

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

Wednesday, September 27, 2023
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Time: 5:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED

Meeting called to order by the Deputy 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:

Mikulski – here, Fitzsimons – here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Steve O'Connor, Administrator

Louis DeLollis, Solicitor

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 Deputy Mayor read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Mikulski– Yes, Fitzsimons – Yes

ORDINANCES:

1271-23 Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Section 14 as to Designated Parking Spaces for Persons with Disabilities (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Mikulski – Yes, Fitzsimons – Yes

There being no comment, Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Mikulski – Yes, Fitzsimons – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Mikulski – Yes, Fitzsimons – Yes

The Deputy Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1271-23 has passed Second Reading

1272-23 Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Section 14 as to Designated Parking Spaces for Persons with Disabilities (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Mikulski – Yes, Fitzsimons – Yes

The Deputy Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1272-23 has passed First Reading

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

- 352-9-23 Authorizing Remington and Vernick Engineers, Inc. to proceed with the Lead Service Line Replacement – Phase 1 for an amount not to exceed \$182,000.00
- 353-9-23 Authorizing Advertisement of RFP for the Formulation and Preparation of a 5- year Zone Development Plan for the Enterprise Zone Development Corporation of the Wildwoods in the October 4, 2023 edition of the Cape May County Herald with proposals being received by October 26, 2023 at 10:00am
- 354-9-23 Authorizing Award of Professional Services Contract pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq with Cindy Williams to perform services as a Designer/Planner for the Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) for the period beginning October 1, 2023 through October 1, 2024, with two (2) one- year options , for an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00
- 355-9-23 Authorizing the Cancellation of a Services Contract Valuation of Post Retirement Benefits to GASB 75 Standards with Richard Gabriel Associates
- 356-9-23 Authorizing the Execution of a Services Contract with Rae Consulting for Valuation of Post Retirement Benefits to GASB 75 Standards
- 357-9-23 Authorizing Chief of Police to execute an application for participation in the 2024 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Program
- 358-9-23 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation in the sum of \$27,559.83 under the caption of Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues; Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund 2024
- 359-9-23 Authorizing and Approving the issuance and sale of up to \$10,455,000.00 of Bonds, consisting of the City’s General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023E; and Authorizing the execution and delivery of a Loan Agreement pursuant to the 2024 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (IBank) Financing Program (Reconstruction of multiple local roadways)
- 360-9-23 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025
- 361-9-23 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Cape May for the Maintenance and Repair of certain Traffic Signals within the City of Wildwood for a period of six (6) years commencing on January 1, 2024
- 362-9-23 Approving a Temporary Access License, Wildwood Maintenance Dredging Access Agreement, between the City of Wildwood and the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)
- 363-9-23 Authorizing the use of Funds designated for the City of Wildwood from the Fiscal years 2023 and 2024 Wildwoods Urban Enterprise Zone Fund for the Wildwood Boardwalk Rehabilitation Phase III Project for a cost not to exceed \$575,000.00
- 364-9-23 Authorizing the submission of an application to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for Enterprise Zone Assistance Funds for Administration of the Urban Enterprise Zone Program for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024
- 365-9-23 Authorizing waiver of Community Non-Profit vendor fees re: 2023 Firemen’s Convention
- 366-9-23 Waiving Special Event Application Fee for WHS Homecoming Parade and Bonfire
- 367-9-23 Accepting the 2022 Municipal Audit
- 368-9-23 Designating Intersections for “Flash” Cycle for Traffic Lights
- 369-9-23 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$4,604,641.65 dated September 27, 2023
- 370-9-23 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 371-9-23 Authorizing Official Signatories

MOTION: Mikulski SECOND: Fitzsimons

ROLL CALL: Mikulski – Yes, Fitzsimons – Yes

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk’s Office. Mr. Chadwell states that Sightseer is just about done and have now been given the green light to proceed with Phase 1 for H2Loans Lead Service Replacements. Mr. Chadwell explained there are 861 services scheduled for Phase 1 and is expected to take 9-10 years to complete. Commissioner Mikulski explained that there was a reported fall on Park and Andrews Avenue and asked if anything has been done with this. Mr. Chadwell explained that Remington and Vernick Engineers gave renderings and tried to offer solutions to fix the property however, the owners asked for more than what was in Remington and Vernick Engineers scope of work. Solicitor Louis Delollis made several attempts to contact the complainants attorney, made contact once but never received another response. Mr. DeLollis has receipts to show that all attempts and options were exhausted to no avail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

•Authorizing Bingo Application submitted by Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation to be held on December 2, 2023 at the Wildwood’s Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: Mikulski – Yes, Fitzsimons – Yes,

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.

Keith VanMeter, 3900 Susquehanna Avenue: Mr. VanMeter expresses concerns over a statement he read from Mr. O’Connor in the Atlantic City Press and inquires as to why Commissioner Mikulski is not currently overseeing Public Safety. Mr. O’Connor stated that for the time being, the Chief of Police will be reporting directly to him and he will also oversee the daily operations of all Public Safety Departments until court makes a ruling regarding the current indictment against Commissioner Mikulski. Mr. O’Connor further explained that he does not reserve the right to make decisions regarding policy and he will continue reporting to the Board.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

MOTION: Mikulski SECOND: Fitzsimons

ROLL CALL: Mikulski – Yes, Fitzsimons – Yes

Steve Mikulski, COMMISSIONER

Krista Fitzsimons, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: October 11, 2023