

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

September 26, 2024

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 9:00 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 SPECIAL 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 September 20, 2024.

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 RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-269

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE BROKERAGE CONSULTANT FOR THE YEAR 2024 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, March & 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 September 26, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for an amount of \$6,500.00.

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

Account Number: _____ Amount: _____ Signature: _____

WHEREAS, all fees associated with the brokerage of the Difference Card shall be paid by the Difference Card 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. 24-270

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH EB EMPLOYEE SOLUTIONS, LLC TO PROCURE AND PROVIDE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT 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, the CFO will certify the availability of funds per the adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget; 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 Reimbursement Services for the Township and its employees.

WHEREAS, it is the Borough's intention to offer our employees the opportunity to enroll in the NJ Direct 20/35 + Difference Card with a fully funded Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) in the amount of \$14,720.00 for each employee regardless of level of coverage (single, member/spouse, parent/child, family) to be effective January 1, 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. EB Employee Solutions, LLC dba The Difference Card with a business address of 200 Business Park Drive, Suite 311, Armonk, NY 10504 is appointed to provide HRA Services for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
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 EB Employee Solutions, LLC 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. 24-271

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH IAFF LOCAL 4434 AMENDING ARTICLE XVIII

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest intends to offer our employees the opportunity to enroll in the NJ Direct 20/35 and the Difference Card for the 2025 Plan Year; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement confirms the intended offering and acknowledges that the Union is aware of said offering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and accept any and all documents as related to the IAFF Local 4434 in acknowledgement of the offering by amending Article XVIII.

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. 24-272

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND

**BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH
PBA LOCAL 59 – SUPERIOR OFFICERS AMENDING ARTICLE XIII**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest intends to offer our employees the opportunity to enroll in the NJ Direct 20/35 and the Difference Card for the 2025 Plan Year; and

WHERE AS, the Memorandum of Agreement confirms the intended offering and acknowledges that the Union is aware of said offering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and accept any and all documents as related to the PBA Local 59 – Superior Officers in acknowledgement of the offering by amending Article XIII.

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. 24-273

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH
PBA LOCAL 59 AMENDING ARTICLE XIII**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest intends to offer our employees the opportunity to enroll in the NJ Direct 20/35 and the Difference Card for the 2025 Plan Year; and

WHERE AS, the Memorandum of Agreement confirms the intended offering and acknowledges that the Union is aware of said offering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and accept any and all documents as related to the PBA Local 59 in acknowledgement of the offering by amending Article XIII.

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. 24-274

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH
UNITED INDEPENDENT UNION, LOCAL 1 AMENDING ARTICLE XVIII**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest intends to offer our employees the opportunity to enroll in the NJ Direct 20/35 and the Difference Card for the 2025 Plan Year; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement confirms the intended offering and acknowledges that the Union is aware of said offering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and accept any and all documents as related to the United Independent Union. Local 1 in acknowledgement of the offering by amending Article XVIII.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

It was noted that the first resolution title needed to be amended to reflect the dates of September 26, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There being nothing further, Mr, Schiff motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 9:04 a.m.

Dated: October 15, 2024

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

