

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

September 10, 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 5:00 p.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. 1468 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. 1468**

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROAD IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$650,000 THEREFOR FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH HERETOFORE ADOPTED**

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1468.

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. 1468.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1468 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. 25-263**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING TO TERMINATE ALL PARTICIPATION UNDER THE SHBP AND SEHBP (INCLUDING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN AND /OR DENTAL PLAN COVERAGE)**

**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. The Borough of Wildwood Crest, otherwise known as SHBP/SEHBP Employer Location Number 098000 hereby resolves to terminate its participation in the Program (Medical Plan, Prescription Drug Plan, and /or Dental Plan Coverage) thereby canceling coverage provided by the SHBP and /or SEHBP (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) for all its active and retired employees.
2. We shall notify all active employees of the date of their termination of coverage under the Program.
3. We understand that the New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) will notify retired employees of the cancellation of their coverage.
4. We understand that all COBRA participants will be notified by the NJDPB and advised to contact our office concerning a possible alternative health, prescription drug, and dental insurance plan.

5. We understand that this resolution shall take effect the first of the month following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by the State Health Benefits Commission or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

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. 25-264**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 25-77 APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE BROKERAGE CONSULTANT FOR THE YEAR 2025 AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has a need to amend the current agreement with our Insurance Broker to provide additional services related to terminating the State Health Benefits Plan and moving to a private insurance carrier as an effort to reduce costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Marsh & McLennan have provided a proposal to serve as the Health Insurance Brokerage Consultant for services associated with migrating the Borough of Wildwood Crest to an insurance plan outside of the State Health Benefits Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of said contract will be from December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, all fees associated with the brokerage of the insurance plan shall be paid by the insurance carrier in 2025; and

**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 Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Insurance Brokerage Agreement attached hereto and said agreement is hereby awarded.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a notice of Award of Professional Contract for the above award shall be published in the Borough's Official Paper.

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. 25-265**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BRAVEN HEALTH TO PROCURE AND PROVIDE MEDICARE INSURANCE AND RX SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, due to the significant increases in costs associated with the current health insurance coverage plan provided by the Borough of Wildwood Crest, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has a need to procure the services of a Health Care Insurance Plan/Provider to address its health insurance needs and the needs of its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m), a municipality is permitted to award a contract for insurance, which exceeds the applicable bid threshold, as an exception to the open public bidding requirements as an extraordinary unspecified service; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires that the governing body of a contracting unit publish a notice in its official newspaper setting forth the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract where the contract itself is awarded as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service without competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1(b), the Borough has executed a Certification that the services in question qualify as extraordinary unspecifiable services under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law and has filed same with the governing body evidencing the fact that the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable given the immediate need to procure and provide Health Insurance to Borough Retirees; AND

**WHEREAS**, it is the Borough's intention to transfer the Borough's retirees from the State Health Benefits Plan to the Braven Medicare Plan as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**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. Braven Health, PO BOX 825463, Philadelphia, PA 19182-5463 is appointed to provide Retiree Healthcare Services for the period of December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, and any related/required documentation to effectuate the terms of said Agreement with Braven health for the provision of healthcare coverage.
3. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m).
4. The Borough Clerk shall make arrangements to publish notice of the award of this contract in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, setting forth the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract, and which shall further provide that this Resolution and the attached Agreement are on file in the Borough Clerk's Office for public inspection.

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. 25-266**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERIHEALTH TO PROCURE AND PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE AND RX SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, due to the significant increases in costs associated with the current health insurance coverage plan provided by the Borough of Wildwood Crest, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has a need to procure the services of a Health Care Insurance Plan/Provider to address its health insurance needs and the needs of its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.\_40A:11-1 et seq., specifically N.J.S.A.\_40A:11-5(1)(m), a municipality is permitted to award a contract for insurance, which exceeds the applicable bid threshold, as an exception to the open public bidding requirements as an extraordinary unspecified service; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.\_40A:11-1 et seq., requires that the governing body of a contracting unit publish a notice in its official newspaper setting forth the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract where the contract itself is awarded as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service without competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3 and N.J.S.A.\_40A:11-6.1(b), the Borough has executed a Certification that the services in question qualify as extraordinary unspecified services under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law and has filed same with the governing body evidencing the fact that the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable given the immediate need to procure and provide Health Insurance to Borough employees and retirees; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Borough's intention to transfer the Borough's employees and retirees from the State Health Benefits Plan to the AmeriHealth Plan as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**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. AmeriHealth, 259 Prospect Plains Road, Building M, Cranbury, NJ 08512 is appointed to provide Health Insurance Services for the period of December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, and any related/required documentation to effectuate the terms of said Agreement with Braven health for the provision of healthcare coverage.
3. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m).
4. The Borough Clerk shall make arrangements to publish notice of the award of this contract in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, setting forth the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract, and which shall further provide that this Resolution and the attached Agreement are on file in the Borough Clerk's Office for public inspection.

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. 25-267

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 July 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the homeowner became eligible for a Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption on July 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the property has been granted a 100% exemption from taxes prorated for 189 days of 2025, and said exemption has resulted in an overpayment.

Block /Lot Amount	Name
3-38-C0136 \$2,995.58	Mueller, John and Joan 136 West Cresse Avenue 100% Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption granted as of July 30, 2025. Refund tax 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 10, 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. 25-268

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEY SERVICES FOR 201 WEST PITTSBURG AVENUE- AT THE NTE SUM OF \$1,500

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 PROFESSIONAL SURVEY SERVICES FOR 201 WEST PITTSBURG AVENUE for engineering costs which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated August 29, 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 \$1,500.00; 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 \$1,500.00.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Franco asked about the process for this and was told it goes through the borough engineer.  
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. 25-269

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CARL GROON AS A MEMBER OF THE WILDWOOD CREST BACK BAY DREDGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERMS COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners have determined to appoint Carl Groon as a member of the Back Bay Dredging Advisory Committee with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey that Carl Groon is hereby appointed as a Member of the Back Bay Dredging Advisory Committee of the Borough of Wildwood Crest with a term expiring on December 31, 2026.

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. 25-270**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND WILDWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOR THE USE OF THE JOSEPH VON SAVAGE POOL FOR SWIM SEASON 2025-2026**

**WHEREAS**, Wildwood Catholic Academy has requested to use the Joseph Von Savage Pool located at 8800 New Jersey Avenue for swim season 2025-2026 for the rates and hours below with dates and meets detailed in contract; and

**WHEREAS**, Wildwood Catholic Academy would like to enter into a license agreement for the following payment terms:

**\$75/HOUR FOR 90 HOURS OF USE FOR SWIM SEASON 2025-2026 = \$6,750.00**  
**6.5 HOURS PER WEEK FOR APPROX. 14 WEEKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners does herewith agree to enter into a licensing agreement with Wildwood Catholic Academy for a license for the non-exclusive right to use the Licensed Property known as the Joseph Von Savage Pool for the above referenced fees and swim sessions.

**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 Joseph Von Savage Pool in the Borough of Wildwood Crest is hereby granted to **WILDWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY** for the period listed above. The foregoing payment schedule, the days 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.

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. 25-271**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO PURCHASE 2026 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR BASE VEHICLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/CODE DEPARTMENT UNDER STATE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,236.40**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-12A and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is in need of a 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor Base Vehicle; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Winner Ford (State Contract # 20-FLEET-01189) 250 Haddonfield/Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

**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 BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, that the Borough is authorized to fund the expenditure to purchase a 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor Base Vehicle based upon the price quote from Winner Ford (State Contract # 20-FLEET-01189) in an amount not to exceed \$44,236.40

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-272**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING RESOLUTION 25-29 TO INCLUDE WEBSITE DESIGN AT THE NTE SUM OF \$5,475**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest passed Resolution No. 25-29 on January 2, 2025, which authorized award of contract to Square 1 for website hosting management and consultation for cy 2025 at the nte sum of \$6,750.00; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists the need for the “Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services” of Website Design in conjunction with current Website Hosting Management and Consultation to be retained by the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 which states that no local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for services which are of such a qualitative nature as will not reasonably permit the drawing of specifications or the receipt of competitive bids, all of which classification the aforesaid contact falls within; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest concur with the Review Committee’s recommendation awarding the contract to Square 1 Design for the website design in the current contract as mentioned 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, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That the contract for the Borough of Wildwood Crest website design and maintenance is hereby awarded to Square 1 Design.
3. The award of this contract is contingent upon compliance with the New Jersey Pay to Play Law as set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1; production of the Business Entity Disclosure Certificate, Affirmative Action Compliance Notice, New Jersey Certificate of Employee Information Report, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and proof of insurance as required in the contract and certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds; a copy of these documents shall be kept on file in the office of the Borough Clerk
4. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a contract effective immediately through December 31, 2025, with Square 1 Design, who shall be compensated in an amount not to exceed \$5,475.00.
5. That a Notice of Award shall be published in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of this Resolution, which notice shall state that this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**-James Flaherty correspondence read into record.**

“Dear Mayor Cabrera, Commissioner Franco & Commissioner Schiff”

I have been coming to Wildwood Crest with my family for over 20 years and it just gets better every year. Thank you for your work and governance towards making the rest the beautiful place it is.

I write to ask you to consider stopping municipal garbage collection on Sunday's. Sunday is the Lord's Day Celebrating the Resurrection, a day of Joy and rest from unnecessary work.

I recognize the necessity of Police, Fire, EMS & the Lifeguards to work on Sunday, but think that the Crest could get by without trash collection on Sundays.

Thank you in advance for considering my thoughts and keep up the Great work you are doing."

Jim Flaherty

The mayor indicated that many visitors come to our beaches and the beach block properties (hotels, motels, businesses and parks) are very busy and Wildwood Crest is a tourism based community and keeping the current amenities and trash collection are a priority. The governing body thanked Mr. Flaherty for the correspondence and the Mayor asked the Clerk to respond accordingly.

#### **-Brian Schwartz correspondence read into record.**

"I would like to publicly thank the department of public works for their amazing effort to restore the Wildwood Crest beaches within one day after the effects of Hurricane Erin last month. They did an amazing job so we could all enjoy the beach uninterrupted for the remainder of the 2025 summer. Our existing dunes did their job to protect the infrastructure. Imagine if the water was 650 feet closer to land as proposed in the Army Corp project? That would be terrible. Thank you to the borough commissioners for pushing back on destroying our beautiful beach and existing dune."

#### **DISCUSSION:**

**NEW BUSINESS: N/A**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**-Box Truck Ordinance** – Still being worked on.

**-250<sup>th</sup> birthday committee-** Volunteers are still being solicited; looking to set up a fall meeting (October/ November).

**-WC Municipal App-** On hold; budgetary item for 2026

**-Historical museum - 2025** – A volunteer will catalog and inventory items with a presentation at a later time.

**-Traffic Calming** – Waiting to hear back from grant writer.

**-Back Beach Excavation:** item for 2026.

**-Dredging:** There was a meeting recently and it appears to still be in the acquisition phase.

**-Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** Waiting to hear about award.

**-US ACE / NJ DEP Dune:** There are no developments from the July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting; state indicated that they may re-allocate funds.

**-Borough Hall Renovations-** OSK Architects have been through the building and are working on design concepts.

Commissioner Franco asked if we knew when a written proposal would be forthcoming from the architect for the borough hall renovations because the verbal quote was high.

Mayor Cabrera asked that the Clerk add the Fishing Pier to Old Business. The mayor recapped that the borough has received a 1.1 million dollar Boardwalk Preservation Grant and the Cape May County Open Space award for 2.5 million dollar award for the Fishing Pier expansion and improvements of current pier. He reminded all that prior to covid, the quote for the pier expansion was close to 6 million and now is probably closer to 7 million. After meeting with the Engineer, they are interested with value engineering (existing pier and expanding it in to the water) to include decking, lighting, handicapped railings, etc. There was a LERRD credit of 2 million that from the USACE that is no longer on the table. The mayor asked the engineer to get plans available soon so we can get them online.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Five minutes maximum)**

**PUBLIC:**

Dave McWilliams had several comments:

-inquired about the resolutions awarding insurance to two different companies and the Clerk indicated that one was for retirees and the other for active employees.

-Asked about the fishing pier project and if it was a done deal and the Mayor indicated that he would like to move forward; there is 1.1 million from the Boardwalk Preservation Fund and 2.5 million from Cape May County Open Space and the rest would be from Wildwood Crest.

-Asked about the dune project and the recent August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and if there is a resolution for the project and the Mayor added that there is nothing definitive and the borough has not been placed on notice on reallocation of funds.

Chris Hughes asked about back beach excavation, sand fencing and beach replenishment. It was relayed that the beach was surveyed (low lying areas) from Rambler Road south and some areas were excavated and next year they

will continue this whether it be the whole beach or certain areas. The mayor also added that we intend to use sand fencing to capture the sand and then touched base on flooding and how it mostly comes from the bay. Lastly, he asked about dunes being trimmed and how we can better protect our dunes. The mayor indicated that the state allows pruning prior to budding season and we have an Environmental Engineer and will report back.

Dave Thompson opposed the borough moving forward with selling 5900 New Jersey Avenue. Hearing that there were no bids received, he still believes it should be kept for original intent and that was parking for the business district.

Dave McWilliams thanked the governing body for cleaning up the property adjacent to his and indicated there were still some containers behind the shed.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Schiff: The air show was great and all departments that assisted did a great job.

Commissioner Franco: Concerns brought up over potential spending for Centennial Park safety improvements/suggestions, the potential for the other parks to ensure safety there, borough hall renovations, the amount on cameras, and the spending on other projects.

Commissioner Schiff indicated that safety in public parks is essential and could be phased in.

Mayor Cabrera recapped the original idea was to have concrete barriers and then opted to keep the plastic ones for this summer. Rather than spending on barriers, a committee met with the landscape architect and are waiting for plans that will still keep the space open with security features.

Commissioner Franco echoed his thoughts on all of the potential spending.

After hearing nothing further from the public,

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-273  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, SPECIFICALLY N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(B)**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that two ( ) 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, September 10, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

  X   **“(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 safety measures at public buildings and property.

  X   **“(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 property related to a bulkhead.

  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 policies & procedures for employees.

\_\_\_\_\_ **“(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 returning from Closed Session, Mr. Schiff motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 11:42 a.m.

Dated: September 24, 2025

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

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