

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

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Time: 5 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

Louis DeLollis, Solicitor
Carl Groon, Municipal Administrator/Special Asst. to the Commissioners
Steve O'Connor, Administrative Director
Doug Rohmeyer, CME
Jim Oris, R&V
Christopher H. Wood, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 23, 2021 Regular Meeting
June 30, 2021 Special Meeting

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

ORDINANCES:

1202-21 Bond Ordinance authorizing the completion of various capital improvements and acquisition of various capital improvements (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

There being no comment, this 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 Ordinance No. 1202-21 has passed Second Reading.

1203-21 Authorizing Amending Ordinance No. 1183-20 (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

There being no comment, this hearing was closed.

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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 Ordinance No. 1203-21 has passed Second Reading.

1204-21 Bond Ordinance authorizing Boardwalk Reconstruction and repairs \$4,500,000.00 (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes

There being no comment, this 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 Ordinance No. 1204-21 has passed Second Reading.

1206-21 Authorizing private sale of Municipal Property at 516 W. Oak Avenue not needed for public use to contiguous land owners (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING**)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1206-21 has passed First Reading.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS: City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda. Commissioner Mikulski questioned Resolution “U” pertaining to the Parklet Program. Mr. DeLollis said the agreement would be signed upon the conditions being met.

- 253-7-21 Authorizing Special Item of Revenue in the budget re: Cops in Shops (\$7,920.00)
- 254-7-21 Amending Resolution No. 31-1-21 to include appointing Phoenix Advisors as Financial Advisor, Continuing Disclosure Agent and register Municipal advisor to the City of Wildwood
- 255-7-21 Authorizing submission of a grant application and grant contract re: Pedestrian Improvements to Otten’s Harbor & Park Blvd
- 256-7-21 Authorizing submission of a grant application and grant contract re: Reconstruction of Taylor Avenue
- 257-7-21 Authorizing the filing of an application for USDA RD Funding re: Public Works Generator
- 258-7-21 Authorizing the filing of an application for USDA RD Funding re: Water Utility Generator
- 259-7-21 Appointing Nick Fluharty to the City of Wildwood Planning Board as a Class IV Member, term expiring 12/31/21
- 260-7-21 Authorizing Triad to proceed with program implementation re: Pacific Avenue Improvements Project
- 261-7-21 Authorizing advertising for bids for “City Hall Renovations” on July 21, 2021 with bids being accepted on August 17, 2021 at 10a.m.
- 262-7-21 Authorizing refund of Ambulance Billing to Matt Burns due to duplicate payment (\$638.60)
- 263-7-21 Authorizing refund of Ambulance Billing to John Walsh due to duplicate payment (\$80.00)
- 264-7-21 Authorizing contract with General Code for services re: Codification of Municipal Ordinances (\$6,016.89)
- 265-7-21 Authorizing contract with DeBlasio & Associates for land surveying services, 318 W. Oak Avenue (\$4,600.00)
- 266-7-21 Authorizing Contract with RA Walters & Son for demolition of Otten’s Harbor Sightseer Marine (\$21,700.00)
- 267-7-21 Authorizing contract with Earth Engineering for services re: LSRP Supervision of Contractor, Deans Transmissions (\$30,000.00)
- 268-7-21 Appointing Susan Plaza as CFO for the City of Wildwood for the time period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 as per (40A:65-4.2)
- 269-7-21 Appointing South Jersey Consultants as Administrative Director for the City of Wildwood and rescinding Resolution 59-1-21
- 270-7-21 Appointing Carl Groon as Special Assistant to the Commissioners, and rescinding Resolution 101-2-21
- 271-7-21 Waiving five-year moratorium for Road Opening Permit re: 4102 Arctic Avenue
- 272-7-21 Rejecting all bids for the Back Bay project
- 273-7-21 Approving Parklet Program with the WBID
- 274-7-21 Approving Settlement re: Simmons
- 275-7-21 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 as recommended by CME on behalf of Aliano Bros. Construction (\$3,000.00 increase to \$197,040.00)
- 276-7-21 Authorizing Contract with RVE re: Contamination, 405 W. Cedar Ave (\$15,000.00)
- 277-7-21 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$4,300,47.38 dated July 14, 2021
- 278-7-21 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 279-7-21 Authorizing refund of Ambulance Billing to National Association of Letter Carriers due to duplicate payment (\$791.35)
- 280-7-21 Authorizing “pause” in hearing proceedings in the case City v. Grimley, 134 E. Schellenger Avenue, until such time that renovations are made and all City inspections completed, with the caveat that the property be uninhabited until a Conditional Mercantile License is issued
- 281-7-21 Authorizing sale of public property no longer suited for municipal use re: 201 W. Burk Avenue
- 282-7-21 Authorizing the cancellation of sewer billing for 3816 Pacific Avenue due to inactive meter

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

REPORTS:

- Engineers Report – Doug Rohmeyer – CME: provided updates on various projects, including the Byrne Community Center HVAC system. The equipment for this project will be delivered by the end of July. The Police Department ADA improvement is continuing the work on the punch list. Bid receipt date for City Hall Renovations is August 17th. Cape May County Open Space application will be signed and ready to submit for grant money.

Mayor Byron provided an overview of Remington & Vernick's Engineers report, as Mr. Oris was unavailable to attend the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Fitzsimons announced the Arts in the Parks Series started this week and was really successful. She said there will be three activities at each park per week, which will include yoga, painting and live music.

Commissioner Mikulski said he's aware of the inconvenience of the drilling and hammering on the beach near Cresse Avenue. This will occur one day per week. Due to hurricane season approaching, it's necessary for construction to continue through July, and he appreciates everyone's patience.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Raffle – PR Action Committee, August 6-7, Fox Park

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: During regularly scheduled 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.

Deb Sweeney, 101 W. Poplar Ave: Ms. Sweeney has concerns regarding adults and kids publicly urinating on her property. She called the police department and said no one showed up. She said she spoke with the Chief of Police, who responded with, "that happens sometimes". Commissioner Mikulski said the Police Department is understaffed, however that's no excuse. He said he'll discuss this situation with the Chief. Ms. Sweeney also stated that cars block her driveway and no one is ticketing the vehicles.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:23 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: July 28, 2021