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

Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Commissioners Meeting Room
Time: 3:32 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
Christopher D'Amico, Fire Chief
Dan Speigel, Deputy Fire Chief
Robert Regalbuto, Police Chief
Ron Grookett, Water Utility
Jeanette Powers, CFO
Jason Hesley, Tax Assessor
Hope Pinto, HR
Cyndi Garland, QPA
Christopher Wood, City Clerk
Lisa Brown, Aide to the City Clerk

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 14, 2015, Work Session
January 14, 2015, Regular Meeting

Pending questions from the Board these Minutes will be approved during the Regular meeting. There were none.

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A. Introduction and Approval of the Wildwood Business Improvement District Budget (BID)
B. Introduction and Approval of the Wildwood Special Improvement District Budget (SID)

The introduction and approval of the above budgets were moved to Regular Session for approval.

RESOLUTION
City Clerk read the resolutions listed on the agenda.
A. Authorizing Budget Transfers
B. Authorizing participation in the island wide Municipal Alliance Grant Program ($5,197.00)
C. Authorizing cancellation of sewer billing for the 2014 billing due to inactive account for Acct. #2120015, 540 W. Rio Grande Avenue ($9,216.00)
D. Authorizing Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Witmer Public Safety Group re: Guns, holsters and lights for the Police Department ($44,004.50) and rescinding Resolution No. 533-11-14
E. Authorizing Professional Services Contract with Harold Vogel re: Public Defender for the Wildwood and West Wildwood Municipal Court ($7,900.00)
F. Awarding 2015 Annual Bid to George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc. re: Liquid Sequestering Agent
G. Authorizing the award of an Alternate to Fair and Open Contract with Van Note-Harvey Associates re: Engineering Services in connection with the replacement of water services on West Pine Avenue in North Wildwood ($28,000.00)
H. Authorizing contract with Parkmobile, LLC re: Parking Meter Services
I. Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to advertise for the acceptance of bids re: Residential, Commercial, Municipal and Institutional Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection Services in the February 4, 2015 edition of the Atlantic City Press, with bids being accepted on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 10:00 am

J. Approving 2015 Beach Event Application re: A Closer Walk Christian Youth Event and Morey's Piers Beach Sports Festival
K. Establishing a Bank Account re: Developer Fees – Housing Trust Fund
L. Approving Amusement Game License(s)
M. Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of $3,053,409.35 dated January 28, 2015
N. Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda.

ORDINANCE:

1021-14 Ordinance Creating a Five-Year Tax Exemption Program for the City of Wildwood in accordance with State Statutes **(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)**

1022-15 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No.'s 751-08 and 984-13 Establishing a Construction Office in the City of Wildwood and Amending Various Permit Fees **(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)**

1023-15 Ordinance Amending Sewer Ordinance **(FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION)**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

COMMUNICIATIONS:

- EDM Concerts on the Beach

Commissioner Byron said he wanted to give the public insight into the EDM concert on the beach. He'd asked the Deputy Fire Chief, Dan Speigel, as well as the Police Chief, Robert Regalbuto to talk about their interactions with the event as it pertains to their departments. Deputy Chief Speigel said on Saturday, June 28th, there were 19 incidents handled by the EMS/Fire Department and on July 5th there were 24 incidents, with five of those incidents directly from the concert. He said the EDM concert was a "non-issue" for the Fire Department and it was handled accordingly. Chief Regalbuto said these calls were directly related to the EDM concert last year; there were 20 arrests, 8 of which were adults and the remaining were juveniles, mostly for intoxication. There were 4 arrests that involved marijuana. Chief Regalbuto said as long as this event is properly staffed, there will be minimal impact on his department.

Mike Decico of Beach Glow gave the public some information about this organization, how it was started and that main purpose of having these concerts is to raise funds for different charities. Heather Kunkel, mother of the CEO spoke on behalf of Beach Glow and also responded to some statements made and circulated by the Morey's. She said this organization is 100% volunteer. Proceeds from this event either go to a charity or are used to pay for operating expenses. She said Beach Glow does not promote drugs and alcohol. Beach Glow has a Zero Tolerance policy and has received raved reviews from many organizations for the way this event is handled. The organization could not find evidence of an overdose stemming from last year's concert, as accused by the Morey's.

Commissioner Byron said there seems to be an issue of perception vs. reality with this event. There are potential side effects, but not all EDM concerts are bad. Having only 26 incidents speak volumes of an event which was held over the span of 8 hours and consisting of over 7,000 attendees. At this time, Commissioner Byron opened the floor to the public for comment.

Will Morey, 3501 Boardwalk: Mr. Morey feels these meetings should have been held ahead of time. He said he wrote a letter after the concert last year, informing the governing body of the inappropriate behavior that took place during this event. Mr. Morey said at that time, he spoke with the retired Chief of Police about the incidents stemming from this event and Chief Long told him there were 37 arrests, of which one included a young girl laying in her own feces, passed out drunk in a parking lot. Mr. Morey said he called Gerard Kunkel and offered an invitation to discuss the concerns of this event. He never received a response from Mr. Kunkel. He said he doesn't doubt Beach Glow's mission statement, but the organization cannot cleanse this event with charity. He said there are other acceptable concert venues where this event could be held. Last year many parents ushered their families off of the beach and boardwalk because of this event. He said it's admirable that Beach Glow wants to change the image of drugs and alcohol being associates with events such as these, but this is its stigma. Mr. Morey also wants the date and location of this event to be changed. He doesn't want it at the current location and does not want this event to be held on the 4th of July. He feels there should be some dialogue with the event holder and the business community.

Anthony Morrison: Mr. Morrison is president of Beach Buddy events. He applauds the City's efforts for trying to get a beach bar and concerts onto the Wildwood beach. He believes the City of Wildwood is conducive for EDM concerts and there is opportunity for music growth in this City. He said he held an EDM concert here last year, where no one was arrested for underage drinking, however there was foul and abusive language. This year he will be moving his event to Atlantic City where he believes is more of an adult like atmosphere. He also asked Beach Glow to move their event to a different location and to choose another date other than the 4th of July.

Michelle Rutkowski: Ms. Rutkowski has three stores on the Boardwalk. She understands Beach Glow's mission, but at the same time, Wildwood is trying to build the family reputation and she feels EDM is going to

damage that. She believes families are going to look at the calendar of events, see EDM, and not come. She asked if this concert is going to happen, for it not to happen on the 4th of July when this City is full of families.

Dan MacElrevey: Mr. MacElrevey said he admires the goals of the sponsors and organizers of this event. His problem with the event is he saw many people coming off the boardwalk saying they had to take their kids and leave because of the language. He doesn't have a problem with the concert, but he does have a problem with the date and location and asked that the location be moved to the Convention Center. He added this town is mobbed on the 4th of July weekend, and to have it another day when it's not so busy.

Steve Tecco: Mr. Tecco is the president of the Hotel/Motel Association. He has some concerns regarding this event which include the timing and location. He said the information he learned today has been helpful as he wasn't familiar with this type of music. He said his monster truck ride business was impacted by this concert as it caused many parents and children to leave. This is not the image they want.

Al Brannen: Mr. Brannen has nothing against the event himself, but would not like it to be held on the 4th of July. He also said he would like a percentage of the charity money to stay here on the island.

Haroula Karavangelos Rotondi: Ms. Rotondi said she owns a business on the Boardwalk. She backs the Morey's 100%, but it's not just about the Morey's, it's about the rest of the community. The people who live here have worked hard and have branded Wildwood what it is today. This is not the image she wants Wildwood to have. She absolutely does not agree with having this concert on the 4th of July. She said the City wants the middle class families to come and enjoy themselves. Mr. Rotondi said she's all about charity. Herself, along with 5 other women raised $13,500 in one day for a charity. They didn't need 7,000 people. She said this is our home and the City needs a clean event. She suggested they hold their concert in the Convention Center.

Jen Wetzel: Ms. Wetzel said she allowed her children to attend this event last year and was appalled by the stories her children told her when they got home. She was told of people soliciting for group sex, multiple people making out and people stealing items out of other people's purses. She asked that they change the date and move the event inside.

Mike Decico of Beach Glow said he's listened to everyone's comments and concerns. The concerns expressed by others are also some of the same concerns as Beach Glow. Beach Glow has made some big changes from last year and they can make it better. There is still time to make some changes before this event such as changing the date for concerts in the years 2016 and 2017. To change the date for 2015 however, is not possible. They can consider changing the location of the event, but the attractive part of it is a party on the beach. They will do whatever they can to work closely with the government and business community. He informed the public that this year's charity is "Little Kids Rock" where all proceeds raised will go to schools that need funding for music education. He also said the plug will be pulled on the performers who use foul language.

Geoff Rogers: Mr. Rogers said he's listened to all sides of this and challenged families to bring their children to this event. He said this event is disingenuous.

Commissioner Byron said the public's concerns are the concerns the City has as well, which is being addressed, but you do hear a lot of nasty language just walking down the boardwalk. From what Commissioner Byron has heard, it seems the main concerns are the date and location of this event, which he will discuss with the event holder.

Katrina: Katrina owns a store on Pacific Avenue. She said she likes the music and has been to an EDM concert before in South Beach, Florida. She said they are fun and there's nothing wrong with them, but they don't belong in a family area.

Will Morey: Mr. Morey feels the Governing Body let the community down and asked what the status was with regard to this contract. Mayor Troiano said the contract hasn't yet been signed. Mr. Morey said this event has a stigma attached to it that will kill the family image.

Mayor Troiano said he's talked to numerous people regarding this event. He has also been lectured and doesn't like the misinformation that has been going out. He's not a fan of EDM music. Mayor Troiano said he's appalled by the hypocrisy in this room. He said not one person in this room complains about "Senior Week" when the police have to arrest 50 people at one location. The Board doesn't hear those complaints because everyone's making a lot of money by filling up their rooms with these kids during "Senior Week". Commissioner Byron added North Wildwood invites everyone to the island for "Irish Weekend" which people only come for one reason, to get drunk. No one from the Hotel/Motel community complains about that weekend. Nor do they complain about "Biker Weekend" when they rent rooms to the worst biker gangs, or "Firemen's Weekend" all because they are filling rooms and making money.

John Donio, Daytona Inn: Mr. Donio said each event Commissioner Byron pointed out have issues. He believes everyone's problem with the EDM concert is timing. The other events previously mentioned are held during the shoulder season weekends.

Mayor Troiano said they've heard every voice. The Board doesn't cast off the comments. He believes the 4th of July is a bad weekend for this event as well as it's a family weekend. Mayor Troiano applauds Beach Glow for their efforts and suggests they compromise.

Commissioner Leonetti said he applauds everyone in this room for standing up and speaking. His Fire and Police Departments can handle any event. He also agrees the 4th of July is not the day he wants the concerts either.

Ryan Troiano: Mr. Troiano said he's heard a lot of talk about the "Business Community". He feels sometimes the business community is for the business, not the community. He feels everyone should work together.

APPLICANTS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

REPORTS:

- Engineer's Report – No report received.

Mayor Troiano invited the public to give the City suggestions as to what streets throughout the City look to be in desperate need of repair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Contractual Matter – Beach Glow Concerts for Charities, Inc.
- Matter of Litigation – Point Break

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to be discussed, this meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

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

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PETER BYRON, COMMISSIONER

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ANTHONY LEONETTI, COMMISSIONER

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ERNEST TROIANO, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:_____
CHRISTOPHER WOOD, CITY CLERK

DATE MINUTES APPROVED:_____
CHRISTOPHER WOOD, CITY CLERK

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43-1-15 Introduction and Approval of the Wildwood Business Improvement District Budget (BID)

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

44-1-15 Introduction and Approval of the Wildwood Boardwalk Special Improvement District Budget (SID)
MOTION: Leonetti SECOND: Byron
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

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ORDINANCES:

1021-14 Ordinance creating a Five-Year Tax Exemption Program for the City of Wildwood in Accordance with State Statutes **(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)**

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Leonetti
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

None.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Byron
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

MOTION TO ADOPT
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Leonetti
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance 1021-14 has been adopted.

1022-14 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No.'s 751-08 and 984-13, Establishing a Construction Office in the City of Wildwood and Amending Various Permit Fees **(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION)**

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None.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Leonetti
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance 1022-15 has been adopted.

1023-15 Ordinance Amending Sewer Ordinance **(FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION)**

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Byron
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes
The Mayor announced Ordinance 1023-15 has passed First Reading.

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.

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
The Regular Business Meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m. by motion of Leonetti seconded by Byron. The Deputy City Clerk read the subject(s) to be discussed and Executive Resolution No. 2-1-15 convening this meeting.

- Contractual Matter – Beach Glow Concerts for Charities, Inc.
- Matter of Litigation – Point Break

RECONVENED AND ADJOURNED: There being no further business, this meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 6:24 p.m. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.
MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Leonetti
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes

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Peter Byron, COMMISSIONER

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Anthony Leonetti, COMMISSIONER

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Ernest Troiano, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST:_____
Christopher Wood, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED:_____