

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

April 15, 2026

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 pm. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera -- YES

Mr. Cabrera read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the notice requirements have been satisfied as to the time, place and date of holding said **CHANGE OF MEETING** by posting notice on the bulletin board in Borough Hall, mailing and by E-mailing same to the Herald of Cape May County and the Press of Atlantic City for publication date of January 22, 2026.

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 Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1483 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1483

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 47 PARKING METERS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO PRORATE PRICE OF SEASONAL PERMIT AFTER AUGUST 1ST ANNUALLY

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1483.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that a public hearing now be closed on Ordinance No. 1483.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1483 be passed on second and final reading and advertised by law.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1484 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1484

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,850,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,850,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1484.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that a public hearing now be closed on Ordinance No. 1484.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fucellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1484 be passed on second and final reading and advertised by law.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fucellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1485 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1485

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 79-32.3, SCHEDULE IC, RESTRICTED PARKING ZONES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; SECTION 79-35, SCHEDULE IV TIME LIMIT PARKING; SECTION 79-32.4, SCHEDULE ID, PARKING OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fucellaro seconded that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1485.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fucellaro seconded that a public hearing now be closed on Ordinance No. 1485.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fucellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1485 be passed on second and final reading and advertised by law.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fucellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1486 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1486

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 79 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC RESTRICTING THE USE OF PARKING ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TO PERSONS UTILIZING THE FACILITIES LOCATED THEREON

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fucellaro seconded that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1486.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fucellaro seconded that a public hearing now be closed on Ordinance No. 1486.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fucellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1486 be passed on second and final reading and advertised by law.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1487

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST CHAPTER 85, SECTION 85-11

DEFINITIONS OF ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS; SECTION 85-28 AREA AND BULK REGULATIONS OF ARTICLE IV R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE; SECTION 85-32 AREA AND BULK REGULATIONS OF ARTICLE V R-1A SEMI-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE; SECTION 85-40 AREA AND BULK REGULATIONS OF ARTICLE VII R-2 TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE; SECTIONS 85-74 VEHICULAR ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1487 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on May 6, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-123

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE CY 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE ONLY AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD ON THE CY 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a Resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full membership of the governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget is advertised, has been posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall, and copies have been made available by the Borough Clerk to persons requiring them on a daily basis thereafter, including the date and time of the actual public hearing held as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, these required conditions have been satisfied.

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, that the municipal budget of the Borough of Wildwood Crest be read by title only.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTION NO. 26-123

Mike Garcia, Auditor from Ford, Scott & Associates gave the governing body an overview on Wildwood Crest.

- Increase in the local purpose tax equates to 2.6 cents.
- How it affects the average homeowner?
 - The average home is assessed at just under \$400,000 and the yearly increase would be approx. \$103.82 or \$25.95 a quarter in 2026.
- Health Benefits – The Borough was looking at a 36% increase for the 2026 State Health Benefits Plan and went out to the marketplace to secure better rates that were just under the 2025 rates. This is a savings of \$1m to the taxpayers which would equate to 4 cents on the tax rate.
- Increases in the Budget for 2026:
 - Salaries and Wages:
 - Increases in contractual salaries such as Police and EMS and Teamsters.
 - Increase in minimum pay for employees – seasonal pay increases.
 - Other Expenses
 - County Dispatch increased 140K
 - Statutory increases for PFRS and PERS
 - Utility Cost increases
 - Health Benefits 60K
 - Capital and Debt Service
 - Capital decreased due to reductions in vehicle purchases and Heavy Equipment
 - Debt Service increased by 480k due to BAN Issue but was offset with the premium received and recorded as a revenue in the 2026 Budget. Net result is 219,000 for an increase in debt service.

The Mayor thanked our Auditor Mike Garcia, CFO Francine Springer and all department heads and fellow commissioners on the 2026 budget and noted the surplus was strong.

Commissioner Franco inquired about the dispatch increase and it is due to the per call methodology.

Hearing nothing from the public, Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the public hearing on the CY MUNICIPAL BUDGET now be closed.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-124

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING SELF EXAM BY THE BOROUGH OF THE CY 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF NJAC 5:30-7.2 THROUGH 7.5

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough of Wildwood Crest meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2024 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6(a) and (b) and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3, et. seq., are fully met (Complies with the "CAP" law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth,
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of NJ.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-125

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE CY2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, INCLUSIVE OF \$18,155,919.12 FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, BE ADOPTED

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorizations of the below amount of \$18,155,919.12 for municipal purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the summary of revenues for inclusion in the 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET are as follows:

GENERAL REVENUES	
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 3,239,425.59
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	8,310,406.06
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	345,000.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES	<u>18,155,919.12</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 30,050,750.77</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the summary of appropriations for inclusion in the 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET be and the same are as follows:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	
Within "CAPS"	
(a&b) Operations including Contingent	\$ 17,580,570.34
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditure – Municipal	2,082,174.00
Excluded from "CAPS"	
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	4,527,064.14
(c) Capital Improvements	435,900.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	4,582,100.00
(m) Reserved for Uncollected Taxes	<u>842,942.29</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 30,050,750.77</u>

Mrs. Fucellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The Mayor thanked the finance department and all department heads for their continued great work with this tight budget.

Vote: Fucellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-126

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOTE EXCEEDNG \$5,850,000 GENERAL BONDS (AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF) OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey (the "Local Unit"), has determined that there exists a need within the Local Unit to acquire, construct, renovate, install or refinance the Project (the "Project"), as defined in each of that certain Loan Agreement (the "I-Bank Loan Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank") and that certain Loan Agreement (the "Fund Loan Agreement" and, together with the I-Bank Loan Agreement, the "Loan Agreements") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "State"), all pursuant to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Financing Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of the Project with the proceeds of a loan to be made by each of the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan") and the State (the "Fund Loan" and, together with the I-Bank Loan, the "Loans") pursuant to the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively; and

WHEREAS, to evidence the Loans, each of the I-Bank and the State require the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Local Unit's General Bond, to the State (the "Fund Loan Bond") and General Bond, to the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan Bond" and, together with the Fund Loan Bond, the "Local Unit Bonds") pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State (the "Local Bond Law"), other applicable law and the Loan Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Bonds have been authorized pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Local Unit adopted on April 15, 2026, entitled: “Bond ordinance providing for the improvement of the sanitary sewerage system in and by the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, appropriating \$5,850,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,850,000 bonds or notes of the Borough for financing such appropriation” (the “Bond Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the I-Bank and the State have expressed their desire to close in escrow the making of one or more Loans, the issuance of one or more Local Unit Bonds and the execution and delivery of one or more Loan Agreements, all pursuant to the terms of an Escrow Agreement (the “Escrow Agreement”) to be entered into by and among the I-Bank, the State, the escrow agent named therein and the Local Unit; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to the I-Bank and the State, respectively, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a) allows for the sale of the I-Bank Loan Bond to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth in the following resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS**:

Award of the Local Unit Bonds. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a) (2) of the Local Bond Law and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a), the Local Unit hereby sells and awards its (a) I-Bank Loan Bond to the I-Bank in accordance with the provisions of this resolution and (b) Fund Loan Bond to the State in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

Basic Terms of the Local Unit Bonds; Delegation of Power to Make Certain Determinations. The chief financial officer of the Local Unit, the acting chief financial officer of the Local Unit or the treasurer of the Local Unit (the “Chief Financial Officer”) is hereby authorized to determine, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and pursuant to the terms and conditions established by the I-Bank and the State under the Loan Agreements and the terms and conditions of this resolution, the following items with respect to the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond:

The aggregate principal amount of the I-Bank Loan Bond to be issued and the aggregate principal amount of the Fund Loan Bond to be issued, which amounts in the aggregate shall not exceed \$5,850,000;

The maturity or maturities and annual and semi-annual principal installments of the Local Unit Bonds, which maturity or maturities shall not exceed thirty-five (35) years (or such longer period of time as allowed by the Program but in any event no longer than forty (40) years) from the date of the Local Unit Bonds;

The date or dates of the Local Unit Bonds;

The interest rates of the Local Unit Bonds, provided that the effective interest rate of the I-Bank Loan Bond does not exceed seven per centum (7%) and that the interest rate on the Fund Loan Bond is zero per centum (0%);

The purchase price for the Local Unit Bonds;

The terms and conditions under which the Local Unit Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities; and

Such other matters with respect to the Local Unit Bonds as may be necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with the sale, issuance and delivery thereof including (1) adding to the title of the Local Unit Bonds the calendar year in which issued, and, if applicable, conforming the title of any Local Unit Bonds to the particular portion of the project being financed by such Local Unit Bonds, (2) issuing each Local Unit Bond in the form of multiple bonds from time to time if the project is funded in more than one installment by the Program and (3) combining the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds with the issuance of other bonds of the Local Unit authorized or to be authorized to be issued for the project or for other purposes.

Determinations Conclusive. Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms of this resolution shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Local Unit Bonds by the parties authorized under Section 4(c) of this resolution.

Further Terms of the Local Units Bonds. The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Local Unit Bonds shall be as follows:

The Fund Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered RA-1, or as may otherwise be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The I-Bank Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered RB-1, or as may otherwise be determined by the Chief Financial Officer;

The Local Unit Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form (convertible to bearer as therein provided) and shall (unless converted to bearer) be payable to the registered owners thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America;

The Local Unit Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, imprinted, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Local Unit Clerk or Deputy Local Unit Clerk (the "Local Unit Clerk"); and

In order to distinguish the Local Unit Bonds from other bonds of the Local Unit, the Local Unit Bonds shall have such letters and/or numbers incorporated in their titles as shall be determined by the Chief Financial Officer.

Forms of the Local Unit Bonds. The I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond shall be substantially in the form set forth in the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively.

Authorized Parties. The law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, bond counsel to the Local Unit, is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Local Unit Bonds, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank and the State for the Program, to arrange for same. The Local Unit auditor and financial advisor, if any, are hereby authorized to prepare the financial information necessary in connection with the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer and the Local Unit Clerk (each, an "Authorized Official") are hereby severally authorized to execute any certificates necessary or desirable in connection with the financial and other information.

Report to the Local Unit. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to this Board of Commissioners at the next meeting of this Board of Commissioners next following the closing with respect to the Local Unit Bonds as to the terms of the Local Unit Bonds authorized to be determined by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

Delivery of the Local Unit Bonds. Each Authorized Official is hereby authorized to execute any certificate or document necessary or desirable in connection with the sale of the Local Unit Bonds and is hereby further authorized to deliver same to the I-Bank and the State upon delivery of the Local Unit Bonds and the receipt of payment therefor in accordance with the Loan Agreements.

Execution of Agreements. The I-Bank Loan Agreement, the Fund Loan Agreement and the Escrow Agreement (collectively, the "Financing Documents") are hereby authorized to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Local Unit by an Authorized Official (other than the Local Unit Clerk) in substantially the forms required and traditionally used by the I-Bank and the State (which forms are available from the I-Bank and the State), with such changes as such Authorized Official, in his or her sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit (the "Local Unit Consultants") and after further consultation with the I-Bank, the State and their representatives, agents, counsel and advisors (collectively, the "Program Consultants" and, together with the Local Unit Consultants, the "Consultants"), shall determine, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such Financing Document by an Authorized Official (other than the Local Unit Clerk). The Local Unit Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of the Financing Documents by an Authorized Official and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to such Financing Documents.

Authorized Actions. The Authorized Officials are hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officials or the Local Unit Clerk, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with the Consultants, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of the Financing Documents and the Local Unit Bonds and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such document, instrument or closing certificate by the party authorized under this resolution to execute such document, instrument or closing certificate and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officials deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof, including the application to one or more credit rating agencies for purposes of receiving a credit rating in connection with the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds.

Multiple Document Sets. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution to the contrary, if in connection with the participation of the Local Unit in the Program, the State and the I-Bank require that the Local Unit execute more than one set of documents, the provisions of this resolution shall be deemed to apply to the Local Unit Bonds and the Financing Documents related to each set of documents; provided, however, that in no event may the aggregate principal amount of all Local Unit Bonds issued and delivered pursuant to the provisions of this resolution be in excess of the amount referred to in Section 2(a) hereof.

Interim Financing. In anticipation of the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds, the Local Unit hereby authorizes, if necessary or desirable, the issuance, sale and award of a bond anticipation note or notes, or other obligation or obligations (the "Note") pursuant to the I-Bank's financing program. The Note shall be substantially in the form provided by the I-Bank (which form is available from the I-Bank). The execution and delivery of the Note shall be in the same manner as herein prescribed with respect to the Local Unit Bonds. An Authorized Official is hereby authorized to determine, pursuant to the terms and conditions established by the I-Bank under its financing program and the terms and conditions of this resolution, the following items with respect to the Note: (a) the aggregate principal amount of the Note to be issued, which amount shall not exceed \$5,850,000; (b) notwithstanding any provisions of the Bond Ordinance or of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8 to the contrary and as authorized by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(e), the maturity of the Note, which shall be no later than the June 30 following the date that is five (5) years after the date of issuance thereof or such longer period of time as may be permitted under the rules of the I-Bank's financing program; (c) the date of the Note; (d) the interest rate or rates of the Note (including different interest rates applicable to different drawdowns on the Note), which shall not exceed three percent (3%) per annum or such higher rate as may

be determined pursuant to the rules of the I-Bank's financing program; (e) the purchase price for the Note; and (f) such other matters with respect to the Note as may be necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with the sale, issuance and delivery thereof, including, without limitation (i) combining the issuance of the Note with the issuance of other notes of the Local Unit authorized or to be authorized to be issued for other purposes, (ii) issuing the Note in the form of multiple notes from time to time if the project is funded in more than one installment by the I-Bank and (iii) applying to one or more credit rating agencies for purposes of receiving a credit rating. The Authorized Officials are hereby further severally authorized to manually execute and deliver and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest by manual signature to such execution and to affix, imprint, engrave or reproduce the corporate seal of the Local Unit to any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officials or the Local Unit Clerk, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with the Consultants, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of the Note and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such document, instrument or closing certificate by the party authorized under this resolution to execute such document, instrument or closing certificate.

Capitalized Terms. All capitalized words and terms used but not defined in this resolution shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms, respectively, in the preambles to this resolution.

Prior Action. All action taken to date by the officers, employees and agents of the Local Unit with respect to the Local Unit Bonds and the Note hereby are approved, ratified, adopted and confirmed.

Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-127

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO STEVEN A. MORRIS, ESQ. AS SPECIAL CONFLICT COUNSEL AT THE NTE SUM OF \$5,000 FOR THE DISCHARGE AND RELEASE OF EASEMENT BLOCK 79, LOT 1.01

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that there exists the need for a "Professional Services" Conflict Counsel for the Borough of Wildwood Crest in the matter to discharge and release of easement Block 79, Lot 1.01; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq. as an authorized exception to the public bidding as a Professional Services Contract; and

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

1. Professional services of the type herein sought are of such a nature as to require a high degree of 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 Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desire to appoint Steven A. Morris Esq. to handle all legal work necessary and as may be assigned by the Board of Commissioners to represent the interests of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

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

Account Number(s) _____ Amount NTE \$5,000

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 a contract for Conflict Counsel is awarded to Steven A. Morris Esq.
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 April 15, 2027, W Steven A. Morris Esq. who shall be compensated pursuant to attached agreement not to exceed \$5,000.00.
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.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Cabrera seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - YES Franco – ABSTAIN Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-128

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE AND RELEASE OF EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 79, LOT 1.01

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is the Grantor of a certain Landscaping Easement dated November 1, 2017 to Jack Morey and Karen A. Morey, as Grantees, affecting the property known as Block 79, Lot 1.01 Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, and recorded in the Cape May County Clerk’s Office, annexed hereto and incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, Grantee desires to terminate and release the Landscaping Easement and the Board of Commissioners has further determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough to discharge and release said Easement.

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 Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Discharge and Release of Easement, annexed hereto and incorporated by reference herein, on behalf of releasing the Borough’s interest in the Landscaping Easement for Lot 1.01 in Block 79, dated November 1, 2017, and recorded in the Cape May County Clerk’s Office in Book D3769, Page 552 on December 27, 2017, together with such minor revisions thereto as may be approved by the Borough Solicitor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the fully executed Discharge and Release of Easement to be recorded in the Office of the Cape May County Clerk.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-129

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR COIN OPERATED VENDING MACHINE MERCANTILE LICENSE FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52.50

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has received written request from Chris Ferrara, owner of Hotel Sea Scape Inn, on April 3, 2026 to refund coin operated vending machine mercantile fee in the amount of \$52.50; and

WHEREAS, the Mr. Ferrara paid the coin operated vending machine mercantile fee in the amount of \$52.50 on March 30, 2026 via Check #0000006781; and

WHEREAS, the Mr. Ferrara indicated the vendor will no longer provide the service and will be removing his machine from the premises.

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 coin operated vending machine mercantile fee in the amount of \$52.50 to Sea Scape Inn, 400 E. Crocus Road, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260 be and hereby is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the amount of \$52.50 Sea Scape Inn, 400 E. Crocus Road, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-130

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) CLASS II POLICE OFFICER(S)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Safety desires to appoint One (1) Class II Police Officer(s) for the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Commissioner of Public Safety to appoint **Jadon D. Butler** as Class II Police Officer(s) for the Borough of Wildwood Crest, to serve in an “at-will” capacity at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Public Safety at an annual salary as contained in the current year salary ordinance of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to confirm and ratify the appointment of **Jadon D. Butler** as Class II Police Officer(s).

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

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if fully set forth at length.
2. The appointment of **Jadon D. Butler** as Class II Police Officer(s) effective the date of passage of this resolution, at an annual salary as permitted within the parameters of the range established in the current year “Salary Ordinance” of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, be and the same is hereby confirmed and ratified.
3. That said unclassified appointment shall be “at-will,” at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Public Safety, and shall remain in full force and effect until further notice.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-131

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING PEDDLING TRUCK LICENSE TO MONSTER CONE, LLC FOR 2026

WHEREAS, Section 40-16, et. Seq., of the code of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, sets forth the pertinent law regarding the issuance of licenses to persons, firms or corporations desiring to engage in the peddling and soliciting of Ice Cream Products and Fruits/Vegetables within the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, MONSTER CONE, LLC applied for renewal of Ice Cream Peddling License and has fulfilled all requirements for renewal of license; and

WHEREAS, review of the qualifications of applicant for said license has been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that an Ice Cream Peddling License for the balance of calendar year 2026 is hereby authorized to be issued to MONSTER CONE, LLC, 33 Church Road, Rio Grande, New Jersey 08242.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-132

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND THE TEAMSTERS 107 FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028

WHEREAS, the Teamsters 107, hereinafter known as the “Union”, has been certified as the representative of the “blue collar workers of the Public Works Department” of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, so designated and specifically included in the appropriate certificate of representation, under Docket No. RO-2026-004; and

WHEREAS, the bargaining team of the Union and the management team of the Borough of Wildwood Crest have held multiple negotiation sessions and have reached an agreement on all of the bargainable issues existing between the Borough and the Union which were, or could have been, the subject of negotiation; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to comply with Chapter 303, P.L. 1968 (the “Act”) by formalizing an agreement to contain that which has been negotiated by and between both parties.

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

1. That the above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth as length.
2. The Mayor, Commissioners and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized, instructed, and empowered to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, embodying all of the mutual terms, understandings and conditions involving the employment of all emergency medical technicians so included in the Union within the meaning of the Act as more fully described in the certification of representation under Docket No. RO-2026-004; a copy of said agreement shall be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk, mailed to PERC, and is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-133

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF A NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BOROUGH WIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICE

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise a Notice to Bidders on the Borough of Wildwood Crest’s official internet website in compliance with P.L.2025, ch. 72 on April 16, 2026. The complete text of this legal notice may be obtained or viewed by the public at <https://wildwoodcrest.org/publicnotices.php>

Bid Documents and Drawings for the proposed work, which have been prepared by the Borough of Wildwood Crest will be available at the office of the Borough Clerk at 6101 Pacific Avenue, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey 08260 or via email request to clerk@wildwoodcrest.org on **April 16, 2026**, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications on file in the Borough for the **BOROUGH WIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICE** is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sealed bids will be received by the Bid Opening Committee in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Wildwood Crest Borough Hall, on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 10:00 am**, prevailing time, for furnishing the items hereinafter set forth in accordance with the Specifications on file in the Borough Hall. Said items are as follows:

BOROUGH WIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICE

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-134

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS FOR THE BEACH PATROL UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM CONTRACT #83909

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

- The bid opening occurred on June 24, 2025 and the apparent low bidder is Charles Marandino, LLC in the amount of \$2,573,600.00. The preconstruction meeting was held on July 24th.
 - Sanitary sewer replacement and concrete work are complete on Stockton Road. Concrete work has started on Topeka Avenue. Sanitary sewer work is progressing on Bayview, Pittsburg and Topeka.
5. New Jersey Avenue Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Improvements
 - The bid opening occurred on July 23, 2025 and the lowest responsible bidder is Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc in the amount of \$3,345,500.00. Please note that this project contains Wildwood Water Utility participating items in the amount of \$1,051,126.50 and Borough participating items in the amount of \$2,294,373.50.
 - The preconstruction meeting was held on October 16th and construction started in December on Primrose Rd and is working north on New Jersey Avenue.
 6. FY2024 NJDCA Small Cities Program – Crest Pier Bathroom Improvements
 - The Borough was notified that a \$400,000.00 grant was allocated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Crest Pier ADA Bathroom Improvements.
 - This project is currently in the design phase and scheduled for public bidding on April 15th.
 7. Centennial Park Improvements
 - The Contracts have been transmitted to the Contractor and a preconstruction meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th.

Grant Applications

1. FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (BRIC) & (HMA)
 - The Borough is proposing to submit to FEMA BRIC for two (2) bayside storm sewer pump stations and associated storm sewer improvements in the northwest section of the Borough.
 - The Borough is proposing to submit to FEMA HMA for the Washington Avenue storm sewer improvements as outlined in the recently completed study.
 - Both grant applications have secured initial selection from FEMA.
 - Additional information was provided to NJOEM on November 14th.
2. FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
 - The NJDOT is accepting grant applications for Bikeway, Pedestrian and Roadway Improvement Projects. The application deadline is July 1, 2024.
 - Our office has been authorized by the Borough to submit the Reconstruction of Stockton Road as the grant application.
 - The grant application was submitted on May 28, 2024.
 - The Borough was notified that a \$158,190.00 grant was allocated for this project.
3. FY2026 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
 - Our office was authorized by the Borough to submit the Reconstruction of Denver Avenue as the grant application.
 - The Borough was notified that a grant in the amount of \$116,187.00 was allocated for the project.
4. FY2026 NJDCA LRIG Program
 - Our office submitted the Borough's grant application on February 13th for the installation of new shade structures at Sunrise Park.

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

PUBLIC COMMENTS: n/a

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS: Letter to Lower Township – Mayor Cabrera indicated that the borough has received multiple calls regarding Lower Township's decision to place parking meters and parkmobile in Lower Township in the Diamond beach section, which is adjacent to Wildwood Crest. He requested they possibly table this for 2026 and revisit. Wildwood Crest was unaware and this could have real impacts to Wildwood Crest.

The Chief reminded all that the borough hired a contractor to line the bike path and the work will commence tomorrow and should only last a day and it begins on Rambler and works northbound. Commissioner Franco thanked the Chief, CFO and Engineer for getting this over the finish line.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Historical museum - 2025** – On hold.
- Traffic Calming** –We adopted IBANK Bond Ordinance today for Park Blvd.
- Back Beach Excavation:** Snow fencing is working and sand is accumulating.
- Dredging:** There is a meeting scheduled for April 16, 2026.
- Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** No movement from previous meeting. Waiting to hear about award and could be as much as 25 million from FEMA.
- US ACE / NJ DEP Dune:** There is a meeting planned for April 29th to review updated plans.
- Borough Hall Renovations-** Need to schedule department heads to meet and scale back now that budget was adopted.
- Digitize Paper Files:** We have the quote, but it needs further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

******PRESENTATIONS******

Crest Memorial grades 7-8 girls team: Atlantic Cape Junior High League division champions, Island Tournament champions, Optimist Tournament champions

Crest Memorial grades 7-8 boys team: Atlantic Cape Junior High division champions (third straight year), Island Tournament champions (third straight year), Scoop Taylor Tip-Off Classic champions (second straight year)

Wildwood Islanders grades 5-6 boys basketball team: South Shore Basketball League playoff champions

Wildwood High School girls basketball team: South Jersey Group 1 champions, Tri-County Classic Division champions, Tri-County Conference playoff tournament runners-up, 23-8 record

After hearing nothing from the public, Mrs. Fuscillaro motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time of the meeting was 5:55 pm

Dated: May 20, 2026

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

