

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

August 4, 2021

The Mayor led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, was held at Municipal Hall at 9:30 a.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

Mr. Cabrera read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the notice requirements have been satisfied as to the time, place and date of holding said meeting by posting notice on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and by e-mailing and same to the Herald of Cape May County and The Press on October 28, 2020.

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

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

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1361

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 75 TRAILERS, TEMPORARY DWELLINGS
AND STRUCTURES, BOAT STORAGE TO PROHIBIT THE
PARKING OF VEHICLES IN FRONT YARD AREAS**

Mrs. Gould motioned, Mr. Thompson seconded that Ordinance No. 1361 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on August 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1362

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION
EASEMENT TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PURSUANT TO COASTAL AREA
FACILITIES REVIEW ACT PERMIT NJDEP File No. 0515-20-0003.1 LUP
200001**

Mrs. Gould motioned, Mr. Thompson seconded that Ordinance No. 1362 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on August 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-232

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING NO CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN NEEDED FOR
2020 AUDIT**

WHEREAS, the 2020 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 2020 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 2020 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.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-233

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND THE CITY OF WILDWOOD FOR LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD MAINTENANCE FOR MOREY FIELD & HIGBEE FIELD

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 *et seq.* (the "Act"), authorizes local units of this State to enter into agreements with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any shared service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is the owner of property operated by the Borough as little league baseball fields and used by the City of Wildwood and the Borough of Wildwood Crest known as Morey Field and Higbee Field together with batting cages located thereon (collectively the "Fields"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the City of Wildwood desire to enter into a shared services agreement to divide the responsibilities for maintenance of the Fields (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest is desirous of ratifying this agreement and authorizing its execution.

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 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 Shared Services Agreement with the City of Wildwood attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
3. The Agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of resolutions by all parties thereto, and execution of the Agreement by the authorized persons as set forth in the resolutions.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-234

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES OR UTILITIES OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,140.76 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 213 WEST CHARLESTON AVENUE MADE PAYABLE TO CORELOGIC

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest collected from the property owner or it's designee an excess amount on 2021 property taxes and/or utility payments; and

WHEREAS, an overpayment was created for the reason listed above, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined the said overpayment should be refunded accordingly as indicated below.

159-7	Carilli, Benjamin and Alida	Amount
2021 Taxes	213 West Charleston Avenue	\$1,140.76
	Mortgage company paid on the incorrect parcel	
	Refund overpayment to Corelogic	
	Attn: Refund Department	
	PO Box 9202	
	Coppell, Texas 75019	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to

execute said refund as soon as practicable and the Tax Collector should mark the records accordingly to reflect said refund as per the meeting on August 4, 2021.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-235

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST IDENTIFYING SMALL CITIES FAIR HOUSING OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is applying for a Fiscal Year 2022 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for financial assistance for removal of mobility barriers at various street ends to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for Beach Access Improvements- Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest must make efforts to affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has reviewed various actions that would be acceptable to the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has made assurances in the grant agreement that;

1. It will comply with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and regulations issues thereto; and
2. It will comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto; and
3. It will comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and will affirmatively further fair housing; and
4. It will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall be designated as the Small Cities Program Fair Housing Compliance Officer for the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fair Housing Officer shall contact the US HUD Regional Office of Housing and Equal Opportunity and the NJ Division on Civil Rights, inform those agencies of his/her appointment as Fair Housing Officer and request Fair Housing Information.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fair Housing Officer shall provide fair housing advisory services and assistance and referral advice to persons requesting such assistance from the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Wildwood Crest will publish in the local newspaper of record and post at the Borough Municipal Building a public notice announcing the appointment of the Fair Housing Officer and the availability of local fair housing advisory services.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-236

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST APPROVING PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR REMOVAL OF MOBILITY BARRIERS AT VARIOUS STREET ENDS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest will apply for \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2021 CDBG funds for removal of mobility barriers at various street ends in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for Beach Access Improvements – Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs requires Wildwood Crest Borough to prepare a Grant Management Plan to define project staffing and project activities; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs requires Wildwood Crest Borough to officially adopt its Grant Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has prepared a Grant Management Plan for its Fiscal Year 2021 Public Facilities project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest adopts the Grant Management Plan prepared by Blauer Associates for the Fiscal Year 2022 Public Facilities project.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-237

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ADOPTING A STATE MODEL CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR DCA SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is an applicant for a Department of Community Affairs Fiscal Year 2022 Small Cities Community Development Project for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for removal of mobility barriers at various street ends in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for Beach Access Improvements – Phase 2 and will enter into a grant agreement for said grant if approved; and

WHEREAS, that grant agreement will require the Borough of Wildwood Crest to comply with all federal regulations with respect to citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has reviewed the State Model Citizen Participation Plan prepared for Small Cities CDBG grantees.

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 State Model Citizen Participation Plan developed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities CDBG is adopted by the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and
2. The Borough of Wildwood Crest will follow all regulations set forth in that document throughout the term of the grant agreement cited above.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-238

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR REMOVAL OF MOBILITY BARRIERS AT VARIOUS STREET ENDS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for removal of mobility barriers at various street ends in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for Beach Access Improvements – Phase 2 and will enter into a grant agreement for said grant if approved.

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

1. That the Borough of Wildwood Crest does hereby authorize the application for such a grant.
2. The Borough of Wildwood Crest recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.
3. That the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

_____ (SIGNATURE) Don Cabrera	_____ (SIGNATURE) Patricia A. Feketics
_____ (TYPED NAME) Mayor	_____ (TYPED NAME) Municipal Clerk
_____ (TITLE)	_____ (TITLE)

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-239

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING \$5,000 INCREASE OF CONTRACT AMOUNT WITH TRIAD ASSOCIATES FOR CONSULTING AND APPLICATION SERVICES FOR FUNDING OPPORTUNITES FOR 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest awarded a contract, via Resolution No. 21-35 adopted January 6, 2021, to TRIAD ASSOCIATES for consulting and application services for funding opportunities for CY2021 at the NTE sum of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to increase the amount of the contract by \$5,000.00 and thus making the new NTE sum of \$10,000.00; 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, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the recital paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That the terms and conditions of the contract between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and TRIAD ASSOCIATES for consulting and application services for funding opportunities for CY2021 as authorized by Resolution No. 21-35 adopted January 6, 2021 shall remain in full force and effect, with the sole exception that the amount of the contract shall be increased to a total sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 all of which is contingent upon certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.
3. That a copy of the specific items appertaining to the award of this contract shall be published in a Notice of Award in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of the Resolution authorizing same.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-240
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO PERNA
FINNIGAN INC. FOR EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS ON BUTTERCUP ROAD IN
ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the award of an emergency contract when an emergency affecting public health, safety or welfare requires immediate performance of services; and

WHEREAS, a sewer repair has occurred on Buttercup Road; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works do herewith declare that an emergency exists affecting the safety, health and welfare of the public, and recommend that the Borough engage a Contractor to be mobilized to effectuate the repair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, do herewith declare that an emergency exists with the regard to the sewer repair on Buttercup Road which affects the public health, safety and welfare necessitating immediate repairs and that the Borough Engineer be directed to coordinate all the necessary repairs.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, an emergency contract be awarded to Perna Finnigan Inc., the estimated construction costs for said emergency to be \$13,579.72 all of which is more specifically set forth in the attached detailed breakdown of costs as supplied by the Borough Engineer which are made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth. This emergency is subject to certification of availability of funds by the CFO as evidenced below by her signature.

Account Numbers	Amount	Signature
1-01-44-904-299	13,759.72	_____

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-241
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT
#SO20-0401 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,287.50**

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on April 29, 2021 to refund escrow to South Jersey Gas Company for Street Opening Permit #SO20-0401, Block 111/Lot 10 (For Reference); and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO20-0401 are complete; and

WHEREAS, South Jersey Gas Company, 1 South Jersey Place, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$4,000.00 on April 9, 2020 for Street Opening Permit for location Farragut Road Gas Main Renewal, Block 111/Lot 10 (For Reference) and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

WHEREAS, the escrow used totaled \$2,712.50 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$1,287.50.

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 \$1,287.50 to South Jersey Gas Company, 1 South Jersey Place, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 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 \$1,287.50 to South Jersey Gas Company, 1 South Jersey Place, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-242

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that there exists the need for the “Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services” of a firm to be retained by the Borough for Community Development Consultant for the performance of duties associated therewith, and more specifically to make application for and administration of a Department of Community Affairs Small Cities Fiscal Year 2022 grant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk received a proposal from Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates, Inc. which was forwarded to a review committee consisting of the Borough Administrator, Municipal Clerk, Chief Financial Officer, Borough Solicitor and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Review Committee has reviewed the proposal form Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates, Inc. that was submitted and has recommended that the proposal of Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates, Inc. meets the Borough’s needs and that Blauer Associates, Inc. has the professional credentials and abilities to perform the services required of the subject contract; and

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

1. Professional services of the type herein sought are of such a nature as to require a high degree to trust and confidence in the individual providing the service and may require the creation of a confidential or fiduciary relationship between that individual and the Borough;
2. The services required are highly specialized or technical in nature;
3. The services require peculiar ability and skill, and demand a high degree of specialized knowledge or expertise;
4. The services are such that their relative worth must be judged by subjective considerations that are not susceptible of valuation by competitive bidding;
5. The individual or entity who will provide these services has demonstrated competence and particular expertise in the services required;
6. The individual or entity who will perform these services is held to and fully adheres to the strict ethical standards that govern the involved profession;

7. The services include advise to and consultation with the municipality that require both knowledge and judgment on the part of the individual or entity providing services, as well as the confidence of the municipal officials, such that competitive bidding is not feasible or practical;

8. The services to be provided are such that their nature, scope and duration are not capable of precise measurement, but rather require a flexibility and discretion that render competitive bidding impractical and inefficient; and

WHEREAS, the Review Committee has forwarded its recommendation to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest concur with the Review Committee's recommendation awarding the contract to Blauer Associates, Inc. to make application to the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program as described herein; 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. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized, instructed, and empowered to execute a Contract with Blauer Associates, Inc., as Community Development Consultant for a term of one (1) year, which contract shall provide for a fee of \$1,800.00 for the submission of any authorized grant application and administrative fees to be paid from the proceeds of any grant funds realized; all of which is more fully described in the attached agreement which is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth.
3. That a Notice of Award shall be published in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of this Resolution, which notice shall state that this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

BILLS: Mrs. Gould motioned and Mr. Thompson seconded that all bills properly authorized, as submitted, be paid.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A.

Mayor Cabrera did however make an opening statement regarding the recent trial basis of allowing surfing to take place on the Hollywood / Topeka beach street ends from 10-12. Per the Borough Code, Ch, 8-6, the Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol has the ultimate authority to allow surfing. He indicated that a resident approached Chief Johnson of the WCBP to see if there was an area on the south end to offer surfing from 10-12 with lifeguards. This conversation took place two weeks ago and Chief Johnson ran it by the Mayor to see if it could be done on a trial basis. Since then, it has been met with resistance from several people on Topeka Avenue and Hollywood Avenue. He further indicated that surfing on that beach would be suspended on Sunday. He wanted to see some middle ground to make everyone happy.

Maureen Madsen, 103 West Topeka, Units A and B, was an advocate for the surfing window from 10-12. She indicated that the request was for a few hours in the morning for the children; not all day. She also pointed out that after observing very little swimming taking place from 10-12, that it would be ideal. She asked that the idea be considered for the children and that the beach is for all to share. In addition, she added that surfing is popular and the Rambler beach is crowded and therefore difficult for the younger surfers just learning. The solution is not surfing when there are no lifeguards present; nor is it an acceptable solution to go to Diamond Beach. To have lifeguards present from 10-12 reinforces safety for kids and parents.

Jim McHugh, 108 East Preston Avenue, advocate for surfers, indicated that he walks the beaches before the lifeguards come on duty and it is quite scary to see kids surfing in case there was an

emergency. He added that the Crest has state of the art recreational facilities and wasn't sure why people would complain for 2 hours a day to be given to surfing so the kids could surf in a safe way. Going to Rambler Road was too far and too crowded and perhaps it should be expanded to other beaches as well.

David Gaydos, 207 E. Topeka, opposed to idea, indicated he was totally against the idea of limiting the surfing to just Topeka / Hollywood beaches and it should be rotated, and he also indicated it discriminated against those with difficulties to move from this street. Lastly, he also pointed out that many people swim from 10-12 on that beach.

Danielle Corradino, 104 East Rambler Road, advocate, for more beaches to be surfing beaches. She added that Rambler Road is crowded and experienced surfers know how to read the tide and it can be dangerous for the inexperienced. She implored the governing body to not change the current two hour window.

JR Hannigan, address unknown, advocate for surfing, indicated his family has a beach box on Pittsburgh Avenue and it great to surf from 10-12 and it is enough time.

Jim McHugh, 108 East Preston, advocate for surfing, asked that they "don't discontinue it."

Jessica Reigner, 8700 Atlantic Avenue, advocate for surfing, indicated she was extremely impressed how healthy Wildwood Crest is and after the past year, this crisis has forced kids to be dependent on playing games and on phones and they need more outdoor activities. She pointed out the kids are having so much fun for those 2 hours. She added so many people are supporting these kids and the two hours is a nice compromise.

TELEPHONIC COMMENTS:

Mark Gaydos, 207 East Topeka Avenue, opposed to surfing, indicated the area was a hazard due to the drainage pipe and there being a risk of injury. He suggested a rotating schedule.

Kathy Ammerman, 208 East Topeka Avenue, opposed to surfing, citing traffic and congestion and parking being a bigger issue.

Dottie Slobodrian, 213 East Topeka Avenue, opposed to surfing on her street, thought there was a lack of consulting homeowners and suggested to pay lifeguards to come in earlier.

Diane Salamone, 104 W. Hollywood Avenue, opposed to surfing, indicated she was not opposed to sharing and suggested rotating the beaches perhaps by the week and questioned the resale value of her home.

Sarah O'Brien, 8601 Seaview Avenue, opposed to surfing on this street, cited safety concern because of the outfall pipes and multiple rescues and suggested a safer option by moving it two chairs south where there are no pipes and pointed out that Hollywood Avenue is unsafe.

Joseph Signarella, 206 Topeka Avenue, opposed to surfing on this street, and that a compromise must be reached and perhaps rotating is an option.

William C. O'Brien, Seaview & Preston Avenue, opposed to surfing on this beach, and cited an economic issue and it will suppress economic activity that young families generate and a safety issue for young children with the outfall pipe and suggested a modification be made where there is less risk.

Jim McHugh, 108 East Preston Avenue, suggested the Borough was deficient in discussing the option with homeowners and this could have perhaps been avoided if it was more transparent and indicated that a rotating schedule will confuse people and they need to designate a spot and ultimately, the WCBP needs to decide because they have the knowledge.

Maureen Madsen, 103 W. Topeka (A & B), responded that 20 % of the area by the pipe is and has been a "No Swimming Area" and half of that beach can't be used for swimming.

Avery Reigner, 8700 Atlantic Avenue, advocate for surfing. She indicated that young children can't surf on Rambler because it is too crowded and dangerous for inexperienced surfers. She indicated that everyone is enjoying the surfing on Topeka and WCBP has transport to assist people if they need to be moved.

Paul Drejha, 243 Topeka Avenue, advocate for surfing. He indicated it is reasonable to have a few hours allotted to allow surfing for kids to get out of the house with safety in mind.

Danielle Corradino, 104 E. Rambler Road, advocate, added that surfing on Rambler Road is hard for young children because they can't read the surf. She added that rotating the beaches is more of a hazard.

Gavin Reigner, 8700 Atlantic Avenue, advocate, indicated that the swimmers can move half a block, but it is hard for a surfer to move 17 blocks.

TELEPHONIC COMMENTS:

Kathy Ammerman, 208 East Topeka, asked the Mayor about Heather Road and the possibility of surfing there and the Mayor added it was a suggestion from the Fishing Pier Committee.

The Mayor went on to say that this request came from a parent in the middle of the season to Chief Johnson and he brought it up to Mayor to weigh in as it would be a "trial basis" for 2 hours. The Mayor added that the Borough did not get the word out efficiently, but ultimately, the Chief has the authority, by Borough Code, and it was given the green light to try it out. Then complaints started to come and was decided to put surfing on that beach on hold starting Sunday. He added that so many people were present for the meeting in person and telephonically, and it is the platform for people to be heard and for the governing body to hear people.

The Mayor highlighted several takeaways:

- Informational Issue: this could have been handled better
- Parking Issue: yes, parking is an issue, but it is the summer and we are a tourist based economy.
- He is all about recreation and the kids
- Hours of 10-12...are they ideal, maybe 9-11, not sure...we need to talk to Chief Johnson
- Rotating of beaches: it is a loose idea that needs thought...not sure
- Hazard areas: the WCBP is the best and they know the beaches and what is safe or unsafe
- Delta Variant: we are all aware
- Social Media: implored all to be civil on social media and the Borough will need to come up with a plan for this season or next season. There needs to be a happy ground and Chief Johnson of the WCBP and Commissioner Thompson will meet to discuss
- Lastly, we want the beach to be fun.

Commissioner Thompson added that he did reach out to Chief Johnson to possibly bring in someone early and if it would work. Maureen Madsen indicated that they just want the opportunity and will take whatever the Borough will allow. She further said they valued our beach patrol and just want to utilize the safe environment. Commissioner Thompson then addressed the children that showed up and spoke up to express their opinions that they did a great job and this was a great civics lesson and they were able to see how government works.

Commissioner Gould added that she wants everyone to be happy and the beach wouldn't be fun without the kids.

Commissioner Thompson also stated that he would be meeting with Chief Johnson over the next few days and they have the right to extend and maybe make it earlier and they would let all know moving forward.

FIVE MINUTE BREAK

The Mayor opened up with several comments before starting public commentary.

1. Scoop Taylor Park – they are currently putting down the surfacing material

2. Pacific Avenue – Hoping to mill and pave, but this is a county road and there is still ongoing litigation and hopefully it will be resolved soon, but it may be next year.
3. New Jersey Avenue Business District-the Borough recently closed on the property 6208 New Jersey Avenue and they met with the Planner last week and made a change to the parking lot so it will now have the exit going out to New Jersey Avenue (not Wisteria Road). The initial plan for public restrooms has also been removed. If there are festivals, temporary bathrooms will be used. Also, the area in front of Primos will remain with parking spots. He also added that another Stakeholder meeting was needed, but it would most likely be next year and this is still a county roadway project.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Teresa Campbell, 111 W. Wisteria Road, indicated that it was good to know that the exit would be on New Jersey Avenue. She pointed out that the parking spaces in front of Primo’s are staying, then why the need for a parking lot and how many parking spaces are projected to be at Wisteria and New Jersey. She stated that many neighbors on Wisteria have signed a petition to have the governing body reconsider the intent of the lot; they would like to see it as Green Space and not parking. She further noted that parking is a problem and will continue to be on West Wisteria. She heard rumors that parking on West Wisteria will be metered. Lastly, is there anything that can be done about the speeding trucks going down West Wisteria.

The Mayor added that the lot adjacent to Doo Wop was a bank owned property and will be parking and since it is a county owned project and they requested parking. The main focus is New Jersey Avenue business district and parking is secondary and will be a phased plan. Also, to note the Borough is also looking at Storm Water Drainage Pump station at possibly this location. He added that there have been no talks about making metered parking along West Wisteria. As far as the speeding trucks, we would need officers at every block and they are allowed to get from A to B and then back to truck route. Commissioner Thompson indicated they do pull over and warn and ticket. She wants something similar like Wildwood has that reads NO TRUCKS and to slow down and something is needed to protect the kids and car doors.

The Mayor also added the Planner did recommend potentially to keep it grass and maybe have festivals and such and there is still plenty of time and to bear with us.

Kevin Trabocco, 126 W. Cresse Avenue, indicated that the truck traffic is high and there are constantly route drivers that should know the truck route. There used to be signage on the corner and having it again would be beneficial. Chief Lloyd indicated they are aware of them being off the truck route and they do actively look and stop them and sometimes violations are issued. Also, he noted that we have businesses all over Wildwood Crest and they sometimes have to divert off the truck route to make their delivery. The Police have limited resources and will do their best and they do also hand out maps when they pull over and the Chief will also reach out to Tony’s Produce and Wildwood Ice Cream.

Jennifer Hladish, 104 E. Monterey Avenue, asked about the status of feral cats and feeding them in the Crest. She indicated that she has seen 5 or 6 new kittens. The Mayor pointed out the Borough had an internal meeting and a brochure was then produced outlining the rules and regulations. He then said our Code Enforcement Officer should have notified the “feeder.”

John Schellenber, 300 East block Hollywood Avenue, wanted to know if the proposed surfing beach will be all day and the Mayor indicated No. The mayor then added the Chief Johnson and Commissioner Thompson will meet and find middle ground and whatever it is will make everyone aware.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- Washington Avenue Flooding Issues – } No movement.
- Bulkhead Ordinance / Lot Grading – } No movement.
- Flood Mitigation Efforts – } No movement.
- Referendum permitting one consumption liquor license in business zone- No movement.

- Park Blvd / Pumping Station** – No movement.
- Beach Bike Path** – No movement.
- Public Transportation** – No movement.
- Public trash cans being used for household dumping** -No movement.
- Trampolines on private property**- No movement.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Hearing nothing, Mrs. Gould motioned, and Mr. Thompson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 10:53 a.m.

Dated: August 18, 2021

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

