

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

June 23, 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.

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

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1356 - REINTRODUCED**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST  
AMENDING SECTION 85-19 PROHIBITED USES OF CHAPTER 85 OF  
THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST LAND USE ORDINANCE TO  
PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF ALL CLASSES OF CANNABIS  
ESTABLISHMENTS, CANNABIS DISTRIBUTORS AND CANNABIS  
DELIVERY SERVICES WITHIN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS IN THE  
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST**

Mrs. Gould motioned, Mr. Thompson seconded that Ordinance No. 1356 (Reintroduced) be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on July 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1359**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST  
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 79-35 SCHEDULE IV  
TIME LIMIT PARKING SPACES OF CHAPTER 79 VEHICLES AND  
TRAFFIC OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST**

Mrs. Gould motioned, Mr. Thompson seconded that Ordinance No. 1359 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on July 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-211**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A STATEMENT OF  
INTENT TO PURSUE PLAN ENDORSEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO SUBMIT THE MUNICIPAL SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT TO THE  
OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH**

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Act recognizes that New Jersey requires sound and integrated land use planning and coordination of planning at all levels of government in order to conserve the state's natural resources, revitalize the urban centers, protect the equality of the environment, and provide needed housing and adequate public services at a reasonable cost while promoting beneficial economic growth, development and renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, Plan Endorsement is a voluntary review process developed by the State Planning Commission to provide the technical assistance and coordination of the State for municipalities, counties, and regional agencies to meet the goals of the State Planning Act and State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to increase the degree of consistency among municipal, county, regional and state agency plans with each other and with the State Plan and to facilitate the implementation of these plans and guide where and how development and redevelopment can be accommodated in accordance with the State Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines incorporate, and expand upon, the principles of the Municipal Land use Law in order to help towns plan for a sustainable future; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines require the preparation and submission of a Municipal Self-Assessment Report as the means by which a municipality assesses the consistency of its existing community vision and planning documents with the State Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desire to obtain Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has prepared a Municipal Self-Assessment Report pursuant to the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee has reviewed the Municipal Self-Assessment Report and recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve it for submission to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Smart Growth towards the Borough of Wildwood Crest's pursuit of Plan Endorsement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, hereby expressly state the intention of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to pursue Plan Endorsement by the State Planning Commission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, hereby approves the Municipal Self-Assessment Report and authorizes it be submitted to the Office of Smart Growth for consideration and review as part of the effort to pursue Plan Endorsement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Borough of Wildwood Crest shall transmit a copy of this Resolution and the Notice as required by the State Planning Rules to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Smart Growth.

CERTIFICATION DATE:

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. 21-212

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE FY2021 CLEAN COMMUNITIES 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 received \$ 25,150.76 from the State of New Jersey for the FY21 Clean Communities Grant, and wishes to amend its 2021 Municipal Budget to include this amount of revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, does hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the municipal budget of the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the year 2021 in the sum of \$25,150.76 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:  
Clean Communities Grant FY21 .....25,150.76

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$.....25,150.76  
is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

**GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS**

(a) Operations Excluded from Caps  
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:  
Clean Communities Grant FY21

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

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-213  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A  
GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE WILDWOOD CREST  
GREEN TEAM TO ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC’S ENVIRONMENTAL  
STEWARDSHIP GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is a registered participant in the Sustainable Jersey program;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Sustainable Jersey Program has endorsed the Atlantic City Electric (ACE) 2021 Sustainable Communities Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to apply for and obtain a grant from Atlantic City Electric’s (ACE) Environmental Stewardship Grant to pursue the grant to pay for and fund an educational kiosk for the Diamondback Terrapin; 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)	_____ (SIGNATURE)
<b>Don Cabrera</b> _____ (TYPED NAME)	<b>Patricia A. Feketics</b> _____ (TYPED NAME)
<b>Mayor</b> _____ (TITLE)	<b>Municipal Clerk</b> _____ (TITLE)

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. 21-214  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
SIGN THE CERTIFICATION OF THE UPDATED EMERGENCY  
OPERATION PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST**

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Borough of Wildwood Crest submitted the Emergency Operations Plan to the Cape May County Office of Emergency Management and the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to update the Emergency Operations Plan to include current personnel.

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

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The Mayor, the Emergency Management Coordinator, and other Borough officers are authorized to execute the updated Emergency Operations Plan.
3. The Mayor's signature shall constitute acceptance and adoption of the revised Emergency Operations Plan on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.
4. All Borough officials, officers and employees are empowered to take such action as may be necessary or advisable in order to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

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. 21-215

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD FOR AN AMATEUR SAND SCULPTING CONTEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that there exists the need for the "Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services" of a sand sculpting contest professional to assist the municipality with an amateur sand sculpting contest to be held on Friday, July 9, 2021 on the beach in Wildwood Crest; and

**WHEREAS**, obtaining quotes for said services would be impractical and not possible due to the limited vendors providing services of this nature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law provides for the entering into of a contract for Extraordinary Unspecified Services pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii), without advertising for competitive bidding; and

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

1. The services require peculiar ability and skill, and demand a high degree of specialized knowledge or expertise;
2. The services are such that their relative worth must be judged by subjective considerations that are not susceptible of valuation by competitive bidding;
3. The individual or entity who will provide these services has demonstrated competence and particular expertise in the services required;
4. 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**, the Borough has determined that Can You Dig It Sand Tools/Matt Long dba Days at the Beach is qualified to perform the said work and it is desired to enter a contract with them for said services pursuant to law, and to provide for the advertising of a notice pursuant to law; and

**WHEREAS**, Can You Dig It Sand Tools/Matt Long dba Days at the Beach has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Can You Dig It Sand Tools/Matt Long dba Days at the Beach will not make any reportable contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 commencing July 8, 2021 to any political committee or candidate through the term of this contract; 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, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. Can You Dig It Sand Tools/Matt Long dba Days at the Beach is hereby retained to assist with an amateur sand sculpting contest to be held on Friday, July 9, 2021 on the beach in Wildwood Crest as an Extraordinary Unspecified Service. The said services to be received shall be "as directed" by the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Can You Dig It Sand Tools/Matt Long dba Days at the Beach for specialized services, which contract shall provide for fees not to exceed \$8,300.00, contingent upon certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.

4. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an extraordinary unspecified service in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law aforesaid, and in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, and shall be in a form approved by the Borough.

5. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

6. 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. 21-216  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO  
THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL  
FUNDING FROM THE GREATER WILDWOOD TOURISM  
IMPROVEMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**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 \$ 39,000.00 from the Greater Wildwood Tourism Improvement and Development Authority for the 2021 Summer Events Grant and wishes to amend its 2021 Municipal Budget to include this amount of revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, does hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the municipal budget of the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the year 2021 in the sum of \$ 39,000.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues  
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with  
Prior Written Consent of the Director of the Division  
of Local Government Services - Public and Private  
Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
Greater Wildwood Tourism Improvement and  
Development Authority: 2021 Summer Events Grant \$ .....39,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$ .....39,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS  
(a) Operations Excluded from Caps  
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:  
Greater Wildwood Tourism Improvement and  
Development Authority: 2021 Summer Events 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.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

**ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-217

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL  
A-5862 KNOWN AS “RESPONSIBLE COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS  
BILL”**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest recognizes the importance of the process of collective negotiations, and

**WHEREAS**, on June 21, 2021, the Assembly Budget Committee added A-5862 for consideration, which would effectively eliminate managerial prerogative and create a binding arbitration process with unknown costs; and

**WHEREAS**, A-5862 includes numerous troubling provisions that would further complicate public sector negotiations in favor of labor by eliminating the function and rights of management to effectively govern its affairs with property taxpayer dollars, and

**WHEREAS**, the bill has provisions that can have devastating consequences for municipalities since it would do the following:

- Abolish the last best offer as a critical management tool
- Provide broad privileged communications protections for labor on business involving union matters, but not for management
- Provide a disincentive for labor to negotiate what controls remain in place when an existing contract expires and the parties have failed to reach an agreement on a successor contract
- Create a tremendous administrative burden by requiring management to share detailed information on non-union members with unions
- Expand the date certain when employees may opt-out under “Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act”; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed legislation ignores the multilayered and unparalleled protections already afforded public sector workers in the State of New Jersey by the Civil Service Commission, the Public Employment Relations Commission, the “Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act,” the collective bargaining process and more; and

**WHEREAS**, this law will likely adversely affect ownership rights and private and public properties in negative ways resulting in unnecessary and costly litigation, and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation will create an undue financial burden to municipalities and property owners; and

**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 opposition is hereby expressed for Assembly Bill A-5862 and any other effort to remove management prerogative in collective negotiations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to 1<sup>st</sup> District Legislators Senator Michael Testa and Assemblymen Antwan McClellan and Erik K. Simonsen.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

**BILLS:** Mr. Thompson motioned and Mrs. Gould 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 May 31, 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 May 26, 2021 and June 9, 2021 be approved as presented.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

Prior to the Administrator’s report, the Mayor clarified the grant monies received for the record were:

Resolution #2: Clean Communities grant was for \$25,150.76

Resolution #6: Greater Wildwood Tourism Improvement Development Authority was for \$39,000.00

Resolution #3: Applying for a grant from AC Electric's Environmental Stewardship Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

As most everyone knows, Governor Murphy's Executive Order 242 eliminated the requirement to wear masks and socially distance indoors as of May 28th (in most cases.) The County Health department continues to offer free COVID vaccinations for those who want them.

### **ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS**

#### **Beach End Bump Outs**

We continue to work with Open Spaces to obtain special recreational funding in the amount of \$2.5M for the beach bump outs south of Rambler and continue to work towards a successful application. We just received word that we have been awarded a \$400,000 FY2021 DCA Small Cities Grant Funds for this project for phase 1. We will be applying for another \$400,000 in 2022. The engineer will provide more details on this project in his report.

**Pacific Avenue** stormwater and sanitary sewer improvements are complete. The county will now be able to come in and pave their roadway in the fall. We are awaiting word on the outcome of the lawsuit pertaining to the contract's award.

The **Scoop Taylor** ADA improvements project is underway, and the new playground equipment has been installed. The concrete is being installed with the playground surface to be installed shortly thereafter. The shelter which has the longest lead time has been ordered and will arrive and be ready to install in the fall along with the remaining hardscaping improvements. This project is mostly funded by a FY2020 Small Cities ADA grant.

As you all know, the replacement and improvement of wind-damaged property at the **Little League Field** is about complete with just a few last-minute plumbing and electrical installations left in this phase. The irrigation system has been completely redone and is now operating manually. The timer will be hooked up on Friday which will automate watering. Rain sensors have been installed to prevent overwatering. Improvements to the bathrooms, press box and a new home team dugout will be completed in 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 late 2022 or 2023. 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 as soon as we receive it.

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**. The stakeholder meeting originally planned for May will now hopefully take place in the early fall. Changes have been proposed to the parking areas in two blocks.

The **Army Corps' Back Bays Coastal Storm Risk Management Study** that has been on hold since early 2020 due to a lack of federal funding has now resumed. I attended their meeting last month. All information and their presentation is available on the Army Corps website. I also have it here if anyone wants a copy.

The Citizens Advisory Board presented their Municipal Self-Assessment Report to you this evening. The final, approved document will be forwarded to the Office of Planning Advocacy tomorrow.

The Mayor added that he would like public commentary on the new beach bump outs on Newark Avenue and Trenton Avenue and welcomes all commentary and he commended the Administrator on her hard work on MSA report.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **Grant Applications**

1. **FY2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program**
  - The NJDOT has announced they are receiving State Aid applications for Roadways, Bikeways, Pedestrian, Safe Streets to Transit and Transit Villages.
  - The Borough has selected the reconstruction of Syracuse Avenue from the beach block to Bayview Avenue. The applications was successfully submitted on June 1, 2021.
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).
  - On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Borough was notified that a \$400,000.00 grant was allocated for the project.
4. Cape May County Open Space Board – Coastal Recreational Enhancements
  - The Borough has decided to submit a grant application for ADA beach access improvements-phase 2 (Orchid Road to Jefferson Avenue).
  - In support of the grant application, our office transmitted the grant application to Cape May County on December 15, 2020.
  - The County has indicated preliminary favorability and requested additional information.
  - The CMCOSB has requested additional information via their May 14<sup>th</sup> review letter and our office is providing the requested items.

### **Capital Projects**

1. Sunrise Park Improvements
  - Cape May County approved a grant for Sunrise Park in the amount of \$283,625.00.
  - The contractor has completed all the work in the contract and we are in the process of contract closeout.
2. 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 in the contract and we are in the process of contract closeout.
3. 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.
4. Higbee Field Little League Improvements Phase 1
  - The contractor has completed the exterior of the concession stand and dugout and is currently working on the interior of the concession stand.
5. 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.
6. 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 has completed all of the improvements on Stanton Road.
  - The improvements on Beach Avenue are scheduled for the Fall, 2021.
7. FY2020 NJDCA Small Cities Grant Application-Scoop Taylor Park
  - The contract was awarded to Command Company, Inc. in the amount of \$257,750.00.
  - Our office has assisted in procuring the proposed playground and safety surface installation. The playground and safety surface is scheduled to be installed by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. Beach Street End Public Access Improvements – Phase 1
  - The contract was awarded to Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,250,022.60.
  - The contractor is currently working on Newark Avenue and Trenton Avenue and is scheduled to be completed by June 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Sam Wilson gave an update on the Green Team to include the following:

- Sustainable Jersey with three key areas of people, planet and prosperity
- Update on EDF Corp Fellow municipal energy consumption analysis
- Status of WWC Master Plan Endorsement Vision Statement evaluation
- Sustainable Jersey Grant Application to support Preston Park development
- Blue Flag/Love Blue/New Non-smoking beach signage
- Sustainable Jersey Certification tasks review and decision
- CFMP RFP Update
- Monthly community recyclable plastics collection total
- Rotating Green Team member coordination with NJDEP Land Use division re WWC construction permit environmental impact statement



- Discussion of “Green” purchasing practices by the Borough
- Off-shore wind turbine power generation
- Coordination of SJ Creative Arts Council task
- SJ Grant Application for funds to publish community “go green” enrollment cards

Mayor Cabrera added that there are several little ramps for turtles to lay their eggs at the Preston Park and the Green Team wanted to pursue an educational kiosk there for the turtles and the Mayor wanted to ensure having it there would not interfere with the park’s original intent for veterans.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

Nancy Agnes, Lake Road, expressed concern over the constant flooding along Lake Road during high tides and heavy rainfall and wanted more signs placed in strategic places warning people. The Chief added that signs and cones are being placed out already and will look at getting them out earlier.

Mayor Cabrera added that part of the Master Plan was looking at Lake Road. There are long term solutions in play: island-wide bulkhead ordinance is in the works, grants are in play for pump station, and then conquering Washington Avenue flooding. The Administrator added they are seeking a regional approach, working on multi-million dollar FEMA grant and getting letters of support.

Jennifer Hladish, Monterey Avenue, indicated there is a terrible feral cat problem on their street. The Administrator indicated that the Borough was in receipt of her email and it was sent immediately to Code Enforcement. Furthermore, she added that the Borough spent over \$16,000 of tax payer money when the cats are trapped, neutered and released. There must be more cooperation from neighbors. Shore Animal control agents were present and stressed the importance of Code Enforcement to send letters, summons, etc. The agent indicated she would get in touch with the Code Enforcement officer as well. The Mayor would like Code Enforcement to coordinate with police and animal control. The Animal Control agent would like to trap as much as they can without having to be called each time and the Mayor agreed to do what needs to be done.

Sam Wilson from the Green Team indicated they too would take a hard look at it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Off street parking on private property: The Mayor asked the Chief, the Solicitor and Commissioner Thompson to take a look and advise**
- Public trash cans being used for household dumping: The Mayor added it is illegal to dump household trash in public receptacles. Perhaps stickers should be placed on all the cans to either let them know it is illegal and they can be fined or to point them to the Recycle Center.**
- Memorial benches adding new locations: Currently memorial benches are not permitted at Centennial Park. All three agreed to open up that location and Commissioner Gould would like wording on the application that flowers, etc are not permitted.**
- Trampolines on private property: The Mayor indicated there were several complaints of trampolines too close to property lines and they need to be regulated with setbacks.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Washington Avenue Flooding Issues – } No movement.**
- Bulkhead Ordinance / Lot Grading – } No movement.**
- 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 – This is a part of ACE Cape May to Hereford Inlet study and we should be hearing very soon about agreements.**
- Public Transportation – The Administrator gave an update that Great American Trolley is out of business and after attending a meeting with Atlantic City Jitney, it is not feasible for the**

borough to cover the cost. They requested the fee be paid directly from the public and they have not heard back from AC Jitney as of the meeting. Furthermore, Sea Isle has their own jitney company and they are “in talks” and will continue to pursue other options.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

Hearing nothing further, Mr. Thompson motioned, and Mrs. Gould seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 6:41 p.m.

Dated: July 21, 2021

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

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