

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

Wednesday, August 23, 2023
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:

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 9, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

ORDINANCES:

1268-23 Ordinance Repealing, Restating and Amending certain sections of Chapter 17, Land Development, of the Wildwood City Code (**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.

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MOTION TO ADOPT

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1268-23 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" (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

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MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

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MOTION TO ADOPT

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ROLL CALL: Fitzsimons – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Byron – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1270-23 has passed Second Reading

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS: City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda and noted an additional item was added as Addendum I.

- 316-8-23 Authorizing contract with various Musical Entertainers for the 17th Annual End of Summer Block Party (\$29,250.00)
- 317-8-23 Authorizing contract with Van Martin Productions, LLC to provide entertainment for the 17th Annual Wildwood End of Summer Block Party (\$2,835.00)
- 318-8-23 Authorizing contract with the Greater Wildwood Tourism Improvement and Development Authority (GWTIDA) for the rental of the Montgomery Avenue Parking Lot during the 17th Annual Wildwood End of Summer Block Party (\$2,700.00)
- 319-8-23 Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Triad Associates to act as Project Consultant for the NJDCA Small Cities Public Facilities Program FY2023 Implementation Services for the City of Wildwood ADA Accessibility at Spicer Avenue and the Boardwalk (\$20,000.00)
- 320-8-23 Authorizing Emergency Contract with Perna Finnigan, Inc. for water main break near intersection of 7 Bay Avenue and West Poplar Avenue in West Wildwood (\$31,115.74)
- 321-8-23 Authorizing Professional Services Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for Engineering and Construction Phase Services in connection with the Orchid Road Water Main Improvements from Pacific Avenue to Atlantic Avenue within Wildwood Crest in the amount not to exceed \$28,000.00
- 322-8-23 Authorizing Agreement with the Wildwood Business Improvement District (BID) to acquire Streetlight Banners in the conjunction with Wildwood’s Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) for 2023 (\$12,000.00)
- 323-8-23 Authorizing extension of Contract with Michael S. Hrubos for Building Inspection and Consultation Services re: The Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) for the period of August 23, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00
- 324-8-23 Awarding Contract with Geoscape Solar to provide Solar Generated Electricity for the City of Wildwood Buildings and Grounds alternate location – New DPW Building, 400 W. Oak Avenue in the amount of \$246,500.00
- 325-8-23 Authorizing refund of Special Event Permit Fee to The Morey’s Organization due to cancellation of event (\$1,000.00)
- 326-8-23 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$4,000,000.00 under the caption of the Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues: NJDCA Boardwalk Reconstruction Project FY 2024
- 327-8-23 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$3,568,376.40 dated August 23, 2023
- 328-8-23 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 329-8-23 Authorizing payment of Bill List Report – Additional 1 in the amount of \$403,119.30 dated August 23, 2023

Lou DeLollis explained the reason for the Water Utility purchasing the property on Shunpike Road in Middle Township is to provide for an additional pumping station.

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REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk’s Office. Mr. Chadwell stated he would have the traffic study report for Park Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue by tomorrow. He reported the concrete work at the Sightseer is being done and conduits were incorporated. Commissioner Fitzsimons said the work done has been a major improvement. Mr. Chadwell said they found valve that was consistently kept open by the tide, which is now capped and abandoned. Commissioner Fitzsimons asked if the flooding issue would be resolved by capping and abandoning that valve. Commissioner Mikulski said, it would not solve the flooding problem.

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.

Kevin Murray, 210 W. Davis Avenue: Mr. Murray is concerned about the safety of those needing to access the handicapped accessible sidewalk ramps on Park Boulevard near Davis Avenue. He requested the handicapped accessible sidewalk ramp be moved by 5ft. Mr. Chadwell said the City is currently doing a traffic study on Park Boulevard and if moving of the ramp were approved, it would take time.

Kathy McCullough, 415 W. Cresse Avenue: Ms. McCullough asked what changes were being made to the Land Development Ordinance. Mr. DeLollis said they are just cleaning up the Ordinance in terms of modifying definitions and is not pertaining to development in any way. Ms. McCullough believed the BID and SID to be independent entities and asked why the City of Wildwood was contributing fees. Mr. O'Connor explained the City of Wildwood partners with the BID and SID for certain projects. The project she is referring to specifically is being funded through the NPP while others are funded through UEZ. Commissioner Fitzsimons explained both BID and SID fund themselves. She directed Ms. McCullough to attend meetings held by the BID and SID if she had concerns regarding their budget. Ms. McCullough had questions regarding UEZ which were answered by Mr. O'Connor who explained that UEZ can decide where they would like to invest their funds which is then approved by the City as well as the DCA. Ms. McCullough was concerned about the amount of this meetings bill list. Commissioner Fitzsimons said the bill list averages around \$3 each meeting. Some bill lists are higher depending on what bills are being paid. Ms. McCullough mentioned her property tax has increased. Mayor Byron said new construction is the best way to stabilize taxes but it could take time to receive the full amount of ratables. Ms. McCullough asked why her street continues to flood. Mr. Chadwell explained the water is coming from Morning Glory Road, which is in Wildwood Crest. He said Wildwood Crest would need to do improvements in order to alleviate the flooding on her street. He welcomed Ms. McCullough to review the plans again if she wished.

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: _____
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: September 13, 2023