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

Wednesday, January 27, 2016
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Time: 3:41 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 Bittner, Solicitor
Christopher Fox, Administrator
Marc DeBlasio, Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers
Christopher D'Amico, Fire Chief
Robert Regalbuto, Police Chief
Hope Pinto, HR
Lori Rosensteel, Tax Collector
Steve Booy, Zoning Official
Ryan Troiano, Beach Utility
Ron Grookett, Water Utility
Jason Hesley, Tax Assessor
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.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
January 13, 2016 Work Session
January 13, 2016 Regular Session
January 13, 2016 Executive Session

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

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

36-1-16	Introduction/Approval of Wildwood Business Improvement District (BID) 2016 Budget
37-1-16	Introduction/Approval of Wildwood Special Improvement District (SID) 2016 Budget
38-1-16	Approval of Amusement Game License(s)
39-1-16	Authorizing Transfers between Budget Appropriations
40-1-16	Authorizing 2016 Supplemental Sewer Rate
41-1-16	Authorizing the transfer of ownership of fire vehicles (various)
42-1-16	Accepting proposal from Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers re: Bulkheads on Susquehanna Avenue
43-1-16	Authorizing increase of authority for payment of medical expenses for Workers Compensation Claim
44-1-16	Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of $1,741,513.09 dated January 27, 2016
45-1-16	Authorizing filing of all reports and other data contained in this agenda
46-1-16	Authorizing CFO to charge accounts for Demolition of Structure and Removal of Debris re: 247 W. Oak Avenue

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

47-1-16 Appointing Labor Counsel
Commissioner Leonetti said he conducted interviews with each of the firms. His recommendation was to continue with our current Labor Counsel, Mr. Blaney. Commissioner Byron did not agree with Commissioner Leonetti's recommendation and made a Motion to hire Parker & McCay.

MOTION: Byron SECOND: Troiano
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – No, Troiano – Ye s

48-1-16 Appointing Municipal Auditor
Commissioner Byron said after conducting interviews, it was his recommendation to move forward with Ford-Scott & Associates, LLC.

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

49-1-16 Authorizing advertisement of RFQP re: Music Concerts on the Beach
Commissioner Leonetti asked if this was geared to one particular genre of music or open to all, and what time of year will this be pertaining to. Ms. Bittner said it's up to those who are interested in submitting proposals as to what type of music and times frames they will be proposing.

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

ORDINANCES:

1043-16 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 506-00, 771-07 and 831-10, codified as Chapter 11-4 "Bulkheads" of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Wildwood
(INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Leonetti
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes
Mayor Troiano announced Ordinance 1043-16 has passed First Reading.

1044-16 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 731-08 Establishing Zoning Fees
(INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)

MOTION: Troiano SECOND: Byron
ROLL CALL: Byron – Yes, Leonetti – Yes, Troiano – Yes
Mayor Troiano announced Ordinance 1044-16 has passed First Reading.

APPLICANTS:

- Raffle Application – NJ State Council Knights of Columbus for an event to be held on May 14, 2016
- Bingo Application – Notre Dame De La Mer for an event to be held on February 27, 2016

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: During regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting. Remarks will limit to five (5) minutes per person. 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 Personnel Department during work hours only.

Al Brannen, 217 E. Bennett Avenue: Mr. Brannen asked the Board to consider hold a "Mop Festival". It would be a low cost festival for people to have a good time during the aftermath of Storm Jonas and participate in mop relays. It would bring free publicity to the City. Mayor Troiano was amused and said it wasn't a bad idea.

Jack Morey, 3501 Boardwalk: Mr. Morey is happy to see the City is using the RFQP process for music events on the beach. Mr. Morey said he appreciates Commissioner Leonetti's question as to whether or not the RFQP is pertaining strictly to EDM music and asked why the City has to continue to entertain this genre of music when the community pleaded for this to not take place, and came to the Board with alternative suggestions. He also asked why the City continues to look at these events during the peak family season. Commissioner Byron said the Convention Center held an EDM event at their facility and no one complained. He asked how this differs from having an event on the beach. Mr. Morey stated there's a big difference because the venue is smaller when held in the convention center and the entire event is inside. Mr. Morey said he's not upset about that as much as he's upset about the community not being involved in this. Mayor Troiano said the Board has listened to the community. The City told the promoters of this event that it would not be held during the 4th of

Weekend and the entire venue had to be moved past Convention Hall, facing the ocean, nowhere near the amusement piers. Commissioner Byron said the community's biggest problem was the location and vulgar language, and the City has addressed both issues. Mayor Troiano said EDM is not his cup of tea either, however if it can bring people into the City, he's going to do it. Mr. Morey said the proposed contract that was going to be voted upon during a Special Meeting, which was later canceled, showed a different location than where the Commissioners have mentioned today. Ms. Bittner said the contract submitted was not accepted by the City, and put Music Events on the beach out to RFQP for the Commissioners to determine what's best for the City. Mr. Morey asked that if there were to be another EDM concert, if the Commissioners could promise the event will not be held north of the Convention Center. Mayor Troiano said he promised it would not be at that location. He would not subject the business community to that music. Mr. Morey's other concern is with respect to the date and asked why it always has to be in July. Mayor Troiano said the City's working very hard to move dates but the promoters, a lot of times, have their hands tied. Mr. Morey said there's a track record of people dying at these types of concerts. Ryan Troiano said Mr. Morey could feel free to contact him at any time, and had he done that from the beginning he would have already been made aware that all three Commissioners were adamant about the location of this venue. Ryan Troiano said there are risks to everything, including deaths occurring on amusement rides, but Mr. Morey is not going to close the rides down because of it. Ryan Troiano said with regard to shoulder season, there's a reason why Mr. Morey's piers are closed now - because there are no people. He said it's the same with the music concerts. There's no one here during the shoulder seasons. Ryan Troiano again said a simple phone call could've saved this instead of OPRA's and miscommunication. Ryan said the City has the same concerns he has and no one wants anyone getting hurt, regardless of what time of year it is. This event would have brought funding and donations for the Wildwood schools music department. Ryan said the City is listening, and addressing every issue.

Mayor Troiano announced the island had experienced a tragic event with flooding during Superstorm Jonas, and thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, and all first responders for their assistance during the storm.. He urged the public to reach out to their representatives to express the amount of damage the island suffered in order to push them to consider the event a disaster. This way the City can get funding for the cleanup. If this doesn't happen, it will come out of everyone's pockets. Mayor Troiano said this event showed the disconnect between the southern and northern part of New Jersey.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
The Regular Business Meeting was recessed at 4:21 p.m. by motion of Leonetti seconded by Byron. The City Clerk read the subject(s) to be discussed and Executive Resolution No. 2-1-16 convening this meeting.

- Potential Litigation – Mercantile License
- Contractual Matter – Convention Center - Mortgage
- Matter of Litigation – Point Break
- Potential Litigation – Group Mercantile Licenses

RECONVENED & ADJOURNED: There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 5:15 pm. Remarks as typed highlighted not verbatim as to subject matter.

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

Peter Byron, COMMISSIONER

Anthony Leonetti, COMMISSIONER

Ernest Troiano, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST:
Christopher Wood, City Clerk

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: February 10, 2016