

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

July 25, 2024

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 Meetings 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 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE AND TIME notice on the bulletin board in Borough Hall, and by mailing and emailing same to the Herald of Cape May County on July 3, 2024.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1434**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST  
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 79-32.3,  
SCHEDULE IC, RESTRICTED PARKING ZONES FOR  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST**

Mr. Schiff motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that Ordinance No. 1434 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on August 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1435**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF  
NEW EQUIPMENT BY THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD  
CREST, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY,  
APPROPRIATING \$700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING  
THE ISSUANCE OF \$665,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE  
BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.**

Mr. Schiff motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that Ordinance No. 1435 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on August 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Prior to the resolutions, there was a presentation by Ron Simone and Pete Lomax on the proposed NJ PACT.

Mr. Lomax provided several slides on the newly proposed rule and its impacts on the residents of Wildwood Crest. Many of the shore communities would like to see a more gradual approach. Mr. Lomax noted that this was an Executive Order (100) and did not originate from legislation. Cape May County has taken a lead approach since the NJDEP selected the more conservative predication designated a 5 foot sea level rise and establishing the year 2100 as the planning horizon for the REAL rule proposal regulations, including the roads, building and bridges constructed over the proceeding years under the new rule will still be serviceable in year 2100. Through designation of the 5 foot sea level rise, the REAL rule proposal will redefine the extent to tidal flood hazards areas by establishing an “Inundation Risk Zone” and a “Climate Adjusted Flood Elevation” which include design standards restricting development in the coastal zone. Mr. Lomax detailed a timeline for this to include a commentary period. It was also made known that this has broad sweeping economic impacts. The Mayor asked for some bullet points of importance and Mr. Lomax relayed the following:

1. Impact on new home construction, expansion and tear downs

2. Reconstruction and infrastructure to comply with rules (to include critical facilities)
3. FEMA remapping flood zones

There was a general consensus among Cape May County municipalities (Woodbine excluded) with using a long term plan (not incrementally) and how future projects will be affected since they will need to comply with this new rule.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-214**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – 2024 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM – TO REFLECT THE REMOVAL OF HEATHER ROAD AND THE ADDITION OF COLUMBINE ROAD AND WISTERIA ROAD FROM OCEAN AVENUE TO BEACH AVENUE AND AS-BUILT QUANTITY ADJUSTMENTS- AT THE NTE SUM OF \$3,049.51**

**WHEREAS**, South State, Inc., PO Box 68, Bridgeton, NJ 08302 was awarded the contract known as **2024 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM**- via Resolution No. 24-131 on April 9, 2024 for \$179,863.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Engineer Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates has reviewed the request for Removal of Heather Road and the Addition of Columbine Road and Wisteria Road from Ocean Avenue to Beach Avenue and As-Built Quantity Adjustments and approves Change Order No 1 – **2024 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM** with an increase amount of \$3,049.51 and revising the Contract Price for the Borough of Wildwood Crest's to \$182,885.51; and

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

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$3,049.51 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. That the above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. That said Change Order Number 1- increasing the total contract amount by \$3,049.51 and revising the Contract Price for the Borough of Wildwood Crest's to \$182,885.51 is hereby approved.
3. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wildwood Crest are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said Change Order documents on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

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. 24-215**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ADVERTISEMENT OF A NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BAYSIDE BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS**

**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 in *The Herald of Cape May County* on July 31, 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications on file in the Borough for the **BAYSIDE BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS** is hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that sealed bids will be received by the Bid Opening Committee in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Wildwood Crest Borough Hall, on **Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 11:00 am**, 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:

**BAYSIDE BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT  
AND  
FLOOD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS**

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. 24-216**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF AMERICAN FIJI BICYCLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is authorized to accept and maintain donations of real and personal property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 Donations, solicitation authorized; and

**WHEREAS**, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the donations set forth below to the Borough; and

<u>NAME OF DONOR</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
Mr. & Mrs. William Carter	Bicycle

**WHEREAS**, the terms or conditions of the donation (s), if any, are as follows:

<u>DONATION NUMBER/ITEM</u>	<u>TERMS OR CONDITIONS</u>
2019 American Fuji Bicycle Serial Number IF-00193	<i>None</i>

**WHEREAS**, ALL such donations have been contributed to the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law.

**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 donation described above is accepted and shall be used as allowed by law.
2. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to issue receipt of the donor acknowledging the Borough's receipt of the donor's donation.

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. 24-217**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ACCEPTING DONATION OF POLICE K-9 DOG FROM THE WILDWOOD CREST K9 ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest K9 Association is composed of members of the Wildwood Crest Police Department who have formed a non-profit organization with a purpose to independently raise funds for the purchase and support of canines to be used as police dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest K9 Association has raised such funds and purchased from a private seller a three-month-old Labrador Retriever named Finn, with the intent and purpose to donate the canine to the Borough of Wildwood Crest to be utilized by the Borough of Wildwood Crest Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to accept such donation from the Wildwood Crest K9 Association and to further accept ownership and responsibility for the care, maintenance and training of the canine.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the donation of the canine Finn, and all rights, title and interest in and to the canine from the Wildwood Crest K9 Association which acceptance is effective as of July 12, 2024.
2. That the Borough of Wildwood Crest is now the legal owner of the canine and may exercise full and complete control over the rights therein.
3. That the Borough of Wildwood Crest accepts all responsibility for the care, maintenance and training of the canine for their intended use as a police dog.
4. That any and all acts of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, its elected officials, officers, directors, department heads, supervisors, employees and agents, which would have been authorized by the foregoing Resolutions except that such acts were taken prior to the adoption of such Resolutions, are hereby severally authorized, ratified, confirmed and adopted as acts in the name and on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

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. 24-218**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING NO CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN NEEDED FOR 2023 AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Audit was received by the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

**WHEREAS**, no comments or recommendations were made in the 2023 audit; and

**WHEREAS**, a Corrective Action Plan is not needed.

**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. The members of the governing body have acknowledged that there were no comments and recommendations and a Corrective Action Plan is not required as set forth in the 2023 Audit.

2. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services, Chief Financial Officer and the Municipal Auditor.

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. 24-219**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST URGING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO TAKE AN INCREMENTAL AND TARGETED APPROACH TO ADOPTING THE PROPOSED “PROTECTING AGAINST CLIMATE THREAT (PACT) / RESILIENT ENVIRONMENTS AND LANDSCAPE (REAL)” RULES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest acknowledges that climate change and sea level rise are a documented risk to the coastal zone of New Jersey and its barrier island communities, requiring thoughtful and well-reasoned response from all levels of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest continues to respond to the threat of tidal flooding/major coastal storms by practicing the highest standards of coastal resiliency and floodplain management in all Borough critical infrastructure and building projects, while also providing the necessary support to our local communities in the approach, duration, and wake of major coastal storms through our Borough Office of Emergency Management and Public Safety Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the Borough’s aforementioned efforts, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has adopted floodplain management ordinances that in most cases go beyond compliance with FEMA’s standards, have a designated and certified floodplain manager on staff; and are participants of the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO’s) Community Rating System (CRS) Program, with the Borough’s floodplain management efforts ranked very well; and

**WHEREAS**, initiated through Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 100, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has produced a 1,057-page rule proposal policy document known as NJ PACT (Protection Against Climate Threats)/ REAL (Resilient Environments and Landscape) to expand flood hazard areas (FHAs) statewide and implement higher floodplain management regulatory standards beyond the local and existing FEMA standards; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the NJDEP’s website, these rules will soon be posted on the NJ Register for a 90-day public comment period, with a benchmark adoption range of February 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, new rules issued by the NJDEP have always been promulgated pursuant to legislation through the typical legislative process; and

**WHEREAS**, in this case, like the NJDEP’s recently proposed Shore Protection Rule, there is no legislation that authorized the NJDEP to require more stringent requirements than the federal regulations that are now in place; and

**WHEREAS**, these rules as currently written do not consider the economic impact these new standards may have on the ratables, real-estate values, development, and redevelopment statewide, but especially in the Borough of Wildwood Crest which produces high tourism tax revenues annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rules also do not account for the impact these higher regulatory building standards will impose on historic structures and historic districts throughout the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey must also consider the burden these new rules will have on coastal municipalities, especially within their local construction offices, due to the additional duties and responsibilities of

enforcing these higher regulatory standards that will likely result in the need to hire additional staff or enter additional public/private contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, these rules will also increase construction costs and impact the feasibility for public infrastructure projects with the minimum construction height requirements for new roads in excess of Base Flood Elevation (BFE) plus 5 ft Freeboard, which will not be feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the burden these rules will inevitably play on our coastal towns, the State of New Jersey has not mentioned any plan for a State budget appropriation to assist coastal towns statewide with the additional duties and functions imposed through the proposed NJPACT/REAL rules; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed expansion of flood hazard areas will also create additional financial burdens for lower and middle class property owners living in the Borough of Wildwood Crest by imposing more restrictive building standards accompanied by engineering assessments and alternatives analyses within the newly expanded regulated areas, and may also potentially result in higher insurance premiums given the expansion of the inundation risk zone and increase of the regulated flood hazard area limits by 5 feet vertically; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed NJPACT/REAL policy document is based on Rutgers University's 2019 Study Report, entitled, "New Jersey Rising Seas and Changing Coastal Storms," projecting sea level rise for the year 2100 exceeding 5.1 feet, which has a probability of occurrence of approximately 17%; and

**WHEREAS**, the science behind these 80-year projections have been questioned by many, including former NJDEP employee and New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA) Deputy Chief of Staff, Ray Cantor, stating, "the (NJDEP) knows there is no proved science justifying their position, but they also know it is easier to scare people and force them to retreat from the shore if they tell them that much of the Borough of Wildwood Crest and other areas will be underwater. It is part of their managed retreat strategy"; and

**WHEREAS**, potentially pushing fixed income residents out of their homes based on the 17% probability of an 80-year sea level rise projection should be taken more gradually with a higher percentage of probability and likelihood of occurring; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are required to prepare Master Plans for a 20- or 30-year planning horizon, and the Borough of Wildwood Crest strongly recommends a similar time horizon for rules based on sea level rise projections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest, like a lot of Counties and Municipalities nationwide, is experiencing a housing crisis that prompted Cape May County's Board of County Commissioners to recently implement an Ad Hoc Committee for Mixed Income Housing, to explore opportunities for Mixed Income Housing development throughout the County, in order to support the permanent housing needs for our residents and veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDEP's proposed expansion of flood hazard areas limits the Borough's potential capacity of mixed income housing development and even prohibits development in most coastal areas, especially as inland development centers are being reduced in size via the State Planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, these Rules will appear to run counter to the laudable Mount Laurel Doctrine and coastal zone towns fair share affordable housing obligations, especially in the wake of the Governor's recently signed legislation (Bill S50/A4) that established one of the strongest affordable housing frameworks in the United States in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is also in the process of preparing detailed updates to the flood insurance rate maps (FIRMS) that take into account many factors of risk including sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has historically used these maps to guide public policy, and therefore, the Borough of Wildwood Crest urges the State to differ to the superseding governing body, in this instance FEMA, and wait until the new FIRMS have been posted before expanding flood hazard areas through a streamlined State authorization; and

**WHEREAS**, while recognizing the importance of addressing climate change, as stated previously, the Borough of Wildwood Crest believes that a more gradual and balanced approach is necessary to target incremental adjustments over time in order to mitigate the potential negative impacts that these radically changing rules will have on the coastal towns of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the State of New Jersey consider the disproportionate burden resulting from the implementation of such stringent regulatory standards that will challenge the people of New Jersey living, working, and visiting in the coastal zones; and

**WHEREAS**, for the reasons outlined above, the Borough of Wildwood Crest, through consultation with The Lomax Consulting Group, is in agreement with a Study Analysis and Flood Hazard Area Maps of the proposed NJPACT/REAL rules to assess the potential impacts they may have on the County and Municipalities therein, which is attached hereto this Resolution as Exhibit A.

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

1. The Borough of Wildwood Crest requests a comprehensive and independent analysis of the potential economic and social impacts of the proposed regulations, including a focus on protecting the interests of low- and moderate-income families.
2. The Borough of Wildwood Crest requests that the State of New Jersey engage the Legislature and enact these rules through the typical legislative process, in order to give the people of New Jersey a voice, rather than through an Executive Order with limited public engagement.
3. The Borough of Wildwood Crest requests that these regulations be based on a 20- or 30-year timeframe that is adjusted over time to reflect sea level rise and resiliency measures, rather than based on an 80-year projection.
4. The Borough of Wildwood Crest requests that the State of New Jersey consider the inclusion of a budgetary appropriation to assist towns with the implementation of these rules and further, appropriate funding to implement a State grant program to support coastal resiliency projects that will inevitably incur greater costs due to the higher regulatory standards that includes significantly higher elevation requirements for new roads.
5. If the State of New Jersey decides to proceed with the expansion of flood hazard areas before FEMA releases the new FIRMs, the Borough of Wildwood Crest requests that the State of New Jersey follow the same practice as FEMA and prepare detailed flood maps, and further hold public engagement sessions across the State, so that communities and residents can clearly understand how these regulations will impact their areas and properties.
6. The Borough Clerk shall forward copies of this Resolution, with its attached Analysis Study and Maps, to Governor Phil Murphy; Lieutenant Governor Tahesha Way; Chief of Staff to Governor Murphy Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti; Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari; Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin; Senate Environment Committee Chair Bob Smith; Assembly Environment Committee Chair James J. Kennedy; the Office of Legislative District 1's Senator Michael Testa, Assemblyman Antwan McClellan, and Assemblyman Erik Simonsen; the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC); New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA); and the New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) to convey Cape May County's concerns and recommendations.
7. The Borough Clerk shall forward copies of this Resolution, with its attached Analysis Study and Maps, as a public comment on the NJ Register after the rules have been posted to serve as the Borough's official comments to the NJDEP's proposed NJPACT/REAL rules.

#### **EXHIBIT A**

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. 24-220**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE THE INDUSTRIAL OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Phil Murphy continues to push for approval of two massive offshore wind turbine projects at the Jersey Shore (Atlantic Shore Offshore Wind and Offshore Wind 1, LLC) spanning more than 100,000 acres of undeveloped ocean adjacent to and which will be starkly visible from the public's beaches and coastline (collectively "Industrial Offshore Wind Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's Energy Master Plan is the result of only the governor's executive orders and not a policy debated, examined, approved; and

**WHEREAS**, the facts set forth as below establish that the proposed Industrial Offshore Wind Project on public property will industrialize the Atlantic Ocean and New Jersey Shore ("Shore") in exchange for extreme electricity rate hikes, significant damage to the environment and marine life, the degradation of the Shore, significant job loss, devastation of the State's fishing and tourism industries, millions in lost State tax revenue, and enormous financial cost to the State's residents.

1. The Industrial Offshore Wind Project turbines include up to 300 massive wind turbine structures, each as high as the Eiffel Tower (1,000ft+) and almost as wide as tall (900ft+). The closest turbine structures will be located approximately 8.5 miles from the coast and clearly visible to residents and tourists who live or travel to the Shore for the environment, unspoiled views, and way of life. The turbines will be among the largest, tallest, and closest-to-a-coastline ever built. In 2006-08, when the areas were designated for offshore wind energy, proposed tower heights were approximately 200 to 400 feet, and rotor diameters were under 328 feet. By analogy, when the plan was hatched essentially 300 single-family houses were to be built at the Shore and it is now a proposal for a cityscape comprised of 300 immense and imposing skyscrapers.

2. An independent analysis concludes that the cost of the Industrial Offshore Wind Project will exceed \$100 billion and raise electric customer rates by 55% for residential customers, 70% for commercial customers, and 85% for industrial customers. For context, in 2024 wholesale power purchase prices are roughly \$55 dollars per megawatt-hour, whereas the Board of Public Utilities recently approved contracts for offshore wind with a price of \$144 per megawatt-hour. In addition, the costs associated with transmission upgrades to distribute the

electricity are forecast to increase progressively from \$1 per megawatt-hour to roughly \$40 per megawatt-hour by 2047.

3. Studies establish that the Industrial Offshore Wind Project will convert a pristine public natural and economic resource into a mammoth industrial eyesore in exchange for a catastrophic loss in tourism revenue, jobs, and property values, and, therefore, will be a significant economic burden imposed upon all State residents. A 2024 study prepared by Tourism Economics, an Oxford Economics Company (“Oxford Report”), establishes that the Offshore Wind Project will cause losses for the Long Beach Island municipalities of approximately 835,000 annual visitors, \$450.2 million in tourism spending, a total economic impact (loss) of \$668.2 million, and a total loss of State and local tax revenue of \$80.3 million. Studies further show at least 25% of beachgoers would switch beaches to avoid the visual blight caused by the Industrial Offshore Wind Project. Moreover, as admitted by the federal government, the fishing industry will be diminished by the resultant navigational hazards, habitat conversion, fish aggregation, migration disturbances, and space-use conflicts.

4. Studies establish that the testing, construction, and operation of the Industrial Offshore Wind Project, though sold as green energy, has and will significantly damage the environment. There is little doubt it has and will continue to negatively impact the behavior of marine fish and mammals, including causing confusion, compelling them to swim ashore, and preventing them from diving and feeding (since the start of sonar surveying and seismic testing an unprecedented number of marine mammals have washed ashore and died). There is also no question it will cause significant environmental and wildlife damage onshore.

5. Studies support the conclusion that the Industrial Offshore Wind Project will not reduce global warming or CO2 emissions. In fact, Harvard University found that the installation of scores of wind turbines in concentrated areas will actually raise surface temperature, especially in the immediate area of the turbines. The Harvard researchers concluded, “[t]he direct climate impacts of wind power are instant, while the benefits of reduced emissions accumulate slowly. If your perspective is the next 10 years, wind power actually has – in some respects – more climate impact than coal or gas.” Further, the Oxford Report establishes that offshore wind energy production is the most expensive form of renewable energy produced on a large-scale.

6. The Industrial Offshore Wind Project fails to include any ongoing funding for the ultimate removal/decommissioning and/or replacement of the turbines, which means at the end of their useful life the companies could decline to remove them and either go out of business or file for bankruptcy. The State’s residents, therefore, will likely be forced to either live with over 200 decaying Eiffel Towers in their ocean off their Shore or pay the costs associated with removing them.

7. The sole conclusion is that the Industrial Offshore Wind Project is designed to be funded by all State residents and businesses, significantly higher electricity rates and significant loss of jobs and tax revenue, will cause environmental and wildlife devastation, will irreparably damage the tourism, fishing industries, and overall State economy in the form of higher overhead energy costs, will not produce actual green energy, and the State’s residents will be left to pay for the removal of or live with the massive, decaying turbines. Indeed, if it is built, the State’s residents will trade their priceless and pristine natural and hard-earned economic resources for a significantly higher cost of living and significantly lower quality of life and environment, and, incredibly, without the purported green energy benefits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, and in accordance with the foregoing Recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, that the Borough of Wildwood Crest vigorously supports legitimate green and renewable energy projects, but vigorously opposes the non-green Industrial Offshore Wind Project due to its real and present threat to the health, environmental, and financial health, welfare, and safety of all State residents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest will petition the leaders in the state legislature to put a halt to all work on offshore wind projects and will ask the legislative leaders to empanel a body of lawmakers, energy experts, environmentalists and electric generation experts, consumers, fisherman and other stakeholders to develop a practical, effective, long-term energy plan for New Jersey’s future, and;

**ALSO, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest is encouraging all other **municipal and county** elected officials to examine the financial and environmental impact of the governor’s wind turbine plan and its impact on homeowners and businesses, and to call on the state legislature to put a halt to ALL offshore wind projects until such time as an energy panel, described above is formed and develops a practical, effective, long-term energy plan for New Jersey’s future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Mike Testa, Assemblyman Antwan McClellan, Assemblyman Erik Simonsen, Governor Murphy, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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. 24-221

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR**

**BAYSIDE BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS  
– BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES- AT THE NTE SUM OF \$230,000**

**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 **BAYSIDE BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS – BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES** for engineering services which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **July 15, 2024** 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 **\$230,000.00**; and

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

Account Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the attached Work Order authorizing **MARC DEBLASIO** and **DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES** to perform the professional engineering services as described in the Proposal which is hereby approved, at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$230,000.00**.

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. 24-222**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TRIAD ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF MARKETING PACKET FOR THE CREST STATION PROJECT AT THE NTE SUM OF \$9,500**

**WHEREAS**, there exists the need for the “Services” of a firm to be retained by the Borough for the performance of Community and Economic Development Services for the Crest Station Project and related duties associated therewith as directed by the authorized representatives of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, all as more specifically set forth in the attached Agreement which is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth; and

**WHEREAS, TRIAD ASSOCIATES** has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that **TRIAD ASSOCIATES** will not make any reportable contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 commencing July 24, 2024 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 \$9,500.00

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and they are hereby authorized, instructed, and empowered to execute the attached agreement with **TRIAD ASSOCIATES**, who shall be compensated by voucher at the agreed upon hourly rates, **not to exceed \$9,500**, contingent upon certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds, and whose rate/fee structure are contained in the aforesaid Agreement and said “Independent Contractor” shall be required to comply with this Resolution, and the attached Agreement. Said **TRIAD ASSOCIATES** is further required to comply with all other conditions/provisions of law or regulation applicable to a “Contractor,” including but not limited to procuring/maintaining sufficient insurance coverages necessary to fully protect the interests of the Borough in each and every instance relative to performance under this contract.
3. The award of this contract is contingent upon compliance with the New Jersey Pay to Play Law as set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1; production of the Business Entity Disclosure Certificate, Affirmative Action Compliance Notice, New Jersey Certificate of Employee Information Report, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and proof of insurance as required in the contract and certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds; a copy of these documents shall be kept on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

4. That a Notice of Award shall be published in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of this Resolution, which notice shall state that this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-223

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND PBA LOCAL 59, POLICEMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION SUPERIOR OFFICERS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest (the Borough) and PBA Local 59, Policeman's Benevolent Association-Superior Officers (the PBA-Superior Officers) engaged in collective bargaining negotiations to replace the current Agreement which expired on December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Commission discussed the tentative Agreement between the Borough and the PBA at a Closed Session held on July 10, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Commission approved the tentative Agreement between the Borough and PBA Superior Officers covering the contract term of four (4) years commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have determined that the tentative Agreement between the parties should be memorialized in a final contract covering the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the agreement it is understood and accepted that the Borough will not add the requested additional Lieutenant to the police department's authorized composition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Commission of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Statements of the preamble hereto are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The proposed Agreement between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and PBA Local 59 Policeman's Benevolent Association- Superior Officers covering the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 (a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk) is approved and the Mayor and the Borough Clerk be hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest subject such final editing as may be approved by Borough labor counsel.
3. The Borough Clerk is further authorized, directed and empowered to seal said Agreement with the seal of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

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. 24-224

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT FUND**

**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 \$2,099.70 from the State of New Jersey Body Armor Replacement Fund, and wishes to amend its 2024 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 2024 in the sum of \$2,099.70 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:  
State of NJ Body Armor Replacement Fund \$.....2,099.70

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$ 2,099.70  
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:  
State of NJ Body Armor Replacement Fund

**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. 24-225**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR PIER PLAYMATES CAMP FEE FOR \$1400.00 FOR 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Lauren Kilcoyne enrolled four children in the Second Session of Pier Playmates day camp for the 2024 season; and

**WHEREAS**, Lauren Kilcoyne submitted payment in the amount of \$1400.00 for Session 2 via Check #517 on April 9, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Lauren Kilcoyne has indicated that all four children will not be able to attend Session 2 and has requested a refund of \$1400.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute said refund in the amount of \$1400.00 to: Lauren Kilcoyne, 1102 Spy Glass Drive, Arnold, MD 21012.

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. 24-226**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING THE 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the local capital budget for the year 2024 was adopted on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said adopted capital budget section;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the following amendments to the capital budget of 2024 be made:

RECORDED		ABSTAIN { None
VOTE	AYES { Schiff Franco Cabrera	NAYS { None
		ABSENT { None

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

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. 24-227**  
**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 July 18, 2024, 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, 2024 and ending July 31, 2025; 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.

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. 24-228**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO23-0503 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on May 23, 2024 to refund escrow to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO23-0503, Block 68.01/Lot 17; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO23-0503 are complete; and

**WHEREAS**, Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$1,000.00 on May 3, 2023 for Street Opening Permit for location 204 E. Primrose Road, Block 68.01/Lot 17 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the escrow used totaled \$250.00 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$750.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the return of the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$750.00 to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242 be and hereby is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$750.00 to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242.

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. 24-229**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO23-0504 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$965.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on June 18, 2024 to refund escrow to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO23-0504, Block 94.03/Lot 1.02; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO23-0504 are complete; and

**WHEREAS**, Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$1,000.00 on May 17, 2023, \$2,500 on August 14, 2023, \$1,202.50 on January 30, 2024 for Street Opening Permit for location 7201 Ocean Avenue, Block 94.03/Lot 1.02 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the escrow used totaled \$3,737.50 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$965.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the return of the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$965.00 to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242 be and hereby is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$965.00 to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242.

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. 24-230**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO23-0603 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on June 18, 2024 to refund escrow to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO23-0603, Block 44/Lot 39; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO23-0603 are complete; and

**WHEREAS**, Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$1,000.00 on June 9, 2023 for Street Opening Permit for location 110-112 W. Wisteria Road, Block 44/Lot 39 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the escrow used totaled \$780.00 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$220.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the return of the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$220.00 to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242 be and hereby is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$220.00 to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242.

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. 24-231**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO23-0101 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$480.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on May 22, 2024 to refund escrow to Garden State General Construction, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO23-0101, Block 109/Lot 12; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO23-0101 are complete; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$1,000.00 on January 12, 2023 for Street Opening Permit for location 107 E. Stockton Road, Block 109/Lot 12 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the escrow used totaled \$520.00 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$480.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the return of the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$480.00 to Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210 be and hereby is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$480.00 to Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210.

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. 24-232**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO23-0102 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on May 22, 2024 to refund escrow to Garden State General Construction, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO23-0102, Block 109/Lot 11; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO23-0102 are complete; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$1,000.00 on January 12, 2023 for Street Opening Permit for location 109 E. Stockton Road, Block 109/Lot 11 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the escrow used totaled \$700.00 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$300.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the return of the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$300.00 to Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210 be and hereby is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$300.00 to Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210.

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. 24-233**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO23-0202 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$660.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on May 22, 2024 to refund escrow to Garden State General Construction, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO23-0202, Block 94.01/Lot 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO23-0202 are complete; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$1,000.00 on February 24, 2023 for Street Opening Permit for location 7200 Atlantic Avenue, Block 94.01/Lot 1 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the escrow used totaled \$340.00 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$660.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the return of the balance of the unused escrow account in the

amount of \$660.00 to Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210 be and hereby is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$660.00 to Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210.

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. 24-234**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST PLANNING BOARD: VINCENT TENAGLIA AS CLASS IV MEMBER, BRADLEY VOGDES AS ALTERNATE #1 MEMBER AND JANE REYNOLDS AS ALTERNATE #2 MEMBER**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy has occurred in the position of Class IV Member of the Planning Board of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired that a full compliment of the Board be maintained at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, wishes to move Alternate #1 Member, Vincent Tenaglia, to fill the vacancy in the position of Class IV Member of the Wildwood Crest Planning Board with term expiring December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, wishes to move Alternate #2 Member, Bradley Vogdes, to fill the vacancy in the position of Alternate #1 Member of the Wildwood Crest Planning Board with term expiring December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, wishes to move Alternate #3 Member, Jane Reynolds, to fill the vacancy in the position of Alternate #2 Member of the Wildwood Crest Planning Board with term expiring December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest wish to acknowledge this appointment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that VINCENT TENAGLIA is hereby appointed as a Regular Member, BRADLEY VOGDES is hereby appointed as Alternate #1 Member and JANE REYNOLDS hereby appointed as Alternate # 2 Member of the PLANNING BOARD with above referenced expiration dates.

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. 24-235**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 12-MONTH WILDWOOD CREST LOCAL ROADS SAFETY PLAN PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation is soliciting grant applications for the Safe Streets for All funding program; and

**WHEREAS**, the grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, person conveyance, and micromobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, located at 6101 Pacific Avenue in Wildwood Crest, New Jersey, formally approve a grant application for the above stated project. The Wildwood Crest Local Roads Safety Plan focuses on key elements including Safety & Impact; Equity, Engagement, & Collaboration; Effective Practices & Strategies; and Progress & Transparency, and how they support a proactive approach to keeping the streets and roadways in Wildwood Crest safe for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that one of the most effective ways to influence behavior around the dangers of speeding is to use a positive culture framework, shining a light on positive shared values and beliefs within the Borough. The Wildwood Crest Local Roads Safety Plan will build on practices and strategies already in place within Cape May County's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, shifting the focus directly to the residents and

visitors that the Borough serves with the goal of preventing dangerous speeding and roadway practices that cause severe injuries and fatalities and to highlight the community's support and the need for this project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

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. 24-236

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO PURCHASE A 2024 FORD F450 CAB & CHASSIS CREW CAB 4X4 FOR THE 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 a 2024 Ford F450 Cab & Chassis Crew Cab 4X4; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Winner Ford (State Contract # A88215) 250 Haddonfield/Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 for all Government vehicles and Equipment; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, that the Borough is authorized to fund the expenditure to purchase a 2024 Ford F450 Cab & Chassis Crew Cab 4X4 based upon the price quote from Winner Ford (State Contract # A88215) in an amount not to exceed \$117,418.00; and

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

Account Number(s) 4-01-44-909-299 Amount \$117,418.00

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

**REPORTS:** Mr. Franco motions, and Mr. Schiff seconded that all reports received from the Court Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Chief of Police, Supervisor of the Recreation Department, Construction Official, Emergency Services Coordinator for the EMS and the Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Company for the month ending June 30, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

**MINUTES:** Mr. Franco motions, and Mr. Schiff seconded that all minutes from the regularly scheduled meetings dated June 19, 2024 and July 10, 2024 be approved as presented.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

July 25, 2024

**Crest Arts Pavilion**

This project is complete. DeBlasio & Associates has completed the walk through with Fred Schiavone who will be competing punch list items this week. The trees that are not surviving will be replaced in the fall when they have the best chance of survival.

**Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet Beach and Dune Construction**

DeBlasio and Associates has completed the surveying work on the beach parcels as required by our State Aid Agreement. We will be reimbursed for this work through the DCA and HUD for this work. According to Coastal Engineering, construction of this Army Corps project is still expected to commence in 2025.

### **New Jersey Avenue**

Planning work is ongoing in advance of the county's roadway diet project. This project will be bid as one project with the Crest being responsible for lighting, parking lots, landscaping, and beautification upgrades. It is expected to commence with sewer infrastructure improvements in early 2025 and continue through 2026.

### **Sunset Lake- State Channel Dredging**

I spoke to NJDOT's Office of Maritime Resources last week regarding their Wildwood Channel Complex maintenance dredging project. For those of you who do not know, the purpose of the project is the 10-year hydraulic maintenance dredging of the state's channels in order to maintain safe navigational depths for transiting emergency, commercial, and recreational vessels. Phase 1 which is now nearing completion covered Middle Township, Wildwood City, North Wildwood City, and West Wildwood Borough. Phase 2 focuses on the State's channel traversing through Lower Township and Wildwood Crest. We have been working closely with Scott Douglas-Dredging Program Manager NJDOT – Office of Maritime Resources on the alignment of the state's channel as well as assisting with the identification of areas in which the beneficial use material can be disposed of. NJDOT is currently working on the acquisition of a confined disposal facility and working with NJDEP on permitting for this 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Wildwood State Channel Complex Maintenance Dredging Project. It is anticipated that construction on this second phase will commence at the end of 2025. The alignment of the current state channel which connects the Intracoastal Waterway to the state channel through Sunset Lake to Wildwood is proposed to be changed. The channel is proposed to follow the western border of Wildwood Crest, a path that is typically used by boaters. We will continue to work with NJDOT on this project.

### **CAFRA Applications**

We have satisfied all information requests from DEP to date and are currently awaiting word on the outcome of our ADR meeting last month.

### **Bayside Pump Station Flood Mitigation Project**

As you just heard, we authorized this project to go out to bid this morning. bids will be received by the Bid Opening Committee on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 11:00 am.

### **Washington Avenue Flood Mitigation Project**

We applied to FEMA for a Flood Mitigation (FMA) grant for this area. This area was previously the subject of a study. The recommendations from that study made for the basis of mitigation efforts incorporated into this application. We are eagerly anticipating word on this grant.

### **FY2023 DCA-Small Cities ADA Grant**

We are currently awaiting final design drawings and a bid schedule for the renovations of municipal building bathrooms on the first and second floor to make them handicapped accessible. As previously reported, we received a FY2023 DCA Small Cities Grant in the amount of \$342,720.

### **CMC Local Road Safety Plan (LSRP)**

The County's draft plan is available on the SJTPO's webpage.

Several meetings have been held with Collier's Engineering in order to prepare a grant application for a Safe Streets for All federal grant. This planning and implementation grant would be used to supplement the County's LSRP by funding the planning of safety enhancements in areas of concern here in the borough. The application is due on August 29<sup>th</sup>. A draft of the application will be prepared and presented to the governing body in mid-August.

### **Cape May County MUA Announcement**

The Cape May County MUA will be holding a household hazardous waste collection day on Saturday, September 14, 2024 CMCMUA Sanitary Landfill 2050 Route 610, Woodbine, N.J. 08270 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. They will accept the following:

• Thinners/Solvents • Cleaning Products • Gasoline/Flammable Liquids • Automotive Products • Pesticides/Herbicides • Glues/Adhesives • Aerosol Cans (If empty may be disposed of as regular trash) • Lithium Batteries • Mercury-Containing Items • Fluorescent Bulbs. The flyer produced by the MUA is posted on our website for the public's convenience.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **Capital Projects**

1. FY 2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Reconstruction of Orchid Road
  - The Borough has been allotted a \$170,085.00 grant from the NJDOT.
  - The contractor has completed all the work, and the project is in the closeout phase.
2. Beach Patrol Headquarter Renovations-Readvertised
  - The project was re-advertised for public bid on March 1, 2023 and the apparent low bidder was Straga Brothers in the amount of \$2,054,334.00 for the Base Bid plus Alternate Bid 1 and Alternate Bid 2.
  - The contractor has remobilized to the site and completed demolition. The foundation work is complete and the concrete planking, doors, windows, metal roof system and siding are done. The contractor is working on completing the interior finishes.
3. Bayside Bulkhead Replacement and Flood Mitigation Improvements

- The NJDEP permits for the bulkhead replacements have been obtained.
  - The project is scheduled to be advertised for public bid on July 31, 2024 and the bid opening is scheduled for August 28, 2024.
4. Crest Arts Pavilion Site Improvements
    - The bid opening occurred on December 28, 2023, and the apparent low bidder was Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,288,750.00.
    - The contractor has completed all the work, and the project is in the closeout phase.
  5. Beach Street End Public Access Improvements – Phase 3
    - The bid opening occurred on January 31, 2024, and the project was awarded to South State, Inc. in the amount of \$1,771,250.00.
    - The contractor has completed all the work, and the project is in the closeout phase.
  6. FY2023 NJDCA Small Cities Program-Municipal Building Bathroom Improvements
    - The project is in the design phase and construction is scheduled for Fall, 2024.
  7. FY 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program-Reconstruction of Toledo Avenue
    - The survey and base mapping are complete, and the project is in the design phase.
    - The project is scheduled for public bidding in September, 2024.

#### **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.
  - Grant applications are due by February 2024.
2. FY 2024 NJDCA Boardwalk Preservation Fund
  - The Borough has selected to submit the Reconstruction of the Heather Road fishing pier.
  - The grant application requests \$3,600,000.00 for the replacement and extension of the fishing pier including ADA accessible walkways, fishing nodes and pavilion.
  - The Borough was notified by NJDCA that a \$1,087,425.00 grant was allocated for the project.
3. Federal Funding Grant Opportunity-Congressman Van Drew
  - Our office has been in contact with Congressman Jeff Van Drew's office to discuss federal funding opportunities for Borough capital projects.
  - On December 28, 2023, our office submitted a funding request for bayside flood mitigation improvements.
  - On March 12<sup>th</sup>, our office and the Borough met with representatives of Congressman Van Drew's office and were informed that the project was selected for special funding consideration.
4. NJDOT Local Transportation Project Fund
  - On a rolling basis, the NJDOT is accepting grant applications for bikeway, pedestrian and roadway improvement projects.
  - Our office has been authorized by the Borough to submit the Reconstruction of Stockton Road as the grant application.
  - The grant application was submitted on April 2, 2024.
5. FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
  - The NJDOT is accepting grant applications for Bikeway, Pedestrian and Roadway Improvement Projects. The application deadline is July 1, 2024.
  - Our office has been authorized by the Borough to submit the Reconstruction of Stockton Road as the grant application.
  - The grant application was submitted on May 28, 2024.
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.

**Report from Chief Lloyd:**

**Calls for Service: 2,453**

**Criminal Investigations: 297**

**Service Calls: 571**

**Traffic: 803**

**Arrests: 38**

**Report from William Cripps:**

EMS: Total Calls: 149

Patients transported to hospital: 55

Patients refused treatment: 38

Mutual Aid Given: 28; Mutual Aid Received: 6

**WC Volunteer Fire Company rundown given by William Cripps:**

<b>Fires</b> (Including building fires, cooking fires, rubbish/Mulch, vehicles fires)	<b>4</b>
<b>Over Pressure Rapture, Explosion, Overheated</b> (No fire)	<b>0</b>
<b>Rescue/EMS</b> (MVA's, medical assists, elevator entrapments, water rescues)	<b>5</b>
<b>Hazardous Conditions</b> (gas leaks, electrical hazards, aircraft stand-by (No Fire))	<b>10</b>
<b>Service Calls</b> (animal rescues, assist police department, public assists)	<b>2</b>
<b>Good Intent Calls</b> (smoke scares, odor of smoke, investigations with no incident)	<b>3</b>
<b>False Alarm &amp; False Calls</b> (malfunctioning alarm systems, malicious alarms, unintentional)	<b>18</b>
<b>Severe Weather, Natural Disaster, Lightning Strike</b> (No Fire)	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Runs</b>	<b>42</b>

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Gericke thank you.

The clerk read the following statement into record:

“The Ladies For the Knights would like to thank Bill Cripps and Andrew for coming to our meeting last week. They presented the members with the "File for Life" folders and explained the program to everyone. They went through scenarios and answered many many questions. Everyone said this is a great program and it will save lives.

So again, thank you both again for coming.”

Mr. Cripps explained the File for Life sheet and how pertinent information on prescription medications are kept readily available in case first responders need them. The governing body was in agreement that this was a great tool to offer.

**PRESENTATION: MJPPPI BY FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER (Rick Allen)**

As part of the Coastal Coalition, the borough is obligated to provide public outreach and it is integral for maintaining our CRS rating/ points and it:

- ensures that those affected by flooding are aware of risks,
- coordinates municipal efforts to increase flood awareness,
- Informs residents of tools that their local government offers to prevent injury and property damage from flooding,
- engages in floodplain management activities that protect and bolster economic activity.

Mr. Allen added that Wildwood Crest is on top of things and proactively working to address flooding.

**DISCUSSION:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**-Centennial Park Improvements and possible work order** – The Mayor detailed that Centennial Park is in need of lighting, benches and overall beautification. There was a work order for the Engineer to submit an application to Cape May County Open Space in hopes to cover a portion of this. They would like to use a landscape architect and use natural embankments. If approved, the Engineer would submit a survey to a landscape architect and submit proposals to Open Space. They agreed to have public safety and recreation in the meetings for the processes. It was also suggested that if UEZ funds were to be used that it would have to be put in the five year plan. The commissioners were in agreement to authorize the resolution.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-237

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR CENTENNIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS – CONCEPTUAL DESIGN & CAPE MAY COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT APPLICATION SERVICES - AT THE NTE SUM OF \$28,000**

**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 **CENTENNIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS – CONCEPTUAL DESIGN & CAPE MAY COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT APPLICATION SERVICES** for engineering services which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **July 11, 2024** 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 **\$28,000.00**; and

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

Account Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the attached Work Order authorizing **MARC DEBLASIO** and **DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES** to perform the professional engineering services as described in the Proposal which is hereby approved, at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$28,000.00**.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

**-Artificial Grass PB review-** The borough has received requests to consider the current ordinance on artificial grass since violation were given out and that possibly the language in the ordinance to be reviewed and cleaned up. The governing body recommended it go back to the Planning Board for overall cleanup and language modification and tie in landscaping components.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**-UEZ 5 Year Plan:** Previously discussed.

**-250<sup>th</sup> birthday committee-** The Mayor would like to appoint a committee to put together events for the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country in 2026 and asked to keep thinking about possible membership and events.

**-WC Municipal App-** There was an initial meeting scheduled and details would be forthcoming.

**-Old Tourism building use – 2025-** Will address after summer.

**-Historical museum - 2025** – Will address after summer

**-Proposed Amendment to Ord. 1432 – Ch. 79 – Time Limit Parking** – The Mayor indicated the Chief and the Solicitor were working on this.

**-Concession agreement hotel zone / beach chairs** – hold.

**-Traffic Calming** – There was a conference call with Colliers Engineering and an application for Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant.

**-Back Beach Excavation:** On hold pending dune.

**-Dredging:** The Administrator discussed in her report.

**-NJ Avenue infrastructure pre-county:** Pending in 2025.

**-PW roof:** Funding is in place and looking for commencement after summer.

**-Bayside outfalls and capacity / bulkhead repairs / replacement:** Remove...we did a Notice to Bidders earlier.

**-Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** The Mayor indicated that we are awaiting word from Jim Rutala.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Nick Antosello indicated that he would like to have beach transport return to how it used to be with transport going from the street end down to the beach. He indicated that he was told the rule has changed and that transport will take from the dune line down and he would like to see it rescinded. Mr. Schiff indicated that from Cresse to Rambler, there is no access to street ends and that they were doing the same service to those from Rambler south. He indicated that the service is crucial for veterans and handicapped people.

Captain Rick D’Amico thanked the governing body for their support in passing their agreement.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Mr. Schiff – Mr. Schiff indicated that he met with three island wide officials and their beach patrol officials to once again look into an island wide lightning detection system. They are actively looking for grant money.

Mayor Cabrera – The expressed condolences to the Morey family and organization on the passing of Jack Morey. He was such a creative force on the island and had a hand in Centennial Park and Sunrise Park and he will be missed.

He thanked the governing body for moving our recent meeting and congratulated resident James Grauel on qualifying for Ironman Kona. It was wonderful to see this young man accomplish this since Wildwood Crest is a wellness community. Lastly, he indicated that the vendor for the foot showers will be making good on the showers that leak and that there is a test foot shower on Farragut.

Mr. Franco – will provide commentary at the next meeting.

There being nothing further, Mr, Schiff motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 11:15 a.m.

Dated: August 21, 2024

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

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