

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

Wednesday, April 9, 2025
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:
McConnell – here, Mikulski – here, Troiano - here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Steven Morris, Solicitor
Ed Grant, Administrator
Marc DeBlasio, DeBlasio & Associates Engineers
Harvey Cocozza, Ford Scott & Associates
Susan Plaza, CFO
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

As per N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the City Clerk read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 26, 2025 Regular Meeting
March 26, 2025 Executive Session

MOTION: McConnell SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

ORDINANCES:

1322-25 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1161-20 and Chapter 11A of the General Ordinances of the City of Wildwood regarding the Establishment of Construction Office in the City of Wildwood and Permit Fees
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

There being no comment, Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1322-25 has passed Second Reading

1323-25 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1300-24, “Providing for the employment of Off-Duty Police Officers, and providing for salaries, method of payment for officers and insurance coverage for the same”
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

There being no comment, Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1323-25 has passed Second Reading

1324-25 Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the General Ordinances of the City of Wildwood Governing
Special Event Fees
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

There being no comment, Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1324-25 has passed Second Reading

1325-25 Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the General Ordinances of the City of Wildwood governing
Beach Amenities and Parking
(INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1325-25 has passed First Reading

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Troiano invited Harvey Coccozza of Ford, Scott & Associates to present his power point presentation outlining the 2025 Municipal Budget.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: McConnell SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Mayor Troiano commended all municipal departments for their efforts in putting together a very good budget and for having it done so early. Commissioner McConnell said Wildwood is not a normal municipality, we have all of these extra things that no other municipality has. She said Susan Plaza, CFO, does not have a “budget season”, she strategizes all year long. Commissioner McConnell said the City has the budget in its focus for every decision made. Commissioner Mikulski stated back in October the numbers for this year’s budget were not pretty however, all the department heads crunched numbers and worked tirelessly to get the budget where it is today. Mayor Troiano said initially the budget was at 24 cents and is now down to. Administrator Ed Grant said this budget was not only built for this year but for the future budget as well. Mayor Troiano thanked the City Clerk and Administrator for the level of professionalism they’ve brought to the City.

There being no further comment, Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: McConnell SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

139-4-25 Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget

MOTION: McConnell SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS: City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda and announced Resolution “R” would be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered separately.

140-4-25 Approving Amusement Game License(s)

- 141-4-25 Authorizing refund for Block Parking Meter Permit purchased in error to Aurora Kucuku (\$125.00)
- 142-4-25 Approving agreement with Triad Associates to prepare and process a NJDCA Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant Application 2025 for the purchase of equipment required for the City’s participation in the County’s Consolidated Emergency Dispatch Project in the amount not to exceed \$6,500.00
- 143-4-25 Awarding contract to Bobcat of Vineland for the purchase of a ZT7072SW-ZT7000 Bobcat Zero Turn Riding Mower with accessories in the amount not to exceed \$18,157.96
- 144-4-25 Amending contract with Badger Meter, Inc. to extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2025 and to increase the contract to a new total amount of \$600,000.00
- 145-4-25 Amending contract with Core & Main, Inc. to extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2025 and to increase the contract amount to a new total amount of \$350,000.00
- 146-4-25 Awarding contract to Asphalt Paving Systems for Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue – Phase 2, between 8th and 11th Avenues in North Wildwood, with the City of Wildwood Water Utility portion not to exceed \$283,100.00
- 147-4-25 Approving Change Order No. 1 as submitted by Remington & Vernick Engineers on behalf of Perna Finnigan, Inc. in reference to Otten’s Harbor Flood Mitigation Project, Susquehanna Avenue Drainage Improvements, for the purposes of additional water main work (increase of \$64,555.87 for a new contract amount of \$940,307.12)
- 148-4-25 Approving Change Order No. 1 as submitted by Remington & Vernick Engineers on behalf of Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. in reference to FY2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Improvements to J Avenue in West Wildwood, Alternate Bid No. 1, for As-Built Quantity Adjustments/Field Changes (decrease of \$4,336.40 for a new contract amount of \$8,175.60)
- 149-4-25 Authorizing submission of a loan application to the NJDEP and the NJ I-Bank to fund the Sanitary Sewer & Water Improvement Project, Phase 3 – Clean Water
- 150-4-25 Authorizing submission of a loan application to the NJDEP and the NJ I-Bank to fund the Sanitary Sewer & Water Improvement Project, Phase 3 – Drinking Water
- 151-4-25 Awarding contract to Richard E. Pierson Construction Co. for Wildwood Back Bay Landfill Closure Plan, Phase II in the amount no to exceed \$1,000,520.29
- 152-4-25 Approving Shared Services Agreement with the County of Cape May for County Resources for Special Events
- 153-4-25 Authorizing Chief Murphy to execute application for participation in the Cops in Shops – Summer Shore Initiative 2025 Program
- 154-4-25 Authorizing amendment of the Restricted Parking Places Roster in Chapter 6, Section 14 of the City of Wildwood entitled “Restricted Parking Zone at Residence of Persons with Disabilities” to include Margaret Clark, 328 E. Glenwood Avenue
- 155-4-25 Amending contract with Trinity Code for building. Plumbing and electrical protection services (increase of \$60,000.00 for a new contract amount of \$770,000.00)
- 156-4-25 Accepting the recommendation of the Planning Board and Designating the properties identified in the Boardwalk Redevelopment Zone as an Area in Need of Redevelopment in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, NJDA 40A:12A-1, et. seq.
- 157-4-25 Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Wildwood and the Cape May County Loge No. 7 Fraternal Order of Police – Superior Officers Association, for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027
- 158-4-25 Authorizing the submission of an application to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for the Enterprise Zone Assistance Funds for Administration of the Urban Enterprise Zone Program for the period from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.00
- 159-4-25 Authorizing return of Cash Performance Bond re: Permit No. 1895, M.W. of Wildwood, LLC, 4301-4307 Niagara Avenue, in the amount of \$55,502.00
- 160-4-25 Authorizing payment to the County of Cape May pursuant to a Shared Services Agreement for the Maintenance and Repair of Traffic Signals along Atlantic Avenue
- 161-4-25 Waiving Special Event Fees for 2025 Annual Greater Wildwood Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt
- 162-4-25 Authorizing the appointment of Paid Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer Recruits effective April 24, 2025 (various)
- 163-4-25 Amending contract with 84 Lumber for the purchase of additional, over delivered Cumaru decking for the Wildwood Boardwalk Rehabilitation Project (increase of \$29,580.69 for a new total of \$2,315,657.70)
- 164-4-25 Approving agreement with the New Jersey State Police for Discretionary Police Services for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000.00
- 165-4-25 Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,651,359.38 dated April 9, 2025
- 166-4-25 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda

MOTION: McConnell

SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

167-4-25 Appointing member to the Wildwood Planning Board

MOTION: Mikulski

SECOND: Troiano

Commissioner McConnell said this Resolution was to appoint the Mayor's designee to the Wildwood Planning Board. Commissioner McConnell stated she offered her time to fill that vacant spot but the Mayor decided to appoint one of his sons, Ryan Troiano.

ROLL CALL: McConnell – No, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk's Office. Mr. DeBlasio noted the Bennett Avenue Beach Street End Improvement Project is progressing on schedule and will be open in advance of summer. In reference to the NJDOT Local Transportation Project Fund, New York Avenue, DeBlasio & Associates will be submitting the specifications to DOT by next Tuesday or Wednesday with bid opening slated for the Spring. Work will begin in the summer while school is not in session. Design drawings and specifications have been submitted to the I-Bank for the Capital Improvement Plan – Phase 3. We are now waiting on permission to advertise. Bid opening for this project is planned to take place by May 30, 2025. In regard to FY2025 Lead Service Line Replacement, DeBlasio & Associates have completed the GIS Conversion and will be meeting with the Water Utility to review the program. The Water Utility is waiting for setters to be received in regard to Contract No. 1, and Contract No. 2 will be uploaded to I-Bank in the next 2-3 weeks and slated to advertise for construction in May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Mikulski noted the boardwalk has been undergoing major renovations throughout the winter but assured the public that the Boardwalk will be open for Easter, with the exception of the newly extended portions of the Boardwalk housing the new pavilions. These areas will be closed to the public as they are not yet complete. Commissioner Mikulski said along with the Boardwalk renovations, the City has purchased state of the art cameras which will be installed at each street end. Commissioner Mikulski also announced the Superior Officers Association contract has been approved and thanked everyone for their efforts in the completing the contract.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Raffle Application as submitted by the Greater Wildwood Rotary Club, Inc. for an event to be held on October 7, 2025 at the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce
- Raffle Application as submitted by the Greater Wildwood Jaycees for an event to be held on November 9, 2025 at the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce
- Raffle Application as submitted by Byron Pennington Croker Post 184 American Legion for an event to be held on May 23, 2025 at 4200 Atlantic Avenue
- Raffle Application as submitted by Byron Pennington Croker Post 184 American Legion for an event to be held on August 29, 2025 at 4200 Atlantic Avenue
- Raffle Application as submitted by Byron Pennington Croker Post 184 American Legion for an event to be held on November 28, 2025 at 4200 Atlantic Avenue

MOTION: McConnell

SECOND: Mikulski

ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Troiano announced the Leaming Avenue Pump Station is having issues that the City has not been able to rectify. Some of the problems at hand are the inability to get to the floats which are chambered and encased. Mayor Troiano said the City would have to cut holes in the concrete in order to access them. There are four pumps that turn on all at the same time when not needed causing additional electrical costs to the City. The City cannot access the trash gates to clean out the area when needed without sending an employee 20ft deep to access them. There are further issues such as warning bells being triggered and with the design itself. The cost of this pump station was \$23 million so discussions have to be had with the engineer and the contractor to make these repairs once and for all.

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.

Ed Quigly, 5521 Cottage Street, St. Richmond, VA: Mr. Quigly was involved in a tragic accident wherein he was impaled by an umbrella which almost caused him to lose his life. Since then he's become involved with a task group who develops beach umbrella safety standards. Mr. Quigly offered to provide the City, at no cost,

with warning signs to post at all beach access points to warn beachgoers of the dangerous risks associated with umbrellas that are not correctly secured. The signs would also provide beachgoers with the correct way to secure umbrellas in the sand and how to anchor them so they won't blow away when winds are high. Mayor Troiano said he would look into it and provide him with a count of how many signs the City would need.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

MOTION: McConnell SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Krista McConnell, COMMISSIONER

Steve Mikulski, COMMISSIONER

Ernest Troiano, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: April 23, 2025