

**WORK SESSION MINUTES OF THE WILDWOOD COMMISSIONERS
IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY**

Wednesday, July 9, 2014
Commissioners Meeting Room
Time: 5:30 p.m.

MEETING CALLED:

Meeting called to order by the Mayor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk leads in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Byron – here, Leonetti – here, Troiano – here

OTHERS ATTENDING

Mary D'Arcy Bittner, Solicitor
Chris Fox, Administrator
Marc DeBlasio, Remington & Vernick Engineers
Christopher D'Amico, Fire Chief
Daniel Spiegel, Deputy Fire Chief
Steve Long, Police Chief
Steve Stocks, Beach Patrol Chief
Marc D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works
Gary Ziegler, Water Department
Jeanette Powers, CFO
Bob Schwartz, Auditor
Jason Hesley, Tax Assessor
Lori Rosensteel, Tax Collector
Hope Pinto, HR
Christopher Wood, City Clerk
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OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

As per N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, City Clerk read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

PRESENTATION:

- ELPH Bands – Mayor Troiano received correspondence from an organization called ELPH. A representative was present to provide information about their program which includes selling identification bracelets for children and the elderly, should they get lost. The bracelet has a scanning device that saves important information about the individual to help reunite them with their families. If the City puts the ELPH link onto their website the City will receive \$5.00 for each bracelet sold through that link. Mayor Troiano said someone will be in contact with her tomorrow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 4, 2014, Special Meeting
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Pending questions from the Board, these minutes will be moved to the Regular Meeting for approval. There were none.

2A.

- A. 1008-14 Calendar Year 2014 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**)
- B. Calculating the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes by Reducing the Certified Tax Levy for the appeals and by using a Collection Rate of 99.48% in the Calculation of the 2014 Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

- C. Authorizing Public Hearing of the 2014 Municipal Budget
- D. Amending 2014 Municipal Budget
- E. Authorizing Adoption of the 2014 Municipal Budget

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RESOLUTIONS

City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda.

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ADDENDUM:

- I. Authorizing Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers to advertise for bids for the Youngs Avenue Restroom Facility in the July 19, 2014 edition of the Atlantic City Press
- II. Authorizing Change Order No. 3 – Final as submitted by Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers on behalf of RTW Construction, Inc. re: 2013 NJDCA Small Cities CDBG Program (decrease of \$3,979.00 for a new total of \$594,092.00)
- III. Authorizing Emergency Sewer Repairs at 606 Old Rio Grande Avenue and Authorizing Perna Finnigan, Inc. to complete the repairs (\$3,200.00)
- IV. Authorizing Interest Rate and Grace Period for Tax and Sewer Collection
- V. Authorizing Professional Services Contract with Tony Deutch re: Promotional Advertisement (\$3,600.00)

ORDINANCE:

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

COMMUNICIATIONS:

- None.

APPLICANTS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

REPORTS:

- Engineer's Report – On File in City Clerk's Office

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

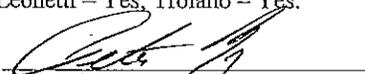
- None.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to be discussed, this meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

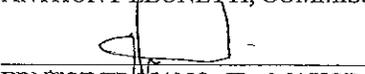
MOTION: Byron

SECONDED: Leonetti

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes.


PETER BYRON, COMMISSIONER


ANTHONY LEONETTI, COMMISSIONER


ERNEST TROIANO, JR., MAYOR

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MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Byron

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None.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Leonetti

ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT

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 ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance 1008-14 has been adopted.

378-7-14 Calculating the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes by Reducing the Certified Tax Levy for the appeals and by using a Collection Rate of 99.48% in the Calculation of the 2014 Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

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 ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

At this time Mayor Troiano turned the meeting over to Commissioner Byron. Commissioner Byron said Mr. Schwartz had prepared a presentation of the 2014 Municipal Budget, which he demonstrated. Following the presentation, Commissioner Byron said the biggest part of the increase is loss of ratables and the need for more public safety. Daniel Spiegel, Deputy Fire Chief was called up to give his presentation which included the duties of the Fire Department, their budget and number of employees. Mr. Spiegel said the Fire Department has had the same number of employees since 1979 with the exception of the recent loss of three members which have not yet been replaced. The Fire Department has the need to hire three additional employees to replace the vacant positions in order to operate the department efficiently.

Chief Long, Police Chief, was called up to give his presentation which also included the duties of the Police Department, their budget and number of employees. Chief Long said there has been a 33 percent reduction in staffing which is believed to be the reason that the number of indictable crime has increased by 47 percent. He said the need to hire more officers is crucial.

Commissioner Byron said Public Safety is the number one concern in this year's budget. He said the property re-val is going to stop the bleeding and is something the City had to do. He reiterated that the Fire Department still has the same staff as it did in 1979 with a lot more responsibilities. The City has participated in shared services agreements which include the shared service of the Tax Assessor between Wildwood and North Wildwood which is a 40 percent savings. The Tax, Water and Sewer Collection Departments have been converted into one office and the City is cross-training all employees. The City has hired a full time Solicitor which is a \$200,000 per year savings. The Beach Services has brought in \$160,000.00, which the City didn't have last year.

Commissioner Leonetti said he's had numerous meetings with all three chiefs and this is what's needed. Commissioner Byron said if they don't take the City back, the ratables here are going to drop even more. Mayor Troiano said the City has been extremely aggressive with mercantile licenses and substandard housing. He said when the City lost officers in the Police Department, the bad guys saw that and created an unbelievable drug problem here. They are working very aggressively to get the City back. He also reminded the public that the City is not responsible for County or School Tax.

At this time a motion was made to open the public hearing on the budget.

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Leonetti
 ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

Kathy McCullough, 415 W. Cresse Avenue: Ms. McCullough said the School Tax is increasing even though they only have a graduating class of 24 students. She was informed her number was inaccurate. She hasn't heard of any other shared services except for the Tax Assessor and she isn't happy that the property values are going down. Mayor Troiano said when everyone appeals their taxes every year, that's what happens.

Wally Lerro, 3320 Atlantic Avenue: Mr. Lerro said he called the Police Chief a few weeks ago and he doesn't know how the department keeps up with all of these calls with such a small crew. He said if this was a private business, he would increase the number of police officer which would, in turn, increase property values.

There being no further comments, this hearing was closed.

MOTION: Leonetti SECOND: Byron
 ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

379-7-14 Amending 2014 Municipal Budget
 Mr. Schwartz explained why this amendment has to be made.

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 ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

380-7-14 Authorizing Adoption of the 2014 Municipal Budget

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Mayor Troiano said the City will be entering into an Interlocal Service Agreement with Ocean City for the capping of the back bay area. He said Ocean City will be paying the City of Wildwood for accepting the fill, which the City will use to cap the back bay area. By doing this, it will dramatically reduce the cost of capping the back bay area.

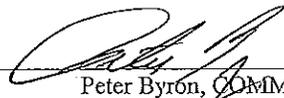
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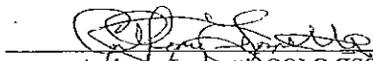
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** During regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting. Remarks will limit to five (5) minutes per person. City Clerk will be keeper of time and advise speaker when time has expired. Each member of the public will be permitted to speak only once per meeting. Criticism of public employees will be directed to the Personnel Department during work hours only.

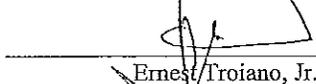
Al Brannen, 217 E. Bennett Avenue: Mr. Brannen noticed a lot of organizations that host special events here often donate some of their proceeds to charity such as Red Cross, which is good, but reminded the Board that charity begins at home. He suggested having donations sent to Wildwood High School and Wildwood Catholic. Mayor Troiano said that's a good idea.

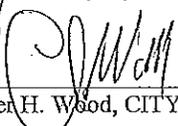
ADJOURNED: There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Leonetti
 ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes


 Peter Byron, COMMISSIONER


 Anthony Leonetti, COMMISSIONER


 Ernest Troiano, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST: 
 Christopher H. Wood, CITY CLERK

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: August 13, 2014