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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WILDWOOD COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY

Wednesday, April 6, 2016
Commissioners Meeting Room
Time: 3:00 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 – absent, Troiano – here

OTHERS ATTENDING
Mary D'Arcy Bittner, Solicitor
Christopher Fox, Administrator
Robert Regalbuto, Police Chief
Christopher D'Amico, Fire Chief
Ryan Troiano, Beach Utility
Lisa Brown, Aide to City Clerk
Christopher H. Wood, 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:
None.

RESOLUTIONS:

124-4-16 Resolution Rescinding Resolutions 81-3-16 and 95-3-16 and accepting proposal and authorizing a Fair and Open Contract award to Boardwalk Entertainment Co. for music event on the City Beach July 1, 2016 through July 4, 2016 for a fee to the City of $1 per ticket with minimum guarantee of $25,000.00; see Resolution and Contract available at the City Clerk's Office

125-4-16 Resolution Rescinding Resolution 80-3-16 and accepting proposal and authorizing a Fair and Open Contract award to BeachGlow Concerts for Charity, Inc. for a music event on the City Beach July 8, 2016 and July 9, 2016 for a fee to the City of $18,000.00; see Resolution and Contract available at the City Clerk's Office

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Jack Morey, 3501 Boardwalk: Mr. Morey said he recognizes the Board is trying to do good for the City. There is a fundamental disagreement, but he doesn't believe the Board is doing bad. Everyone's trying to build a new environment, a new day, a new spirit of trust. Mr. Morey said it was good that the City hired Steven O'Conor, but in that attempt, the City can't look the other way on commitments, both City and personal. Mr. Morey said if the EDM event was going to happen again, it would be at a different location, which it is and also the event wouldn't fall at the height of the season, which it is. Mr. Morey referred to the consent order saying it was very clear in a letter from the City of Wildwood to Judge Johnson stating there would be no EDM concerts in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Mr. Morey knows the City is trying to do what's good for the town, but when you look at all the evidence for EDM, he said it's a giant drug fest. He said there is some horrible information about this stuff and it's a bad event for the City at any time. He said if the Board wanted to entertain this event during the shoulder season, ok, but it's still a bad event. Commissioner Byron said anyone can find support on the internet for any side they're on. There are different forms of EDM with different extremes. Commissioner Byron agreed with Mr. Morey in certain circumstances, but not every EDM concert is the same. Mr. Morey said he has reviewed the contract and understands that the City is doing everything they have to do, however, the City cannot control the drugs. Mayor Troiano said he looks at this whole thing as a hypocritical problem. Mayor Troiano said the City has a lot more problems during Senior Week and more problems with underage drinking in general. No one wants a problem to occur during an event. Mayor Troiano said he has faith in this promoter. Mr. Morey said the City cannot control the people coming to this event that are already "whacked out" on drugs. Mayor Troiano said he understands what Mr. Morey is trying to say, but there are problem at all concerts. Commissioner Byron doesn't believe Mr. Morey's concerns are specific to EDM. Mr. Morey said the business community also spoke against this event. Mayor Troiano said he too spoke with the business community and

once he explained the concessions made, the event was accepted by them. Mr. Morey said Mayor Troiano committed not to do this event. Mayor Troiano told Mr. Morey that he can keep throwing that in his face, but anyone can change their minds. Mr. Morey gave Mayor Troiano the Consent Order to review. Commissioner Byron said Mr. Morey was taking the Order totally out of context, and that the Order was specific to Beach Glow. Commissioner Byron said a Resolution was approved afterwards where he can show Mr. Morey that the Order was specific to 2015 only. Mayor Troiano said he's willing to try to proceed with this event and if it works, it works, and if it doesn't, it doesn't. He feels everyone has made enough concessions. Mr. Morey said, keeping fingers crossed is not a good way to go into an event. Mayor Troiano said there will be 13,14, and 15 year-old children permitted to attend the EDM event at Convention Hall. The event on the beach is only for 18 year olds and up. Mr. Morey read from an independent study with regards to EDM. Mayor Troiano said he's more concerned about Senior Week then he is with EDM, which starts during prom season and carries through to the 4th of July. Mayor Troiano said he was going to call Mr. Morey during Senior Week and take him for a ride through the City so he can observe the negative behavior taking place. Mr. Morey agreed that Senior Week is bad but he doesn't participate nor do his hotels. Mr. Morey requested the City change their vote and he would pay the City the $18,000.00 they're receiving for this event. Ryan Troiano informed everyone that the EDM concert being held at the Convention Center has been moved to Friday, July 2nd.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to be discussed, this meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.
MOTION: Troiano SECONDED: Byron
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Absent. Troiano – Yes.

PETER BYRON, COMMISSIONER

ABSENT

ANTHONY LEONETTI, COMMISSIONER

ERNEST TROIANO, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:
CHRISTOPHER H. WOOD, CITY CLERK

DATE MINUTES APPROVED:
CHRISTOPHER H. WOOD, CITY CLERK