

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

Wednesday, April 14 2021  
Commissioner's Conference Room  
Time: 5:09 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 3 members of the public were present via Zoom.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Mikulski leads in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Deputy City Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners answered to their names:

Fitzsimons – here (via Zoom), Mikulski – here, Byron - here

**OTHERS ATTENDING**

Louis DeLollis, Solicitor (via Zoom)

Carl Groon, Municipal Administrator

Steve O'Connor – Administrative Assistant

Karen M. Gallagher, Deputy 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 24, 2021 Regular Meeting

April 7, 2021 Special 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 (**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, the Public 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. 1196-21 has passed Second Reading.

**EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Deputy City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda. She announced that the Board is removing Resolutions "E" and "L" from the agenda.

155-4-21       Authorizing refund of ambulance billing to J. Palacio-Gomez due to overpayment (\$145.30)

156-4-21       Authorizing the City of Wildwood to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission

157-4-21       Awarding contract to Schiavone Construction re: Beach Street End Public Access Improvements – Phase I (\$141,863.60)

158-4-21       Authorizing use of OMNIA Partners for Cooperative Purchasing

- 159-4-21 Authorizing change of scope and budget for RVE re: Reconstruction of Taylor Ave (\$419,177.53)
- 160-4-21 Authorizing DeBlasio and Associates to conduct engineering and inspection services re: Installation of Water Mains at street ends, Wildwood Crest (\$24,000.00)
- 161-4-21 Authorizing the purchase of two (2) Polaris ATV's (Fire Dept., Beach Patrol) \$32, 481.00
- 162-4-21 Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations
- 163-4-21 Authorizing the purchase of Polaris ATV's (Public Works, \$15,140.00)
- 164-4-21 Authorizing an amendment to the Lease Agreement between the City of Wildwood and T-Mobil Northeast, LLC
- 165-4-21 Authorizing Advertisement and Notice to Bidders for Installation of Interim Cap at the Wildwood City Sanitary Landfill in the April 21, 2021 edition of the Cape May County Herald with bids received on May 4, 2021 at 10:00 am
- 166-4-21 Authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2021 Ford Interceptor Utilities AWD from Gentilini Ford (\$65,816.00)
- 167-4-21 Authorizing the purchase of Thirty-Two (32) Individual Body Work Cameras and Two (2) In-Car Mobile Video Recording Systems from Watch Guard, Inc. (\$59,174.00)
- 168-4-21 Authorizing the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-250 Pick-Up Truck from Gentilini Ford (\$38,476.00)
- 169-4-21 Approving Shared Services Agreement with County of Cape May for Landscaping Services
- 170-4-21 Authorizing the purchase of Four (4) Mobile Data Terminal Computers from Island Tech Services (\$19,256.00)
- 171-4-21 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$2,608,114.81 dated April 14, 2021
- 172-4-21 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 173-4-21 Approving Amusement Game License

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

**REPORTS:**

- Engineers Report – John Hess, CME: Relative to the Byrne Community Center, the HVAC Permits have been issued, the drawings will be submitted and once approved, the installation will begin. Police Department Renovations – permit was issued April 13<sup>th</sup> and construction has begun. City Hall Renovations – Preliminary plans will be ready April 15<sup>th</sup> and that project is moving forward. CME has submitted a proposal for the grant the City is receiving from the State relative to Boardwalk reconstruction. He also submitted an email today with some questions. Mayor Byron said Triad is waiting for additional information regarding open space. Mr. Hess said he would be sending that information to them this afternoon.
- Jim Oris – Remington & Vernick: Report on file in the Engineer's Office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application; Joseph McCauley

MOTION: Mikulski           SECOND: Fitzsimons  
 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 Deputy 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.

Al Brannen, 217 E. Bennett Avenue: Mr. Brannen asked where the City stood relative to adopting an ordinance prohibiting marijuana sales and dispensaries and the City of Wildwood. Mayor Byron said we are in the same place we were two weeks ago. They are having daily conversations and looking for information they may not receive before the deadline expires but they hope to have the ordinance introduced at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Brannen asked why the City is delaying any action. Mayor Byron referred to the Solicitor who said this is not a quick and easy answer as the legislation is complex. Due to the way it's drafted, it forces municipalities into a position to opt-out and the City of Wildwood is likely going to opt-out. Mayor Byron said they are not making any emotional decisions, that they are looking at everything in order to make the best decision for the City. Mr. Brannen said even the Chief of Police is against it. Commissioner Mikulski said they are looking into everything and should have an answer by next meeting.

Larry Lillo, 5200 Arctic Avenue: Mr. Lillo is against the sale of marijuana and dispensaries and if the City approves it, he will fight it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:26 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen M. Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: April 28, 2021