

Note: Meeting Appears
On Borough of Wildwood Crest Facebook page and You tube by date.

March 8, 2023

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 Borough Hall at 9:30 a.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Schiff - Franco – 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 December 7, 2022.

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

The Mayor indicated that the meeting was being streamed online via the Borough's Facebook page and youtube channel due to scheduling conflicts and if there were any questions, please call the Clerk.

Mr. Franco motions, Mr. Schiff seconds that Ordinance No. 1396 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1396

ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE 911 AND 914 AND ADOPTING RECENT REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE WILDWOODS

Mr. Franco motions, Mr. Schiff seconds that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1396.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motions, Mr. Schiff seconds that a public hearing be closed on Ordinance No. 1396.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motions, Mr. Schiff seconds that Ordinance No. 1396 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motions, Mr. Schiff seconds that Ordinance No. 1397 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1397

**ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CAP BANK FOR
CY2023 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14**

Mr. Franco motions, Mr. Schiff seconds that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1397.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motions, Mr. Schiff seconds that a public hearing be closed on Ordinance No. 1397.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motions, Mr. Schiff seconds that Ordinance No. 1397 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1398

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 48, ARTICLE I, SECTION 48-4 USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO PROHIBIT THE CHAINING OF BICYCLES AND BEACH CHAIRS TO BOROUGH RAILINGS AND BENCHES

Mr. Franco motions, Mr. Schiff seconds that Ordinance No. 1398 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on March 22, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1399

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 48, ARTICLE I, SECTION 48-4 USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO DESIGNATE RESTRICTED AREAS ON BOROUGH PROPERTY, IN BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND OTHER FACILITIES LIMITED TO AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES ONLY TO PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD PUBLIC RECORDS CONTAINING PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION AND TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE WORK SPACE FREE FROM INTRUSION AND DISRUPTION FOR BOROUGH OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Mr. Franco motions, Mr. Schiff seconds that Ordinance No. 1399 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on March 8, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-95

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 2023

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 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in *The Cape May County Herald* issue of March 15, 2023.

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 March 8, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 9:30 A.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 2023 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-96

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST CANCELING ERRONEOUS 2023 SEWER RENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124.00 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 404-406 EAST MIAMI AVENUE

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, that a sewer account has been billed erroneous sewer rents for 2023; and

WHEREAS, sewer account 1868-0, at 404-406 East Miami Avenue had no water meter installed for the year 2022, the sewer rents levied in 2023 should be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined the said erroneous sewer rents should be canceled accordingly as indicated below.

Block / Lot Sewer ID#	Name	Amount
118.02/6 1868-0	KH NJ Ventures LLC 404-406 East Miami Avenue 2023 Sewer Rents	\$124.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to cancel said sewer amounts for 2023.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-97

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL AND ACCEPTING WORK PERFORMED AND AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTING MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE 2022 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the contract for the **2022 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM** in the amount of \$118,125.50 was awarded to SOUTH STATE, INC. via Resolution No. 22-334 on November 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation from Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates, who has reviewed and approves Change Order No. 1 – FINAL for Additional Paving and Striping to correct inconsistent grades on various streets and for Final As Built Quantity Adjustments, which authorized an increase of \$4,061.85 to amend the contract amount of \$122,187.35; and

WHEREAS, South State, Inc. posted a **Performance Bond No.: 107712460** from **Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America** in the amount of **\$118,125.50** ensuring the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's project engineer, Marc DeBlasio, P.E., P.P., C.M.E. of DeBlasio & Associates, P.C., by letter dated February 23, 2023 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 No.: 107712460M** from **Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America** in the amount of **\$122,187.35**.

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 Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wildwood Crest are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said Change Order #1 FINAL on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.
3. That the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications prepared by **DeBlasio & Associates, P.C.**, as modified by approved change orders field modifications and as depicted in the accepted as-built plans for the **2022 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM** are hereby approved and accepted.

4. That the above improvements performed by **SOUTH STATE, INC.** are hereby approved and accepted.

5. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to release the performance bond conditioned upon acceptance of the appropriate maintenance bond.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-98

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

WHEREAS, Cape May County is providing ARPA funding to municipalities for infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, funding can be provided for a broad range of water, sewer and storm water infrastructure improvements in the amount of up to \$400,000 per municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to submit an application to Cape May County to take advantage of the APRA funding opportunity and to accept said funding if said application is approved.

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

1. All of the statements of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference thereto as though the same were set forth at length.

2. The application for the above stated ARPA Funding is hereby approved.

3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit said application to Cape May County on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

4. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized, if said application is approved by Cape May County, to execute the grant agreement and any other appertaining documents on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of said grant agreement.

My signature and the Borough Clerk's Seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

Signed: _____
Don Cabrera, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
(SEAL) Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-99

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR SEAVIEW AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS TASK 5 – CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND ACCESSIBLE CURB RAMP DESIGN AT THE NTE SUM OF \$11,600

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest adopted Resolution No. 22-340 on December 7, 2022, which authorized the award of Professional Service Contract to Colliers Engineering & Design for Seaview Avenue Traffic Signal Improvements at the NTE sum of \$40,000 (inclusive of Tasks 1-4); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that there exists the need for specialized engineering consultation services to be provided to the Borough of Wildwood Crest for engineering consulting for an Additional Task 5 – Construction Plans and Accessible Curb Ramp Designs at the NTE sum of \$11,600; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk received a proposal from Colliers Engineering & Design dated November 9, 2022 that included Tasks 1-4 and an Additional Task 5 and that proposal was forwarded to a review committee consisting of the Borough Administrator, Constance Mahon, Borough Clerk, Patricia Feketics, Chief Financial Officer, Francine Springer, and Borough Solicitor Ronald J. Gelzunas; and

WHEREAS, the Review Committee has reviewed the proposal submitted by Colliers Engineering & Design and based upon the review criteria, has recommended that the proposal of Colliers Engineering & Design best meets the Borough's needs and that Colliers Engineering & Design has the professional credentials and abilities to perform the services required of the subject contract Task 5; and

WHEREAS, under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq., the subject contract would be a contract for professional services because:

1. Professional services of the type herein sought are of such a nature as to require a high degree to trust and confidence in the individual providing the service and may require the creation of a confidential or fiduciary relationship between that individual and the Borough;
2. The services required are highly specialized or technical in nature;
3. The services require peculiar ability and skill, and demand a high degree of specialized knowledge or expertise;
4. The services are such that their relative worth must be judged by subjective considerations that are not susceptible of valuation by competitive bidding;
5. The individual or entity who will provide these services has demonstrated competence and particular expertise in the services required;
6. The individual or entity who will perform these services is held to and fully adheres to the strict ethical standards that govern the involved profession;
7. The services include advise to and consultation with the municipality that require both knowledge and judgment on the part of the individual or entity providing services, as well as the confidence of the municipal officials, such that competitive bidding is not feasible or practical;
8. The services to be provided are such that their nature, scope and duration are not capable of precise measurement, but rather require a flexibility and discretion that render competitive bidding impractical and inefficient; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq. as an authorized exception to the public bidding as a Professional Services Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest concur with the Review Committee's recommendation to award the contract to Colliers Engineering & Design; and

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

Account Number(s) _____ Amount \$11,600.00 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. That the contract for the specified Services for work in the **PROPOSAL dated November 9, 2022 for TASK 5** in Wildwood Crest be awarded to Colliers Engineering & Design.
3. The award of this contract is contingent upon compliance with the New Jersey Pay to Play Law as set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1; production of the Business Entity Disclosure Certificate, Affirmative Action Compliance Notice, New Jersey Certificate of Employee Information Report, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and proof of insurance as required in the contract and certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.
4. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a professional services contract effective immediately and not to extend beyond one (1) calendar year, with Colliers Engineering & Design, who shall be compensated pursuant to attached Proposal which is incorporated herein, at the billable rates set forth therein not to exceed \$11,600.00.
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.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-100

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL #4434 -WILDWOOD CREST FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Rescue Career Employees, hereinafter known as the “Union”, has been certified as the representative of the “emergency medical technicians” of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, so designated and specifically included in the appropriate certificate of representation, under Docket No. RO-2005-088; and

WHEREAS, the bargaining team of the Union and the management team of the Borough of Wildwood Crest have held multiple negotiation sessions and have reached an agreement on all of the bargainable issues existing between the Borough and the Union which were, or could have been, the subject of negotiation; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to comply with Chapter 303, P.L. 1968 (the “Act”) by formalizing an agreement to contain that which has been negotiated by and between both parties.

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 above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth as length.
2. The Mayor, Commissioners and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized, instructed, and empowered to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026, embodying all of the mutual terms, understandings and conditions involving the employment of all emergency medical technicians so included in the Union within the meaning of the Act as more fully described in the certification of representation under Docket No. RO-2005-088; a copy of said agreement shall be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk, mailed to PERC, and is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-101

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BEACH PATROL HEADQUARTERS RENOVATIONS

WHEREAS, a Notice to Bidders was authorized for advertisement by Resolution No. 23-63 on January 25, 2023 for the Borough of Wildwood Crest contract for the BEACH PATROL HEADQUARTERS RENOVATIONS; and

WHEREAS, Notice to Bidders was advertised in the *Herald of Cape May County* AND *The Press of Atlantic City* on February 1, 2023 with receipt of sealed bids on March 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, two sealed bid proposals were received, opened and reviewed on March 1, 2023 by the Bid Opening Committee who reviewed the bid proposal and determined that Straga Brothers, Inc. PO Box 216, Glassboro, New Jersey, 08028 was the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$2,054,334.00 for the BEACH PATROL HEADQUARTERS RENOVATIONS; 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 Engineer dated March 3, 2023 and Borough Solicitor recommending the award in a letter dated March 3, 2023 to Straga Brothers, Inc. PO Box 216, Glassboro, New Jersey, 08028; and

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

Account Number(s) _____ Amount \$2,054,334.00 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 PATROL HEADQUARTERS RENOVATIONS is hereby awarded to Straga Brothers, Inc. PO Box 216, Glassboro, New Jersey, 08028 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 Straga Brothers, Inc. PO Box 216, Glassboro, New Jersey, 08028 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.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-102

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING PEDDLING TRUCK LICENSE TO A & T ICE, LLC FOR 2023

WHEREAS, Section 40-16, et. seq., of the Code of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, sets forth the pertinent law regarding the issuance of licenses to persons, firms or corporations desiring to engage in the peddling and soliciting of Ice Cream Products and Fruits/Vegetables within the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, A & T ICE, LLC applied for renewal of Ice Cream Peddling License and has fulfilled all requirements for renewal of license; and

WHEREAS, Review of the qualifications of applicant for said license has been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest that an Ice Cream Peddling license for the balance of calendar year 2023 is hereby authorized to be issued to A & T ICE LLC, 202 E PACIFIC AVE, CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NJ 08210.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

BILLS: Mr. Franco motions, and Mr. Schiff seconded that all bills properly authorized, as submitted, be paid.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Katherine Hughes inquired if there would be adequate bike racks supplied since bikes will no longer be permitted to be locked to railings or benches and the mayor indicated there are more coming to include the old library and parks.

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

-Crest Arts Pavilion Lease – The borough advertised two times for leasing the café at the Crest Arts Pavilion and both times there were no bids received. He suggested revising bid specs and perhaps include the ability to deliver on the beach. He wanted to amend the draft specs and circulate and asked the governing body members to relay comments to Administrator and or Clerk.

-Crest Best Run Fest- The governing body opted to take a break and regroup in 2024. Commissioner Franco would like to get the schools involved.

-Commissioner Schiff would like to take a look at storm detection system for the island. He would like to possibly do a shared services agreement with Wildwood Crest as the lead. The detection system was in excess of \$100,000.00. He further indicated that it could help with children on the little league fields. More information was needed to discuss further.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Back Beach Excavation: Hold.

- Flood Mitigation Projects:** Proposal was recently provided.
- Dredging:** Commissioner Franco indicated they had a meeting with the Scott Douglas (DOT) and Wildwood, West Wildwood and North Wildwood and the project is moving along.
- CAFRA Permit:** The permit is in the technical review stage with the DEP.
- NJ Avenue infrastructure pre-county:** The mayor indicated that the preliminary plans for New Jersey Avenue were forwarded for review and he asked for comments and suggestions soon because work will commence Spring 2025. Heather to Columbine will have grass medians and all other will have striped medians and some bumpouts.
- Major reconstructing streets plan:** No movement.
- North / South street line striping / pedestrian cross walks:** Can be removed.
- Pool roof and resurfacing:** Bids will be forthcoming this week.
- PW roof:** Awaiting funding.
- Borough hall exterior and addition – office moves:** Awaiting proposal. Commissioner Schiff asked about the structural integrity of the building report. The engineer indicated that the proposal is tied in with the viability of 2nd floor expansion. When they did a walk through of the building months back, they were evaluating the functionality of the building and also considered the lots adjacent to the police department for possible expansion.
- Bayside outfalls and capacity / bulkhead repairs / replacement:** Proposal forthcoming.
- Arts Pavilion Exterior – with CMCOS:** The County has the application, and we are in queue for decision on amount.
- Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** This was recently authorized and now survey work needs to be done.
- Update Landscaping and add lighting in Business district -NJ-** Asst. Superintendent Shearer is working on.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Katherine Hughes, inquired about the café space in the Crest Arts Pavilion. The mayor added the building is not open yet and the café area has a window to the outside as well as an area accessible inside. The café may go back out to bid to expand the opportunity and that area could be a hub.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Schiff: Thanked the CFO for the budget preparation.

Commissioner Franco: New Jersey Congressman Jeff Van Drew will be hosting a hearing on the future of wind energy and a proposed wind farm to be located off the coast of southern New Jersey. The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 16th, at 2:00pm at the Wildwoods Convention Center on the Wildwood boardwalk. It is suggested you RSVP to the event; please use this link to do so:

https://vandrewforms.house.gov/forms/form/?ID=28&fbclid=IwAR1UE4e3ok5HyFB3QjVLnsxp5j_OnWO4wpI_WXpLxrg4e9JpTLbjChCv4hk

The Creative Arts Council will be hosting an art competition on March 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm and the deadline to submit your art is March 10th.

Mayor Cabrera: Thanked CFO and all members of the administration in their efforts for keeping taxes down. Secondly, in light of the recent deck collapse (and the one that took place a few years ago in Florida) the mayor stressed the importance of checking the structural integrity of balconies and decks.

Hearing nothing further, Mr. Schiff motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 9:58 a.m.

Dated: March 22, 2023

 Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

