

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

April 9, 2025

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 of Atlantic City on October 15, 2024.

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

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1450 be passed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1450

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,500,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,275,000 BONDS OR NOTS OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that a public hearing now be held on Ordinance No. 1450.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that public hearing on Ordinance No. 1450 now be closed.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1450 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1451 be passed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1451

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that a public hearing now be held on Ordinance No. 1451.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that public hearing on Ordinance No. 1451 now be closed.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1451 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1452 be passed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1452
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH
OF WILDWOOD CREST ARTICLE I, UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION
CODE OF CHAPTER 22 AMENDING FEES FOR PERMITS

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that a public hearing now be held on Ordinance No. 1452.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that public hearing on Ordinance No. 1452 now be closed.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1452 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1453
ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 35, FIRE PREVENTION, ARTICLE III
ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 35-18 ADDITIONAL
REQUIRED INSPECTIONS AND FEES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Cabrera seconded that Ordinance No. 1453 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on April 30, 2025 at 5:00 P.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1454
ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 56A RENTAL PROPERTIES, AMENDING
SECTION 56A-12.1 OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS FOR
RENTAL UNITS

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Cabrera seconded that Ordinance No. 1454 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on April 30, 2025 at 5:00 P.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1455
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 8 BEACH AND DUNES
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO

PROVIDE FOR A METHOD OF IDENTIFYING VEHICLES THAT ARE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE ON THE BEACH

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Cabrera seconded that Ordinance No. 1455 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on April 30, 2025 at 5:00 P.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1456
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 47A PARKS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO PROVIDE FOR FURTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS AT BASKETBALL COURTS AND PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS COURTS**

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Cabrera seconded that Ordinance No. 1456 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on April 30, 2025 at 5:00 P.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-115
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A LOAN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BOROUGH'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ROADWAY RESTORATION PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey (the “**Borough**”) intends to file loan applications with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“**NJDEP**”) and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the “**I-Bank**”) for financing of certain clean water projects involving various improvements to the sanitary sewer system and roadway restoration projects within the Borough (collectively, the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to file the applications with NJDEP and I-Bank for the financing of the Project; and

WHEREAS, I-Bank requires that the Borough of Wildwood Crest appoint Authorized Representatives to act on behalf of the Borough in all matters related to the Project and the loan applications.

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

Section 1. That the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Clerk are each hereby authorized to act as “Authorized Representative” to represent the Borough in all matters relating to the Project and loan application(s). The Authorized Representatives may be contacted at the Borough of Wildwood Crest, 6101 Pacific Avenue Wildwood Crest, New Jersey; Phone No. 609-729-8040.

Section 2. The Borough of Wildwood Crest hereby authorizes the Authorized Representatives to file all applications for the Project as may be required for loans and grants from NJDEP and the I-Bank, as applicable, and to deliver all applications, documents, bonds, notes, instruments, or closing certificates in connection with the Project as may be required for such loans and grants.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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. 25-116
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY SAFETY FOR THE DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT MOBILIZATION GRANT**

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 \$ 2,800.00 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Safety for the U Drive U Text U Pay Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization Grant and wishes to amend its 2025 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 2025 in the sum of \$ 2,800.00 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:
Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization Grant\$ 2,800.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$.....2,800.00 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:
Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization Grant

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.

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. 25-117
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BATTING CAGES FOR PUBLIC WORKS 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 Batting Cages; and

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

WHEREAS, EB Fence LLC. (State Contract #88679) 220 Vine Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037 has provided a quote dated March 24, 2025 for \$54,650.00; and

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

Account Number(s) C-04-55-134-1D1 Amount \$54,650.00

Signature _____

NOW THEREFORE, 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 for the installation of Batting Cages for Public Works contract based upon the quote received from EB Fence LLC. (State Contract #88679) in an amount not to exceed \$54,650.00.

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. 25-118
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH PLUCHINO AS

**AN ADVISORY MEMBER OF THE WILDWOOD CREST GREEN TEAM AND FILLING
A VACATED POSITION WITH TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy position for an advisory member of the GREEN TEAM of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, said vacated term will expire December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, JOSEPH PLUCHINO has expressed interest in filling the vacated position; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to appoint JOSEPH PLUCHINO as an advisory member of the GREEN TEAM of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest that JOSEPH PLUCHINO be and she is hereby appointed as an advisory member of the GREEN TEAM of the Borough of Wildwood Crest filling a vacated term and commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2026.

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. 25-119

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF RE-CERTIFICATION OF
APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD FOR OFFICIAL
DESIGNATION OF WILDWOOD CREST AS “A COAST GUARD COMMUNITY”**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest passed Resolution No. 1004-13, dated April 24, 2013, which authorized Support of Application to the United States Coast Guard for Official Designation of Wildwood Crest as “A Coast Guard Community;” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest passed Resolution No. 2020-55, dated January 7, 2020, which authorized Support of Re-Certification of Application to the United States Coast Guard for Official Designation of Wildwood Crest as “A Coast Guard Community;” and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, through federal legislation, has enabled the United States Coast Guard to designate a community having a special relationship with the Coast Guard as a “Coast Guard Community;” and

WHEREAS, local Coast Guard command is empowered to recommend that the “Coast Guard Community” designation be awarded to a surrounding city, county or other jurisdictional entity that meets rigorous application standards, with only 14 communities across the nation having received such designation; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Cape May County and the Borough of Wildwood Crest have enjoyed a unique relationship with Coast Guard personnel and their families for nearly a century, by virtue of, among other things, the Coast Guard’s ownership and maintenance of properties in municipalities throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, most notably, since as early as 1917 the Coast Guard has had a presence at what has grown into the 352-acre site in Cape May City, County of Cape May, now known as Training Center Cape May, or “TRACEN;” and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard personnel and their families reside both in on-base housing in Cape May City and in private housing located in municipalities throughout the County, including the Borough of Wildwood Crest, which, by virtue of its unique geographic configuration as a peninsula surrounded by water, is comprised of 16 contiguous municipalities whose economic, social and civic structures are closely interdependent; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard families and non-Coast Guard families interact with and support one another on a daily basis in all aspects of community living; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard presence at TRACEN today includes over 1,160 total military and civilian personnel working at the base, providing recruit training for all entry-level recruits entering the Coast Guard service and graduating an average of more than 2,300 recruits yearly, in addition to providing officer training and education, vessel support, air/sea rescue, investigative services, communication facilities, and homeland security services, all in furtherance of the continuous coastal patrol and defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard personnel and their families also welcome over 41,000 additional guests and visitors annually into Cape May County; and

WHEREAS, Wildwood Crest residents and businesses have a longstanding history of recognizing and supporting their Coast Guard neighbors, and wish to formalize their continuing commitment to these men, women and children and make known to the public their commitment by attaining the designation of “Coast Guard Community;” and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest joins with the County of Cape May and the City of Cape May in support to Re-Certify the “Coast Guard Community” Designation.

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;

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference;
2. Upon adoption of this Resolution, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to join efforts with the County of Cape May and the City of Cape May to complete an application for Re-Certification for regional designation by the United States Coast Guard as an official "Coast Guard Community;" and
3. The Borough of Wildwood Crest affirms its lengthy and honored relationship with the United States Coast Guard, and pledges to continue its long history of full and unwavering support for Coast Guard personnel and their families.

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. 25-120

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the procedure for disposition of abandoned vehicles in the possession of a municipality is set forth in N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1 provides that when such vehicles remain unclaimed by the owner of record or security interest holder for more than 20 days they may be sold at public auction; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Police Department has requested that the abandoned vehicles in Schedule A, attached to this resolution, be sold at auction and proper notice of sale advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that said items be forthwith advertised for public sale pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said vehicles be sold at a public sale to the highest bidder through a contracted government on-line auction service, GovDeals, Inc., the auction site being accessible at www.govdeals.com with the terms and conditions of said contract being available for public view on the GovDeals, Inc. website and in the Office of the Borough Clerk. The Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Schedule A

1. 1993 International Heavy Rescue Truck
Model# E-ONE
VIN# 1HTSEPCN3PH51031
Mileage: 2,609
Condition: Good
Fair Market Value: \$2,500.00
2. 2002 Sterling/Leach Sanitation Truck
Model#LT8500 2RII
VIN#2FZHAWAK52AJ70822
Mileage:15,930
Condition: Rusty/Old/ Leaking/ AS IS
Fair Market Value: \$4,500.00
3. 2005 Sterling/ Leach Sanitation Truck
Model# LT8500 2RII
VIN# 2FZHAWDC35AU94909
Mileage: 81,117
Condition: Rusty/Old/Leaking/ AS IS
Base bid: \$4,500.00
4. 2001 Sterling/ Leach Sanitation Truck
Model#LT8500 2RII
VIN# 2FZXBjBB21AF62636
Mileage: 14,236.3
Condition: Rusty/Old/ Leaking/ AS IS
Base Bid: \$4,500.00
5. 2005 GMC Platform Truck
Model# W5500
VIN#J8DE5B1655900914
Mileage: 34,058
Condition: Rusty/ Runs/ AS IS
Base bid: \$1,500.00

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. 25-121

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST SUPPORTING THE EXPLORATION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR FOR UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE SHARED SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., any local unit on the state of New Jersey may enter into a contract with any other local unit or units for the joint provision within their jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey is committed to supporting and advancing local government shared service solutions to enhance the provision of local services and alleviate the property tax burden on the State's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, with the support of the State Legislature, has authorized State funding to support Shared Services initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey appointed bipartisan Shared Services Czars to lead the Shared Services effort; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs (the "Division") has assembled a team of professional Technical Advisors to support these endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs (the "Division") may, upon request from the municipality, provide a fair, consistent and judicious analysis that promotes efficiency, effectiveness, and performance for the welfare of all parties concerned which applying fiscal restraints and ensuring attrition and/or soft landings for any employees affected by the shared service agreement; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Wildwood Crest recognizes that shared services may result in property tax relief and enhanced services for its constituents: and

WHEREAS the Borough of Wildwood Crest wishes to explore the possibility of sharing services in the area of Uniform Construction Code with the Borough of Stone Harbor: and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest seeks technical assistance through the Division to conduct a feasibility study of the potential for a successful shared service for Uniform Construction Code with the Borough of Stone Harbor:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, hereby endorses undertaking a shared services study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, CFO, and Clerk are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to allow for and support the Borough of Wildwood Crest participation in this assessment.

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. 25-122

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST SUPPORTING AUTHORIZING NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AS AN EMPLOYEE ELIGIBLE PAYROLL DEDUCTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest seeks to provide its employees with eligible benefits and the opportunity to obtain other available benefits: and

WHEREAS, the Borough Commissioners deem it appropriate to allow Borough employees who may choose to avail themselves of the services of New York Life Insurance Company to do so through payroll deduction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, State of 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 Human Resources Department is hereby authorized to allow any full-time Borough employee who chooses to avail himself or herself of the services of New York Life Insurance Company to do so through

payroll deductions, at the employee's discretion.

- 3. The Borough of Wildwood Crest has no interest, agreement or inferred connection with New York Life Insurance Company other than the desire to allow individual employees to use deductions from the Borough payroll as a method to fulfill any financial obligations to said Company.

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. 25-123
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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 received \$ 2,500.00 from the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for the ACMJIF Safety Incentive Program and wishes to amend its 2025 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 2025 in the sum of \$ 2,500.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 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, and Atlantic County Municipal JIF Safety Incentive totaling \$ 2,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 2,500.00 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:
Atlantic County Municipal JIF Safety Incentive

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.

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:

"Safety on the Agenda" Steve Shearer

SAFETY REPORT 2025

Announcement of Safety Meetings for 2025 - All meeting to be held at Borough Hall - Conference Room @ 10:00am - Whereas, all Department Heads or designee representative required to attend. 4 Meetings :

- March 5th
June 18th
September 17th
December 10th

STASTICTICS:

January - December 2024 Accident/Worker Comp/Claims report:

Great news we have 7 reports . Awesome !!

On December 19th of 2024 a Safety Incentive Program - Celebration was hosted at the Wildwood Crest Recreation Center

The luncheon was a reward for achieving the Maximum allowance of funds in the amount of \$2500.00 provided by the Risk Management-Insurances for the Borough - in recognition of all borough employees safe actions.

This award has been achieved over the last few (6 +) years > Let keep up the great work !

Mr. Schwartz sent a correspondence asking for it to be read into the record and the Clerk read the following: "I want to express my continued support and appreciation for the efforts put forth by the governing body to keep the Wildwood Crest beaches the way they currently are. Between the wide beaches and the existing dune system, we have ample protection for property and infrastructure. Accepting government money just because it's being offered is not the right decision when it would be spent on an ill-conceived plan. I applaud the governing body for employing the engineer to create an informative video demonstration that clearly indicates the detrimental effects this project would have on the Wildwood Crest beaches. I encourage the commissioners to continue with the borough's opposition to this project because common sense says we are better protected when the ocean is further from property, not closer. Thank you for your time and energy dedicated to this issue."

Brian Schwartz
E Cresse Avenue

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- 250th birthday committee-** Volunteers are still being solicited.
- WC Municipal App-** We received a quote and still reviewing.
- Historical museum - 2025** – On hold.
- Concession agreement hotel zone / beach chairs** – On hold.
- Traffic Calming** – Additional crosswalks are forthcoming.
- Back Beach Excavation:** Under the current beach maintenance IP, the back beach grading /excavation could be done in house, but the equipment and man hours exceed what the Borough can do. The Engineer indicated that he needed to meet with a contractor and a quote would be forthcoming. Commissioner Schiff indicated he would like the Chief of the Beach Patrol included in the discussions for the back beach.
- Dredging:** Commissioner Franco indicated that there was a subcommittee meeting in the next few days.
- NJ Avenue infrastructure pre-county:** Now that the Bond Ordinance was adopted, it will be effective on May 5th for the Borough to begin the 6 blocks of infrastructure work before the County commences their Road diet.
- Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** Waiting on info on FEMA grant and funding.
- US ACE / NJ DEP Dune:** Not much movement...getting cooperation island wide and support from Congressman Jeff Van Drew to sit down with all three municipalities and the USACE and DEP about both the borrow area and the project in general.
- Borough Hall Renovations-** We received a quote from the architect and we expect to engage with the architect once the Bond Ordinance becomes effective on May 5th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Five minutes maximum)

Lisa Rippo read an email aloud and asked for resignations from several members of the police department and accused many officers in Wildwood Crest and other municipalities and the county and alleged a law suit was forthcoming.

John Rippo referred to a picture that was manipulated and asked how the governing body would react. All three members of the governing body indicated they did not see the pictures and really had no idea what they were referring to and then he asked about a tax bill that was delinquent. Jack Von Savage inquired that he represents a seller at 201 W. Pittsburgh Avenue and would like the option to purchase the 1200 square foot trapezoidal shaped property and requested consideration. The mayor indicated that they would need to discuss with Jason more in depth and amongst themselves before commenting on the parcel.

Carl Schmoyer inquired about Ordinance 1455 with vehicles on the beach and identification of permitted vehicles. It was made known that this was for the seasonal concessionaires that need to have vehicles on the beach. It will not affect the off season.

Katherine Hughes thanked the governing body for their support of the beaches and dunes and then inquired about the cutting down of dunes and endangered pines. The Mayor indicated that the DEP allows pruning of vegetation during the budding season and we have been doing so for years. He asked that if Ms. Hughes has specific findings to please let the borough know. Ms. Hughes then inquired about physical parking meters being removed throughout the borough and was told that eventually there will not be any meters. She then inquired about how much revenue parking generated and she was told that we could provide those numbers after the meeting.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioners Franco and Schiff did not have anything. The Mayor added Happy Easter.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-124

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, SPECIFICALLY N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(B)

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq.) requires all meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to be held in public, except that N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive or Closed Session," i.e., without the public being permitted to attend; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that one (1) issue(s) is/are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance to be discussed during the Executive or Closed Session to be held on **Wednesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.**; and

WHEREAS, the nine (9) exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and next to each exception is a box within which the number of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written:

_____ **“(1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law, State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion.”** The legal citation to the provision(s) at issue is: _____ and the nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____

_____ **“(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the state or federal government.”** The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____

_____ **“(3) Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual’s personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.”** The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____

_____ **“(4) Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.”** The collective bargaining contract(s) discussed are between the Borough and _____

_____ **“(5) Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.”** The nature of the matter, _____

described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____

_____ **“(6) Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.”** The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____.

_____ **“(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.”** The parties to and docket numbers of each item of litigation and/or the parties to each contract discussed and the nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is potential contract negotiations and more specifically is potential litigation for dune project.

_____ **“(8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions or employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request, in writing, that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.”** Subject to the balancing of the public’s interest and the employee’s privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing Co. v. New Jersey Expressway Authority*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is the Employment -EMS shift work.

_____ **“(9) Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.”** The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners shall reconvene the public meeting at the conclusion of the authorized closed or executive session, which may or may not include formal action as a result of the discussion(s) held.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, assembled in public session on the date of the meeting of the governing body set forth herein above, that a closed session shall be held for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above involving the Borough of Wildwood Crest. The governing body shall convene a closed session discussion immediately upon passage of this resolution and it is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session shall be disclosed to the public upon conclusion of the matter and/or after determination of the Board of Commissioners that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality and that the meeting will return to open session at the conclusion of the discussion and formal action may be taken if/as authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk, at the present public meeting, shall read aloud enough of this resolution so that members of the public in attendance can understand, as precisely as possible, the nature of the matters that will be privately discussed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk, on the next business day following this meeting, shall furnish a copy of this resolution to any member of the public who requests one at the fees authorized by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et. seq.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

The time was 9:52 a.m. and the meeting adjourned for a few minutes to go into Closed Session.

After returning to Open Session and there being no one present, Mr. Schiff motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 10:45 a.m.

Dated: April 30, 2025

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk