

REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2021
5:00 PM

A regular meeting of the North Wildwood City Council was held in the evening of the above date in the City Hall. The President *pro tempore* of Council stated, “*The meeting is now open. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by posting a copy of the notice of the time and place of this meeting on the City Clerk’s bulletin board and by mailing a copy of the same to The Herald, The Press and Wildwood Leader on January 6, 2021.*”

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Patrick Rosenello, President *pro tempore* of Council Kellyann Tolomeo, Councilpersons David Del Conte, Margaret Bishop and Joseph Rullo. Councilman Edwin Koehler was present via telephonic conference call. President of Council Salvatore Zampirri and Councilman James Kane were not present. Also present were City Administrator Ronald Simone, Solicitor Michael Donohue and Engineer Ralph Petrella.

PRESENTATION: *North Wildwood United Methodist Church- “Homeless Jesus” statue*

Pastor Kate Aaronson of the North Wildwood United Methodist Church stated that the Church will be installing a statue titled “Homeless Jesus” on the Central Avenue side of the Church. This was explained in a letter which was previously provided to Mayor and Council. After the Church’s merger with the Wildwood Crest congregation, the Church is more of a year-round church, with an average of 70 people attending in person or by telephone each week. The “Homeless Jesus” statue is found throughout the world, including the Vatican; Pastor Kate saw it in Madrid on a recent trip. It will be an attraction for the foot traffic in the area of the Church, which is very close to the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse.

Pastor Kate’s letter to Council:



North Wildwood United Methodist Church
Second and Central Avenues ♦ North Wildwood, NJ 08260
609-522-2271

January 29, 2021

City of North Wildwood
Mayor Patrick Rosenello and Council
901 Atlantic Avenue
North Wildwood, NJ 08260

Dear Mayor Rosenello and Council Members:

As the new pastor of North Wildwood Methodist Church, I requested the opportunity to present the details of a new project in which the Church is engaged to City Council and am on the agenda on February 2, 2021. I appreciate Council’s time and consideration.

The Church is planning to install Timothy Schmalz’ sculpture, *Homeless Jesus*, on its property on Central Avenue in early summer. *Homeless Jesus* is a visual translation of Matthew 25. Inspired by Jesus’ words to his disciples in Matthew 25, “what you do unto the least of these...you do unto me,” *Homeless Jesus* suggests that Christ is with the most marginalized in our society and serves as a challenge to remember and show compassion for those in our community who are in need. Found in major cities throughout the world, including outside the Vatican in Rome, in front of Methodist Central Hall in London (across from Westminster Abbey), and in Sydney, Singapore, Belfast, New York and several other American cities, nearly one hundred of the sculptures have been installed. Our target date to unveil the sculpture is Memorial Day weekend.

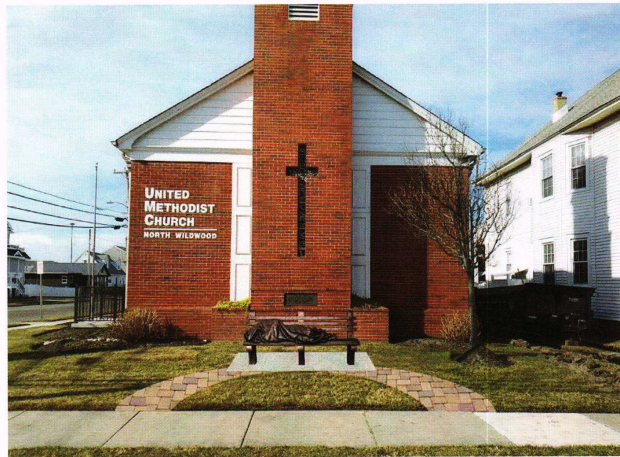


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Homeless Jesus is a deeply moving and thought-provoking piece. I encountered *Homeless Jesus* in Madrid outside of the Almudena Cathedral. From a distance I honestly thought it was a real person asleep on the bench. It was not until I got closer to it that I realized it was a bronze sculpture and then discovered the feet protruding from the blanket. The feet bear deep gashes, the marks of crucifixion. The face of the statue is deliberately concealed, so that everyone can connect and identify with the Jesus it portrays.

Simultaneous with the unveiling of the sculpture, the Church is launching a *Homeless Jesus Fund*. Last year, the Church donated more than \$16,000 to local organizations such as Lazarus House Food Pantry and Family Promise. We are hoping to increase our support for those agencies and others and provide those who are moved to compassion upon seeing the sculpture the opportunity to support the organizations in our community who are doing the work to provide for those experiencing food insecurity or other hardship. North Wildwood Methodist has been providing for those in our community for 120 years and this project is a way for our little church to form deeper relationships with our partnership organizations and those in our community as well as share the love of God with others.

Below is the proposed design for the placement of the sculpture. You will see it is envisioned to include paved area in which people are invited to approach the sculpture and the sculpture itself invites people to sit and reflect. The bench provides enough space for someone to sit, should they so choose.



These are extraordinary times and the Church hopes this area will be a place of solace for our neighbors and those visiting North Wildwood. The Church is working with Zoning and Planning to ensure our final plan complies with the applicable ordinances and we are grateful to Mr. Spiegel for all of his assistance in this process.

I look forward to the opportunity to speak with all of you on February 2, 2021.

Very Truly Yours,

Pastor Kate Aaronson

MAYOR ROSENELLO stated that the Homeless Jesus statue is beautiful and unique and will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

APPOINTMENTS:

NORTH WILDWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY:

Douglas DiEmidio

Volunteer Firefighter

On a motion by Bishop, seconded by Rullo, the above appointment be confirmed. Carried.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 1823 - On a motion by Rullo, seconded by Del Conte, that Ordinance No. 1823 be placed on its second reading. Carried.

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The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1823 by its title, as required by Law, known as “*An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase Of Real Property For Municipal Purposes*”.

This Ordinance has been published according to Law, posted on the City Clerk’s bulletin board with copies available in the City Clerk’s Office on request.

The President *pro tempore* of Council stated this was the time and place to hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 1823 and asked if anyone present had any objections to the passage of this Ordinance. Hearing none, he then asked the City Clerk if he had received any objections in writing, the City Clerk stated none, the President *pro tempore* of Council declared the hearing closed.

On a motion by Bishop, seconded by Rullo, that Ordinance No. 1823 be passed on its second reading and published according to Law, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President *pro tempore* of Council declared Ordinance No. 1823 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1826 - On a motion by Del Conte, seconded by Rullo, that Ordinance No. 1826 be placed on its first reading. Carried.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1826 by its title, known as “*Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Construction Of A Storm Water Pump Station, In And For The City Of North Wildwood, In The County Of Cape May, New Jersey; Appropriating The Sum Of \$15,500,000 Therefor; Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Or Bond Anticipation Notes Of The City Of North Wildwood, In The County Of Cape May, New Jersey, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Up To \$15,500,000; Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With The Foregoing*”.

On a motion by Rullo, seconded by Bishop, that Ordinance No. 1826 be passed on its first reading and published according to Law, the City Clerk called the roll, all voting in the affirmative, the President *pro tempore* of Council declared Ordinance No. 1826 passed on its first reading.

RESOLUTIONS:

66-21

RE: Authorizing The Submission And Acceptance Of
A FEMA Grant Under Firefighters Assistance
Grant Program

The above resolution was offered by Rullo, seconded by Del Conte, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President *pro tempore* of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

67-21

RE: Authorizing City Clerk To Advertise For Bids
For Renovations To Beach Patrol Headquarters

The above resolution was offered by Rullo, seconded by Del Conte, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President *pro tempore* of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

FINANCE/VOUCHER LIST:

On a motion by Bishop, seconded by Rullo, authorizing payment of all approved vouchers. Carried. As per Resolution #10-21, all bills listed below be paid and warrants drawn by the proper officers for the stated amounts.

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Check #	Vendor Name	Net Amount
49753	NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PRGRM	173,238.40
49754	ANGLESEA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO #1	2,100.00
49755	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	4,512.86
49756	AT & T	527.83
49757	ADP LLC	221.55
49758	BROYHILL COMPANY	3,196.00
49759	GOLD MEDAL ENVIORMENTAL NJINC	41,971.83
49760	CMC MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ASSOC	500.00
49761	Lloyd M. Camp Drywall	13,673.02
49762	COMCAST	395.00
49763	ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	14,201.65
49764	CHARLES MARANDINO LLC	146,226.29
49765	CORELOGIC	15,296.38
49766	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF NJ	8,424.54
49767	DELL COMPUTER CORP.	297.51
49767	DELL COMPUTER CORP.	2,691.01
49767	DELL COMPUTER CORP.	953.61
49767	DELL COMPUTER CORP.	1,285.20
49767	DELL COMPUTER CORP.	1,032.57
49768	FORD SCOTT & ASSOC., L.L.C.	4,000.00
49769	GENERAL CODE ,LLC	2,320.28
49770	GARDEN STATE GENERAL CONST.	5,161.23
49770	GARDEN STATE GENERAL CONST.	7,358.83
49771	GUARDIAN TRACKING,LLC	2,605.00
49772	CAPE MAY COUNTY HERALD	86.16
49773	Heyer, Gruel, & Associates	3,062.50
49774	IMS, LLC	898.50
49775	JOYCEMEDIA	64.95
49776	JOHN E REID & ASSOCIATES	575.00
49777	K.O. SPORTS	1,143.00
49778	VASYL KAVATSIUK	1,387.32
49779	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	584.00
49780	McMANIMON,SCOTLAND,BAUMANN LLC	600.00
49781	MARSH & MCLENNAN INC	6,000.00
49782	MICHAEL OR EILEEN GALATON	1,455.67
49783	MUNIDEX INC	4,854.40
49784	OCEAN VIEW VET HOSPITAL	130.00
49785	PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC	5,565.20
49786	PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICING	1,228.47
49787	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	3,700.00
49788	SOUTH JERSEY GAS CO	12,669.97
49789	Stefankiewicz & Belasco LLC	1,400.00
49790	TRIAD ASSOCIATES	17,750.00
49790	TRIAD ASSOCIATES	1,482.50
49791	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	200.00
49792	TAYLOR OIL COMPANY	4,489.72
49793	TACTICAL PUBLIC SAFETY	4,992.00
49794	VERIZON WIRELESS	950.25
49795	CITY OF WILDWOOD - WATER	32,949.00
49796	WRITTEN IN STONE	4,292.00
49797	ANDREW HACKETT	200.00
49798	BOARDWALK SID MGMT CORP.	15,625.00
49799	MICHAEL J BROWN SR	425.50
49800	BARBARA GEVAUDAN	105.00
49801	DAVE GREENLAND	425.50
49802	ENVIROMENTAL & TECHNICAL SERV	3,600.00
49803	FRANCIS G NOLAN	425.50

49804	DOUGLAS B FORD	225.00
49805	GEORGE J KAROLYI	425.50
49806	JESSICA DONAHUE	210.00
49807	JOHN AUGUSTINO	242.50
49808	DAVID LINDSAY	425.50
49809	LESLIE CLINE	425.50
49810	MICHAEL J BROWN III	50.00
49811	MICHAEL WIEL	75.50
49812	ERIC NEVIL	27.10
49813	PAUL AMENHAUSER	225.50
49814	RICHARD DAVIS	425.50
49815	ROY BURNHAM	68.00
49816	RYAN LEWANDOWSKI	724.50
49817	RODMAN MEYER	425.50
49818	ROBERT A MATTEUCCI	425.50
49819	CAPE MAY COUNTY TREASURER	1,908,558.95
49820	VAN NOTE-HARVEY ASSOCIATES	119,053.80
49821	WILLIAMS SCOTSMAN, INC	5,292.60
49822	WILLIAM FARR	468.00
49823	WILENTZ GOLDMAN & SPITZER PA	1,428.00
49824	WILLIAM F GREEN	468.00

PUBLIC:

NELSON DICE, 1145 Central Avenue, Ocean City, stated that under the rules and regulations of the Methodist Church, he was entitled to a trial in the Church; the matter should not have been handled by a government civil or criminal court. The rules that John Wesley set down for the organization of the Methodist Church mirrored those of the Federal Government. The result of the matter being handled the way it was has been a loss of freedom of worship. The Church has committed a crime by not holding the trial in the Church. Most people refuse to discuss the matter due to not wanting to offend the Holy Spirit. The evidence presented to Judge Belasco should have been reviewed by a Church court.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Rullo, seconded by Del Conte, that there being no further business before Council, we do now adjourn. Carried. 5:22 PM.

APPROVED:

Patrick T. Rosenello, Mayor

ATTEST:

W. Scott Jett, City Clerk

This is a generalization of the meeting of February 2, 2021 and not a verbatim transcript.