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August 12, 2017  
Wildwood Crest, NJ

Prior to the opening of the meeting, Mr. Groom led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, was held in the Municipal Court Room at 9:30 a.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Gould - Cabrera - Groom - YES

Mrs. Gould read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the notice requirements have been satisfied as to the time, place and date of holding said meeting by posting notice on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and by e-mailing and same to the Gazette-Leader, Herald of Cape May County and The Press on December 1, 2016.

Mr. Groom next announced the one-way in and the one-way out method of ingress and egress in case of emergency.

There were no Ordinances.

There were no Resolutions.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

Dennis Travascio, 112 E. Louisville Avenue, asked if the project along Sunset Lake included redoing the bulkhead. The Mayor indicated that the Borough was applying to the DEP to finish the job and best case scenario was after summer 2018.

The Mayor then opened brought up the flooding issue on the beach for thoughts and comments. Commissioner Cabrera indicated it was clearly an engineering issue. The Administrator added that pictures were sent to our Coastal Engineer showing flooding and that Margate was at the forefront in the news as they are experiencing ponding issues in their municipality. The Mayor added that the USACE made a commitment to review current outfalls with the proposed dune.

The topic of Beachpath Accessibility Improvements "ADA Street Ends" came up. The Mayor pointed out that the streets that were picked were not done at random and that they match those picked by the USACE. Also, when the proposed plans from the Planner are complete, they will then go to the Engineer for review and that the gutters also need to be done. Commissioner Cabrera asked if the Borough still had one grant for Newark & Trenton and the Administrator indicated that they needed to have a discussion with the Engineer. The Commissioners then looked at Rambler Road and the turn around. They opted to recess at the next meeting and meet at Rambler Road and then reconvene after to adjourn the meeting. They all agreed the purpose was to make the street ends safe.

#### **DISCUSSION: "Old Library"**

Commissioner Cabrera pointed out that the new roof was on and that tourism was now at the Nesbitt Center and working well. He also indicated that he was a proponent of leasing out space for revenue and perhaps to provide exclusive rights for Wildwood Crest merchandise or create senior citizen center and offer programs as a mixed use center and research grants. The Mayor added that historical needs to be thought of and tourism need to be discussed. Commissioner Cabrera further added that the Historical Society folded and the artifacts belong to Wildwood Crest and we may have to invest to move it along. Commissioner Gould was in agreement that the history needed to be preserved. The Mayor specified that the items that came out Crest Pier were cleaned and packaged and some items were placed in plastic tubs at Public Works. He also thought the Public may also have some items that they would like to contribute. Commissioner Cabrera pointed out that he would like to make the building have a shared purpose (historical and senior citizen). The Mayor added that the building needs a purpose: whether it is 6 months, seasonal or year round and it will need an investment. Crest Pier was brought up and that it is

under utilized in the winter with respect to the rooms on the south side and it is restricted in the summer because of Crest Pier Playmates camp. The Administrator added that we can explore grant funding opportunities for historical and ADA funding through County Open Space. Lastly, they agree that the HVAC needs to be addressed.

The floor was then opened. Dennis Travascio, 112 E. Louisville Avenue, asked if we employ tourism people and it was confirmed that the Borough does. He then asked if you could possible move the Historical and Tourism and fund with selling of shirts and he was informed that was the original plan. The Mayor then asked the Administrator to compile a list with the help of the Recreation Department on options for Seasonal/non-Seasonal. They would like there to be a seamless transition from winter to summer with a blueprint on a specific direction and purpose.

Hearing nothing further from the public, Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 10:05 a.m.

Dated: August 16, 2017

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

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