

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

December 8, 2021

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 at Municipal Hall at 9:30 a.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 on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and by e-mailing and same to the Herald of Cape May County and The Press on October 28, 2020.

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

The Mayor noted for the record that that this meeting was open to the public in accordance with Executive Orders and there is no longer a limit restriction for indoor gatherings.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-317

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE FY2019 NJDCA SMALL CITIES PROGRAM -RENOVATIONS TO THE OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

WHEREAS, a Notice to Bidders was authorized for advertisement by Resolution No. 21-287 on October 13, 2021 for the Borough of Wildwood Crest contract FY2019 NJDCA Small Cities Program – Renovations to the Old Library; and

WHEREAS, Notice to Bidders was advertised in the *Herald of Cape May County* on AND Press of Atlantic City on October 13, 2021 with receipt of sealed bids on November 24, 2021 for the FY2019 NJDCA Small Cities Program – Renovations to the Old Library contract pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, eight sealed bid proposals were opened and reviewed on November 24, 2021 by the members of the Bid Opening Committee consisting of the Municipal Engineer, Marc DeBlasio, Borough Administrator, Constance Mahan, Borough Clerk, Patricia Feketics and Borough Solicitor Ronald J. Gelzunas who reviewed the bid proposals and specifications and recommended that the FY2019 NJDCA Small Cities Program – Renovations to the Old Library contract be awarded to Joseph Porretta Builders, Inc. the lowest responsive bidder for the combined Base Bid, Alternate Bid No. 1 and Alternate Bid No. 2 submitting the most advantageous prices; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has considered the recommendations made by the Bid Opening Committee as well as the bid tabulation and recommendation made by the Borough Engineer, dated November 30, 2021, and opinion letter of the Borough Solicitor recommending the award Joseph Porretta Builders, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Porretta Builders, Inc. was lowest responsive bidder and submitted lowest combined Base Bid, Alternate Bid No. 1 and Alternate Bid No. 2 in the amount of \$1,918,713.00; 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. 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 Joseph Porretta Builders, Inc. FY2019 NJDCA Small Cities Program – Renovations to the Old Library contract.
3. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk, are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a formal contract with Joseph Porretta Builders, Inc. in accordance with this Resolution, Notice to Bidders, specifications and the submitted bid proposal.

4. That a Notice of Award shall be published in the official newspaper to the Borough 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. 21-318

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT BY PATRICIA A. FEKETICS, REGISTRAR, OF VICTORIA L. MASON AS ALTERNATE DEPUTY REGISTRAR

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 26:8-17 authorizes the Local Registrar of Vital Statistics to appoint an Alternate Deputy Registrar and;

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Feketics, Registrar, has appointed Victoria L. Mason as Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Wildwood Crest effective December 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, hereby ratifies and confirms the appointment by Patricia A. Feketics, Registrar, of Victoria L. Mason as Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Wildwood Crest effective December 1, 2021.

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. 21-319

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO CANCEL THE GRANT ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-60 provides that any unexpended balance of an appropriation may, by resolution of the governing body, be cancelled prior to the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, balances remain in various grants which have been completed or not undertaken; and

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, to cancel such balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following balances be and are hereby cancelled:

	ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE	APPROPRIATION
State Aid Housing Grant	35,048.00	35,048.00
Total	<u><u>35,048.00</u></u>	<u><u>35,048.00</u></u>

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. 21-320

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

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Gould indicated this project was a mistake and that Wildwood Crest is the only coastal community without beachfront parking. She cited an article about a brass knuckle fight over a parking spot that took place in Wildwood Crest over the summer.

Commissioner Thompson agreed that parking is needed and believes it could be at Sunrise Park on the corner. He further indicated the old library will still have a few spots. He added the borough has spent approximately \$200,000 on roof and architect and that the building will get use. If it were a parking lot, it would be used 6-8 weeks a year. He added the building is sound and it will be great for a senior center and that tourism can be moved to that location. In addition, he added that Crest Pier is not an option in the summer due to the Crest Pier playmates camp. Lastly, Commissioner Thompson added that parking meters are not used until the height of the summer.

Mayor Cabrera thanked the current governing body members for 4 years of service. Over the course of the past four years, there have been many presentations and points made regarding this project:

1. the building is historic; it was donated to the Borough in the 1970s and the lot was created through accretion and it should be preserved.
2. there is parking on the south side of the building and even the Chief advised that people are not using the metered parking there and park on the side streets.
3. the JIF claim covered the wind damage to the north side of the building
4. the borough received a \$260,000 grant for ADA accessible bathrooms and the building will house retail, there will be parking, it can be rented for weddings, it can house Wildwood Crest historical artifacts and that there will be a “nature / environmental / art flavor” to the building.

Vote: Gould - NO Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-321

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST APPROVING THE WILDWOOD CREST GREEN TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION FOR VEGETATION LISTS FOR OUTER COASTAL PLAIN AND BARRIER ISLAND USE

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the state-approved Wildwood Crest Community Forestry Management Plan of 2019-2023, and under appropriate consultation with experts, the Wildwood Crest Green Team has put forth for consideration two vegetation lists that identify: recommended vegetation for Borough-wide landscaping projects and recommended vegetation for dune plantings, both public and private; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Community Forestry Management Plan's goals specifically call for the creation, adoption, dissemination and use of the enclosed information for public and private use; and

WHEREAS, the criteria used in developing and recommending these lists are: survivability, drought resistance, native, naturalized and/or adapted species, non-invasive species, compatibility, wildlife support, and aesthetic properties; and

WHEREAS, the range of selection on the recommended lists provide for choice, flexibility, and reasonable availability and cover a range of projected costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the recommended lists supplied by the Wildwood Crest Green Team are hereby approved.

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. 21-322

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FIVE (5) CLASS II POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Safety desires to appoint five (5) Class II Police Officers for the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Commissioner of Public Safety to appoint **Manny Gill, Robert Ferguson, Sean Heefner, Domanik Auch, and John Krajczynski** as Class II Police Officers for the Borough of

Wildwood Crest, to serve in an “at-will” capacity at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Public Safety at an annual salary as contained in the current year salary ordinance of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to confirm and ratify the appointment of **Manny Gill, Robert Ferguson, Sean Heefner, Domanik Auch, and John Krajczynski** as Class II Police Officers.

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 above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if fully set forth at length.
2. The appointment of **Manny Gill, Robert Ferguson, Sean Heefner, Domanik Auch, and John Krajczynski** as Class II Police Officers effective the date of passage of this resolution, at an annual salary as permitted within the parameters of the range established in the current year “Salary Ordinance” of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, be and the same is hereby confirmed and ratified.
3. That said unclassified appointment shall be “at-will,” at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Public Safety, and shall remain in full force and effect until further notice.

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. 21-323

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2021 – ADA COMPLIANCE FOR BEACH ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by any public or private funding source and the amount thereof shall not have been determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest will receive \$400,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs- Small Cities CDBG and wishes to amend its 2021 Municipal Budget to include this amount of revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, does hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the municipal budget of the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the year 2021 in the sum of \$400,000.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with
Prior Written Consent of the Director of the Division
of Local Government Services - Public and Private
Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

NJ Department of Community Affairs – Small Cities Beach Access Imp	\$ 400,000.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$.....400,000.00
be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Operations Excluded from Caps
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
NJ Department of Community Affairs – Small Cities Beach Access Imp

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough CFO is hereby authorized and directed to electronically file this Resolution and applicable submittal form with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

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. 21-324

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO20-0905 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,512.50

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on October 26, 2021 to refund escrow to PT Consultants Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO20-0905, Block 36/Lot 1-6, 44, 45; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO20-0905 are complete; and

WHEREAS, PT Consultants Inc. made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$2,000.00 on September 02, 2020 for Street Opening Permit for location 6112 New Jersey Avenue, Block 36/Lot 1-6, 44, 45 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

WHEREAS, the escrow used totaled \$487.50 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$1,512.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the return of the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$1,512.50 to PT Consultants Inc., 560 Benigno Blvd.-2nd Floor, Bellmawr, NJ 08031 be and hereby is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$1,512.50 to PT Consultants Inc., 560 Benigno Blvd.-2nd Floor, Bellmawr, NJ 08031.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

Commissioner Thompson administered the oaths of office to the newly appointed Class II officers.

Captain Rick D’Amico congratulated the Class II officers and gave some words of encouragement.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: N/A

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS – N/A

OLD BUSINESS – No movement on any issue.

-Washington Avenue Flooding Issues:

-Flood Mitigation:

-Referendum permitting one consumption liquor license in business zone:

-Park Blvd. Pumping Station- application for FEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation Pump Stations:

-Public Transportation:

-Model Statewide Municipal Electric Vehicle (EV) Ordinance / grants to support EV and stations:

-Dredging -retain special counsel to advance the ball and possible shared services with others:

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Commissioner Thompson issued thank yous to the citizens of Wildwood Crest and wanted them to know that every decision he made was based on the best interest of the community. He noted a few accomplishments: removal of cars at the gas station on Columbine Road, the removal of the Atlantic City Electric substation on Syracuse Avenue and how the property is now

maintained, bringing the state down to address the back bay dredging and how meetings are once again resuming, and lastly, the move to County dispatch with enhanced services. He thanked Chief Lloyd, Retired Chief McGrath, and Captain Rick D'Amico for their hard work and how they are now fully staffed with officers that won't leave every few years.

He went on to thank the following people: Administrator Connie Mahon, CFO Francine Springer, Engineer Marc DeBlasio and Solicitor Ron Gelzunas. He thanked Clerk Trish Feketics, Ron Harwood and the EMS department and how they are top notch. He thanked the Volunteer Fire Company and noted how they are non-political and fully staffed. He thanked Chief Johnson of the Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol and noted Chief Johnson has worked in excess of 50 years for the borough. He thanked Ralph Grassi and his team, Brian Melchiorre and his team in Code Enforcement. Lastly, he thanked his fellow commissioners and wished the new administration well in the future. He noted he has been serving on the Volunteer Fire company for more than 35 years and will continue and looks forward to the redevelopment of New Jersey Avenue.

Mayor Cabrera wished both commissioners well in the future and thanked them for their service. He added that Public Safety has operated so well under Commissioner Thompson and to his credit, there have been no lawsuits. He congratulated them both on the last four years.

There being no further business, Mrs. Gould motioned and Mr. Thompson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 10:01 a.m.

Dated: December 22, 2021

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

