

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2024
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Time: 5:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED

Meeting called to order by the Mayor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy City Clerk, Karen M. Gallagher leads in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At this time, Mayor Troiano asks for a moment of silence for James Di Falco.

ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners answered to their names:
Commissioner McConnell – here, Commissioner Mikulski – here, Mayor Troiano – here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Jessica Stilley, DeBlasio & Associates, PC
Steven A. Morris, Solicitor
Karen M. Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk
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:

April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting
April 15, 2024 Special Meeting
April 15, 2024 Executive Session
April 19, 2024 Special Meeting

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

ORDINANCES:

1290-24 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: 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 No. 1290-24 has passed Second Reading

1291-24 Ordinance Amending Chapter 1A of the General Ordinance of the City of Wildwood
regarding the number of Sergeant positions in the Wildwood Police Department
(INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)

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

The Mayor announced Ordinance No. 1291-24 has passed First Reading

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

- 198-4-24 Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations
- 199-4-24 Authorizing an Agreement with the Wildwoods Business Improvement District (WBID) to acquire Streetlight Banners and LED Light Decorations in conjunction with Wildwood's Neighborhood Preservation Program for 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$62,500.00 (Neighborhood Preservation Program contribution in the amount of \$35,000.00)
- 200-4-24 Authorizing an Agreement with the Wildwoods Business Improvement District (WBID) to fund the Implementation of Streetscape Improvements in conjunction with Wildwood's Neighborhood Preservation Program in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 (Neighborhood Preservation Program contribution in the amount of \$15,000.00)
- 201-4-24 Authorizing an Agreement with the Wildwoods Business Improvement District (WBID) for the Implementation of a Catalyst Project-Business Improvement Program in conjunction with Wildwood's Neighborhood Preservation Program for 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 (Neighborhood Preservation Program contribution in the amount of \$10,000.00)
- 202-4-24 Authorizing an Agreement with the Wildwoods Business Improvement District (WBID) to extend the Business Marketing Program in conjunction with Wildwood's Neighborhood Preservation Program for 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 (Neighborhood Preservation Program contribution in the amount of \$15,000.00)
- 203-4-24 Authorizing an Agreement with the Wildwoods Business Improvement District (WBID) to fund Site Improvements and facilitate the purchase of Site Amenities at the new Pocket Park at 3409 Pacific Avenue in conjunction with the Wildwood's Neighborhood Preservation Program for 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 (Neighborhood Preservation Program contribution in the amount of \$15,000)
- 204-4-24 Appointing Jessica Brown to the Wildwood Tourism Development Commission (TDC)
- 205-4-24 Approving Amusement Game License(s)
- 206-4-24 Approving the purchase of (10) Axon Fleet 3 Camera Systems with ALPR Integration from State Contract Vendor, Axon Enterprise Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$141,942.00
- 207-4-24 Approving Change Order No. 8 as submitted by Colliers Engineering & Design on behalf of Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc re: removal of concrete deck and faming infill at Cedar Avenue and the Boardwalk in connection with the Boardwalk Rehabilitation Project, Phase III, IV & V (increase of \$5,651.41 for a total of \$6,259,663.30)
- 208-4-24 Awarding contract to Union Roofing to replace roof at 316 W. Oak Avenue, Public Works Garage, in the amount not to exceed \$43,900.00
- 209-4-24 Resolution Amending Resolution No. 167-3-24, Directing and Authorizing the execution of application for participation in the Cops in Shops – Summer Shore Initiative 2024 Program, to include Grant #AL-24-07-02-02
- 210-4-24 Authorizing the use of funds designated for the City of Wildwood from the FY2024 Wildwoods Urban Enterprise Zone Fund for the Bennett Avenue Corridor Project
- 211-4-24 Amending Chapter 2 of the General Ordinances of the City of Wildwood governing the Scheduled of charges Billed for City-EMS Services
- 212-4-24 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$4,340,678.69 dated April 24, 2024
- 213-4-24 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
- 214-4-24 Authorizing the Boardwalk SID Managements Corporation to conduct firework displays on various dates for the 2024 Summer
- 215-4-24 Approving Change Order No. 2 as submitted by Geoscape Solar for the purpose of purchasing and installation of two (2) Charge Point Level 3 Chargers and two (2) Charge Point Level 2 Chargers (increase of \$162,750.00)
- 216-4-24 Awarding bid contract to Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. for the Wildwood Back Bay Landfill Closure Plan, Phase 1 (\$975,778.50)
- 217-4-24 Authorizing accepting a Grant form Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (\$3,000,000.00)

MOTION: McConnell

SECOND: Mikulski

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

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk's Office – Jessica Stilley reports DeBlasio & Associates have

reviewed drawings and are waiting for materials to arrive and expect to begin working around April 29th, 2024. Ms. Stilley states they are considering submitting a Planning Grant for the development of an Action Plan, as also suggested by Triad Associates. Ms. Stilley states the next deadline is August 29, 2024 if they miss the first one. If the City is interested, Ms. Stilley says she will let Triad Associates know to move forward. Ms. Stilley mentions Capital Improvement Plan Phase III, stating they are currently reviewing cost estimates for potential grant applications and will have a meeting next week for Principal of Interest. Ms. Stilley says there is available

funding from a previous project that can be utilized for Andrews Avenue. Ms. Stilley states in regards to Beach Street End Access, Baker and Bennett Avenues are funded through UEZ. A meeting with Triad Associates was held last week with Cape May County Open Space Program. Ms. Stilley says it was a positive meeting and believes there is potential for all 5 streets and encourages the Board to move forward. DeBlasio & Associates will put plans and proposals together and eventually a FEMA Grant. Ms. Stilley states 5 of them had head room. Commissioner McConnell asks if they will all have the same look and design. Mayor Troiano says yes. Commissioner McConell asks what will be easiest and most cost effective as it is hard right now with the City already having items that they are tending to with maintenance and painting, stating she would prefer to have plain, clean and neat as a way to better maintain. Ms. Stilley states they will be submitting a FEMA Grant to fund the replacement of the Back Bay Bulkheads at various street ends. Commissioner McConnell asks how many there are left to do. Ms. Stilley says there are 6 in total to include Juniper, Poplar, Maple, Oak, and Montgomery. The hope is to hit all 6 and then have private owners and be in compliance of the Ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

•Raffle Application as submitted by the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation to be held on September 7, 2024 at Byrne Plaza

MOTION: McConnell

SECOND: Mikulski

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

Jeanine McGee, 445 West Montgomery Avenue: Mrs. McGee is confused on the Ordinance for underage drinking and drugs and would like some clarification. Mrs. McGee states she feels like her life is falling apart and is considering moving out of Wildwood due to the many disturbances she experiences at her residence, stating there are underage seasonal tenants who cause a menace and are underage drinking and have caused damage to her property. She notes she has contacted the City Clerk's office and Code Enforcement seeking advice to resolve this issue as well. Mayor Troiano asks where she lives and states he used spend many nights going after and shutting down properties. Commissioner Mikulski asks if the tenants causing issues are year round or seasonal renters. Mayor Troiano states he will give Mrs. McGee his personal cell phone and notes he will go out to the property after 3 phone calls to bring the owner in and hold a court hearing if necessary. Mayor Troiano says the law is a disgrace that police are unable to punish underage kids and explains the police have their hands tied. Mrs. McGee asks what Mayor Troiano will do when an underage drinker ends up causing an accident. Mayor Troiano says he takes this very personal and assures Mrs. McGee that the City of Wildwood will clean this up. Mayor Troiano asks Mrs. McGee when these issues started. Mrs. McGee says it began middle of May last year. Mayor Troiano states he want all mercantile information and will contact Mrs. McGee by Friday.

Al Brannen, 217 East Bennett Avenue: Mr. Brannen asks who owns the beach balls at the end of Cresse Avenue. The Board of Commissioners inform him the City of Wildwood owns them while others are owned by the County. Mr. Brannen says they are a disgrace as they are dirty and covered in graffiti and have become worn out from the public climbing and posing on them for pictures. Commissioner McConnell suggests creating a spreadsheet with a schedule so the City can better determine who owns which beach ball and the best time to contact Rich Harron so the balls can be maintained in a timely manner. Mr. Brannen asks if the City was paid \$60,000.00 to cover the cost for Donald Trump arriving May 11, 2024. Mayor Troiano states yes, money was received but not that for that amount and every department chipped in with different amounts and a check was received. Mayor Troiano also notes tax payers were not affected by this. Commissioner Mikulski states he had a

meeting with Chief Murphy and adds that all police officers will be available to aid in this event. The Board explains this is a 1 day event with enough seats for 30-40 thousand people. Mr. Brannen inquires about the use of cameras set up in meetings again. Commissioner Mikulski explains it will be not be efficient in the meeting room. Mayor Troiano says this is not a priority right now. Mr. Brannen states he saw on the news where it was reported Wildwood Middle School was ranked one of the worst schools. Mayor Troiano says he will put Wildwood Middle School up against any school and the teachers do fantastic things with the students. Commissioner McConnell states she is very invested in the schools and was on the school board. Commissioner McConnell says the issue is the State chipping away at funding and we, as a community, are doing everything we can to save the schools, further explaining Cape Tech is getting millions of dollars and asks the community to keep fighting. Mayor Troiano states he will always fight for Wildwood noting that himself and his family all went to Wildwood Schools and truly did get a good education.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:40 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: May 8, 2024