

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

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Time: 5:03 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

Anthony 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:

•Don Mobley – Beautification of Otten's Harbor and Park Boulevard: Mr. Mobley's presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Residents of the area put the plan together and have already raised funds for a flagpole and LED lighting. They will be holding additional fundraisers for additional items such as a floating fountain. Mr. Mobley requested the City seek grant funding to help cut costs for additional beautification items. Mr. Mobley and residents are also concerned about traffic on Park Boulevard and provided a plan in the presentation to help mediate traffic and pedestrian dangers. They residents would be willing to help the City with funding these projects. In addition to Otten's Harbor and Park Boulevard Mr. Mobley and residents also proposed holding special events on the harbor and surrounding areas. Seafood festivals and Christmas tree lightings are just a few suggested.

Commissioner Mikulski recognizes the traffic hazards on Park Boulevard. The City is in the midst of finishing traffic studies done on Atlantic Avenue and Park Boulevard. The Engineer will provide details on the traffic study when providing his report. Commissioner Fitzsimons said she loved everything about the proposal and appreciates the time, money and effort Mr. Mobley and residents put into this presentation. Commissioner Fitzsimons asked for patience and understanding as projects such as these take a very long time. The delay is not due to lack of desire or care. The City realizes residents in the area are paying a lot of money to live there and recognize the need for improvements in that area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 26, 2023 Regular Meeting

July 28, 2023 Special Meeting

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

ORDINANCES:

1269-23 Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Section 1 entitled "General Beach and Boardwalk Regulations"
(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, Public 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. 1269-23 has passed Second Reading

1270-23 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No.'s 1111-18, 1152-19, 1176-20, 1230-22, 1245-22 and 1260-23, and Chapter 6, Section 14 of the Revised General Ordinances in the City of Wildwood, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey entitled "Handicapped Parking Locations"
(INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1270-23 has passed First Reading

Mayor Byron requested the Solicitor to clean up the ordinance above.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

- 304-8-23 Authorizing extension of Grace Period for 3rd Quarter 2023 Tax Billing (extended to August 31, 2023)
- 305-8-23 Authorizing Return of Escrow Balance Deposits re: Application #01-21 Wall Street Holdings, LLC, 222 E. Schellenger Avenue (\$4,927.57)
- 306-8-23 Authorizing Contract Change Order No. 1 with Triad Advisory Services, Inc. for the Implementation of an Energy Savings Improvement Plan and Energy Savings Plan (Increase of \$20,697.00 for a new total of \$1,126,275.00)
- 307-8-23 Authorizing sale of certain items of equipment and for certain vehicles on an online auction site (GovDeals)
- 308-8-23 Authorizing Advertisement and Notice to Bidders for Construction Services for Spicer Avenue and Maple avenue Street End Improvements in the August 10, 2023 edition of the Atlantic City Press with Bids being received on August 31, 2023
- 309-8-23 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$6,007,614.71 dated August 9, 2023
- 310-8-23 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 311-8-23 Authorizing Participation in Alternate Route Appointments for Police Officers (David Ade, Eric Sullivan, Ralph Cesar)
- 312-8-23 Approving and Adopting the City of Wildwood Emergency Operations Plan
- 313-8-23 Authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers to proceed with Professional Environmental Services in connection with Remedial Action, Wildwood Department of Public Works Storage Yard, 525 West Spicer Avenue and increasing their Professional Services Contract for Environmental Services in the amount of \$32,650.00
- 314-8-23 Authorizing payment of addendum bill list (\$81,822.80)
- 315-8-23 Authorizing the City of Wildwood to advertise notice of Public Auction of Real Property not needed for public use in the August 16, 2023 and August 23, 2023 edition of the Cape May County Herald with Auction being held on August 31, 2023 at 10:15 am re: 3712 Park Boulevard

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk's Office. Mr. Chadwell to Mr. Mobley he would forward his presentation to the Engineering Firm for review. He will also speak with the Superintendent of Public Works and keep in touch with Mr. Mobley as progress is made. The traffic study on Atlantic Avenue and Park Boulevard is 80% complete. They are waiting for traffic crash data from the Police Department and is hoping to have the study complete in the next couple of weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Fitzsimons asked if she was at liberty to speak about the Back Bay project. Mr. O'Connor said as soon as the DEP approves submission of the plan then the City will provide a full presentation. He said the City is almost there however, Commissioner Fitzsimons could provide a synopsis of the project. Commissioner Fitzsimons spoke of a meeting that was held on Monday concerning the grant the City applied for. The turnaround time is about 30-60 days. She said the projected cost of the project is \$9 million and the City applied for a \$10 million grant. Mr. O'Connor said the grant would cover 75% leaving the City responsible for \$2.5 million. This grant will allow previously paid expenses to be reimbursed, which is very uncommon. The City has already saved \$4-\$5 million dollars on fill for the capping. Mr. O'Connor is anticipating the soils being deposited in October so the area will be cured by March for capping. He said this project will elevate the property value in the area and the 4 acres that are developable will provide additional ratables. The City was not required to obtain a CAFRA permit.

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.

Kathy McCullough, 415 W. Cresse Avenue: Ms. McCullough believed the Back Bay area to be unbuildable. Mr. O'Connor said there are 4 acres of buildable land; the rest is not per DEP. Commissioner Fitzsimons explained to Ms. McCullough that they understand this project has been an issue for quite some years. As promised, they are now in a position to fix something that has been broken for far too long. Commissioner Fitzsimons said the City of Wildwood has a responsibility to the taxpayers to fix this. Forget about the development aspect of it, closing the landfill alone is a huge accomplishment saving the City and taxpayers fees in fines. Mr. Mobley added that if the landfill is not capped, it would continue polluting the environment. Commissioner Fitzsimons said, although this took a couple of year, she is thrilled to finally fulfill a promise made 4 years ago.

Jerry Sieber, 5 Faith Run Run, Swanton, CMCH: Mr. Seiber requested the Governing Body to sign a petition to limit terms of congress. All members requested more information to familiarize themselves prior to making any decisions. Mr. Sieber provided brochures explaining the details of his petition.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:58 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: August 23, 2023