

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

December 3, 2025

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 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 of Atlantic City on October 15, 2024.

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

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1470 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1470

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 35, FIRE PREVENTION, ARTICLE II SMOKE
DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS,
SECTION 35-10 CERTIFICATE OF SMOKE DETECTOR
AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM COMPLIANCE;
ARTICLE III ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 35-18
ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS AND FEES;
AND SECTION 35-19 PERMITS**

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1470.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that a public hearing now be closed on Ordinance No. 1470.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1470 be passed on second and final reading and advertised by law.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1471 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1471

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 32A
–ENTITLED FEES, SECTION 32A-1, FEES, GENERAL, OF THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO PROVIDE FOR
BEACH BOX RENTAL FEES**

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1471.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that a public hearing now be closed on Ordinance No. 1471.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1471 be passed on second and final reading and advertised by law.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1472 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1472

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 56, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, ENTITLED RECREATION COMMISSION, SECTION 56-3, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING RATES AND FEES FOR THE RENTAL OF FACILITIES, PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1472.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that a public hearing now be closed on Ordinance No. 1472.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1472 be passed on second and final reading and advertised by law.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-310

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ACCEPTING THE DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER GRANT FROM THE NJ DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY FROM DECEMBER 5, 2025 TO JANUARY 1, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,100 AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PAY THE FLAT RATE PER HOUR TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is working alongside local law enforcement during the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Holiday Campaign that occurs between December 5, 2025 and January 1, 2026 aimed at preventing and raising awareness about the dangers of impaired driving. *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* high-visibility enforcement drunk-driving prevention campaign; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* Holiday Enforcement Campaign will pay for overtime enforcement during the approved period, with a maximum rate to be reimbursed of \$70.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, this is a reimbursement grant and as such, participating departments will incur all costs and then submit the necessary documentation to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest received notification of award in the amount of \$2,100 on November 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety has provided grant funding for *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* to run December 5, 2025 to January 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey accepting the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* to run December 5, 2025 to January 1, 2026 and the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay flat rate of \$70.00 per hour to law enforcement.

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. 25-311

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES OR UTILITIES OVERPAYMENT MADE PAYABLE TO CINDY VILLALPANDO

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest collected from the property owner or it’s designee an excess amount on 2026 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.

189-5.02-C0304	Villalpando, David Trustee Etal	Amount
2026 Taxes	9401 Atlantic Ave	\$2,207.17
	Homeowner made multiple payments	
	Creating an overpayment on 2026 taxes	
	Refund overpayment to	
	Cindy Villalpando	
	10007 Government Point Way, Unit 103	
	Las Vegas, NV 89183	

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 December 3, 2025.

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. 25-312

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES OR UTILITIES OVERPAYMENT MADE PAYABLE TO COTALITY

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest collected from the property owner or it’s designee an excess amount on 2025 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.

46.01-11-C0002	Perkowski, Louise Durante and Michael	Amount
2025 Taxes	6411 Pacific Avenue	\$562.26
	Mortgage Company and title company both	
	Paid 4 th quarter taxes	
	Refund overpayment to Cotality	
134.01-10-C000A	Stracciolini, Albert and Renee M	
2025 Taxes	303 East Syracuse Avenue #A	\$1,150.96
	Mortgage Company and title company both	
	Paid 4 th quarter taxes	
	Refund overpayment to Totality	

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 December 3, 2025.

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. 25-313

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the below listed parcel was granted a 100% Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption on April 16, 2025, and;

WHEREAS, the homeowner became eligible for a Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption on January 24, 2025, and;

WHEREAS, the property has been granted a 100% exemption from taxes prorated for 341 days of 2025, and said exemption has resulted in an overpayment,

Block /Lot	Name	Amount
18-1.02	Chambers, Wayne Sr and Rosemary 107 West Heather Road 100% Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption granted as of April 16, 2025. Refund tax overpayment to Chambers, Wayne Sr and Rosemary 107 West Heather Road Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260	\$850.77

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 December 3, 2025.

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. 25-314

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY AND THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE “HEATHER ROAD FISHING PIER” PROJECT

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 County has determined that it is in the best interest of the County and residents therein, as well as the municipalities and residents of the individual municipalities located within the County, for the County to provide funds to such municipalities for the acquisition of lands for open space and the development of public park and recreation facilities or improvements; and

WHEREAS, the County desires, pursuant to the provisions of statutes providing for joint action with regard to capital projects and improvements which are deemed to benefit the County and the municipalities and their residents (including without limitation N.J.S.A. 40:12-16, et seq., N.J.S.A. 40:12-9 and N.J.S.A. 40A:65-14, et seq.), to provide funding for such projects and improvements, and

WHEREAS, in 1989, pursuant to P.L. 1989, Chapter 30, the County of Cape May Board of Chosen Freeholders established an Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2012, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3, the Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted new Program Guidelines for the Open Space Program that amended the County’s parameters for Open Space projects to include eligibility for park and recreation development as well as historic preservation projects; and

WHEREAS, the BOROUGH has submitted an application under the County’s 2025 Open Space Program with an initial request for funding in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 (hereinafter “Submitted Proposal”), which Submitted Proposal is included as part of Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2025, the Open Space Review Board thoroughly reviewed, deliberated and voted to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to fund this project as follows: Heather Road Fishing Pier (hereinafter the “Property”), in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 (hereinafter the “Defined Project”); and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Defined Project was held on October 28, 2025 at the Cape May County Administration Building, 4 Moore Road, Cape May Court House, New Jersey, 08210; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the information provided by the Borough, the recommendation of the Open Space Review Board, and any input received at the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners desire to enter into this Shared Services Agreement with the Borough to support the implementation of the Defined Project; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Borough desire to enter into this Agreement in order for the County to provide funding to the Borough for the aforementioned Defined Project;

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:

1. The Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May and the Borough of Wildwood Crest in connection with the “Heather Road Fishing Pier” Project is hereby authorized and approved, all of which is in accordance with and more fully set forth in the Agreement annexed hereto and made a part hereof and made a part hereof be reference as if fully set forth.

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

Vote: Schiff - ABSTAIN

Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-315

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 2026 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 from 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.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Prior to the vote, Mr. Schiff wanted clarification and the Clerk indicated that this was for Mark Blauer, our grant writer for DCA projects.
Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-316
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 2026 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 to remove mobility barriers at the Crest Fishing Pier in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); 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; and

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; and

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; and

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.

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. 25-317
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST APPROVING PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest will apply for \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 CDBG funds to remove mobility barriers at the Crest Fishing Pier in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).; 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 2026 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 2026 Public Facilities project.

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. 25-318
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

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 to remove mobility barriers at the Crest Fishing Pier in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 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:

<div>(SIGNATURE)</div> <div>Don Cabrera</div> <div>(TYPED NAME)</div>	<div>(SIGNATURE)</div> <div>Patricia A. Feketics</div> <div>(TYPED NAME)</div>
<div>Mayor</div> <div>(TITLE)</div>	<div>Municipal Clerk</div> <div>(TITLE)</div>

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. 25-319
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 2026 Small Cities Community Development Project for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to remove mobility barriers at the Crest Fishing Pier in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 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.

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. 25-320

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF NEW OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY IN THE 11TH NATIONAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the economy of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, depends heavily on a healthy coastal and marine environment, supporting industries such as tourism, recreation, commercial and recreational fishing, and related small businesses; and

WHEREAS, clean water, thriving ecosystems, and an attractive coastal environment are vital to maintaining property values, sustaining local businesses, and ensuring the quality of life for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and drilling carry inherent risks, including oil spills, leaks, habitat destruction, and pollution, which could cause significant, long- term harm to our coastal economy, natural resources, and way of life; and

WHEREAS, even the perception of environmental risk associated with offshore drilling can negatively impact tourism, investment, and business development in coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is developing the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program and has requested public input on whether to include new offshore leasing areas; and

WHEREAS, expanding drilling into the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, closer to Florida's West Coast, is a dangerous departure from current policy because the Gulf Stream could conceivably bring an oil spill around the Florida Keys and up the US East Coast.

WHEREAS, the protection of our coastal environment and economy is a priority for the Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, and the long-term well-being of our community outweighs the short-term benefits that expanded offshore drilling might offer to the oil and gas industry;

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:

1. The Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, formally opposes the inclusion of any exploration like seismic blasting and new offshore oil and gas leasing off the coast of New Jersey in the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program.
2. The Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, urges the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to prioritize the protection of coastal economies, communities, and ecosystems by excluding exploration and new offshore oil and gas leases from the final leasing program.
3. The Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, calls on our federal representatives in Congress to oppose efforts to expand offshore drilling and to support policies that protect our oceans, coasts, and the industries and communities that depend on them.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Doug Burgum Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Senator Michael L. Testa, Jr., Assemblyman Antwan L. McClellan, Assemblyman Erik K. Simonsen, Cape May County League of Municipalities, Cape May County Administrator Kevin Lare and all 16 Municipal Clerks of Cape May County .

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. 25-321

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING CERTAIN APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits transfers between budget appropriations during the final two (2) months of the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that transfers between 2025 budget appropriations be and the same are hereby authorized as follows:

Appropriation Title			
FROM:	Director of Revenue and Finance – S/W	\$	13,500.00
	Group Insurance - OE	\$	24,000.00
	Information Technology – OE	\$	5,000.00
TOTAL		\$	<u>42,500.00</u>
TO:	Assessment of Taxes – S/W	\$	500.00
	Construction Code – S/W	\$	13,000.00
	Ambulance – OE	\$	5,000.00
	Street Lighting– OE	\$	20,000.00
	Health Insurance Opt Out Waiver – S/W	\$	4,000.00
TOTAL		\$	<u>42,500.00</u>

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. 25-322
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – NJ INFRASTRUCTURE BANK APPLICATION (NJIB) – FY2026 CLEAN WATER APPLICATION – PARK BOULEVARD- PHASE I ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES AT THE NTE \$200,000

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to authorize issuance of a Work Order to the Borough Engineer, Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates for the **SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – NJ INFRASTRUCTURE BANK APPLICATION (NJIB) – FY2026 CLEAN WATER APPLICATION – PARK BOULEVARD- PHASE I ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES** for engineering costs which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **November 26, 2025** 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 **\$200,000.00**; and

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

Account Number(s)_____ Amount _____ Signature_____

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

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the attached Work Order authorizing MARC DEBLASIO and DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES to perform the professional engineering costs as described in the Proposal which is hereby approved, at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$200,000.00**.

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. 25-323
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY MOBILIZATION FOR THE 2025 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER HOLIDAY ENFORCEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by any public or private funding source and the amount thereof shall not have been determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest will receive \$ 2,100.00 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Mobilization for the 2025 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Holiday Enforcement Grant and wishes to amend its 2025 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 2025 in the sum of \$ 2,100.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues	
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:	
2025 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant	\$ 2,100.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,100.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS
(a) Operations Excluded from Caps
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
2025 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay a flat rate of \$70.00 per hour to law enforcement pursuant to the 2025 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

****Change of Meeting from December 17th to December 18th and time remains 9:30 a.m.**

UEZ Update – The Mayor shared that the UEZ is on a 10 year cycle and although we do not get a ton of money because there is a lack of retail in Wildwood Crest, the money we get in 2026 will be tagged at Centennial Park to address ramming concerns and landscaping.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Box Truck Ordinance** – a draft is in circulation for 2026 introduction.
- 250th birthday committee**- Volunteers met and good ideas were circulated.
- WC Municipal App**- On hold; budgetary item for 2026
- Historical museum - 2025** – On hold.
- Traffic Calming** – Waiting to hear back from grant writer. Traffic calming along Park Boulevard is slated for an IBank project, which we just approved the Engineer Work Order earlier.
- Back Beach Excavation:** Public Works received plans from Lomax Consulting for snow fence installation to raise low levels and the work has begun.
- Dredging:** Committee is scheduled to meet later today.
- Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** Waiting to hear about award and could be as much as 25 million from FEMA.
- US ACE / NJ DEP Dune:** We received word that funding has been suspended. North Wildwood is pursuing litigation against the state. Wildwood Crest has been released from any lawsuit with North Wildwood.
- Borough Hall Renovations**- OSK Architects has provided plans for all to review. This will be addressed in 2026.
- Fishing Pier** – The borough is still “value” engineering the project. Hoping to receive 2.5 million from CMC Open Space and we are looking at applying for the DCA (ADA) Grant in the amount of \$400,000.00
- Trees on Atlantic** – the Clerk forwarded idea to Environmental Consultant, Planning Board and Green Team for their feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Five minutes maximum)

Tom Holland inquired about the New Jersey Avenue project beginning on Thursday and lack of signage or notification to business owners. The Mayor indicated that the Engineering Field Inspectors would be notifying all business owners and there will be access the entire time for businesses.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Schiff thanked Ralph Grassi and Traffic Maintenance for their light displays and putting on a great event and the ceremony was great. Hoped all had a great thanksgiving.

Commissioner Franco asked about the proposed borough hall renovations and thought they were rather high and if they would be scaled back. Commissioner Schiff added that public safety wanted to discuss potential changes. The Mayor added that the present plans are a Cadillac version and that additional meetings are needed and this is a fluid plan and document. Commissioner Schiff questioned which project should be prioritized (fishing pier or borough hall).

Mayor Cabrera added that 2026 calendars are expected between Christmas and New Years. There are a number of events coming up:

- December 7th Tree Decorating Contest
- December 13th Create Event at the CAP Center
- December 15th Holiday light walking tour

Our last meeting is scheduled for December 18th at 9:30 a.m. and all notifications were properly made.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-324

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, SPECIFICALLY N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(B)

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq.) requires all meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to be held in public, except that N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in “Executive or Closed Session,” i.e., without the public being permitted to attend; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that three (3) issue(s) is/are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance to be discussed during the Executive or Closed Session to be held on **Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 9:30 A.M.**; and

WHEREAS, the nine (9) exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and next to each exception is a box within which the number of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written:

“(1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law, State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion.” The legal citation to the provision(s) at issue is: _____ and the nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____

“(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the state or federal government.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____

“(3) Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual’s personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____

- _____ “(4) Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.” The collective bargaining contract(s) discussed are between the Borough and _____.
- _____ “(5) Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____
- _____ “(6) Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____
- _____ “(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.” The parties to and docket numbers of each item of litigation and/or the parties to each contract discussed and the nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is potential contract negotiations and more specifically is potential litigation for _____.
- X X X “(8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions or employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request, in writing, that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.” Subject to the balancing of the public’s interest and the employee’s privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing Co. v. New Jersey Expressway Authority*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality are: matters involving terms/conditions of employment (assigning duties and departments of incoming governing body; matters involving appointments (board appointments); matters involving employment (administrator).
- _____ “(9) Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is _____

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners shall reconvene the public meeting at the conclusion of the authorized closed or executive session, which may or may not include formal action as a result of the discussion(s) held.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, assembled in public session on the date of the meeting of the governing body set forth herein above, that a closed session shall be held for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above involving the Borough of Wildwood Crest. The governing body shall convene a closed session discussion immediately upon passage of this resolution and it is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session shall be disclosed to the public upon conclusion of the matter and/or after determination of the Board of Commissioners that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality and that the meeting will return to open session at the conclusion of the discussion and formal action may be taken if/as authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk, at the present public meeting, shall read aloud enough of this resolution so that members of the public in attendance can understand, as precisely as possible, the nature of the matters that will be privately discussed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk, on the next business day following this meeting, shall furnish a copy of this resolution to any member of the public who requests one at the fees authorized by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et. seq.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public when returning to Open Session, Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 11:08 a.m.

Dated: December 18, 2025

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

