

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

Wednesday, June 12, 2024
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:
Commissioner McConnell – here, Commissioner Mikulski – here, Mayor Troiano – here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Marc DeBlasio, DeBlasio & Associates, PC
Steven A. Morris, Solicitor
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk/Interim Administrator
Amanda Neill, Aide to the 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.

PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 22, 2024 Regular Meeting
May 22, 2024 Executive Session

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

ORDINANCES:

1292-24 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Section 14 as to Designated Parking Spaces for Persons with Disabilities (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1292-24 has passed First Reading

1293-24 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 of the General Ordinances of the City of Wildwood governing Street and Sidewalk Openings (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1293-24 has passed First Reading

1294-24 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the General Ordinances of the City of Wildwood governing Animals on the City Boardwalk (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**)

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Mikulski
ROLL CALL: McConnell – Yes, Mikulski – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1294-24 has passed First Reading

1295-24 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the General Ordinances of the City of Wildwood Regulating the Possession of Backpacks on the City's public Beaches and Boardwalk Chapter 3 regarding violations and penalties for Curfew for Minors (**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)

Given the immediate need and the laws governing the adoption of ordinances in the State of New Jersey, the City has determined to adopt Ordinance No. 1295-24 as an emergency ordinance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:81-21 in order to preserve the public order, peace, health and safety. This Ordinance may be passed at one meeting and take effect immediately without publication. Solicitor, Steve Morris, states Ordinance No. 1295-24 is being adopted as an emergency and the City is empowered to adopt without notice. Commissioner Mikulski invites Police Chief, Joseph Murphy, to say a few words. Chief Murphy first thanks Mayor Troiano and fellow Commissioners for their support and for being proactive. He states this new change is due to contraband and illegal items found in backpacks. Chief Murphy states Sea Isle City and Ocean City have already instituted this regulation and has seen positive results. Chief Murphy is confident that between this Ordinance and the newly instituted curfew ordinance, will help tremendously and go a long way in maintaining the quality of life on the Boardwalk. Mayor Troiano states the calls received by dispatch far outweigh the manpower and still the agency provides exemplary service. Commissioner Mikulski said not only does the City want to protect the citizens and tourists, they want to be sure officers get home to the families every night.

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 1295-24 has passed Second Reading

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

259-6-24 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation (NJDEP Beach Survey for Wildwood portion of the USACE Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet Storm Damage Reduction Project, \$75,500.00)

260-6-24 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation (NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant {LRIG} FY 2024, \$66,000.00)

261-6-24 Authorizing the purchase of four (4) mobile All-Band radios from Motorola Solutions for the Wildwood Fire Department in the amount of \$29,900.31

262-6-24 Approving contract with 84 Lumber for the purchase of Cumaru decking for the Wildwood Boardwalk Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$2,286,077.31

263-6-24 Approving Amusement Game License(s)

264-6-24 Authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open contract to GRR Consulting Services, LLC for Operational and Administrative Services in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

265-6-24 Rescinding Resolution No. 258-5-24 entitled Awarding contract to DeBlasio & Associates for Construction Phase Services in connection with the Lead Services Line Replacement Program, Phase 1

266-6-24 Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Wildwood and Cape Regional Medical Center Cape Addiction Recovery Services

267-6-24 Approving and authorizing the execution of an Agreement for Professional Services with J.P. Bainbridge & Associates for a narrative fee appraisal report for the property located at 525 W. Spicer Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00

268-6-24 Authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 as submitted by Geoscape Solar for the removal of EV Chargers regarding the solar generated electricity for the City of Wildwood Building and Grounds – Public Works (decrease of \$14,000.00 for an amended contract amount of \$232,500.00)

269-6-24 Authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 as submitted by Geoscape Solar for the removal of EV Chargers regarding the solar generated electricity for the City of Wildwood Building and Grounds – Water Utility (decrease of \$89,200.00 for an amended contract amount of \$409,500.00)

270-6-24 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$2,869,175.34 dated June 12, 2024

271-6-24 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda

272-6-24 Authorizing waiver of Special Event Public Works Fee for 2024 International Kite Festival

273-6-24 Authorizing Triad Associates to prepare and submit an application on behalf of the City of Wildwood to the US Economic Development Administration (USED) for funding to reconstruction of portion of the Wildwood Boardwalk

274-6-24 Authorizing DeBlasio & Associates to proceed with preparing and processing a FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Roadway Grant Application for the New York Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements, from Maple Avenue to 26th Avenue

MOTION: McConnell SECOND: Troiano

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

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk's Office – Marc DeBlasio states the contractor is wrapping up concrete work on the Storm Sewer project and is expected to be complete by Monday, also noting the sewer was checked on twice and it is in fact operating properly. Mr. DeBlasio states they will be working with City Clerk, Lisa A. Brown, on a Grant Application for \$3M project. DeBlasio & Associates have submitted a FEMA Grant Application and will be filing another NJDOT for Pedestrian Safety. Mayor Troiano says he knows Glenwood Avenue is a tight street but asks about a drop off. Commissioner McConnell asks if we can make it “no parking”. Mayor Troiano says Spicer Avenue will be the entrance to the Barefoot Country Music Festival and traffic will be alleviated by going through the underpass. Commissioner Mikulski says it is looking really nice so far and has large monitors. Maple Avenue is almost complete as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Mikulski says a Pop Up Party was to take place this weekend but has since had a Cease and Desist issued. The City will not tolerate everything that is occurring in Wildwood any longer and the goal is to protect the City and citizens. Mayor Troiano states that anyone dealing with disturbances near their home must make 3 legitimate phone calls to the Police Department for noise complaints where then it can go to a court hearing to potentially revoke the Mercantile License. Commissioner McConnell encourages the public to call the police, stating otherwise nothing can be done and the Board cannot help nor does it help the police. Mayor Troiano says they are here to promote safety and to have a good time. He makes it clear that the current standing issues are not unique to the City of Wildwood as many people come here each year. He wishes for everyone to have fun and enjoy their time and if they're not, he encourages residents to call right away noting that Wildwood will be very proactive.

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.

Al Brannen, 217 East Bennett Avenue: Mr. Brannen states he has seen a big change in the Wildwood Police Department since Chief Murphy has taken over and is very pleased to see officers working hard and pulling cars over. Mr. Brannen notes the City Beach Balls look great. Mr. Brannen informs the Board of Commissioners that people are living in the Windward Hotel and asks if they have a Certificate of Occupancy. The Board thanks him for bringing this information to their attention.

Eileen Robinson, 236 East Davis Avenue: Ms. Robinson would like an explanation in regards to dogs being on the Boardwalk. Commissioner Mikulski states there is no reason for dogs to be on the Boardwalk now that there is an underpass.

Thomas Thompson, 329 West Roberts Avenue: Mr. Thompson would like some more clarification in regards to Ordinance 1294-24 and dogs on the Boardwalk. Solicitor, Steve Morris says that the Ordinance states clearly that dogs are not to be on the Boardwalk at any point in time unless it is a service dog

Mayor Troiano uses this time to introduce the hiring of Ed Grant, who will be assisting City Clerk, Lisa A. Brown in her Administrator duties. The Board of Commissioners welcome him.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:27 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

Steven Mikulski, COMMISSIONER

Ernest Troiano, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED June 26, 2024