting called to order by the Mayor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy City Clerk 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:

Byron – here, Leonetti – here, Troiano – here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Carl Groon, Administrator
Mary D’Arcy Bittner, Solicitor
Edward Ramsey, Police Captain
John Davis, Code Enforcement
Lisa Brown, Aide to City Clerk
Karen Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

MERCANTILE LICENSE HEARING:

A. Hearing, Rental Housing Mercantile License Approvals/Renewals;
142 E. Montgomery Avenue

Ms. Bittner said the purpose of this Special Meeting is to review the above Rental Housing Mercantile License Application, which has been marked for concern by either the Chief of Police, Fire Prevention or Code Enforcement. The property will be discussed and the property owner, or representative, will have an opportunity to speak. The owner of the property was not present at the time of this hearing.

142 E. Montgomery Avenue: Ms. Bittner said there are a number of property code violations that have not been satisfied, and the Police Department has provided evidence of substantiated calls to the property, some resulting in convictions. She advised the Board it could issue a conditional license to the owner. Captain Ramsey stated there were calls to this property pertaining to drug activity. Mayor Troiano was concerned because the property is located across the street from a school and from the information he’s been

given, it looks as though this property is becoming an issue. Commissioner Leonetti asked what would happen if they just didn't issue the license, what recourse does the applicant have? Ms. Bittner said the Ordinance requires the Board to issue a Conditional License. Mayor Troiano said the applicant has been ignoring all notices the City has been sending. John Davis read through some of the property code violations that have yet to be addressed dating back to 2014, including, but not limited to an unregistered boat that's been parked in the driveway for the past 6 years, which is prohibited by ordinance. Mr. Groon asked who would be responsible for rehousing and occupants of the property if the license is denied and the tenants are forced to move. Mr. Davis said the City would be responsible.

309-9-19 Deferring action on Rental Housing Mercantile License Application – 142 E. Montgomery Ave

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

PUBLIC COMMENT {Limited to the item(s) on this agenda.}
None

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to be discussed, this meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.
MOTION: Leonetti SECONDED: Troiano
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes. Troiano – Yes.

PETER BYRON, COMMISSIONER

ANTHONY LEONETTI, COMMISSIONER

ERNEST TROIANO, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
KAREN M. GALLAGHER, DEPUTY CLERK

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: September 25, 2019
KAREN M. GALLAGHER, DEPUTY

CLERK

