

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

February 19, 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 NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING TIME 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 February 16, 2025.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1448**  
**ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CAP BANK FOR**  
**CY2025 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14**

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Cabrera seconded that Ordinance No. 1448 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on March 12, 2025.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-73**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF**  
**WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL BUDGET OF THE**  
**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, FOR**  
**THE FISCAL YEAR 2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the local budget for the year 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said budget be published in *The Cape May County Herald* issue of February 26, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NOTICE** is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution were approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey on February 19, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 5:00 P.M., in the Municipal Court Room, Borough Hall, 6101 Pacific Avenue, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey, at which time and place objections to said budget and tax resolution for the year 2025 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

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. 25-74**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF**  
**WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE**  
**UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S**  
**"ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND**  
**CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE**  
**CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction

Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. §2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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. 25-75**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND THE CAPE MAY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO REVIEW, SIGN, SUBMIT THE 2024 ANNUAL RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT**

**WHEREAS**, Borough of Wildwood Crest and Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (“Authority”) desire to enter into a Shared Services Agreement pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 *et seq.*) (“Shared Services Act”), whereby the Authority would review, certify, and submit, via email, to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), the Borough of Wildwood Crest’s (Borough)\2024 Recycling Tonnage Report; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Shared Services Act, any local unit may enter into an agreement with any other local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough shall adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution of this Shared Services Agreement with the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority shall adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution of this Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements between the parties and for the consideration set forth below, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 13:1E-96 5.b(1), commencing in 2012, each New Jersey municipality is required by the Recycling Enhancement Act (“RA”) to have mandatory Annual Recycling Tonnage Reports approved and signed by a Certified Recycling Professional (“CRP”).
2. For the 2024 Recycling Tonnage Report, the Authority hereby agrees to have employees of the Authority who have received the designation by the State as a CRP, to review, certify, and submit, via email, to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), the Borough of Wildwood Crest’s 2024 Recycling Tonnage Report.
3. It is understood that the responsibility for the accuracy of all tonnage and other data reported rest solely with the Borough as the preparer of the Recycling Tonnage Report. Said report shall utilize a spreadsheet compatible with the Microsoft Excel structure required by the NJDEP, and shall be submitted in its entirety to the Authority.
4. The Borough shall designate a single individual as the preparer of the report and shall advise the Authority of the preparer’s name and title prior to the submission of the report to the Authority. The individual report preparer and the Borough are solely responsible should the NJDEP audit the report submittal and determine that deficiencies exist.
5. Neither the Authority nor its employees bear any responsibility for reporting inaccuracies.
6. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Borough of Wildwood Crest shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Authority, its agents and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses, liabilities and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney’s fees and court costs, arising out of, resulting from or in any way relating to, either directly or indirectly to this Agreement.
7. Nothing herein shall obligate the Authority to review and submit to the NJDEP the Borough’s Recycling Tonnage Report beyond the 2024 calendar year.

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. 25-76

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR POOL SYSTEM SERVICE CONTRACT UNDER ESCNJ COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR BOROUGH POOL TO MAINLINE COMMERCIAL POOLS AT THE NTE SUM OF \$27,000.00 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12.1A and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29, 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 Pool Service Contract for Borough Pool; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Mainline Commercial Pools, (ESCNJ 21/22-39) 441 Feheley Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406 has provided a quote for \$27,000.00; and

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

Account Number(s) 5-01-26-310-263 Amount \$27,000.00 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the Borough is authorized to fund the expenditure for the service contract for the Borough Pool contract based upon the quote received from Mainline Commercial Pools (#ESCNJ 21/22-39) in the amount not to exceed \$27,000.00.

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. 25-77

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE 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 acquire an Insurance Broker to provide services related to the Difference Card (HRA) and desires to authorize this appointment using a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(k) to enter into contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bidding, so long as the award of such contract is made public by a Resolution of the Governing Body and satisfies the requirements of the New Jersey Pay to Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Marsh & McLennan have provided a proposal to serve as the Health Insurance Brokerage Consultant for services associated with the Difference Card for the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

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

**WHEREAS**, all fees associated with the brokerage of the Difference Card shall be paid by the Difference Card in 2025.

**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. 25-78

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

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 permits transfers between appropriation reserves during the first three (3) months of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, Claims have been received for the year 2024 for which inadequate appropriation reserves exist to pay said claims.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of the full membership concurring) that transfers between appropriation reserves be and the same are hereby authorized as follows:

Appropriation Title	
FROM:	Group Insurance – Other Expenses \$150,000.00
	Landfill – Other Expenses 20,000.00
	Fuel – Other Expenses 15,000.00
	Fire Department – Other Expenses 25,000.00
	Sanitation – Other Expenses 30,000.00
	Sewer – Salary and Wages 15,000.00
	<b>TOTAL \$ 255,000.00</b>
TO:	CMC MUA Charges– Other Expenses \$ 250,000.00
	Water - Other Expenses 5,000.00
	<b>TOTAL \$255,000.00</b>

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. 25-79**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO PURCHASE BEACH BOXES FOR THE BEACH UNDER STATE CONTRACT**

**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 Beach Boxes for the beach and desires to purchase beach boxes from Deptcor under State Contract # 49131 Cooperative Purchasing Program; 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**, the CFO has certified the availability of funds as evidenced below by her signature:

Account Number(s) C-04-55-141-1B2 Amount \$28,800.00 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**NOW, THEREFORE, 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 beach boxes based upon the price quote number 0007181 on January 16, 2025 from Deptcor (State Contract # 49131) in an amount not to exceed \$28,800.00.

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. 25-80**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST EXERCISING OPTION TO EXTEND ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR CREST BICYCLES, LLC FOR BICYCLE CONCESSION NO. 3 AT HEATHER ROAD FOR BICYCLE RENTALS ONLY- BOROUGH CONCESSION AGREEMENT #2021-003**

**WHEREAS**, on November 24, 2021, the Borough of Wildwood Crest authorized Resolution No. 21-310 for the award of Concession Rental for Bicycle Concession No. 3 at Heather Road for Bicycle Rentals Only- Borough Concession Agreement #2021-003; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned Agreement expires on December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned Agreement provides for that the Borough, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the right, but no obligation, to grant up to two (2) one-year extensions of the initial Term by resolution of the Board of Commissioners upon a finding that the concession services are being performed in an effective and efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby determines and finds that the concession services have been performed in an effective and efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS**, CREST BICYCLES, LLC, bid and paid an aggregate amount of \$194,000 over the FOUR-year contract, which amounts to \$48,500 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to exercise its right to grant a one-year extension of this Agreement with \$48,500.00 being paid on or before March 15, 2026.

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

1. All of the statements of the preamble are repeated and incorporated herein by this reference thereto as though the same were set forth at length.
2. By this Resolution, the Borough of Wildwood Crest hereby does exercise its right to grant a one-year extension as provided for the in the aforementioned Agreement.

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. 25-81

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST EXERCISING OPTION TO EXTEND ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR D R BRADLEY'S BIKE RENTALS, LLC FOR BICYCLE CONCESSION NO. 8A AT RAMBLER ROAD FOR BICYCLE RENTALS ONLY- BOROUGH CONCESSION AGREEMENT #2021-002**

**WHEREAS**, on November 24, 2021, the Borough of Wildwood Crest authorized Resolution No. 21-311 for the award of Concession Rental for Bicycle Concession No. 8A at Rambler Road for Bicycle Rentals Only- Borough Concession Agreement #2021-002; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned Agreement expires on December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned Agreement provides for that the Borough, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the right, but no obligation, to grant up to two (2) one-year extensions of the initial Term by resolution of the Board of Commissioners upon a finding that the concession services are being performed in an effective and efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby determines and finds that the concession services have been performed in an effective and efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS**, D R BRADLEY'S BIKE RENTALS, LLC, bid and paid an aggregate amount of \$202,000.00 over the FOUR-year contract, which amounts to \$50,500 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to exercise its right to grant a one-year extension of this Agreement with \$50,500.00 being paid on or before March 15, 2026.

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

3. All of the statements of the preamble are repeated and incorporated herein by this reference thereto as though the same were set forth at length.
4. By this Resolution, the Borough of Wildwood Crest hereby does exercise its right to grant a one-year extension as provided for the in the aforementioned Agreement.

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. 25-82

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

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

		<b>Amount</b>
95.02-5.02-C0302 2025 Taxes	Cortes, Humberto 415 East Stockton Road Title Company and mortgage company both paid first quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$1,326.40
151-6-C0001 2025 Taxes	Shera, Stephen D and Cindy B 8705 New Jersey Avenue (1S) Title Company and mortgage company both paid first quarter Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$770.58
98.02-18-C000A 2025 Taxes	Indenbom, Michael S and Karen M 418 East Farragut Road Mortgage company paid wrong parcel Refund overpayment to Corelogic	\$3,552.10

**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 February 19, 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. 25-83**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION NO. 25-67 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) CLASS I POLICE OFFICER TO BE RESCINDED IN TOTALITY**

**WHEREAS**, on February 5, 2025, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest adopted Resolution No. 25-67, authorizing the Appointment of One (1) Class I Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, due to program requirements not yet met, the Borough desires to appoint at a later date and after the applicant meets those necessary requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that Resolution No. 25-67, adopted on February 5, 2025 is hereby rescinded in totality.

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. 25-84**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ACCEPTING THE 2025-2030 WILDWOODS URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMISSION TO THE URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Wildwood, North Wildwood, West Wildwood, and the Borough of Wildwood Crest have been participants in the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Program since joining the program in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, through mutual cooperation, the four municipalities formed a joint Urban Enterprise Zone managed and operated through the entity known as the Enterprise Zone Development Corporation of the Wildwoods (EZDCW); and

**WHEREAS**, the UEZ Program has been instrumental in fostering economic development, encouraging business investment, and creating jobs in Wildwood, North Wildwood, West Wildwood, and Wildwood Crest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwoods currently have numerous businesses benefiting from the program's advantages; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zones Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27H-60 et seq.) a Zone Development Plan must be submitted to and approved by the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, a new Zone Development Plan has been developed to guide the implementation of the program.

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

1. The Board of the Enterprise Zone Development Corporation is hereby requested and directed to submit the 2025-2030 Zone Development Plan to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority.
2. The Board of Commissioners requests a formal review of the Zone Development Plan by the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority.
3. The Board of Commissioners hereby accepts and approves the new Zone Development Plan as presented.
4. The Urban Enterprise Zone Program Coordinator and all other appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all such actions necessary to effectuate and facilitate the provisions of this resolution and to implement the new Zone Development Plan upon approval.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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. 25-85**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,999.94 TO HOOBER INC. FOR KUBOTA TRACTOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest awarded a contract, via Resolution No. 25-69 adopted February 5, 2025, to HOOBER INC., for a KUBOTA TRACTOR for Public Works at the NTE sum of \$96,445.06; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to increase the amount of the contract by \$17,999.94; and

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

Account Number(s)	Amount	Signature
<u>5-01-44-907-299</u>	<u>\$17,999.94</u>	_____

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

1. That the recital paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That the terms and conditions of the contract between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and HOOBER INC., authorized by Resolution No. 25-69 adopted February 5, 2025 shall remain in full force and effect, with the sole exception that the amount of the contract shall be increased to a total sum not to exceed \$114,445.00 all of which is contingent upon certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.
3. That a copy of the specific items appertaining to the award of this contract shall be published in a Notice of Award in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of the Resolution authorizing same.

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

Capt. D’Amico wanted to clarify remarks from the previous meeting with respect to the recruits hired in August of 2024 with the promise of being hired full time after completion of the academy and that took place in January of 2025. Capt. D’Amico indicated that he shared that information with Mr. Marino after the last meeting.

**Report from Capt. D’Amico:**

**Calls for Service: 1,103**

**Criminal Investigations: 19**

**Service Calls: 195**

**Traffic: 2119**

**Arrests: 6**

**Report from William Cripps (EMS Supervisor and OEM):**

**EMS: Total Calls: 50**

**Patients transported to hospital: 17**

**Patients refused treatment: 1**

**Mutual Aid Given: 5; Mutual Aid Received: 0**

Mr. Franco thanked Mr. Cripps for his continual texts to update the governing body and department heads and added that they are very much appreciated. The Mayor added that out of an abundance of caution, the weather predicted for mid week seemed to have the potential for multiple inches of snow and the governing body determined it was in the best interest of all to move the night meeting to morning. The notice was sent Sunday afternoon and posted on the front door and on social media for complete transparency.

**REPORTS:** Mr. Franco motions, and Mr. Schiff seconded that all reports received from the Court Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Chief of Police, Supervisor of the Recreation Department, Construction Official, Fire Prevention, Emergency Services Coordinator for the EMS and the Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Company for the month ending January 31, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

**MINUTES:** Mr. Franco motions, and Mr. Schiff seconded that all minutes from the regularly scheduled meetings dated January 22, 2025 and February 5, 2025 be approved as presented.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**Capital Projects**

1. Bayside Bulkhead Replacement and Flood Mitigation Improvements
  - The NJDEP permits for the bulkhead replacements have been obtained.
  - The bid opening occurred on August 28, 2024, and the apparent low bidder was South State, Inc. in the amount of \$5,377,187.00.
  - A preconstruction meeting was held on September 12, 2024.
  - Property owner access forms are being signed and recorded.
  - Project submittals have been reviewed and approved.
  - The contractor has completed the underground storm sewer system piping and has started on the replacement of the bulkheads starting at Primrose Road and working north.
2. FY2023 NJDCA Small Cities Program-Municipal Building Bathroom Improvements
  - The bid opening occurred on October 30, 2024, and the lowest responsible bidder was Capri Construction Company in the amount of \$270,549.00.
  - A preconstruction meeting was held on November 14, 2024, and the contractor has started work. The rough plumbing and electrical work are complete and the contractor is currently working on the drywall and finishes.
3. FY 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program-Reconstruction of Toledo Avenue
  - The bid opening occurred on October 30, 2024, and the apparent low bidder was Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc in the amount of \$2,174,400.00.
  - A preconstruction meeting was held on December 11, 2024 and the contractor has started work. The contractor is currently working on the replacement of the sanitary sewer system, water services and concrete curbing.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>.
2. FY 2024 NJDCA Boardwalk Preservation Fund
    - The Borough has selected to submit the Reconstruction of the Heather Road fishing pier.
    - The grant application requests \$3,600,000.00 for the replacement and extension of the fishing pier including ADA accessible walkways, fishing nodes and pavilion.
    - The Borough was notified by NJDCA that a \$1,087,425.00 grant was allocated for the project.
  3. Federal Funding Grant Opportunity-Congressman Van Drew
    - Our office has been in contact with Congressman Jeff Van Drew's office to discuss federal funding opportunities for Borough capital projects.
    - On December 28, 2023, our office submitted a funding request for bayside flood mitigation improvements.
    - On March 12<sup>th</sup>, our office and the Borough met with representatives of Congressman Van Drew's office and were informed that the project was selected for special funding consideration.
  4. 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.
  5. 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.
  6. NJ IBank (NJIB) – Sanitary Sewer and Roadway Improvements
    - Pursuant to our conversations with the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, the Borough is eligible for a \$3,000,000.00 principal forgiveness grant.
    - A preplanning-application meeting was held on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 PM.
    - The NJIB advised the Borough that approximately \$3,000,000.00 in grant forgiveness is available along with grant funding for engineering services.
    - The application is currently in progress and Steps 1, 2 and 3 have been completed. We are currently waiting for comments back on the environmental planning report.
    - The roadway have been survey, base mapped and the design phase is approximately 50% complete.

The Engineer added that Congressman Jeff Van Drew's office is now accepting requests for funding projects. The Mayor added that the borough was notified it received a grant in the amount of approximately 1.1 million for the FY2024 NJDCA Boardwalk Preservation Fund for the Heather Road fishing pier. He mentioned a previous LERD credit that never materialized or was rescinded. The borough needs to decide if they are planning to move forward with the dune and if not, how to proceed with the grant funding that needs to be used by 2026.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** N/A

**DISCUSSION:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** N/a

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**-Bicycle safety – bike path:** The Mayor indicated there is currently a CAFRA permit indicated that perhaps down the road, a larger scale project could be considered and for now, they floated the idea of perhaps using thermoplastic and that it could be costly.

**-250<sup>th</sup> birthday committee-** CMC Clerk, Rita Rothberg, gave a presentation yesterday at the Crest Arts Pavilion, which included the Battle of Turtle Gut. Volunteers are still being solicited.

**-WC Municipal App-** Budgeted item

**-Historical museum - 2025 –** On hold.

**-Concession agreement hotel zone / beach chairs –** On hold.

**-Traffic Calming –** On hold.

**-Back Beach Excavation:** Subject to ACE and proposed dune; if the borough does not move forward with project, and under the current beach maintenance IP, the work can be done in house. The Engineer indicated that he needed to survey the beach and stake out the area. Commissioner Schiff thanked the Engineer for his staking out Heather Road beach for illustration purposes and the Mayor added that there is drone video footage forthcoming.

**-Dredging:** On hold.

**-NJ Avenue infrastructure pre-county:** Borough needs to do infrastructure work prior to the county starting in 2026 and the CFO is working on a Capital Project bond.

**-PW roof:** Exterior is complete and working on the interior; they have 8 working days to complete the project.

**-Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** Waiting on info on FEMA grant and funding.

**-US ACE / NJ DEP Dune:** The Mayor summarized where the borough currently sits with the project. There have been emails back and forth with the DEP and USACE and the borough needs to make a decision to proceed or rescind the state aid agreement and oppose the project. It was noted that the agreement was signed at 65% and the plan has drastically changed to what it is currently now (95%). Questions were submitted to both the DEP / USACE and there are still some questions. The plan significantly shrinks the beach and the DEP indicates that every 4 years they will do a renourishment with funding from Congress, but if it funding is not given, it would ultimately fall back on taxpayers and there is no guarantee that the borrow areas won't negatively impact the beach. It was also noted that Wildwood Crest has dunes anywhere from 1000 feet to 1500 feet with great ADA access and the public enjoys our beaches as they are. The Mayor then indicated that he asked how the borough goes about getting out of the project should it choose to do so and he was told in the late January 2025 meeting that they would have to pass a resolution rescinding the state aid agreement. All three governing body members verbally opposed the project and asked the clerk to have a resolution on the next meeting to do so. Mr. Franco added that in addition to his opposition, he has received correspondence and not one constituent was for the project. Ms. Schiff added that the current plans are significantly different from the plans that were submitted as 65% proposal. Although he is not in favor of the project moving forward, he was worried about DEP retaliatory actions being taken against the borough with future projects. The Mayor added that Wildwood Crest plays by the rules and we have been a great partner with the DEP (other than one instance with a dune). Lastly, he added that if the borough doesn't proceed with the USACE dune project, that the back beaches will need to be sloped in house and we may have to revisit the plans for fishing pier and perhaps downsizing.

**-Borough Hall Renovations:** The Mayor indicated there is a meeting on Friday with an architect and a structural report would be needed. Mr. Franco asked the Engineer for hard numbers for this project. The Engineer also mentioned they would be looking at the structure behind the police department that was used for storage and evaluate it for either renovating or building new. The exterior of the building at borough hall seems to be coming apart and they would also be looking at the interior. The Engineer indicated that there was a preliminary review of the building (feasibility structural review) done previously and it will be revisited.

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

**Commissioner Comments:**

Mr. Schiff: "In response to questions about the public safety budget, and particularly spending on the Police Department, and in the interest of transparency, I would like the community to know that the Public Safety Budget accounts for the Volunteer Fire Department, EMS services, Beach Patrol, Traffic Maintenance, County Dispatch services, Municipal Courts and the Police Department.

The Police Department accounts for a little over half of the Public Safety Budget allocated, which is consistent with years passed. The Public Safety Budget services the largest borough workforce of all three commissioners and ensure that lifeguards are on watch throughout the summer season, officers are out protecting the streets, firemen and EMTs respond to our calls for help, and our roads are kept safe. The budget has addressed hiring and retention concerns through the departments, equipment to meet today's needs and those of tomorrows, as well as many other factors that elevate safety throughout our town.

We have heard various percentages and dollar figures thrown around during the past few meetings, but I want to point out that each department's budget is agreed to by all members of this commission, vetted with the public as we are preparing to do once again, and has remained stable and consistent throughout the years. We are on tract for yet another modest increase for 2025 with less than .01 cent increase. I have never exceeded the funds allocated to Public Safety during my time in office and I have worked alongside my fellow Commissioners to ensure taxpayer funds are safeguarded and wisely spent. I am proud of all of my departments and will continue to support their efforts to keep Wildwood Crest safe." Mr. Schiff also congratulated Brian Cunniff, Jr., on his recent 1,000 points scored for Wildwood High School.

Mr. Franco – The budget was recently introduced and it is under a penny. To put that in perspective, if your home is valued at \$650,000.00, you would see an increase of \$63.00, which is under \$16.00 per quarter. He thanked the CFO for her hard work and department heads.

Mayor Cabrera –congratulated all Eagles fans on the recent Super Bowl victory. He wished all a happy Valentine's Day, President's Day and congratulated the borough CFO and department heads on the recently introduced budget. The borough is fiscally responsible and holding steady.

After hearing nothing further, Mr, Schiff motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 10:14 a.m.

Dated: March 26, 2025

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

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