

**SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 30, 2021
5:00 PM**

A special meeting of the North Wildwood City Council was held in the evening of the above date at the Lou Booth Amphitheater, 505 E. 2nd Avenue in North Wildwood. The President 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, on the City website, and by publishing a copy of the same in The Cape May County Herald on June 23 and June 30 and in The Press of Atlantic City on June 25 and June 28, 2021.”*

The Cape-Atlantic Police & Fire Irish Pipe Brigade began the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Patrick Rosenello, President of Council Salvatore Zampirri, Councilpersons Margaret Bishop, David Del Conte, James Kane, Kellyann Tolomeo and Joseph Rullo. Councilman Edwin Koehler was not present. Also present was Administrator Ronald Simone.

The **PRESENTATION OF COLORS** was carried out by the North Wildwood Police Department Honor Guard.

The **NATIONAL ANTHEM** was sung by John Fair of the Wildwood Catholic Academy Staff.

The **INVOCATION** was offered by North Wildwood Police Department Chaplain Deb Moore.

APPOINTMENT:

MAYOR ROSENELLO welcomed all to what is believed to be the first outdoor Council Meeting in the history of North Wildwood. The name of John Stevenson will be presented to Council for approval as the City’s 13th Chief of Police. Stevenson has risen up through the ranks and is prepared and deserving of this new assignment. Chief Stevenson was born in Philadelphia and spent his summers in North Wildwood. He is a 4th-generation police officer, having begun his service with North Wildwood as a summer officer in 1993. He was hired full-time in 1995 and has served as Patrolman, Detective, Detective Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Captain of Operations and now Chief. He has received numerous commendations and awards and is a member of many local service organizations.

Police Department:

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| John Stevenson | Chief of Police | effective 7/1/21 |
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The above appointment was offered by Rullo, seconded by Bishop, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the appointment confirmed.

CITY CLERK JETT administered the oath of office to Chief Stevenson, with the Chief’s wife Maureen holding the Bible. The Chief’s badge was then pinned on by his mother Ruth.

RESOLUTION:

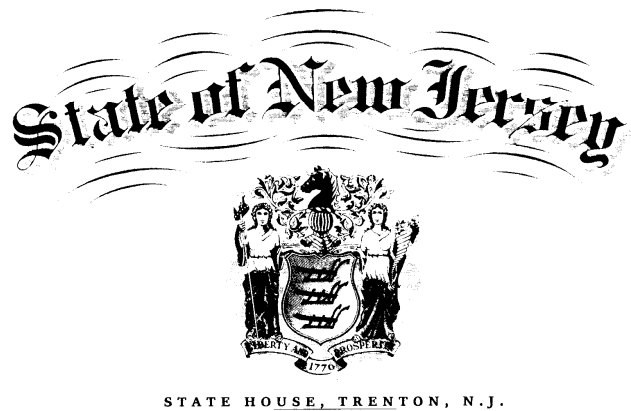
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| RE: | Approving Memorandum Of Understanding Agreement Between The City Of North Wildwood And John Stevenson, Chief Of Police |
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The above resolution was offered by Tolomeo, seconded by Del Conte, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

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PROCLAMATION: 1st Legislative District Senator Michael Testa and Assemblyman Antwan McLellan read and presented the following New Jersey Joint Legislative Commendation to Chief Stevenson:



JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMENDATION
By Senator MICHAEL L. TESTA JR. and Assemblymen ERIK K. SIMONSEN and
ANTWAN L. MCCLELLAN

WHEREAS, Senator Michael L. Testa Jr. and General Assembly Members Erik K. Simonsen and Antwan L. McClellan, as the duly elected representatives of the First Legislative District, are pleased to recognize the promotion of North Wildwood Police Department’s Chief of Police

John A. Stevenson

WHEREAS, law enforcement professionals are the backbone of our communities, safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our residents and visitors by their commitment to protecting and serving the people of the First Legislative District and their willingness to put themselves at risk in the performance of their duties; and,

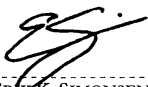
WHEREAS, Chief Stevenson, following in the footsteps of his father, a retired Philadelphia Police Officer, joined the City of North Wildwood’s Police Department in 1993, originally serving as a summer officer until he was hired as a full time officer in 1995 and assigned to work in the Detective Bureau and was subsequently promoted as a Sergeant, Lieutenant, and most recently elevated to the rank of Captain in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature lauds the appointment and promotion of Chief Stevenson, and extends its sincere best wishes for good health, safety, and success; and, now, therefore,

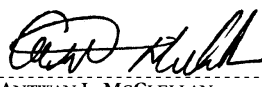
Be It Known To All That the Undersigned Hereby Honor:
North Wildwood Police Department
Chief John A. Stevenson



MICHAEL L. TESTA JR.
Senator



ERIK K. SIMONSEN
Member of the General Assembly



ANTWAN L. MCCLELLAN
Member of the General Assembly

PROCLAMATION: Mark Squilla, Philadelphia First District City Councilman, read and presented the following proclamations to Chief Stevenson, one from the City of Philadelphia and the other from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

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CITY COUNCIL CITY OF PHILADELPHIA CITATION

Honoring and Recognizing
John Aloysius Stevenson

The Council of the City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud to honor and recognize John Aloysius Stevenson on his promotion to Chief of the North Wildwood, New Jersey Police Department.

Whereas, John Stevenson was born in Philadelphia to parents John and Ruth Stevenson. He and his two brothers, Brian and Dan, were raised in the Pennsport section of South Philadelphia at 2nd and Mifflin Streets. John graduated from the Sacred Heart of Jesus School in 1986 and St. John Neumann High School in 1990. He and Maureen McCoy married, and to their union were born three sons, John, Michael and Gavin; and

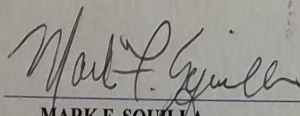
Whereas, John Stevenson rose through the ranks of the North Wildwood Police Department. Since beginning his career in 1993, he was promoted to Captain of Operations in 2013. Prior to that, he served as Patrol Lieutenant (2012-2013), Patrol Sergeant (2006-2012), Detective Sergeant (2003-2006), Detective (2002-2003), Patrolman (1995-2002), Special Law Enforcement Officer (1993-1995). He is being sworn in as the 13th Chief of Police in the City of North Wildwood on June 30, 2021; and

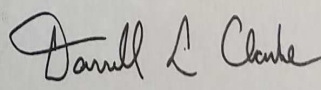
Whereas, John Stevenson's family emigrated Ireland and arrived in America in the 1840s from Cork (maternal side) and in the 1870s from Derry and Donegal (paternal side) The families settled in Philadelphia, moving from the Schuylkill River area, to the Delaware River area. John is the 4th generation of Police Officers in the family and all four were named John Aloysius Stevenson!; and

Whereas, John is proud of his Irish heritage, and has donated his time, talent and treasure to various organizations. He founded and served as President of the Second Street Irish Society in Philadelphia, receiving the Second Street Irish Society Man of the Year Award in 1997 and being elected to the Second Street Irish Society Hall of Fame in 2013. John also founded and served as President of the Anglesea Irish Society in Wildwood, NJ, as well as the Second Street Irish Society Pipes & Drums, where he was a former Drum Major. For the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Observance Association, John was President from 2019 to 2020, has been a Board of Directors member since 2010 and was inducted into the St. Patrick's Ring of Honor in 2010. He is currently a member of the Cape May County AOH Division #1, North Wildwood, NJ. He was recognized with Proclamations in 2010 and 2019 by the Mayor of the City of North Wildwood for exemplary service to the Irish community.

Therefore, By virtue of this Citation, the Council of the City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud to honor and recognize John Aloysius Stevenson on his promotion to Chief of the North Wildwood, New Jersey Police Department. We wish him much success in this new position and extend best wishes and the sincere respect and admiration of this legislative body. Congratulations!




MARK F. SQUILLA
Councilmember, 1st District


DARRELL L. CLARKE, *President*
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CITATION

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is always proud to recognize its citizens who, through their outstanding achievements, bring distinction to themselves, their community and their state; and

Whereas, Captain John Aloysius Stevenson of the North Wildwood Police Department is being honored for his high level of service ensuring the safety of the residents of North Wildwood New Jersey with honor and integrity; and

Whereas, Captain Stevenson who was born to John and Ruth Stevenson and raised in the Pennsport neighborhood of South Philadelphia along with his brothers Brian and Dan. He attended Sacred Heart of Jesus School and John Neuman High School. Soon after, in 1993, he joined the North Wildwood Police Department as a summer officer before becoming a fulltime officer. He is married to his wife Maureen and has 3 children, John, Michael and Gavin; and

Whereas, Captain Stevenson has been a true asset to his community and Irish heritage. He has coached basketball at both the grade school and high school level. He is a founding member and past President of the Second Street Irish Society, Second Street Irish Society Pipes and Drums and Anglesea Irish Society. He is on the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Observance Association and member of Cape May County AOH Division #1; and

Whereas, Captain Stevenson faithfully displays great loyalty, commitment and professionalism in the performance of his duties. He has served with consummate skill and is a role model for all those who aspire a career in law enforcement. Today, we congratulate as he is sworn in as the 13th North Wildwood Chief of Police; and

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pays respectful tribute to Chief John Aloysius Stevenson upon his richly deserved recognition; notes with pride and gratitude his record of service which far exceeds those standards normally ascribed as exemplary; offers best wishes for every future success and happiness;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by Representative Michael J. Driscoll be transmitted to Chief John Aloysius Stevenson. 1914 S. 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148.




Michael J. Driscoll, Sponsor

The **BENEDICTION** was offered by Father Joseph Kelley, 2nd St. Irish Society chaplain.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Rullo, that there being no further business before Council, we do now adjourn. Carried. 5:33 PM

APPROVED:

Patrick T. Rosenello, Mayor

ATTEST:

W. Scott Jett, City Clerk

This is a generalization of the meeting of June 30, 2021 and not a verbatim transcript.