Note: Meeting Appears July 22, 2026
On Borough of Wildwood Crest Facebook page and You tube by date.
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 5:00 p.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera -- YES

Mr. Cabrera read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the notice requirements have been satisfied as to the time, place and date of holding said said meeting by posting notice on the bulletin board in Borough Hall, mailing and by E-mailing same to the Herald of Cape May County and the Press of Atlantic City for publication date of September 24, 2025.

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 Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1492 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-211

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – PARK BOULEVARD PHASE 2 – NJ INFRASTRUCTURE BANK APPLICATION (NJIB) FY 2027 CLEAN WATER APPLICATION - FOR SURVEY, ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASE AND PERMITTING SERVICES - AT THE NTE SUM OF $185,000

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to authorize issuance of a Work Order to the Borough Engineer, Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates for the **SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – PARK BOULEVARD PHASE 2 – NJ INFRASTRUCTURE BANK APPLICATION (NJIB) FY 2027 CLEAN WATER APPLICATION - FOR SURVEY, ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASE AND PERMITTING SERVICES** for engineering costs which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **JUNE 30, 2026** which is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **$185,000.00**; and

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

Account Number(s)_____ Amount _____ Signature_____

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

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the attached Work Order authorizing MARC DEBLASIO and DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES to perform the professional engineering costs as described in the Proposal which is hereby approved, at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **$185,000.00**.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-212

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING REFUND OF EMS OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, P. Rosenello, had cause to utilize Emergency Medical Services of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, P. Rosenello, paid $239.91 check #0075239076 and Patient/Family has overpaid for services rendered; and

WHEREAS, Cape Medical Billing indicated that a refund of $239.91 was owed to Mr. Rosenello for said overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a refund of overpaid Emergency Medical Services in the amount of $239.91 to Patrick Rosenello, 110 N. Atlantic Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ 08260.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-213

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE RECYCLING TONNAGE 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 $13,280.97 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Recycling Tonnage Grant and wishes to amend its 2026 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 2026 in the sum of $13,280.97 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:
Recycling Tonnage Grant $ 13,280.97

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of $ 13,280.97 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:
Recycling Tonnage 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. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-214

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST WAIVING SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION ADDITIONAL FEES AND BOROUGH SUPPORT FEES TO AMANDA'S WISH FOUNDATION FOR MEMORIAL 5K RUN / FAMILY WALK TAKING PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 FROM 7:00 TO 10:00 AM

WHEREAS, Amanda's Wish Foundation applied for a Special Events permit to hold a Memorial 5K / Family Walk Race on September 20, 2026 from 7:00 am to 10:00 am; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of supporting local non-profit organizations for the Wildwoods and the Wildwood Crest Community, the Commissioners have agreed to waive any additional special event fees and Borough support fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that Special Events application additional fees and Borough support fees be waived to Amanda's Wish Foundation for Memorial 5K / Family Walk Race.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-215

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CAPE MAY COUNTY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE, INC. ALSO KNOWN AS CAPE ASSIST FOR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 authorizes the award of any contract without competitive bidding for any purchase, work or service that does not exceed in the fiscal year the total sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred ($17,500) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, Cape May County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Inc. (hereafter "Cape Assist") has submitted a proposal, received June 25, 2026, to provide the Borough of Wildwood Crest with an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and the Board of Commissioners is satisfied that Cape Assist has the credentials and abilities to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount is $21.00 per each full-time employee and $15.00 per each seasonal employee for twelve months beginning August 1, 2026 and ending July 31, 2027; and

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

Account Number(s)_____ Amount $_____ Signature_____

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that a contract hereby is awarded to Cape Assist for services in the form of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the agreement.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-216

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST CANCELING INTEREST ON 2023, 2024, 2025, AND 2026 MISAPPLIED SEWER PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, errant payments were made on the property at 124 East Forget-Me-Not Road, and were subsequently refunded to the payer upon discovery of the error; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to waive the interest on the payment of 2023, 2024, 2025, and first quarter 2026 sewer as the past due amount was due to errant payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized waive interest on the 2023, 2024, 2025, and first quarter 2026 sewer payments.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-217

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CAPE MAY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2027 AND EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2027

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority ("CMCMUA"/"Authority") has designed, financed, acquired, constructed, expanded, and currently operates a solid waste system ("System") which presently serves the entire County of Cape May in the State of New Jersey, for the disposal, transfer, and recycling of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has utilized and desires to continue to utilize the services of the CMCMUA's System; and

WHEREAS, there presently exists a contract between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Authority for the use of the CMCMUA's System for the disposal, transfer, and recycling of solid waste entitled "Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services" which will expire on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Authority desire to enter into a new three (3) year agreement and to fix the expiration date of said Agreement to occur on December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, authorizes a municipality to enter into a contract with any other local unit for the sharing of governmental services.

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 the Borough of Wildwood Crest shall enter into a contract with the Authority entitled "Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services", effective January 1, 2027, in the form to be maintained on file in the office of the Borough of Wildwood Crest Clerk, and that the appropriate Borough of Wildwood Crest officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-218

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST SUPPORTING LOVE BLUE INC'S SUBMISSION OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION FUNDED BY ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS; the Borough of Wildwood Crest strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they are administering a grant program called the Sustainable Communities Grant Program funded by Atlantic City Electric; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Wildwood Crest supports Love Blue Inc. in their application for the aforementioned grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, support Love Blue Inc's Submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Communities Grant funded by Atlantic City Electric.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-219

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR PIER PLAYMATES CAMP FEE FOR $525.00 FOR 2026 SESSION I MADE PAYABLE TO NATALIE ENTZ

WHEREAS, Natalie Entz enrolled her child in Session I of Pier Playmates day camp for the 2026 season; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Entz submitted a cash payment in the amount of $525.00 for Session I; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Entz has indicated that her child had an injury and was unable to attend Session I and has requested a refund for Session I.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute said refund in the amount of $525.00 to: Natalie Entz, 417 Maple Avenue, Haddon Township, New Jersey 08108.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-220

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 26-183 TO ALLOW FOR A MEMBERSHIP TO CONSIST OF AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 26-183 on June 3, 2026 establishing the Wildwood Crest Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to amend the council to allow for a composition of at least 7 members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey that Youth Advisory Council shall now consist of at least 7 members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey that the remainder of the Youth Advisory Council Establishing Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-221

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF A NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR WILDWOOD CREST FISHING PIER

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise a Notice to Bidders on the Borough of Wildwood Crest's official internet website in compliance with P.L.2025, ch. 72 on July 29, 2026. The complete text of this legal notice may be obtained or viewed by the public at https://wildwoodcrest.org/publicnotices.php

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications on file in the Borough for the **WILDWOOD CREST FISHING PIER** is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Sealed bids will be received by the Bid Opening Committee in the Municipal Court Room, Wildwood Crest Borough Hall, on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**, prevailing time, for furnishing the items hereinafter set forth in accordance with the Specifications on file in the Borough Hall. Said items are as follows:

WILDWOOD CREST FISHING PIER

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-222

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND BACKYARD BASEBALL -BLUE CLAWS 9U FOR THE USE OF HIGBEE'S AND MOREY'S FIELDS FOR YOUTH BASEBALL GAMES AND PRACTICE

WHEREAS, the Backyard Baseball - Blue Claws 9U has requested to use Higbee's Field located at 6001 Atlantic Avenue, and designated as Lot 1 in Block 30.03 on the municipal tax map as well as Morey's Field located at 6001 Ocean Avenue and designated as Lot 1 in Block 30.04 on the municipal tax map for a period defined as present through December 31, 2027 and detailed further in Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners does herewith agree to enter into a licensing agreement with Southern Cape Stingrays for a license for the non-exclusive right to use the Licensed Property known as the Higbee's Field and Morey's Field.

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

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

2. That a license for the non-exclusive right to use the Licensed Property known as Higbee's Field and Morey's Field in the Borough of Wildwood Crest is hereby granted to Backyard Baseball - Blue Claws 9U for the period defined as present through December 31, 2027 and detailed further in Schedule A, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

3. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said license agreement on behalf of the Borough.

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

BILLS: Mr. Franco motions, and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that all bills properly authorized, as submitted, be paid.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

REPORTS: Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, and Mr. Franco seconded that all reports received from the Court Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Chief of Police, Supervisor of the Recreation Department, Construction Official, and the EMS Supervisor for the month ending June 30, 2026 be accepted as presented.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

MINUTES: Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, and Mr. Franco seconded that all minutes from the regularly scheduled meetings dated June 17, 2026 and July 1, 2026 be approved as presented.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Capital Projects

1. Bayside Bulkhead Replacement and Flood Mitigation Improvements
   - The contractor has completed all of the underground storm sewer system piping and has completed the bulkhead installation at Primrose, Myrtle, Lotus, Fern, Forget-Me-Not, Columbine, Sweetbriar Road and Cardinal Road.
   - The contractor has remobilized and completed all bulkhead replacements, stormwater valves and roadway restoration. The project is in the closeout phase.
2. Reconstruction of Bayview Drive
   - The bid opening occurred on January 29, 2026 and the apparent low bidder is Charles Marandino, LLC in the amount of $248,055.00.
   - All concrete work has been completed and the final roadway paving is complete. The contractor is working on punchlist items.
3. Crest Fishing Pier Reconstruction
   - The Borough was notified by NJDCA that a $1,087,425.00 grant was allocated for the project.
   - The Borough was notified by the Cape May County Open Space Board that a $2,500,000.00 grant was recommended for funding.
   - The project is scheduled to be advertised for public bid on July 29, 2026 and the bid opening is scheduled for August 26, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
4. NJ IBank (NJIB) – Sanitary Sewer and Roadway Improvements
   - The NJIB advised the Borough that approximately $3,000,000.00 in grant forgiveness is available along with grant funding for engineering services.
   - The bid opening occurred on June 24, 2025 and the apparent low bidder is Charles Marandino, LLC in the amount of $2,573,600.00. The preconstruction meeting was held on July 24th.
   - The final roadway reconstruction is complete and the contractor is working on punchlist items.
5. New Jersey Avenue Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Improvements
   - The bid opening occurred on July 23, 2025 and the lowest responsible bidder is Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc in the amount of $3,345,500.00. Please note that this project contains Wildwood Water Utility participating items in the amount of $1,051,126.50 and Borough participating items in the amount of $2,294,373.50.
   - Utility work has been completed between Rambler Road and Sweet-Briar Road. All trenches have been base paved.
   - Utility work between Cardinal Road and Cresse Avenue is ongoing and scheduled to be completed in June of 2026.
   - The Contractor has demobilized for the Summer and will remobilize after Summer to complete the remainder of the work, which includes utility main work between Buttercup Road and Morning Glory Road along with property side water service replacements, as needed, between Lotus Road and Morning Glory Road.
6. FY2024 NJDCA Small Cities Program – Crest Pier Bathroom Improvements
   - The Borough was notified that a $400,000.00 grant was allocated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Crest Pier ADA Bathroom Improvements.
   - The bid opening occurred on May 14, 2026 and the apparent low bidder is Capri Construction Co., Inc., 4266 Post Road, Vineland, NJ 08360, in the amount of $526,850.00 for the Base Bid Plus Add Alternate Bid #1 and Add Alternate Bid #2.
   - A preconstruction meeting was held on June 18th.
   - Construction will not begin until August 20th and will be completed by November 20th.
7. Centennial Park Improvements
   - A preconstruction meeting was held on Thursday, April 16th.
   - The paver retaining walls and bollard installation is now complete. The contractor is working on punchlist items.
8. FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Reconstruction of Stockton Road
   - The Borough was notified that a $158,190.00 grant was allocated for this project.
   - The bid documents have been submitted to NJDOT and the project will be publicly bid in August, 2026.

9. FY2026 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Reconstruction of Denver Avenue (Bayview Drive to New Jersey Avenue)
   - The Borough was notified that a grant in the amount of $116,187.00 was allocated for this project.
   - The project is currently in the design phase.

Grant Applications

1. FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (BRIC) & (HMA)
   - The Borough is proposing to submit to FEMA BRIC for two (2) bayside storm sewer pump stations and associated storm sewer improvements in the northwest section of the Borough.
   - The Borough is proposing to submit to FEMA HMA for the Washington Avenue storm sewer improvements as outlined in the recently completed study.
   - Both grant applications have secured initial selection from FEMA.
   - Additional information was provided to NJOEM on November 14th.

2. FY2027 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
   - Our office was authorized by the Borough to submit a grant application for the reconstruction of Denver Avenue from New Jersey Avenue to Pacific Avenue.
   - The application was successfully submitted in June.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Cabrera read the following OPMA statement.

The Open Public Meetings Act requires that a portion of every meeting of a municipal governing body be set aside for public comment on any issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the municipality.
To ensure an orderly and efficient meeting and to provide everyone an opportunity to be heard, here are the guidelines:

1. **Addressing the Body:** When recognized, please come to the microphone/lectern and clearly state your name for the record. All comments and questions should be addressed to the governing body as a whole and not to individual members or staff.
2. **Time Limit:** Each speaker will be limited to five (5) minutes. Speakers may only speak once during this portion. Time cannot be yielded to another speaker.
3. **Decorum:** Speakers and members of the public are expected to maintain proper decorum and shall civilly make their comments. Personal attacks, obscenity, derogatory or slanderous remarks, and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Please do not mention employees by name.
4. **Responses:** The governing body is not required to respond to questions during the public comment period, but may choose to do so at the end of the session, or refer inquiries to appropriate staff for follow-up at a later date.
5. **Subject Matter:** Comments should related to any governmental issue affecting the municipality.
6. **Remote Participation (If applicable):** For those participating remotely, you will be acknowledged by me and must state your name before making comments.

The Chair reserves the right to interrupt or terminate a speaker's privilege if the rules of decorum are violated or if comments become disruptive or exceed the time limit.
Thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring a respectful and productive dialogue. We now open the floor for public comments."

Bernie Bolinski phoned in regarding the recently erected 25 foot aluminum pole on sunset lake at Louisville and New Jersey Avenues. He inquired about the purpose and was told with the influx of activities and events and for liability protection and the influx of traffic that security cameras will be placed on top of two poles…one at this location and several blocks north on sunset lake. It was noted that security cameras has been a discussion for two years and there were markouts done for electrical and they are cemented in. The Chief noted that security cameras will be in many parks and municipal buildings shortly and the cameras are not monitored 24/7 but they are recorded 24/7 and they face north, south and west and not at people's homes.

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:
-Historical museum - 2025 – On hold until 2027.
-**Back Beach Excavation**: This is pending outcome of USACE and DEP.
-Dredging: Currently working a possible land acquisition of property for dredge materials.
-**Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity**: We received preliminary word on funding and getting close on an announcement and doing a benefit cost analysis. There may be a 4 million dollar award.
-US ACE / NJ DEP Dune: There is another meeting scheduled for July 28th .

-**Borough Hall Renovations-** Funding is not available this year…will look in 2027. There will be another meeting scheduled to go over plans with department heads.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Fred Mettler wanted to note that the increase in boat traffic in sunset lake has grown especially with the jet ski rental business no longer in operation. Boats anchor for long periods of time and he indicated that there is depth problem and encouraged the governing body to continue all efforts for solutions to get it dredged.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: N/A

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-208

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 two (2) 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, July 22, 2026** 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 property **_____.**

_____ **"(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 _____.

__ x x__ **"(8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, erms 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 are **Possible Addition of School Resource Officer and Potential Hire for Deputy CFO.**

_____ **"(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.

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

After returning to Open Session, and hearing nothing further from the public, Mrs. Fuscellaro motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 6:15 pm.

Dated: August 19, 2026

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

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