

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

Wednesday, February 10, 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 6 members of the public were present via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Christopher Wood, City Clerk, 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 (via Zoom), Byron - here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Louis DeLollis, Solicitor (via Zoom)
Carl Groon, Municipal Administrator
Steve O'Connor – Administrative Assistant
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:

January 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Fitzsimons SECOND: Mikulski

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

ORDINANCES:

1189-21 Establishing procedures regarding deployment of small wireless facilities in public right-of-ways in the City of Wildwood (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1189-21 has passed First Reading.

1190-21 Repealing Ordinance 1165-20; Establishing new fees for the use of city property for Special Events (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1190-21 has passed First Reading.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS: City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda and announced an additional resolution has been added to the agenda, "Addendum III", regarding participation in State Health Benefits Plan.

61-2-21 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with Cape May County Animal Shelter re: Animal Shelter/Spay & Neuter Services (\$33,742.26)

62-2-21 Renewing contract with Shore Animal Control, 2021 (\$28,000.00)

- 63-2-21 Authorizing re-bid of Water Meters and Parts in the February 17, 2021 edition of the CMC Herald, with bids being received on March 3, 2021 at 10:15 am
- 64-2-21 Authorizing refund of 1st Quarter 2021 taxes due to overpayment (various)
- 65-2-21 Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement with City of North Wildwood re: Construction Official Office Coverage
- 66-2-21 Authorizing Agreement with Cape Professional Billing Services re: Ambulance Claim Billing Services (\$39,500.00)
- 67-2-21 Confirming Advertisement & Authorizing receipt of bids for Wildwood Police Department, Barrier Free Improvements in the February 10, 2021 edition of the CMC Herald, with bids being received on March 3, 2021 at 10 am
- 68-2-21 Authorizing Agreement with Triad Associates for participation in Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP)
- 69-2-21 Authorizing purchase of 930M Wheel Loader (\$166,000.00)
- 70-2-21 Authorizing purchase of John Deere Cab Tractor with beach cleaner attachment (\$179,910.96)
- 71-2-21 Authorizing Agreement with BTS Cleaning Service re: City Janitorial Services, 2021 (\$27,478.85)
- 72-2-21 Authorizing purchase of Compact 9.5 CY Load & Pack Refuse Truck (\$203,476.00)
- 73-2-21 Authorizing contract with Advance Video & Sound re: Improvements to Meeting Room (\$11,490.00)
- 74-2-21 Extending Contract with American DAS Networks through December 31, 2021 re: Municipal Communications Management
- 75-2-21 Authorizing refund of ambulance billing to John Burns due to duplicate payment (\$638.60)
- 76-2-21 Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding with the Special Improvement District (Boardwalk) re: Trash Removal
- 77-2-21 Awarding 2021 bids for various goods & services
- 78-2-21 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$4,111,523.08 dated February 10, 2021
- 79-2-21 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 80-2-21 Awarding Contract to Law Soft, Inc. for 2021 Dispatch Support and Maintenance (\$24,325.00)
- 81-2-21 Awarding bid for Recreation Center HVAC equipment & electrical upgrades (\$309,000.00)
- 82-2-21 Authorizing participation in State Health Benefits Plan

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

Chief Regalbuto of the Wildwood Police Department asked the Board to elaborate on Resolution 82-2-21 re: State Health Benefits. Mr. O'Connor said the resolution needed to be passed at tonight's meeting in order to set the timeframe for May 1st, saying it's a better health plan for the Wildwood employees. Chief Regalbuto said there were several questions asked by the unions which still hadn't been answered. Mr. O'Connor said he met with the unions and answered their questions. One question was, what happens if a current employee retires, can they go back to the previous insurance? Mr. O'Connor said yes, they could revert back to Direct 10. Mr. O'Connor said the second issue was regarding the debit card and whether or not it could be reloaded. TMr O'Connor said, yes, they can be reloaded. Chief Regalbuto asked if this is taxable income. Mr. O'Connor said he does not believe so. Chief Regalbuto expressed his concerns with this matter being added to the agenda at the last minute, without any notice. Mr. O'Connor said it had to be done today due to the 60-day turnaround timeframe.

REPORTS:

- Engineers Report – Jim Oris, Remington & Vernick: Report on file in the Engineers office.

John Hess, CME - Reported that the ADA Improvement project for the Police Department has been advertised today, with bids being received on March 3rd. CME is also working with Mr. Groon and the Mayor on cost estimates for improvements to the Boardwalk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

COMMUNICIONS:

- Letter from the American Legion Post 184 re: Bingo Refund
 The City Clerk received a letter from the American Legion requesting a partial refund of their Bingo fees for dates they could not use due to Covid. The Board agreed to authorize the refund.

- 83-2-21 Authorizing refund to American Legion Post 184 for Bingo due to Covid 19, in the amount of \$300.00

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

NEW BUSINESS:

•Raffle License, NJ Elks Assoc., June 4, 2021, Convention Center

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

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.

Liz Rhuberg, 410 W. Taylor Avenue – Asked where they’re supposed to park their vehicles when construction begins on their street, and will they have access to their homes with their vehicles? Mr. Oris said residents would be notified prior to the start of the project, and will have access to the street at all times, with the exception being when concrete is being poured. Vehicles will not be permitted on the street for a day or two to let the concrete cure.

Christopher D’Amico, 121 W. Magnolia Avenue – Asked if the City has been in contact with the County in reference to the “Doo-Wop” street painting on various intersections along Rio Grande Ave. He said the paint is slippery, especially when wet, causing a safety hazard. He said there has already been an accident attributed to the slickness of the paint. Chief Regalbuto said he’s been working with the County to get traffic speed control signs, and would need a resolution done by the Governing Body to approve it. Commissioner Fitzsimons asked where those signs would be placed. Chief Regalbuto said the locations are to be determined, but he’s also looking for two signs to place on West Glenwood Avenue. Both Mayor Byron and Commissioner Fitzsimons told Mr. D’Amico they’d look into the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:20 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: February 24, 2021