

Note: Complete Meeting Appears
On Borough of Wildwood Crest Facebook page by date
And 2020-19 on disc

October 21, 2020

The Mayor 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 5:30 p.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

Mr. Cabrera 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 OF CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE** 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 October 9, 2020.

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

Mr. Cabrera noted that this meeting was now partially open to the public in accordance with Executive Order No. 173, Section 3, "Legislative Proceedings of state, county, or local government are not subject to the capacity limits on gatherings in this or any other applicable Executive Order." In accordance, there is a cap of 150 people. He thanked those for tuning in via the Borough's Facebook page and on YouTube. He reminded those tuning in that you could also listen in and provide commentary by dialing in 234-203-2766 and using passcode 786394836#. Again, he said that public commentary is available by calling in the number and Facebook live. When the public portion opens, you will be able to provide your name and comment. A response will be given right away.

For the record, there is a maximum number (150) of people allowed in the CREST PIER and there were a total of 32 people in attendance at the start of the meeting.

The Clerk announced Ordinance No. 1336 – Beach Boxes – was being tabled until next meeting.

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1337

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 35,
FIRE PREVENTION TO REGULATE OUTDOOR FIRES IN THE
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST**

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that Ordinance No. 1337 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on November 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-295

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE CY2020 BEST
PRACTICES INVENTORY AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE BOROUGH
OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE SAME**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey requires municipalities, on an annual basis, to complete a Best Practices Inventory to encourage municipalities to implement practices to promote financial accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has completed the CY2020 Best Practices Inventory, and it is the desire of the governing body to accept the CY2020 Best Practices Inventory as presented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the CY2020 Best Practices Inventory be and the same is hereby accepted as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized and instructed to execute said CY2020 Best Practices Inventory on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, and to file it with the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-296
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES FOR UNUSED VACATION LEAVE PURSUANT TO THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL DUE TO THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has reviewed the Policy and Procedures Manual as related to the Vacation Leave Policy and that it is in the best interest of the Borough that due to the Governor’s Executive Order 103 declaring a State of Emergency to compensate employees for unused vacation time as specified in the manual where it is not operationally feasible to use 2019 time;

WHEREAS, the Policy and Procedures Manual of the Borough of Wildwood Crest reads as follows:

“Vacations not taken in a given year because of business demands shall accumulate and be granted during the next succeeding year only; except that the vacation leave not taken in a given year because of duties directly related to a state of emergency declared by the Governor may accumulate at the discretion of the appointing authority and approved by the Board of Commissioners, the leave is used or the employee is compensated for that leave, which shall not be subject to collective negotiation or collective bargaining.”

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest wishes to allow for employees to be compensated for unused vacation which was accrued in 2019 where not operationally feasible to use prior to year end;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that the compensation of unused vacation leave to be executed for payment to employees that choose to sell back their time to the Borough.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-297
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF SNOW BLOWER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is authorized to accept and maintain donations of real and personal property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-29 Donations, solicitation authorized; and

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the donations set forth below to the Borough; and

<u>NAME OF DONOR</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
William Donovan	Noma Tecumsen 5HP 24 inch snow blower

WHEREAS, the terms or conditions of the donation (s), if any, are as follows:

<u>DONATION NUMBER/ITEM</u>	<u>TERMS OR CONDITIONS</u>
Noma Tecumsen 5HP 24 inch snow blower	<i>None</i>

WHEREAS, ALL such donations have been contributed to the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The donation described above is accepted and shall be used as allowed by law.
2. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to issue receipt of the donor acknowledging the Borough’s receipt of the donor’s donation.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-298

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST DESIGNATING COMMISSION MEETING DATES AND TIMES IN 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest hereby designates the following dates and times for Commission Meetings for the year 2021, all of which shall take place in the Court Room of Municipal Hall at 6101 Pacific Avenue Wildwood Crest, New Jersey 08260:

DATE	TIME
January 6 (Re-Org)	9:30 am
January 27	5:30 pm
February 10	9:30 am
February 24	5:30 pm
March 17	9:30 am
March 31	5:30 pm
April 14	9:30 am
April 28	5:30 pm
May 12	9:30 am
May 26	5:30 pm
June 9	9:30 am
June 23	5:30 pm
July 7	9:30 am
July 21	5:30 pm
August 4	9:30 am
August 18	5:30 pm
September 1	9:30 am
September 22	5:30 pm
October 6	9:30 am
October 20	5:30 pm
November 3	9:30 am
November 24	9:30 am
December 8	9:30 am
December 29	9:30 am

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that the above dates and times are hereby designated Commission dates for the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-299

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST DESIGNATING OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has designated the following dates for official employee holidays for the year 2021:

HOLIDAY	DATE OBSERVED	DAY
New Year's Day	January 1, 2021	Friday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 18, 2021	Monday
President's Day	February 15, 2021	Monday

Good Friday	April 2, 2021	Friday
Memorial Day	May 31, 2021	Monday
Independence Day	July 5, 2021	Monday
Labor Day	September 6, 2021	Monday
Columbus Day	October 11, 2021	Monday
Election Day	November 2, 2021	Tuesday
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2021	Thursday
Thanksgiving Day	November 25, 2021	Thursday
Day After Thanksgiving	November 26, 2021	Friday
Christmas Eve	December 23, 2021	Thursday
Christmas Day	December 24, 2021	Friday
New Year's Day	December 31, 2021	Friday

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that the above dates will be observed as holidays by the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-300

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500.00 TO ROBERT BELASCO ESQUIRE FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE CY2020.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest awarded a contract, via Resolution No. 2020-29 adopted January 7, 2020, to ROBERT BELASCO, Esquire, for legal services for the planning board for CY2020 contract at the NTE sum of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to increase the amount of the contract by \$4,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified the availability of funds as evidenced below by her signature:

Account Number(s)	Amount	Signature
_____	_____	_____

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the recital paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That the terms and conditions of the contract between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and ROBERT BELASCO, Esquire authorized by Resolution No. 2020-29 adopted January 7, 2020 shall remain in full force and effect, with the sole exception that the amount of the contract shall be increased to a total sum not to exceed \$14,500.00 all of which is contingent upon certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.
3. That a copy of the specific items appertaining to the award of this contract shall be published in a Notice of Award in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of the Resolution authorizing same.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-301

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO UPDATE COLLECTIONS OF PROCEEDS FROM ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that the most effective and efficient way to sell surplus personal property that is no longer needed for public use by reason of obsolescence, replacement or otherwise is to use an online auction website; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, a Division of the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey permits the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use through the use of an online auction service, pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2019-15; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest wishes to update the collection process by allowing the vendor to collect the proceeds of sales online and remit to the Borough directly; and

WHEREAS, by using this method of payment, the Borough will have an increased bidder base due to easy online payment options as well as less contact for Borough employees with payments being accepted at Borough Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that the attached agreement be executed with GovDeals, Inc for the financial settlement services.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-302

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF NEGATIVE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 – SUNSET LAKE SHORE STABILIZATION- CONTRACT M-3, FINAL PAYMENT, CLOSE OUT AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT ENTITLED SUNSET LAKE SHORE STABILIZATION

WHEREAS, South State, Inc., of Bridgeton, New Jersey was awarded the contract known as **SUNSET LAKE SHORE STABILIZATION – CONTRACT M-3** via Resolution No. 277-18 on October 10, 2018 for \$1,902,442.50; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 277-18 included Base Bid (\$1,310,842.50), Supplemental Bid Item S1 (\$187,000.00), Supplemental Bid Item S2 (\$43,000.00) and Supplemental Bid Item S3 (\$361,500.00), which totaled \$1,902,442.50; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation from Thomas Thornton of Mott MacDonald (the Borough Coastal Engineer), the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest authorized Change Order Number 1 – **SUNSET LAKE SHORE STABILIZATION – CONTRACT M-3**, via Resolution No. 213-19 on July 24, 2019, which reflected additional work to remove and replace sod increasing the original contract of \$1,902,442.50 by \$95,700.00 making the amended contract amount \$1,998,142.50; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation from Thomas Thornton of Mott MacDonald (the Borough Coastal Engineer), the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest wish to authorize Negative Change Order Number 2 – **SUNSET LAKE SHORE STABILIZATION – CONTRACT M-3**, which will reflect quantity changes to adjust the original contract quantities to match the as-built contract quantities decreasing the amended contract of \$1,998,142.50 by \$77,207.05 making the amended contract amount \$1,920,935.45; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation from Thomas Thornton of Mott MacDonald (the Borough Coastal Engineer), the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest wish to authorize Final Payment No. 6 in the amount of \$48,218.71; and

WHEREAS, South State, Inc., posted a Performance Bond No.: **106989869** from **Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America** in the amount of **\$1,310,942.50** ensuring the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's project engineer, Thomas Thornton of Mott MacDonald (the Borough Coastal Engineer), by letter dated **September 29, 2020** which is incorporated herein, reports to the Borough that South State, Inc., has completed the project in substantial conformance with the contract documents including all approved change orders, field modifications and accepted as-built plans; and

WHEREAS, the project engineer further recommends that the Borough release the performance bond and accept the submitted maintenance bond.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that said Negative Change Order Number 2- **SUNSET LAKE SHORE STABILIZATION – CONTRACT M-3**, which will reflect quantity changes to adjust the original contract quantities to match the as-built contract quantities decreasing the amended contract of \$1,998,142.50 by \$77,207.05 making the amended contract amount \$1,920,935.45 is hereby approved and Final Payment No. 6 is hereby authorized to be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wildwood Crest are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said change order documents on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.
3. That Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to release the balance of the contact amount Final Payment No. 6 in the amount of \$48,218.71 less any payment of all professional escrow fees, or other valid and proper adjustments, if any.
4. That the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications prepared by Mott MacDonald (the Borough Coastal Engineer) as modified by approved change orders, field modifications and as depicted in the accepted as-built plans for the **SUNSET LAKE SHORE STABILIZATION – CONTRACT M-3** are hereby approved and accepted.
5. That the above improvements performed by South State, Inc., are hereby approved and accepted.
6. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to release the performance bond conditioned upon acceptance of the appropriate maintenance bond.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-303

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL BILLING SERVICES 2020-2022 CONTRACT

WHEREAS, specifications were authorized for advertisement by Resolution No. 2020-241 on August 5, 2020 for the Borough of Wildwood Crest contract for Emergency Medical Billing Services 2020-2022; and

WHEREAS, One (1) sealed bid proposal was opened and reviewed on September 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. by the Bid Opening Committee; the bid was forwarded to Borough Solicitor Ronald J. Gelzunas who reviewed the bid proposal and specifications and found a fatal flaw; and

WHEREAS, specifications were authorized for re-advertisement by Resolution No. 2020-273 on September 23, 2020 for the Borough of Wildwood Crest contract for Emergency Medical Billing Services 2020-2022; and

WHEREAS, One (1) sealed bid proposal was opened and reviewed on October 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at by the Bid Opening Committee and forwarded to Borough Solicitor Ronald J. Gelzunas who reviewed the bid proposal and specifications and recommended that the Emergency Medical Billing Services 2020-2020 contract be awarded to Cape Professional Billing, Inc. d/b/a Cape Medical Billing, the lowest responsive (and sole) bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has reviewed the recommendations made by the Bid Opening Committee and opinion letter of the Borough Solicitor recommending the award to Cape Professional Billing, Inc. d/b/a Cape Medical Billing; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds as evidenced below by her signature for the Fiscal Year 2020; future years will be certified after the adoption of that year's budget:

Account Number(s) _____ Signature _____

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. It is hereby determined to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to award to Cape Professional Billing, Inc. d/b/a Cape Medical Billing the Emergency Medical Billing Services 2020-2022 contract, the lowest responsible bidder.

3. The Mayor of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, Don Cabrera, and the Borough Clerk, Patricia A. Feketics, are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a formal contract with Cape Professional Billing, Inc. d/b/a Cape Medical Billing in accordance with the Notice to Bidders, specifications and the submitted bid proposal.

4. That a Notice of Award shall be published in The Herald of Cape May County as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of this Resolution, which notice shall state that this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-304

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO FULLY OPEN THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION FACILITY IN CAPE MAY COUNTY TO INCLUDE ALL TRANSACTIONS

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission was forced to shut down statewide facilities in Mid-March due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission began a “phased” re-opening of its offices with new protocols to mitigate the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission offices were restructured and designated as “Licensing Centers” to deal with issuing of drivers’ licenses and permits and “Vehicle Centers” to deal with registration and titles, etc.; and

WHEREAS, residents of Cape May County are at a severe disadvantage to accessing a Vehicle Center and must travel beyond Atlantic County and Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, lines numbering into the hundreds have become commonplace at most agency locations and Cape May County residents have resorted to camping out overnight in hopes of getting a numbered ticket to complete their transaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, do hereby urge Governor Murphy to fully open the Motor Vehicle Commission facility in Cape May County to include all transaction to help the residents of Cape May County as well as the neighboring counties of Atlantic and Cumberland that remain without a Vehicle Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor, State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, District 1 Legislators, Cape May County Freeholders and each municipality in Cape May County.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

BILLS: Mrs. Gould motioned and Mr. Thompson seconded that all bills properly authorized, as submitted, be paid.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

REPORTS: Mrs. Gould motioned and Mr. Thompson seconded that all reports received from the Court Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Captain of Police, Supervisor for the Recreation Department, Emergency Services Coordinator for the EMS and the Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Company Chief for the month ending September 30, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

MINUTES: Mrs. Gould motioned and Mr. Thompson seconded that all minutes from regularly scheduled Commission meetings dated September 23, 2020 and October 7, 2020 be approved as presented.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: No report from Administrator due to the scheduled presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE: “Post Summer Love Blue Report”

The members of Love Blue gave a recap of their clean up efforts and goals/desires for next year. The Commissioners commended them for their efforts.

OLD LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Mayor Cabrera gave a brief background on the building. He indicated that he would like to see this building renovated and was anxious to hear the comments from the public after the presentation.

The Architect and Engineer provided the renderings for the slideshow and these will be placed on the Borough Webpage (www.wildwoodcrest.org) to view.

Commissioner Thompson indicated he was passionate about saving the building and having year round programs for seniors to school aged children with all sorts of programs as well as a historical component.

Commissioner Gould opposes the project and spending money during the time of the pandemic. She would like to demolish the building and add parking. Mrs. Gould indicated the Borough has spent enough money to date.

Joseph Schiff (Forget Me Not Road) – inquired about the number of parking spaces that would be provided if the building were knocked down and the answer was 84.

Elizabeth Skarbonja (Columbine Road) – acknowledged the property is valuable and disagreed with demolishing the building and making it a parking lot and thought the plans were well thought out and supported more community events taking place there.

Commissioner Gould added the final number is very costly and cautioned against spending during the pandemic.

Mayor Cabrera added the building project needs a name for this multi-purpose building. Even with the proposed plans from the Engineer and Architect, there are a total of 38 parking spaces with 4 ADA spaces. He added that property values in Wildwood Crest are excellent.

Jim Zecca – (Hollywood Avenue) had several thoughts on the project:

- property is uniquely situated for tourism
- expressed caution on discretionary spending
- the impending dune -could be detrimental along beachfront
- would like to see more outside room for dining, picnicking , etc.

Vince Nardini – (Hollywood Avenue)

- would like to see the property used 12 months a year
 - would like to know the operating expenses
- Commissioner Thompson indicated that operating expenses would be absorbed by the Recreation Department and help from the Public Works department.

Elizabeth Skarbonja – (Columbine Road)

- Brought up having weddings and catering events there.
- Commissioner Gould indicated that most people want alcohol with their wedding Receptions and Mayor Cabrera added that the current ordinance would need to be Amended.
- Likes the plans for the community center and wants more integrated community events.

Joseph Schiff (Forget Me Not Road) –

- added the renderings were nice
- inquired if the parking would be metered or in person and the Mayor added it would be via kiosk.
- indicated Crest Pier is under utilized and so is the new library. The Mayor added the Library's times and times are dictated by the County Library Commission.
- He too is concerned over COVID and the potential of people not being able to pay taxes in the upcoming year.

Jason Hesley (Aster Road) –

-indicated that teens also need a place and this multi-use community center would be perfect them.

Kristen Visallo (New Jersey Avenue)

-added there are not many programs right now at this branch of the library and that you have to travel all over the county.

-added the renovated center would also be great for Veterans

Matthew (Heather Road)

-added there aren't places for teens right now.

-he indicated he was not in favor of having an 85 space parking lot and losing the "green space"

Sean (LOVE BLUE)

-would like to see the building preserved

Commissioner Gould thanked everyone for their comments and reiterated that it all comes down to money.

Another caller, unidentified, attested to the work Love Blue did over the summer.

Susan Rozak (sp ?) (Rosemary Road)

-inquired about the financials for the project and the Mayor added that they have DCA grant for 250k for bathrooms and potential for HVAC mechanicals grant, and the Capital Improvement Fund has enough money that the borough will not have to go out to bond the money.

-If there are weddings and retail there, will the borough be hiring more employees to run it and the Mayor indicated the Recreation Department will staff it with the help of seasonal employees.

Alan Gould (Seaview Avenue)

-questioned the practicality of the project and spending the money during the pandemic.

-He further questioned the timing for the project to begin and the Mayor indicated after the summer of 2021. Mr. Gould mentioned the possibility of people losing their businesses and uncollected taxes and mortgage foreclosures.

The Mayor then asked for a showing of hands for the following options for the building:

-Demo & Sell: no hands

-Long term lease (Borough to renovated bathroom & mechanicals): one hand (half way up)

-Demo and make a grass lot: 3 people

-Demo, lot with bathrooms: 2 people

-Upgrade building and grounds (plans): 9 people

Sean (LOVE BLUE)

Would like to see their organization headquartered there.

Commissioner Thompson added that Crest Pier is unavailable due to Crest Pier Playmates (in the summer). He further added that the Borough does not need another park when there is Sunrise Park and Centennial Park blocks away. He indicated that he didn't want to see it empty and wants to save the building to add music night, movie night, veterans programs, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

James Zecca (Hollywood Avenue)

-inquired about the potential spending for the NJ Avenue Project. He had questions regarding the number of businesses, types of businesses, etc.

Mayor Cabrera indicated that this is a county driven project and the Borough has the opportunity to improve the business district. There are on going meetings with the county, stakeholders and that a full presentation will be forthcoming after Pacific Avenue is complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Little League Field: The Mayor indicated that the Little League field incurred damage after a storm a few months back. He indicated the dugout, scoreboard, storage and bathrooms need to be done.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Washington Avenue Flooding Issues – No movement.

-Bulkhead Ordinance / Lot Grading –

-Flood Mitigation Efforts – The No movement.

-Ordinance – Garbage, Rubbish, Solid Waste- Green Team Representative Sam Wilson attended and shared information about the proposed ordinance. No movement.

-Old Library- presentation took place earlier.

-Referendum permitting one consumption liquor license in business zone- No movement.

-Beach Bumpout- No movement.

-Beach Walkways – No movement.

-Park Blvd / Pumping Station – No movement.

-Beach Bike Path – No movement.

-Possible Ordinance to Prohibit Bamboo – No movement.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Don Fasolo (Hollywood Avenue) inquired about the beach walkways and the Mayor indicated the Borough will be doing a cost breakdown for the new mats compared to wooden planks and those costs need to be weighed.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the Mayor’s Wellness walk will take place on October 24th at 8:30 a.m. with the Beach Clean up taking place after.

The Mayor added the next commission meeting will take place on November 5th at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Thompson asked the Clerk to give a brief rundown for voting for which the Clerk responded in kind.

Hearing nothing further, Mrs. Gould motioned, and Mr. Thompson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 7:40 p.m.

Dated: October 21, 2020

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

