

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

September 1, 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.

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THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1363

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 59-3 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, KNOWN AS THE "SALARY ORDINANCE," FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES AND COMPENSATIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RAISING OF THE AMOUNTS THEREOF BY TAXATION AND FOR THE TIME AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

Mrs. Gould motioned, Mr. Thompson seconded that Ordinance No. 1363 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on September 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-259

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR NJDEP CAFRA INDIVIDUAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR BEACHFRONT IMPROVEMENTS & BEACH AND DUNE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES AT THE NTE SUM OF \$20,000

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 **NJDEP CAFRA INDIVIDUAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR BEACHFRONT IMPROVEMENTS & BEACH AND DUNE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**, for engineering services which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **August 19, 2021** 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 **\$20,000.00**; and

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

Account Number(s): C-04-55-134-1B1 Amount: \$20,000.00 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. 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 **\$20,000.00**.

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. 21-260

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CAPE MAY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, *et. seq.*, authorizes municipalities to enter into agreements for the exchange and sharing of services; and

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

WHEREAS, the CMCMUA's System is comprised of the CMCMUA's Secure Sanitary Landfill, Solid Waste Transfer Station, and Intermediate Processing Facility, as well as several recycling operations and programs; and

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

WHEREAS, there presently exists a contract between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Authority for the use of the CMCMUA's System for the disposal, transfer, and recycling of solid waste which will expire on December 31, 2021 entitled "Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal" (the "Existing Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Authority desire to enter into a new agreement to fix the expiration date of said Agreement to occur on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has offered the "Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services" to the Borough of Wildwood Crest in order to more efficiently provide and continue to offer municipalities within Cape May County the use of the CMCMUA's Solid Waste System from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has submitted the same proposed form of Agreement to all Cape May County Municipalities which will provide for both solid waste disposal and certain recycling services through December 31, 2022; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, and State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Wildwood Crest shall enter into a contract with the Authority entitled "Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services", effective January 1, 2022, in the form to be maintained on file in the office of the Borough of Wildwood Crest Clerk, and that the appropriate Borough of Wildwood Crest officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement.

Mrs. 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. 21-261

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT SEAFARER'S CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest annually sponsors an event known as "Seafarers' Celebration;" and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners that a fireworks display be incorporated as a finale to the 2021 Seafarers' Celebration on September 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to set forth policies and procedures for the implementation of said fireworks display; and

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

Account Number(s)	Amount	Signature
_____	_____	_____

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

1. A fireworks display is hereby authorized as a finale to the Seafarers' Celebration on Saturday, September 25, 2021, commencing approximately 9:00 p.m.
2. The fireworks exhibitor shall comply with any and all State of New Jersey Fire Code Regulations as apply to fireworks displays, as well as all Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund requirements.
3. The fireworks exhibitor shall supply the Borough of Wildwood Crest with a Certificate of Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000, naming the Borough of Wildwood Crest as an additional insured.
4. The fireworks exhibitor shall execute an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.
5. The Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Supervisor, or his designee, shall coordinate the display, with the Borough Fire Official and the Fireworks Exhibitor, to the extent necessary to insure compliance with the foregoing, as well as any other required safeguards as provided by the Borough Fire Official to fully protect the public health, safety and welfare.
6. The Commissioner of Public Works and Facilities is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Schaefer Fireworks, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$7,500.00.

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. 21-262

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL LITIGATION KNOWN AS BESTT IN CREST, LLC v. BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is the defendant in litigation entitled Bestt In Crest, LLC v. Borough of Wildwood Crest, Tax Court of New Jersey, under Docket Nos. 009161-2020 and 002800-2021 (the "Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Assessor and Borough Solicitor have recommended that the litigation be settled in accordance with the proposed Stipulation of Settlement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Stipulation"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to settle the Litigation in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation.

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 Borough Solicitor, Tax assessor, and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to settle the Litigation and to execute a stipulation of settlement in substantially the same form as is attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A" and to take all necessary action to effectuate there terms thereof.

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. 21-263

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES OR UTILITIES OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,334.04 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7400 OCEAN AVENUE #204S MADE PAYABLE TO LERETA, LLC

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.

96.02-5.02-C204S	Marano, Ricardo	Amount
2021 Taxes	7400 Ocean Avenue #204S	\$1,334.04
	Mortgage company and title company both paid	
	Third quarter taxes	
	Refund overpayment to Lereta, LLC	
	Attn: Return/Refund Department	
	901 Corporate Center Drive	
	Pomona, California 91768	

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 September 1, 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. 21-264

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES OR UTILITIES OVERPAYMENT FOR MULTIPLE PROPERTIES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER AND 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.

26.03-1-C0304	Taylor, Janet	Amount
2021 Taxes	401 East Aster Road	\$1,601.18
	Mortgage company and title company both paid third quarter	
	Refund overpayment to Corelogic	
65.02-4	DiSimone, Anthony and Nancy	\$3,546.87
2021 Taxes	7000 Atlantic Avenue	
	Mortgage company and title company both paid third quarter	
	Refund overpayment to Corelogic	
117.01-6-C000B	Vernisi, Rocco and Nicole	\$1,296.17
2021 Taxes	311 East Miami Avenue #B	
	Mortgage company overpaid third quarter amount	
	Refund overpayment to Corelogic	
137-19-C120C	Wellein, Joseph and Karen	\$609.96
2021 Taxes	120 West Denver Avenue #C	
	Mortgage company and title company both paid third quarter	
	Refund overpayment to Corelogic	
165-30	Hajdari, Vladimir and Alma	\$1,681.60
2021 Taxes	220 East Charleston Avenue	
	Mortgage company and homeowner both paid third quarter	
	Refund overpayment to Corelogic	

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 September 1, 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. 21-265

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FEE FOR THE BOROUGH WIDE YARD SALE ON OCTOBER 2, 2021

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1304 Amended and Supplemented Chapter 40, which regulated Special Events and Use of Facilities in the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, said Yard Sale Permit is \$15.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have agreed to waive the fee of \$15.00 for the new Borough Wide Yard Sale, which will take place on October 2, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest that the fee for the Borough Wide Yard Sale on October 2, 2021 is hereby waived.

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. 21-266

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES OR UTILITIES OVERPAYMENT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER AND 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.

		Amount
6.03-1-C0204 2021 Taxes	Scarnici, Emilio and Elaine 5501 Atlantic Avenue Mortgage company and title company both paid second quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$1,345.39
13-28-C0152 2021 Taxes	Lynch, Nicholas and Stephanie Lanno- 152 West Buttercup Road Mortgage company and title company both paid second quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$1,367.63
28-46 2021 Taxes	Sedletsy, Andrey and Glukhovsky, Iri 108 West Crocus Road Mortgage company and title company both paid second quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$1,221.33
39-37-C0128 2021 Taxes	McKinney, William 128 East Sweet-Briar Road Mortgage company and title company both paid second quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$1,128.84
58-17.03 2021 Taxes	Lang, David and Rosemary 116 West Fern Road Mortgage company and title company both paid second quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$940.65
95.02-1-C0202 2021 Taxes	Marino, Michael and Regina Marie 401 East Stockton Road Mortgage company and title company both paid second quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$951.60

114-30-C0141 2021 Taxes	Risich, Michael and Christina 141 East Louisville Avenue Mortgage company and title company both paid second quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$1,516.51
131-17.02 2021 Taxes	Boothman, George and Denise 8301 New Jersey Avenue Mortgage company and title company both paid second quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$1,202.96
141-1 2021 Taxes	Hogan, John and Anne 8500 Pacific Avenue Mortgage company and title company both paid second quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$974.48

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 September 1, 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. 21-267

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO20-0702 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$727.50

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on July 27, 2021 to refund escrow to Garden State General Construction, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO20-0702, Block 29/Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO20-0702 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 July 6, 2020 for Street Opening Permit for location 5910 Park Blvd., Block 29/Lot 1 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

WHEREAS, the escrow used totaled \$272.50 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$727.50.

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 \$727.50 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 \$727.50 to Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210.

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. 21-268

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND SOROPTIMIST CLUB – CAPE MAY COUNTY FOR THE USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 FROM 8:30-4:30

WHEREAS, the Soroptimist Club of Cape May County has requested to use of the Wildwood Crest Tennis Courts located at 6304 Atlantic Avenue for all day pickleball tournament as detailed below; and

WHEREAS, the Soroptimist Club of Cape May County would like to enter into a license agreement for the following payment terms:

\$600.00 TOTAL
4 TENNIS COURTS (SEPTEMBER 18TH; RAIN DATE- SEPTEMBER 19TH)
8:30AM – 4:30 PM

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners does herewith agree to enter into a licensing agreement with Soroptimist Club of Cape May County for a license for the non-exclusive right to use the Licensed Property known as the Tennis Courts for the above referenced fee.

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

1. That the recital paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That a license for the non-exclusive right to use the Licensed Property known as Tennis Courts in the Borough of Wildwood Crest is hereby granted to Soroptimist Club of Cape May County for the date listed above. The foregoing payment and the date /rain date and hours of permitted use, and all other conditions, which shall affect, change or modify this license shall be contained in said license agreement as Schedule "A", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
3. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said license agreement on behalf of the Borough.

Mrs. 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. 21-269
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (FMA) PROGRAM AND EXECUTE OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest qualifies for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program provided funding to assist in efforts to reduce or eliminate the risks of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and

WHEREAS, eligible activities for the FMA Programs includes structure elevation, dry floodproofing, green infrastructure and hazard mitigation planning as well as other activities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest strives to save tax dollars; assist homeowners to recover from Superstorm Sandy; assure clean land, air, and water; and improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest wishes to apply for funding through the FEMA FMA Programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, State of New Jersey, hereby supports and authorizes the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Programs application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the US Department of Homeland Security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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. 21-270
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE FY 2021 FEMA BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the U. S. Department of Homeland Security is offering a new program known as Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)Program; and

WHEREAS, the BRIC Program aims to shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience and;

WHEREAS, FEMA anticipates BRIC funding projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design; and

WHEREAS, the BRIC Program’s funding is tied to Presidential disaster declarations with a 6 percent set-aside from disaster grants; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest fully considers grant programs that assist the City in achieving projects and programs that are priorities for the community; and

WHEREAS, actions taken through this Program may result in lower flood insurance premiums through the Community Rating System, increase ratables and improved resiliency; and

WHEREAS, this program is available to certain municipalities in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, this grant program requires a 25 percent local match from the municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that governing body of the Borough of Wildwood Crest formally approves that grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the U. S. Department of Homeland Security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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:

➔ Notre Dame de la Mer’s Father “Mazz” (Cadmus Mazzarella) meet and greet: Father “Mazz” (new pastor) introduced himself to the governing body and to Wildwood Crest He indicated there would be an Evening of Prayer, music and reflection for first responders on September 29, 2021 from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Ann’s Church. The governing body thanked Father Mazz for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Gould added there will be a September 11th ceremony at Miami Avenue park at 5:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Lisa Haver, 9207 Bayview Drive, indicated that even though smoking on the beach is now illegal, it has happened all summer. She pointed out there is a lack of enforcement and has had to confront someone that led to being screamed at with profanity. She suggested bigger signs, citations, and perhaps fines.

The Mayor pointed out that it has been a challenging year for enforcement. The Borough changed to no smoking prior to kickoff of summer and we know what we need to do next year with more signage on the way and flags. He noted there are only so many law enforcement officers and he advised the homeowner to call the police and not take matters into their own hands. The Borough also has the Crest Concierge to remind everyone of the beach rules.

Commissioner Thompson added that the police do patrol the beach, but it is just not possible to fight smoking on the beach all the time.

Ms. Haver thanked the governing body and suggested that people should know the consequences before they start smoking on the beach.

The Mayor added that they are taking appropriate notes to include additional signage and enforcement, but noted there is a shortage of staff and positive reinforcement is needed to make the healthiest Wildwood Crest.

NEW BUSINESS:

MJPPI (Multi-Jurisdiction Program for Public Information) Update:

The Administrator gave an update on the multijurisdictional effort (Avalon, Cape May City, Cape May Point, Egg Harbor Township, Linwood, Longport, Margate, North Wildwood, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Stone Harbor, Upper Township and Wildwood Crest). A main focus of the MJPPI is help with CRS rating to better lower rates for homeowners. They strive to get the proper information out so the public can do on their own.

Commissioner Thompson inquired if the flood mitigation raising bulkheads are tied to this and the Administrator indicated that yes and the bulkhead ordinance should be introduced soon. The administrator added that the resolution for (BRIC) program is specific to Washington Avenue. There may also be a joint (BRIC) with Wildwood, West Wildwood, North Wildwood and Wildwood Crest for flood mitigation and shoreline stabilization.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Washington Avenue Flooding Issues** – } Administrator discussed.
- Bulkhead Ordinance / Lot Grading** – } Administrator discussed.
- Flood Mitigation Efforts** – } Administrator discussed.
- Referendum permitting one consumption liquor license in business zone**- No movement.
- Park Blvd / Pumping Station** – Administrator discussed.
- Beach Bike Path** – On hold.
- Public Transportation** – No movement.
- Trampolines on private property**- Went to Planning Board.

Pacific Avenue: The Mayor added the litigation with the County project on Pacific Avenue has been settled and we can expect paving for the first sub project would be entirely completed by Memorial Day 2022, with the second by Memorial Day 2023.

Wisteria Road: The Mayor added that the governing body received correspondence from homeowners along Wisteria Road that they would like to see the lots purchased by the borough to remain green. The Mayor indicated that three dead trees were removed and there are no immediate plans for the parcels. There have been serious modification /revisions to plans, but nothing concrete has taken place and it could potentially be a pump station, a parking lot, they could sell it, etc.

Sam Wilson, Green Team member, indicated he sent a letter to the governing body to call attention to the summer energy audit and how the pool is exceeding energy consumption by 250% of the national average for such facilities. He asked for priority consideration to replace the roof. He thanked the governing body for their continued support for their “Green Challenge” which is a small card that has certain tasks for Sustainable Jersey goals and they need the support of the governing body to solicit valid input from residential homeowners. Lastly, he indicated the Green Team will be meeting on September 22nd at 1:00 in the courtroom and welcomed the governing body to be present to hear how balloons negatively affect the environment and wildlife and that a potential ordinance would be needed.

The Mayor responded that roofs of several buildings were a high priority and they are on the master infrastructure plan. He asked the Public Information Officer to look into putting the Green Team challenge card online or in the fall newsletter and lastly, asked the governing body to check their schedules so they could appear at the Green Team meeting for informational purposes only.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Hearing nothing, Mr. Cabrera motioned, and Mr. Thompson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 10:02 a.m..

Dated: September 22, 2021

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

