

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

Wednesday, November 10, 2021  
Commissioner's Meeting Room  
Time: 5:05 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 (via speakerphone), Mikulski – here, Byron - here

**OTHERS ATTENDING**

Louis DeLollis, Solicitor

Steve O'Connor, Administrator

Carl Groom, Special Projects Administrator

Doug Rohmeyer, CME

Jim Oris, RVE

Christopher H. 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:**

October 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

October 27, 2021 Executive Session

MOTION: Fitzsimons            SECOND: Mikulski

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

**ORDINANCES:**

1211-21            Amending the General Revised Ordinances of the City of Wildwood, in conjunction with the Borough of Wildwood Crest & the City of North Wildwood re: GWTIDA Partnership            **(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, this 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. 1211-21 has passed Second Reading.

1212-21            Authorizing the execution of an Encroachment Agreement with 3615 Pacific Avenue, LLC to permit improvements associated with the development of 3601-3615 Pacific Avenue to be located in the City Right-of-Way **(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, this 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 – Abstain

***NOTE: Mayor Byron initially voted yes, then asked to change his vote to “Abstain”. The City Clerk polled Commissioners Fitzsimons and Mikulski on the change, to which they both agreed to allow.***

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1212-21 has passed Second Reading.

1215-21 Amending Ordinance No’s. 568-02, 652-05 and 711-07 of the City’s Revised General Ordinance pertaining to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Corporation (UEZ) for the Cities of North Wildwood, Wildwood, Borough of Wildwood Crest and Borough of West Wildwood (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1215-21 has passed First Reading.

1216-21 Amending Chapter VI of the City’s Revised General Ordinances re: Traffic pertaining to West Maple Avenue, One-Way Conversion (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1216-21 has passed First Reading.

1217-21 Vacating a portion of Hudson Avenue 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. 1217-21 has passed First Reading.

1218-21 Authorizing the completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1218-21 has passed First Reading.

1219-21 Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation for the Preparation of an Approved Tax Map (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1219-21 has passed First Reading.

1220-21 Authorizing Energy Savings Improvement Program Ordinance (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Mikulski

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1220-21 has passed First Reading.

**EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

- 411-11-21 Awarding Contract to the Ambient Group, LLC for the Site Remediation Work at 3710 Park Boulevard (\$62,800.00)
- 412-11-21 Awarding Contract for Construction Work for Public Works Building to STS Sheetmetal Inc. (\$36,000.00)
- 413-11-21 Authorizing Budget Appropriations
- 414-11-21 Authorizing Capital Budget Amendment
- 415-11-21 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation re: USDA Community Facility Program Grants (\$46,200.00)
- 416-11-21 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation re: American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (\$517,900.00)
- 417-11-21 Authorizing a contact with Johnstone Supply for New Public Works Building (\$30,000.00)
- 418-11-21 Awarding contract to Think Pavers, LLC for FY 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program, Improvements to Taylor Avenue Phase I, New Jersey Avenue to Pacific Avenue (\$323,290.00)
- 419-11-21 Authorizing Professional Services Contract with Munidex Software for services re: City Clerk's Office (\$7,000.00)
- 420-11-21 Authorizing Triad Associates to proceed with USDA-RD Water and Waste Disposal Grant/ Loan Program Application, Infrastructure Improvements along Taylor Avenue from Pacific Avenue to Ocean Avenue (\$14,500.00)
- 421-11-21 Authorizing refund of 2022 taxes due to prepayment to 411 W. Cresse Avenue (\$1,742.05)
- 422-11-21 Authorizing refund of 2021 taxes due to overpayment to 225 E. Davis Avenue, #B (\$1,331.74)
- 423-11-21 Authorizing reimbursement to Class II Police Officers for Psychological Exam as required for acceptance to the Cape May County Police Training Academy (\$450.00 each; various)
- 424-11-21 Amending Professional Services Contract with Triad Associates (\$15,000.00 increase to \$55,000.00)
- 425-11-21 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$2,966,115.66 dated November 10, 2021
- 426-11-21 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 427-11-21 Authorizing submission of an application to the Local Finance Board
- 428-11-21 Special Emergency Resolution

MOTION: Fitzsimons

SECOND: Mikulski

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

**REPORTS:**

- Engineering Report(s) – Jim Oris, Remington & Vernick: NE Remsco will be back next week and continue with pipe work on Ocean Avenue. The job was delayed due to waiting for supplies. He said the job should be done by Christmas. Phase 2A should be done by Memorial Day, 2022.
- Doug Rohmeyer, CME: HVAC installation is continuing and the Byrne Center, the outside work is complete. The inside ductwork should be completed by December 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Byron asked if the 19<sup>th</sup> is the definite date. Mr. Rohmeyer said providing nothing goes wrong, yes. The City Hall project has commenced and he will have a status update next week. Concerning the traffic control issues near Byrne Plaza, he said CME has collected traffic data and they are currently downloading it. They are recharging the system to deploy at the second intersection.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Commissioner Fitzsimons thanked everyone who assisted and attended the Trunk-or-Treat event at Fox Park. The event was a huge success.
- Commissioner Mikulski announced Boardwalk renovations are underway, therefore the area between Maple and Oak Avenue will be blocked off. The front steps of City Hall are also closed due to renovations, and he advised everyone to access the side entrances of building.
- Mayor Byron thanked Governor Murphy for providing the City with the necessary funding to move forward with the Boardwalk renovations. Things are moving in the right direction, and he hopes to have 4-5 blocks replaced per year.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Best Practices Inventory – Report: The City Clerk announced the City scored the highest score possible and will be eligible for state funding, as well as a good bond rating. He thanked Susan Plaza and her team for their effort in getting the City to this position.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Repealing and Restating Chapter 28, Article II Establishing Procedures and Standards regarding Deployment of Small Wireless Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way in the City of Wildwood – The City Solicitor advised to hold off on taking any action on this matter.
- Wednesday, November 24, 2021 Board Meeting Time – The Board agreed to hold the next Commissioner’s Meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 5pm, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**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.

Christopher D’Amico, 121 W. Magnolia Avenue: Mr. D’Amico asked what street was being vacated with regard to Ordinance 1217-21. Mr. DeLollis said the location was Montgomery and Hudson Aves. Mr. D’Amico asked if the Boardwalk repairs included a total tear down. Mayor Byron said no, they are saving the concrete. Mr. D’Amico asked if there were any updates in regard to the bulkheads and flooding issues near the Wharf. He was advised that the City is reviewing all the documents, and requested information from Remington & Vernick. They’re also going to schedule a meeting with the neighbors in the area. Mr. D’Amico mentioned the Wharf has a dirt parking lot, and does not know how that is permissible.

James Volpe, 226 E. Juniper Avenue: Mr. Volpe is against the City going to County dispatch. He believes by doing this, the City will face safety issues. Mr. Volpe said he’s worked for the City of Wildwood as a dispatcher for over 30 years, and feels the Commissioners should consult with the people who do the job before making a decision. Commissioner Mikulski said this matter is in the discussion phase, and no decision have been made yet.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

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

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 Krista Fitzsimons, COMMISSIONER

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 Steve Mikulski, COMMISSIONER

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 Peter Byron, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christopher H. Wood, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: December 1, 2021