

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

March 31, 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 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 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.

Mr. Cabrera noted that this meeting was partially open to the public in accordance with Executive Orders, the meeting is capped at 33 people and there are currently 17 people in attendance. He reminded those tuning in that you could also listen in and provide commentary by dialing in 888-363-4734 and using 9699020. Again, he said that public commentary is available by calling in the number. When the public portion opens, you will be able to provide your name and comment. A response will be given right away.

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that Ordinance No. 1347 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1347

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 79 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC PERMITTING
THE PARKING OF GOLF CARTS AND MOTORCYCLES
IN SPECIFIED PARKING SPACES AND TIME PERIODS**

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that a public hearing now be held on Ordinance No. 1347.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1347 now be closed.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that Ordinance No. 1347 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that Ordinance No. 1348 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1348

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
AMENDING CHAPTER 73, TAXICABS REGARDING THE LICENSING
AND REGULATION OF TAXI-CABS IN THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST**

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that a public hearing now be held on Ordinance No. 1348.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1348 now be closed.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that Ordinance No. 1348 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that Ordinance No. 1349 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1349

**ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND REPLACING
CHAPTER 66 STORMWATER CONTROL OF THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST**

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that a public hearing now be held on Ordinance No. 1349.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1349 now be closed.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that Ordinance No. 1349 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that Ordinance No. 1350 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1350

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 56,
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST,
ENTITLED RECREATION COMMISSION, SECTION 56-3, APPROVING
AND CONFIRMING RATES AND FEES FOR THE RENTAL OF
FACILITIES, PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN EVENTS AND
ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that a public hearing now be held on Ordinance No. 1350.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1350 now be closed.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Thompson motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that Ordinance No. 1350 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS RESOLUTION NO. 21-89 IN FULL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCED CY2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (2-24-21)

RESOLUTION NO. 21-89

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the local budget for the year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in *The Cape May County Herald* issue of March 3, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NOTICE is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution were approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey on February 24, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 5:30 P.M., in the Municipal Court Room, Borough Hall, 6101 Pacific Avenue, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey, at which time and place objections to said budget and tax resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-122

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING SELF EXAM BY THE BOROUGH OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF NJAC 5:30-7.2 THROUGH 7.5

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough of Wildwood Crest meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2021 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3, et. seq., are fully met (Complies with the "CAP" law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth,
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the 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. 21-123
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE CY 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BE
READ BY TITLE ONLY AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD ON THE CY
2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a Resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full membership of the governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget is advertised, has been posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall, and copies have been made available by the Borough Clerk to persons requiring them on a daily basis thereafter, including the date and time of the actual public hearing held as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, these required conditions have been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the municipal budget of the Borough of Wildwood Crest be read by title only.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Garcia, auditor from Ford, Scott & Associates gave a brief synopsis of the Borough's current fiscal standing and that the Borough was below the 2% CAP by approximately \$355,000 and approximately \$988,000 below the \$16,000,000 subject to the CAP.

Dave McWilliams, 8107 New Jersey Avenue, asked for clarification on what the numbers mean and the Auditor answered in full.

Mayor Cabrera thanked all the department heads and the CFO for the fine work.

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. 21-124
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF
THE CY2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, INCLUSIVE OF \$15,895,188.35 FOR
MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, BE ADOPTED**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for

the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorizations of the below amount of \$15,895,188.35 for municipal purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the summary of revenues for inclusion in the 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET be and the same are as follows:

GENERAL REVENUES	
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 3,400,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	6,104,083.51
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	350,000.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES	<u>15,895,188.35</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 25,749,271.86</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the summary of appropriations for inclusion in the 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET be and the same are as follows:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	
Within "CAPS"	
(a&b) Operations including Contingent	\$ 14,636,060.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditure – Municipal	1,519,432.00
Excluded from "CAPS"	
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	3,787,276.51
(c) Capital Improvements	1,084,900.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	3,789,955.00
(m) Reserved for Uncollected Taxes	<u>909,492.58</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 25,749,271.86</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. 21-125
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY MOBILIZATION 2021 CLICK IT OR TICKET GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Mobilization 2021 Click It or Ticket grant to stop and issue summonses to motorists, front and rear passengers who are not complying with the state’s seat belt laws and will enter into a grant agreement for said grant if approved; and

WHEREAS, this federally funded grant project consists of an enforcement overtime campaign from May 24- June 6, 2021, and it will pay for overtime enforcement hours during the approved project period, and it is designed to increase seat belt usage; and

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 as follows:

1. That the Borough of Wildwood Crest does hereby authorize the application for such a grant.
2. That the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

_____ (SIGNATURE) Don Cabrera _____ (TYPED NAME) Mayor _____ (TITLE)	_____ (SIGNATURE) Patricia A. Feketics _____ (TYPED NAME) Municipal Clerk _____ (TITLE)
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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. 21-126

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR BEACH STREET END PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I – ADDITIONAL SERVICES: PITTSBURGH AVENUE & PRESTON AVENUE WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS COST AT THE NTE SUM OF \$18,000

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to authorize issuance of a Work Order to the Borough Engineer, Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates for the **BEACH STREET END PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I– ADDITIONAL SERVICES: PITTSBURGH AVENE & PRESTON AVENUE WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS**, for engineering services which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **March 8, 2021** which is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$18,000.00**; 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, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the attached Work Order authorizing MARC DEBLASIO and DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES to perform the professional engineering services as described in the Proposal, which is hereby approved, at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$18,000.00**.

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. 21-127

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,000.00 TO HOME DEPOT FOR BEACH WALKWAY LUMBER

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest awarded a contract, via Resolution No. 21-77 adopted February 10, 2021, to HOME DEPOT, for beach walkway lumber contract at the NTE sum of \$230,550.00; 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 \$47,000.00; and

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

Account Number(s)	Amount	Signature
<u>C-04-55-134-1B2</u>	<u>NTE \$47,000.00</u>	_____

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 HOME DEPOT, authorized by Resolution No. 21-77 adopted February 10, 2021 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 excess \$277,550.00 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. 21-128

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO PURCHASE BEACH BOXES FOR THE BEACH UNDER STATE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-12A and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is in need of Beach Boxes *for the beach*; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of goods and services through a cooperative purchasing program is considered to be an open and fair process under the New Jersey Pay-To-Play Law N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, that the Borough is authorized to fund the expenditure to purchase beach boxes based upon the price quote number 0001606 on March 9, 2021 from Deptcor (State Contract # 49131) in an amount not to exceed \$70,750.00; and

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

Account Number(s) 0-01-44-905-299 Amount \$70,750.00 Signature _____

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. 21-129

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND WILDWOOD BEACH PATROL FOR THE USE OF THE JOSEPH VON SAVAGE POOL

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Beach Patrol requested to use the Joseph Von Savage Pool located at 8800 New Jersey Avenue for water rescue training for three time periods in April, May, and June as detailed below; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Beach Patrol would like to enter into a license agreement for the following payment terms:

\$300.00 TOTAL
\$100.00 PER SESSION: (APRIL 25TH, MAY 1ST, AND JUNE 12TH)
10:00AM – 11:00 AM

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners does herewith agree to enter into a licensing agreement with Wildwood Beach Patrol for a license for the non-exclusive right to use the Licensed Property known as the Joseph Von Savage Pool for the above referenced fees and swim sessions.

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

1. That the recital paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That a license for the non-exclusive right to use the Licensed Property known as Joseph Von Savage Pool in the Borough of Wildwood Crest is hereby granted to **WILDWOOD BEACH PATROL** for the period listed above. The foregoing payment schedule, the days and hours of permitted use, and all other conditions, which shall affect, change or modify this license shall be contained in said license agreement as Schedule "A", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
3. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said license agreement on behalf of 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. 21-130

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND

ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH OTHER CAPE MAY COUNTY PARTICIPATING UNITS

WHEREAS, mutual aid and assistance agreements between municipalities, counties, law enforcement agencies, police departments, Emergency Medical Service agencies, fire departments, volunteer fire departments or EMS organizations and fire departments situated in fire districts operated by a Board of Fire Commissioners, are permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-26 and 40A:14-156.1; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (“HSPD-5” or the “Presidential Directive”), directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (“NIMS”), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach to Federal, State, local governments (as that term is defined at 6 U.S.C. §101(10) as the same may from time to time be amended) and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, “The New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act,” N.J.S.A. App. A:9-30, et. seq., (the “Disaster Control Act”), provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey during any emergency by centralizing control of all civilian activities having to do with such emergency in the Governor, who shall have authority over the resources of each and every political subdivision of the State to cope with any condition that shall arise out of such emergency; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Disaster Control Act, the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act,” N.J.S.A. 52:14E-11, et. seq., (the “Fire Service Act”) establishing a mechanism for the coordination of fire service resources throughout the State to facilitate a quick and efficient response to any emergency incident or situation that requires the immediate deployment of those resources in order to protect life and property from the danger or destruction of fire, explosion or other disaster; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the residents of this municipality and/or fire district to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement with the County of Cape May and other municipalities and entities, including but not limited to municipal police, Emergency Medical Service or fire departments, volunteer fire companies or EMS organizations and/or fire districts to provide additional protection against loss, damage or destruction by fire, catastrophe, civil unrest, major emergency or other extraordinary devastation damage or destruction to person and property, in those situations when outside aid and assistance is needed.

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. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the “Cape May County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement Between Participating Units” (Mutual Aid Agreement), a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, on the terms and conditions contained herein.
2. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Mutual Aide Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.
3. A copy of this Resolution and an executed copy of the Mutual Aid Agreement shall forthwith be provided to the Cape May County Office of Emergency Management for review and filing as appropriate.

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. 21-131

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR OLD LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS COST AT THE NTE SUM OF \$120,000

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to authorize issuance of a Work Order to the Borough Engineer, Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates for the **OLD LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS**, for engineering services which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **August 5, 2020** which is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$120,000.00**; 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, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the attached Work Order authorizing MARC DEBLASIO and DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES to perform the professional engineering services as described in the Proposal, which is hereby approved, at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$120,000.00**.

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

Vote: Gould - NO Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-132

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO MRC TO PURCHASE INTERLOCKING TILES UNDER STATE CONTRACT #16-FLEET-00121 FOR PLAYGROUND INTERLOCKING TILES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-12A and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of goods and services through a state cooperative purchasing program is considered to be an open and fair process under the New Jersey Pay-To-Play Law N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MRC (State Contract #16-FLEET-00121) P.O. Box 106, Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762 has all the necessary Equipment and Material and Accessories; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, that the Borough is authorized to fund the expenditure to purchase Interlocking Tiles based upon the price quote \$75,424.00 on March 22, 2021 from MRC (State Contract # 16-FLEET-00121) in an amount not to exceed \$75,424.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, that the Borough is authorized to fund the expenditure to purchase Interlocking Tiles based upon the price quote \$75,424.00 on March 22, 2021 from MRC using (STATE Contract number 16-FLEET-00121) in an amount not to exceed \$75,424.00; and

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

Account Number(s) G-02-41-835-020 Amount \$ 75,424.00 Signature _____

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. 21-133

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BEACH STREET END PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE I

WHEREAS, a Notice to Bidders was authorized for advertisement by Resolution No. 21-100 on February 24, 2021 for the Borough of Wildwood Crest contract for the BEACH STREET END PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE I; and

WHEREAS, Notice to Bidders was advertised in the *Press of Atlantic City* on March 8, 2021 and *Herald of Cape May County* on March 10, 2021 with receipt of sealed bids on February 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Addendum #1 was sent to all bidders that picked up bid packet with proof of receipt on March 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Addendum #2 was sent to all bidders that picked up bid packet with proof of receipt on March 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Addendum #3 was sent to all bidders that picked up bid packet with proof of receipt on March 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, six sealed bid proposals were received, opened and reviewed on March 30, 2021 by the Bid Opening Committee who reviewed the bid proposal and determined that Fred M. Schiavone Construction Inc., PO Box 416, Malaga, NJ 08328 was the lowest responsive bidder for the Base Bid in the amount of \$1,250,022.60 for the BEACH STREET END PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE I; and

WHEREAS, Wildwood Water Utility has participating items included in the Base Bid, which tabulate in the amount of \$141,863.60 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest's participating items tabulated in the amount of \$1,108,159.00 of the Base Bid; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has reviewed the recommendations made by the Bid Opening Committee as well as the bid tabulation and recommendation, and the opinion letter of the Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor recommending the award of the Borough's participating items in the Base Bid in the amount of \$1,108,159.00 to Fred M. Schiavone Construction Inc., PO Box 416, Malaga, NJ 08328; 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. The BEACH STREET END PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE I Borough of Wildwood Crest's participating items tabulated in the amount of \$1,108,159.00 is hereby awarded to Fred M. Schiavone Construction Inc., PO Box 416, Malaga, NJ 08328 the lowest responsive bidder.
3. The award of this contract is contingent upon compliance with all terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the Notice to Bidders; Bid Specifications and Information Packet and other Bid Documents and certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.
4. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a formal contract with Fred M. Schiavone Construction Inc., PO Box 416, Malaga, NJ 08328 in accordance with this Resolution, Notice to Bidders, Bid Specifications and Information Packet and the submitted bid proposal.
5. 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. 21-134

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 – 2019 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM VARIOUS STREETS AND FY2019 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM -RECONSTRUCTION OF TRENTON AVENUE FROM THE BEACH TO PACIFIC AVENUE – TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL WORK AT SUNRISE PARK TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF FOOT WASH STATIONS, LANDSCAPING AND SOD RESTORATION AT THE NTE SUM OF \$59,025.00

WHEREAS, Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., Hammonton, New Jersey was awarded the contract known as **2019 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND FY2019 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM – RECONSTRUCTION OF TRENTON AVENUE FROM THE BEACH TO PACIFIC AVENUE**-via Resolution No. 228-19 on August 21, 2019 for \$1,863,982.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized Change Order No. 1 to reflect Sunrise Park Improvements and As Built Quantity Adjustments at the NTE sum of \$130,221.58 via Resolution No. 2020-277 on September 23, 2020 revising the contract price to \$1,994,203.58; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation from Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates (the Borough Engineer), the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest wish to authorize Change Order Number 2 –**2019 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM VARIOUS STREETS AND FY2019 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM – RECONSTRUCTION OF TRENTON AVENUE FROM THE BEACH TO PACIFIC AVENUE TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL WORK AT SUNRISE PARK TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF FOOT WASH STATIONS, LANDSCAPING AND SOD RESTORATION**, increasing the AMENDED contract of \$1,994,203.58 by \$59,025.00 making the amended contract amount \$2,053,228.58; 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 and State of New Jersey, that said Change Order Number 2- **2019 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM VARIOUS STREETS AND FY2019 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM – RECONSTRUCTION OF TRENTON AVENUE FROM THE BEACH TO PACIFIC AVENUE TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL WORK AT SUNRISE PARK TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF FOOT WASH STATIONS, LANDSCAPING AND SOD RESTORATION** increasing the total contract amount by \$59,025.00 and revising the contract price to \$2,053,228.58 is hereby approved.

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.

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. 21-135
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST SUPPORTING THE 2021 UDRIVE UTEXT UPAY DISTRACTED
DRIVING CRACKDOWN FROM APRIL 1-30, 2021**

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 2,841 deaths and 400,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in 50-percent of all motor vehicle crashes in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2021 Crackdown* from April 1 - 30, 2021 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is *UDrive. UText. UPay*; and

WHEREAS, reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey declares its support for the *Distracted Driving 2021 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1-30, 2021 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

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. 21-136
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST DIRECTING THE WILDWOOD CREST PLANNING BOARD TO
CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR A REDEVELOPMENT
AREA**

WHEREAS, there exists, has existed and persists in the Borough of Wildwood Crest (the "Borough"), vacancies, old buildings and a lack of redevelopment in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has endeavored to pursue the opinion of the Wildwood Crest Planning Board to determine if creating the redevelopment area would support the revitalization efforts that haven already begun by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature has provided a mechanism for municipalities to address such conditions by enacting the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. ("Redevelopment Law")), which law provides municipalities with certain tools and powers necessary to address such conditions in order to prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the community; and

WHEREAS, section 8 of the Redevelopment Law permits a municipality to declare an area to be “In Need of Redevelopment” if its governing body determines that such area exhibits certain specified conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desires to designate the New Jersey Avenue District between Heather Road to Wisteria Road both sides as an Area in Need of Redevelopment or Rehabilitation enabling the process for engaging in the active redevelopment of the New Jersey Avenue District consistent with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et.seq.* (LRHL) which has established the mechanism and procedures for designating a Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, The Borough feels it is necessary to create a re-development area to offer tourism events, landscaping beautification, create open space opportunity, restaurants and eateries with outdoor dining, retail, property upgrades, electric charging stations (green friendly), beautification and bike lanes and other safety improvements.

WHEREAS, the first step in the redevelopment process is for the municipal governing body to direct the municipal planning board to undertake a "Preliminary Investigation" to determine if an area meets the Statutory Criteria under which it may be declared to an Area In Need of Redevelopment pursuant to section 8 of the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, prior to designating the New Jersey Avenue District as an “Area in Need of Redevelopment” and adopting a redevelopment plan therefor, the Borough must act in accordance with the LRHL, which requires, among other things, that the Planning Board conduct a “Preliminary Investigation” and prepare a map of the New Jersey Avenue District, conduct a public hearing and make findings and recommendations that the New Jersey Avenue District meets the statutory requirement to be declared as an Area in Need of Redevelopment.

WHEREAS, it is expressly recognized that an “Area in Need of Redevelopment” designation does not confer on the Borough the power of eminent domain that otherwise may be granted under the Redevelopment Law as such power can only be exercised in accordance with a duly adopted Redevelopment Plan; and

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 Wildwood Crest Planning Board shall proceed in accordance with the LRHL to prepare the investigation report and after the required public hearing on same, report its findings and recommendations to the Borough for the designation of the New Jersey Avenue District as an Area in Need of Redevelopment or Rehabilitation.
2. That the Borough reserves the right to consider all options and exercise all the powers provided to it under the LRHL and this shall be considered a Condemnation Redevelopment Area only for the properties identified as:
 - Block 36, Lot 1, Address: 6112 New Jersey Avenue
 - Block 32, Lot 1, Address: 6012 New Jersey Avenue
 - Block 32, Lot 3, Address: 6004 New Jersey Avenue
 - Block 28, Lot 48, Address: 5910 New Jersey Avenue
3. That the Borough reserves the right to consider all options and exercise all the powers provided to it under the LRHL except for eminent domain and this shall be considered a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area only for the properties identified as Schedule “A” and is attached to this document.
4. The designation of the Redevelopment Area does not confer powers of eminent domain which can only be used as part of an adopted Redevelopment Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners in the form of a Resolution with supportive documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Borough directs all requisite Borough offices to assist the Planning Board in the preparation of the study.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that a duly executed copy of this resolution will be delivered to the Planning Board and filed 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. 21-137

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PAY A FLAT RATE OF \$60.00 PER HOUR TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PURSUANT TO THE 2021 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2021, the Borough of Wildwood Crest submitted a grant application to the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Mobilization 2021 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant via Resolution No. 21-96; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant is a federally funded grant project that consists of an enforcement overtime campaign that runs from April 1-21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant will pay for overtime enforcement during the approved crackdown period, with a maximum rate to be reimbursed of \$60.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, this is a reimbursement grant and as such, participating departments will incur all costs and then submit the necessary documentation to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety for reimbursement.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest received notification of award in the amount of \$6,000.00 on March 24, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay flat rate of \$60.00 per hour to law enforcement pursuant to the 2021 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant.

Mr. Thompson motions, Mrs. Gould 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, Chief of Police, Supervisor of the Recreation Department, Constructional Official, Emergency Services Coordinator for the EMS and the Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Company Chief for the month ending February 28, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

MINUTES: Mrs. Gould motioned and Mr. Thompson seconded that all minutes from the regularly scheduled Commission meetings dated February 24, 2021 and March 17, 2021 be approved as presented.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

Mayor Cabrera asked for clarification from Chief Lloyd about the distracted driver grant and the Chief informed that it was anything that takes the attention of the driver off the road.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

COVID-19 UPDATE

I continue to participate in weekly COVID-19 Task Force meetings. We still only have one vaccination site here in Cape May County. This is due to the small number of doses (1000) provided weekly to our County. We understand everyone's frustration with the pace of vaccinations, however there is good news this week. Yesterday, 31,000 appointments were made available at the Atlantic City Convention Mega-site due to an increased number of vaccinations available to that site. This site also services Cape May County residents. To get an appointment at this site you must register on Atlanticare's website at <https://www.atlanticare.org/>.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

Beach End Bump Outs

A new project was awarded this evening that will provide better ADA access and amenities such as showers at almost all of the Crest's beach access points. We are hoping that the second phase of this project will be partially funded with \$400,000 in FY2021DCA Small Cities Grant Funds and that we will be successful in our efforts to secure Cape May County Open Spaces special funding for coastal recreation improvements for that phase also. Our presentation to the Open Spaces board is now scheduled for April. We have received our CAFRA IP permit for this project and were able to award the base bid this evening which will include almost all of the proposed street ends. These bump outs will be modeled after the new ADA accessible street end at Rambler and include showers, trash receptacles, bike racks, and possibly drinking fountains.

Pacific Avenue stormwater and sanitary sewer improvements have been underway since Labor Day and will be wrapped up in the late spring. The goal of this project was to replace dated sewer infrastructure and improve and increase drainage capacity along Pacific Avenue. Our portion of this project being nearly completed means that the county will be able to come in as planned in the fall of this year to reconstruct the roadway.

The **Scoop Taylor** ADA improvements project will commence shortly. Due to long lead times this project will be phased into a spring construction and fall construction. We authorized the purchase of playground equipment on March 17th. The playground installation is expected this spring. The shelter which has the longest lead time has been ordered and will arrive and be ready to install in the fall. This project is mostly funded by a FY2020 Small Cities ADA grant.

The replacement and improvement of wind-damaged property at the **Little League Field** has commenced. We have received a settlement check from our insurance carrier for reimbursement of the wind-damaged structures including the visitor's dugout, concession stand, part of the field house and the batting cages. We do expect to "play ball" this season, however due to time constraints the entire project will not be complete until the fall. The first phase which has commenced includes demolition, the replacement of the visitor's dugout and concession stand, replacement of the batting cages and the replacement of sheathing and siding on the press box, concession stand. Improvements to the bathrooms and a new home team dugout will have to wait until the fall.

We continue to work with NJDEP and USACE on their **Herford Inlet to Cape May Inlet Beach and Dune project** and expect that construction will take place in 2022. We have submitted comments on the necessary State Aid Agreement and still await the final document. A PDF will be available on our web site in near future for the public.

We have continued to meet and work with Cape May County's engineer and professionals on design elements and improvements to the **New Jersey Avenue project**. Another stakeholder meeting will be planned in May.

BEACH BOXES

An additional 46 boxes (or 96 total rentals) were made available to the public on a first come- first served basis last month. Much to our surprise we sold out of the boxes in less than 5 minutes. We have contacted DEPTCOR and will have more boxes to be able to offer before Memorial Day. Funding has been included in this year's municipal budget for the purchase of 50 additional units for a total of 100 additional rental units. The recreation department will provide ample notice of the release date once we have the boxes delivered.

The Administrator also commended Francine Springer, Robert Osborn and Eric Wang for their efforts with the new phone system and the savings that will be incurred.

Dave McWilliams, 8107 New Jersey Avenue, asked about the number of beach boxes and when it will be capped. The Administrator added there was such a demand that were able to purchase some more.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Grant Applications

1. **USDA Sanitary Sewer Replacement Grant Application**
 - The USDA has announced they are receiving applications for sanitary sewer replacement projects.
 - The Borough has selected Syracuse Avenue and New Jersey Avenue as the application locations. Our office is currently working with Triad Associates on this application.
2. **FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (BRIC)**
 - The Borough is proposing to construct one (1) bayside storm sewer pump station, install bay outfall SCADA control valves and associated storm sewer improvements in the north west section of the Borough.
 - Our office has met with Triad Associates to address comments received by FEMA from the 2019 submission.
 - We submitted the engineering report for the 2020 application which was successfully filed by November 30, 2020.
3. **Fiscal Year 2021 NJDCA Small Cities Program**
 - The Borough has decided to submit a grant application for ADA beach access improvements-phase 1 (Orchid Road to Toledo Road).
 - In support of the grant application, our office transmitted the engineering report to Mark Blauer on September 15, 2020.

Capital Projects

1. **NJDEP CAFRA Permit-Beach Programming and Improvements**
 - On April 14, 2020, the Borough received the NJDEP CAFRA permit for the Crest Fishing Pier Expansion and Sunrise Park Improvements.
 - On March 17, 2021, the Borough received the NJDEP CAFRA permit for the street end bump outs, bike path widening, extension of six (6) outfalls and temporary storage of seasonal amenities, a/k/a/ "Phase 2."
2. **Sunrise Park Improvements**
 - Cape May County approved a grant for Sunrise Park in the amount of \$283,625.00.
 - The playground, outdoor workout equipment, and safety surfaces, and splash plaza have been installed. The contractor is scheduled to finalize the splash park colored surfacing, landscaping and start up in April, 2021.
3. **Pacific Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements and Borough Street Improvements**

- The bid was awarded to Asphalt Paving Systems in the amount of \$5,767,600.00.
 - The contractor has completed all the work on Farragut Road, Miami Avenue, St. Louis Avenue, Pacific Avenue and Crest Memorial School parking lot.
 - The contractor has completed all the utility work on Ocean Avenue.
 - The contractor will be commencing pipe work on Washington Avenue. The contractor anticipates completion in two weeks.
 - The contractor has completed all of the work on Hollywood Avenue with the exception of surface course paving.
4. 2019 Road Improvement Program - Crocus Road, Denver, Stockton and Trenton Avenues
- The contract was awarded to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$2,144,400.00.
 - The contractor has completed all the work in the contract and we are in the process of contract closeout.
 - Through change order #1, the contractor completed work on Sunrise Park improvements.
 - The contractor has submitted change order #2 to complete various items at Sunrise Park as requested by the Borough.
5. Hlgbee Field Little League Improvements Phase 1
- The project plans and specifications are currently in the design and permitting phase.
 - Demolition of the site is tentatively scheduled for the week of March 29th.
6. New Jersey Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement
- Our office has completed the survey and base mapping. The design plans and specifications are approximately 90% complete.
 - This project is being included in a USDA sanitary sewer replacement grant application.
7. Reconstruction of Beach Avenue and Stanton Road
- The Borough was notified that a grant in the amount of \$155,000.00 was allocated for the reconstruction of Beach Avenue from Crocus Road to Forget-Me-Not Road.
 - The Borough has been notified by the NJDOT that a grant in the amount of \$185,000.00 was allocated for the reconstruction of Stanton Road from the Beach to New Jersey Avenue.
 - The contractor is currently working on Stanton Road and has completed the utility work in the following locations:
 1. Beach Block
 2. Seaview Avenue to Atlantic Avenue
 - The contractor will be starting the utility work on Stanton Road between Ocean Avenue and Atlantic Avenue the week of March 29th.
8. FY2020 NJDCA Small Cities Grant Application-Scoop Taylor Park
- The Borough was notified that a grant in the amount of \$400,000.00 was allocated for improvements at Scoop Taylor Park.
 - Our office has assisted in procuring the proposed playground and safety surface installation. The playground and safety surface is scheduled to be installed by May 1st.
 - Our office is currently in the design phase for the remaining site items.
9. Beach Street End Public Access Improvements – Phase 1
- Proposed improvements include ADA access to the beach thru the street ends, extended public platforms, foot wash stations, decorative hand railing and benches.
 - The project is scheduled to be advertised for bid on March 8, 2021 and the bid opening is scheduled for March 30, 2021 @ 10:00 AM.

The Mayor added that the renovations that will take place at Scoop Taylor may go into the season and if so, people will be directed to use the playgrounds at Sunrise Park.

Dave McWilliams, 8107 New Jersey Avenue, inquired about the Street Ends award and how many street ends will be addressed and where. The Mayor added the street end award was for Phase 1 which is 10 streets, but the funding is now in place for 7. He further added the next phase will hopefully include a NJDCA Small Cities grant as well as Cape May County Open Space grant.

Mayor Cabrera added that the Borough of Wildwood Crest recently received the “Healthy Town” designation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Legalization of Marijuana

The Mayor added that Borough has been receiving correspondences regarding the legalization of marijuana and he noted the draft ordinance was currently being reviewed by the Planning Board and we were awaiting their opinion.

Commissioner Thompson wanted to clarify that legislation doesn't allow for smoking marijuana on the beach.

NEW BUSINESS:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- Washington Avenue Flooding Issues** – } No movement.
- Bulkhead Ordinance / Lot Grading** – } Moving closer with neighboring municipalities for a joint ordinance and will present on a larger scale and looking for a venue large enough.
- Flood Mitigation Efforts** – } No movement.
- Referendum permitting one consumption liquor license in business zone**- No movement.
- Park Blvd / Pumping Station** – No movement.
- Beach Bike Path** – No movement.
- Marijuana Ordinance** – At the Planning Board level for review.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Dave McWilliams, 8107 New Jersey Avenue, asked for clarification on the recreation fees that were recently adopted. He was informed that the fees affected those who wanted to rent facilities for the day.

He also wanted to know how the governing body felt about beach tags. Commissioner Gould indicated she would be in favor of them, but lengthy discussions would be needed (island-wide). Commissioner Thompson indicated he was not really a proponent for them. The Mayor added that a cost analysis and discussions with the sister municipalities need to be had. There would be an initial loss of approximately \$300,000 from the Tourism Authority plus the costs to incur more help, management, payroll, etc. is another hefty investment and there is a big risk involved. He added that the beaches have been free for a long time and changing the personality of the island may have an impact. Either way, he indicated that it would ultimately come from the voters via a referendum.

Hearing nothing further, Mrs. Gould motioned, and Mr. Thompson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 6:19 p.m.

Dated: April 28, 2021

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

