

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

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Commissioner's Conference Room
Time: 5:00 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. Members of the public were also invited to participate by utilizing the internet application ZOOM as well as "Go to Meeting". There were 9 members of the public were present via Zoom.

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 (via Zoom)

Carl Groon, Municipal Administrator

Steve O'Connor – Administrative Assistant (via Zoom)

Christopher 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:

March 10, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

ORDINANCES:

1196-21 Repealing and Restating Ch. 4, Section 1.7 of the City Code entitled "Animals – City Dog Beach and Dog Park" (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1196-21 has passed First Reading.

1197-21 Repealing and Restating Ch. 5, Section 1 of the City Code entitled "City Beach and Boardwalk Regulations" (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1197-21 has passed First Reading.

2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

128-3-21 Introduction/Approval of the 2021 Wildwood Municipal Budget

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

Mayor Byron the budget is being introduced with a 1.9-cent increase, which is a 3-cent decrease from last year's budget. He said the City is moving in the right direction, and thanked everyone for their assistance. The City Clerk said the Public Hearing and Adoption will be held on April 28, 2021, 5pm.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Grimes, 84 Hanover Rd., East Hanover: Mr. Grimes is an advocate for individuals with disabilities and appreciates the ADA Improvement work being done in the Police Department.

RESOLUTIONS: City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda. He announced he added Addendum I, approving an Amusement Game License, if the Board chose to consider it at tonight's meeting. All agreed to add it in an effort to get everyone open by Easter.

- 129-3-21 Authorizing creation of a duplicate tax certificate re: Bl. 245, L. 39
- 130-3-21 Authorizing transfers between budget appropriations
- 131-3-21 Authorizing Professional Services Contract with Van Note-Harvey Engineers re: Replacement of Water Services and water Main, E. 7th Ave., North Wildwood (\$33,950.00)
- 132-3-21 Extending 2019 General Engineering Services & UST Fees, RVE (\$10,000.00 increase to \$178,966.78)
- 133-3-21 Authorizing surplus from bail account be turned over to the CFO (\$467.00)
- 134-3-21 Authorizing surplus from fine account be turned over to the CFO (\$657.50)
- 135-3-21 Authorizing Professional Services Contract with RVE re: Ocean Ave, Lane Configuration (\$12,900.00)
- 136-3-21 Authorizing the return of escrow balance deposits (various)
- 137-3-21 Authorizing membership in a mutual aid agreement with other county participating units
- 138-3-21 Authorizing the return of a Cash Performance Bond re: Application #06-15Z (\$24,264.00)
- 139-3-21 Resolution to Exercise option of on-site inspection services re: Construction Office
- 140-3-21 Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations
- 141-3-21 Authorizing purchase via State Contract of 2021 Dodge Durango for Wildwood Police Department (\$36,814.36)
- 142-3-21 Authorizing purchase via State Contract of 2021 Ford F-150 Truck for Wildwood Police Department (\$63,628.00)
- 143-3-21 Authorizing purchase via State Contract of various electronic equipment for Wildwood Police Department (\$27,426.90)
- 144-3-21 Authorizing purchase via State Contract to install various emergency equipment for Wildwood Police Department (\$59,772.79)
- 145-3-21 Amending Agreement with McShaffry Concrete (\$1,141.00 increase to \$43,141.00)
- 146-3-21 Authorizing Professional Services Contract with Advanced Geo Services for services re: Emergency Response Plan (\$24,000.00)
- 147-3-21 Authorizing lease agreement with Verizon re: Water Tower
- 148-3-21 Awarding bid for ADA Improvements, Police Department entrance (\$190,470.00)
- 149-3-21 Approving transfer of vehicle to Borough of West Wildwood (\$1.00)
- 150-3-21 Revising Bulk Trash Collection days in the City of Wildwood
- 151-3-21 Authorizing rental of Von Savage pool for Lifeguard training (\$300.00)
- 152-3-21 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$5,902,822.91 dated March 24, 2021
- 153-3-21 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 154-3-21 Approving Amusement Game License(s)

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

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – Jim Oris – Remington & Vernick: Report on file in the Engineer' Office. Commissioner Mikulski said the water is flowing properly now on Pacific Avenue, and thanked Mr. Oris for this efforts in rectifying the situation.

John Hess - CME: CME had a meeting with Open Space regarding the Byrne Community Center projects, and is hoping to have a decision on the funding by April 27th. He said there will be a preconstruction meeting for the Recreation Center HVAC system on March 25th and a preconstruction meeting for the Police Department on March 30th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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.

Edward Grimes, 84 Hanover Road, East Hanover – As an advocate for people with disabilities, he urged the Board not to ban marijuana dispensaries. He said there are ill people who depend on cannabis, and this should not be taken away from them.

Hugh Giordano, UFCW Local 152, Egg Harbor, NJ – Mr. Giordano is a union representative from UFCW that represents cannabis workers. He said these are educated workers with college degrees, some going to school for science degrees. He said this is a trade that will attract young, educated people who seek advancement in employment and good wages. He added that they are heavily regulated by the State, and they are the first place to unionize. Mr. Giordano invited anyone interested to take a tour of the premises prior to making a decision. If anything, he asked that the City at least allow medical dispensaries.

Taylor Henry – Ms. Henry agreed with Mr. Giordano. This is more of a craft and is worth looking into.

City Clerk asked Chief Regalbuto if he had any input in the matter. Chief Regalbuto said he would continue to seek and gather information, and report to the Board at a future date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:28 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: April 14, 2021