

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

Wednesday, June 28, 2023
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:

Fitzsimons – here, Mikulski – here, Byron - here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Steve O'Connor, Administrator

Louis DeLollis, Solicitor (Via Speaker Phone)

Tony Chadwell, 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 Mayor read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

PRESENTATIONS:

• JIF Renewal Presentation – Paul Miola presented the Board of Commissioners of an overview of the Joint Insurance Fund's functions including the programs available and ways to save money. He also explained how much money the City has saved by participating in wellness programs, web security training, changing certain procedures relative to the handling of the municipal vehicle fleet and much more. The Board expressed how pleased they are being a part of the JIF. They couldn't be happier with the services provided through the Fund and how helpful Casey, our local representative, is.

• Proclamation – Copper Dog – Mayor Byron and Commissioners presented a Proclamation to Mrs. Compare welcoming her and her family to the Wildwood business community. Mayor Byron and Commissioners are extremely grateful they invested in the City of Wildwood by opening the Copper Dog. The upgrades they made to the building are incredible and their food is amazing.

• Wall Murals – Lloyd Boockoff (Amazing Lloyd's Art) – Mr. Boockoff is in the beginning stages of starting his own business in painting wall murals. He provided the Board with some examples of his work and said he would really like to paint a mural on the wall directly under the Boardwalk between the areas of Rio Grande and Hand Avenues. The mural currently there is aged and fading. He would charge \$60.00 an hour. Commissioner Mikulski asked if he was insured. Mr. Boockoff thought freelance artists were exempt from being insured but he would look into it and would obtain insurance if necessary. Commissioner Fitzsimons requested Mr. Boockoff submit a formal proposal to the City Clerk and the City would review it. Steve O'Connor asked the City Clerk to forward Mr. Boockoff's information to Steven Booy for NPP. Mr. Boockoff asked when he would be able to begin the mural provided his proposal was accepted. Mr. O'Connor said he would be able to begin after the summer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 14, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

ORDINANCES: None.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

- 264-6-23 Authorizing a Policy for the Russia, Belarus and Iran Investment Certification for Vendors and Contractors – required for all transactions \$6,600.00 and greater in aggregation per Vendor or Contractor
- 265-6-23 Rescinding Resolution No. 249-6-23 due to an error in a referenced account and Authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc. to proceed with Engineering Phase Services Roadway and Utility Design for Montgomery and Baker Avenue (\$147,000.00)
- 266-6-23 Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership in the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (Commencing January 1, 2024 and ending on January 1, 2027)
- 267-6-23 Approving the Purchase of two (2) Trash Compactors for the City of Wildwood from Safeware, Inc. for the sum of \$71,864.71 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2b (3) and LFN 2012-10
- 268-6-23 Adopting the provisions of N.J.S.A. 14-17.38 under which a public employer may agree to pay for State Health Benefits program coverage of certain retirees
- 269-6-23 Authorizing Hope Pinto and/or Wanda Soto-Frankenfield to establish the necessary online account with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to process Motor Vehicle Requests (MVR)
- 270-6-23 Approving Amusement Games License(s)
- 271-6-23 Authorizing Agreement with Woodland String Band to perform at the 2nd Annual Christmas in July Golf Cart Parade (\$2,000.00)
- 272-6-23 Authorizing Advertising Agreement with Cape May County Herald for the 2023 Summer Special Events, Recreation and TDC Advertising (\$2,744.00)
- 273-6-23 Approving Professional Services Agreement per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq. with Colliers Engineering & Design re: Engineering Services in connection with the Rehabilitation of the Boardwalk (Spicer Avenue Street End Improvements) for an amount not to exceed \$7,600.00
- 274-6-23 Approving Professional Services Agreement per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq. with Colliers Engineering & Design re: Engineering Services in connection with the Rehabilitation of the Boardwalk (Phase 3) Lighting Design for Cedar Avenue for an amount not to exceed \$15,460.00
- 275-6-23 Authorizing the 2023 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Fees
- 276-6-23 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$4,014,037.53 dated June 28, 2023
- 277-6-23 Authorizing the filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda

MOTION: Fitzsimons

SECOND: Mikulski

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

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk’s Office. Commissioner Fitzsimons asked Mr. Chadwell how Tacony and Burk Avenue area held up over the past few days with all the rain we’ve had. Mr. Chadwell was not informed of anything however this area is predicted to experience some flooding on July 3rd so he will be there to observe the roadways. Commissioner Mikulski said North Wildwood did see some flooding during the rainstorm. Commissioner Mikulski and Mr. Chadwell have been working on traffic counts throughout Wildwood including reviewing crash data and anticipates presenting the Board roadway concepts at the end of July. Commissioner Fitzsimons asked Mr. Chadwell to explain “traffic counts” and expressed her concerns with the lane configuration on Park Boulevard and Cresse Avenues and the way the road shifts from two lanes to one so abruptly. Mr. Chadwell explained traffic counts include a study as to how many times vehicles turn down certain streets from every lane to determine the flow of traffic in an effort to determine traffic light timing configurations as well as crash data studies. Mr. Chadwell said the engineers are already looking at the area she is concerned about.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Mikulski announced there was a near drowning near the outfall pipe in Wildwood involving four people. He reminded the public to always swim near a lifeguard and never swim alone.

Commissioner Fitzsimons announced some upcoming events including but not limited to Sunday night concerts at Fox Park beginning July 2nd, Coffee with Krista happening on Saturday, Arts in the Parks on July 7th, which will occur twice a week for 6 weeks and the 2nd Annual Golf Cart Christmas Parade which will take place on the Boardwalk. The City has acquired the Woodland String Band to be a part of the event and urged everyone to participate.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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.

None.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:41 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: _____
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: July 12, 2023