

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Commissioners Meeting Room
Time: 3:02 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. A total of 58 people participated in this meeting via Zoom. Formal action will not be taken at this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor 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

Christopher H. Wood, City Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

This meeting was hosted by the Greater Wildwoods Chamber of Commerce, as a sort of “state of the City” meeting with local business owners Board of Commission members will take questions from participants on things like how the City is reacting to and dealing with the COVID-19 virus pandemic, and its partnership with the state moving forward.

The Meeting started with Tracey Boyle-DuFault, Executive Director of the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce, welcoming all participants and setting forth the ground rules of the meeting. The first speaker was Mayor Byron. He said Cape May County has been very proactive in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. He said the City does have a plan moving forward, and he predicts a banner September and October for Wildwood. Commissioner Mikulski spoke next, giving an update on his departments (Public Safety). He said there will be extra trash containers on the boardwalk for the weekend, that lifeguards will be on duty at 12 stands for the weekend. He reminded the public that no open containers of alcohol are allowed in public in the City, including the boardwalk. Additionally, community pools remain closed. Commissioner Fitzsimons said the City is working on its special events calendar, but there are going to be some cancellations, and other events will have to be rescheduled. She said the City will look at it again in July. She gave updates on the boardwalk repairs from a late winter storm, the improved website, said the City's parks have been reopened, and noted that the deadline to pay mercantile fees has been extended through June 30. She also said the City's entryway project is about two weeks behind schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Rutkowski – asked when restrictions were going to be eased on retail establishments. She said they're waiting for possible dates from the state. The mayor said he is, too.

Chris – Asked about pool opening and the timing for such things. The Mayor said shared or community pools remain closed at this time.

Unnamed – Asked about when the parking meters go into effect in Wildwood (May 15), and the hours bikes are allowed on the boardwalk.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 3:33 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: May 27, 2020