

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

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
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

Deputy City Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners answered to their names:
Fitzsimons – here, Mikulski – here, Byron - here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Steve O’Connor, Administrator
Tony Chadwell, Remington & Vernick Engineers
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 22, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

ORDINANCES:

1258-23 Ordinance Establishing Titles and Salary Ranges for Officers and Employees (**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, 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. 1258-23 has passed Second Reading

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS: Deputy City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda and noted Resolution “G” has been stricken from the Agenda.

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| 165-4-23 | Approving Amusement Game License(s) |
| 166-4-23 | Authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers to proceed with Engineering Phase Service, Magnolia Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements (from Park Blvd. to the Bay - \$79,150.00) |
| 167-4-23 | Authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers to proceed with Professional Engineering Services, City of Wildwood FY 2023 Annual Beach Survey under General Services (\$15,000.00) |
| 168-4-23 | Authorizing refund of taxes for 2022 4 th Quarter due to Corelogic paying for prior owner (\$2,125.02) |
| 169-4-23 | Authorizing refund of taxes for 2023 1 st Quarter, due to Corelogic paying for prior owner (\$1,595.84) |
| 170-4-23 | Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the City of Wildwood, City of North Wildwood, Borough of West Wildwood and Borough of Wildwood Crest re: Enterprise Zone Development Corporation |
| 171-4-23 | Authorizing refund of taxes for 2023 2 nd Quarter due to payment made in error on our online WIPP System by homeowner (\$1,525.03) |
| 172-4-23 | Authorizing waiver of bus permit fees for Cumberland Technical Center to drop off employees |
| 173-4-23 | Approving FMBA Contract (Term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025) and Rescinding Resolution No. 497-12-22 which was approved on December 14, 2022 |
| 174-4-23 | Amending Triad Associates Contract for 2022 General Consulting Services (\$21,967.50 increase to a new total of \$56,967.50) |
| 175-4-23 | Authorizing a contract with Fieldturf USA, Inc for the purchase of a new Field Goal Post and Padding for the Maxwell Football Field (\$40,000.00) and rescinding Resolution No. 147-3-23 which was approved on March 22, 2023 |
| 176-4-23 | Authorizing return of Escrow Balance Deposits, Application #13-22, Carlo Rosauri, 3101 Pacific Avenue (\$372.90) |

- 177-4-23 Authorizing reappointments to the Wildwood Tourism Development Commission (TDC); Robert Zuzulock – Term Expires 12/31/24; Jennifer Robinson – Term Expires 12/31/24; Chris Hines – Term Expires 12/31/24
- 178-4-23 Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations
- 179-4-23 Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding relative to Jitney Transportation Services for the Wildwoods for year 2023
- 180-4-23 Authorizing Execution of Expression of Interest Letter for New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 2023 Municipal Assistance Program and Authorizing Participation with the City of North Wildwood, Borough of Wildwood Crest, Borough of West Wildwood, with the Borough of Wildwood Crest acting as Lead Agency
- 181-4-23 Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$4,559,402.18 dated April 12, 2023
- 182-4-23 Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda

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

REPORTS:

•Engineers Report – On file in the City Clerk’s Office. Mayor Byron asked Mr. Chadwell to look into the area around SOL Restaurant on Pacific Ave, to be sure the work was being completed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Byron informed the public of a few things happening around town. The solar project happening in the two municipal lots. He said it wouldn’t be online until the Fall. The second phase of the Boardwalk reconstruction project is making good progress and is running ahead of schedule. They are waiting for the last bit of lumber to be delivered to finish. No businesses have been affected during the reconstruction. The Byrne Community Center project is also coming along nicely and the City is anticipating the project being complete by August.

Commissioner Fitzsimons announced the statues would be back for another season. There will be five different statues placed around town. They will be funded through a couple different programs with UEZ being one of them, resulting in half the cost to the City. Art in the Parks will also be returning for another season.

Mr. Chadwell added the EV charging stations are also included with the parking lot solar project. Mayor Byron asked if there will be a charge to park in the municipal parking lots. Commissioner Mikulski said it is currently ParkMobile but has not been enforced. There will be a fee for those wanting to charge their electric vehicle. That fee will be based on kilowatt-hour.

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 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.

Ray Callaghan, 424 W. Taylor Avenue: Mr. Callaghan is getting impatient with the roadwork on Taylor Avenue. His planters have been destroyed, the sidewalk has been lowered, and causing a safety hazard for his 95-year-old mother and the handicapped parking sign was removed resulting in his mother having nowhere to park. Commissioner Mikulski said he would have his concerns addressed.

Spyros Spyropoulos, 110 Par Lane, Cape May Court House: Mr. Spyropoulos is a Veteran and said the Board of Commissioners have been very good to the Veterans. He told Mayor Byron that if he has any thoughts of resigning, he should put them out of his mind because it’s not effecting his job.

Lataysha Matos, 27 Mimosa Drive, Rio Grande: Ms. Matos thanked Mayor Byron for taking the time to help her when no one else would. He took the time on his day off to do the ribbon cutting for her business. She would be devastate if he were no longer the Mayor.

Kevin Murray, 210 W. Davis Avenue: Mr. Murray said he fully supports this Board and only sees good things happening.

Pastor Willy Johnson, 142 W. Spencer Avenue: Pastor Johnson thank the Board of Commissioners for all of their efforts and encouraged Mayor Byron to continue to move forward. He told the Mayor to keep his head up so they could keep building together.

Mark Tallarida, 111 E. Oak Avenue: Mr. Tellarida purchased a home here 20 years ago and became very friendly with Mayor Byron. The Mayor helped him work through a situation with his son and Mr. Tallarida will never forget it. Mr. Tallarida said things aren’t always what they appear to be and the Mayor is a really good guy. It’s not about being a Democrat or a Republican; if you’re a good person, you’re a good person.

Edward Hughes, 218 E. 9th Street, North Wildwood: Mr. Hughes said the present administration has done a fine job and he sees a lot of progress going on in Wildwood. He said, “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”.

Chris Hines, 4015 Park Boulevard: Mr. Hines said the Mayor is a friend of his and a good guy. Since Mayor Byron has been in, he has seen this community come together. Living here his entire life, Mr. Hines said the west side of town had always been neglected of repairs and enhancements. With Mayor Byron in office, something is finally being done about it. Mr. Hines hopes Mayor Byron does not resign and he will continue to push him not to.

Charles Eyster, 2805 Ocean Avenue: Mr. Eyster thank the former and current administration for extending the bicycle hours on the Boardwalk. He said Mayor Byron did a fantastic job with the second phase of the Boardwalk reconstruction project. Mr. Eyster thanked the Board for handling the Animal House problem he had last year. This team is a great composition. He urged the Mayor not to resign.

Jim Lombardo, 408 E. Cresse Avenue: Mr. Lombardo has been friends with Mayor Byron for 40 years. He has seen so many amazing changes since he’s been in administration. Mayor Byron is a good man.

Paul DiFillipo, 135 E. 13th Street, North Wildwood: Mr. DiFillipo said Mayor Byron’s leadership has been an asset and urged him not to quit.

John Delgado, 241 E. Cresse Avenue: Mr. Delgado said, when this Commission took over, he felt safe to walk on the island at night. He has never seen such beauty in such a short time with all the improvements that have been done. Mr. Delgado met Mayor Byron through church. Mayor Byron shows that he has nothing to prove but to serve his church and community. It is a beautiful thing to see what he gives back, outside of politics.

Nick Danza: Mr. Danza said Mayor Byron is the personification of a dedicated public servant. He is a humble man. Anyone who needs him, he serves.

Brian DeLeone, 121 E. Garfield Avenue: Mr. DeLeone said Mayor Byron is a family friend. He is the face of Wildwood and serves his community. Mr. DeLeone does not want to see Mayor Byron resign.

Frank Stone, 818 Hand Avenue, Cape May Court House: Mr. Stone is the Director of the Lazarus House. He thank Mayor Byron and the administration for helping them feed the hungry. This Board gave them the sense of security to expand. Mr. Stone is confident in the direction of this administration and Mayor Byron and he hopes the Mayor does not step down. This too shall pass.

Mayor Byron thanked everyone for coming and for the outpouring of kind words. He assured them that he is not going anywhere and that it is a privilege to serve the community.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 5:39 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: _____
Karen M. Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: April 226, 2023