

**REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2024  
10:00 AM**

A regular meeting of the North Wildwood City Council was held in the morning of the above date in the City Hall. 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 and by mailing and emailing a copy of the same to The Cape May County Herald and The Cape May Star & Wave on January 3, 2024.”*

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

**MINUTES:** On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Del Conte, that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2024 be approved. Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY**

RE: Notice of Public Hearing, March 7

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, that the above correspondence be received and filed. Carried.

**NEW JERSEY DEP**

RE: CAFRA Application, Carmen D’Amato, 411-413 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, that the above correspondence be received and filed. Carried.

**NEW JERSEY DEP**

RE: Pollutant Discharge System FY2024 Annual Fee Report and Assessment

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, that the above correspondence be received and filed. Carried.

**NEW JERSEY DEP**

RE: New Jersey Urban & Community Forestry 2023 Annual Accomplishment Report

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, that the above correspondence be received and filed. Carried.

**NEW JERSEY DEP**

RE: CAFRA Permit, North Wildwood Boardwalk Reconstruction Project

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, that the above correspondence be received and filed. Carried.

**NEW JERSEY DCA**

RE: Boardwalk Preservation Fund Grant, \$10.2 Million

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, that the above correspondence be received and filed. Carried.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

RE: St. Patrick’s Day Celebration and Parade, March 16

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On a motion by Bishop, seconded by Tolomeo, that the above special events application be approved. Carried.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

RE: Step Back Foundation Easter Egg Hunt, March 30

On a motion by Bishop, seconded by Tolomeo, that the above special events application be approved. Carried.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

RE: Easter Sunrise Service, March 31

On a motion by Bishop, seconded by Tolomeo, that the above special events application be approved. Carried.

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1929** - On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Del Conte, that Ordinance No. 1929 be placed on its first reading. Carried.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1929 by its title, known as “*City Of North Wildwood Calendar Year 2024 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)*”.

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Del Conte, that Ordinance No. be passed on its first reading and published according to Law, the City Clerk called the roll, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared Ordinance No. 1929 passed on its first reading. A public hearing and consideration of final adoption of this ordinance will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

**CITY CLERK JETT** stated that the Salty Mermaid at 26<sup>th</sup> & Delaware Avenues has had in place for a number of years an encroachment easement for a handicap ramp, which easement terminates upon transfer of title of the property. The potential purchaser of the property is seeking assurance from Council that the easement would again be granted if the proposed purchase takes place. Also, a property owner on West 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue has expressed interest in deeding his property to the City as no one in the family wants it. The property is entirely located within wetlands and the annual tax bill is less than two dollars. The City owns a number of properties in the area. The City Clerk asked if there were any objections or concerns with following through on these two inquiries, with no objections noted.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

# 113-24

RE: Rescheduling March 19, 2024 Council Meeting Time

The above resolution was offered by Bishop, seconded by Tolomeo, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

# 114-24

RE: Approving Certified Lists Of Individuals Qualifying For 2023 Length Of Service Program Credits

The above resolution was offered by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

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# 115-24

RE: Authorizing The City Of North Wildwood To Enter Into A Shared Services Agreement For Law Enforcement Services For Special Events

The above resolution was offered by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

# 116-24

RE: Amending Resolution No. 155-23 – Renewal Of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses For North Wildwood For The License Term July 1, 2023 To June 30, 2024

The above resolution was offered by Bishop, seconded by Tolomeo, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

# 117-24

RE: Awarding Contract To Starr Septic, LLC For The Provision, Servicing & Removal Of Portable Toilets

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.

# 118-24

RE: Opposing The State Of New Jersey's New Proposed Shore Protection Rule

The above resolution was offered by Del Conte, seconded by Bishop, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted. Mayor Rosenello stated that the NJDEP's proposed new rules would disrupt or inhibit not only public access to beaches but also restrict access for Beach Patrols, Emergency Responders and Public Works clean-up efforts. This is a perfect example of unnecessary and ridiculous NJDEP/State Government intrusion into municipal affairs.

# 119-24

RE: Authorizing A Professional Services Contract With Czar Engineering, LLC For Specialized Engineering Services To Be Provided By Lamont Czar, P.E.

The above resolution was offered by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

# 120-24

RE: Authorizing Advertisement For Requests For Proposals For Lead-Based Paint Inspections

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.

# 121-24

RE: Authorizing Return Of Balance Of Escrow Deposit (Galway Condominium Association)

The above resolution was offered by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

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# 122-24

RE: Authorizing Return Of Balance Of Escrow  
Deposit (Dennis Newcomb)

The above resolution was offered by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

# 123-24

RE: Authorizing Return Of Balance Of Escrow  
Deposit (Argus Property Group)

The above resolution was offered by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

# 124-24

RE: Authorizing A Professional Services Contract  
With Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC  
For Specialized Legal Services To Be Provided  
By Jeffrey, R. Surenian, Esquire

The above resolution was offered by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared the resolution duly adopted.

# 125-24

RE: Introduction of 2024 Municipal Budget

**AUDITOR LEON COSTELLO** stated that this budget has a 2.7-cent tax rate increase. The surplus in 2024 will remain healthy. This budget is well under the State's levy cap and spending cap. Ratables are up \$20 million. Public hearing and final adoption are scheduled for the April 16 Council Meeting. Financially, the City of North Wildwood is a very good shape.

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

**FINANCE/VOUCHER LIST:**

On a motion by Bishop, seconded by Tolomeo, authorizing payment of all approved vouchers. Carried. Pursuant to Resolution #10-24, all bills listed below be paid and warrants drawn by the proper officers for the stated amounts.

Check #	Vendor Name	Net Amount
55820	AT&T MOBILITY	802.43
55821	ARGUS PROPERTY GROUP LP	3,446.75
55822	ADP, Inc.	216.35
55823	DANIEL BRADLEY	150.00
55824	CRYSTAL SPRINGS	47.92
55825	BUILDING SAFETY CONF. OF NJ	825.00
55826	Blaney, Donohue, Weinberg PC	2,695.00
55827	ShoreScan Solutions	785.00
55828	CMC MUN CRT ADM ASSOC	100.00
55829	C.M.C.M.U.A.	15,793.16
55830	CALIBRE PRESS, INC.	279.00
55831	COMCAST	395.00
55832	COMCAST	967.43

55833	ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	29,842.86
55834	Cape May Star and Wave	33.00
55835	Delta Dental of New Jersey Inc	8,945.03
55836	Dell Marketing L.P.	160.99
55837	DOCUTREND INC	4,914.40
55838	GENERAL CODE ,LLC	3,450.00
55839	GREAT AMERICAN FINANCIAL SERV	530.00
55840	CAPE MAY COUNTY HERALD	772.70
55841	HORIZON STRUCTURES, LLC	3,110.00
55842	JOYCEMEDIA	1,508.80
55843	J. BYRNE AGENCY, INC.	5,339.00
55844	M. S. BROWN JEWELERS	117.00
55845	MCAA OF NJ	100.00
55846	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	200.00
55847	GEN DIGITAL, INC.	152.66
55848	OPTIMIST CLUB OF THE WILDWOODS	75.00
55849	Maurice A Pierce	226.24
55850	SHORE COUNSELING, LLC	800.00
55851	SHORE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES	1,475.00
55852	SONITROL SECURITY OF DE VALLEY	1,366.29
55853	Stefankiewicz & Belasco LLC	1,764.50
55854	TRIAD ASSOCIATES	21,650.00
55855	TAYLOR OIL COMPANY	14,998.35
55856	Tomlin Funeral Supply	3,460.00
55857	Twin Rocks Water	149.85
55858	UNITED UNIFORMS	44.00
55859	VERIZON WIRELESS	686.18
55860	VERIZON	7.18
55861	THOMSON REUTERS	235.21
55862	WB MASON CO INC	22.80
55863	XEROX CORPORATION	1,365.39
55864	CNO Financial Group	100.44
55865	ACTION UNIFORM CO.	5,714.00
55866	FRANK BASILE	50.00
55867	BARBARA GEVAUDAN	240.00
55868	CME ASSOCIATES	178.00
55869	DOUGLAS B FORD	49.24
55870	Bernstein Design Group	950.00
55871	NORTH WILDWOOD BD OF EDUCATION	638,259.00
55872	NEHMAD DAVIS & GOLDSTIEN PC	300.00
55873	WILLIAMS SCOTSMAN, INC	4,649.30
55874	WARWICK GROUP CONSULTANTS LLC	13,200.00
55875	SURFING PIG LLC	972.00
55876	PATRICK M FLYNN	14.63

**COUNCIL:**

**CITY CLERK JETT** reminded all of the big celebration on May 11 for the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse.

**MAYOR ROSENELLO** stated that the St. Patrick's Day parade will be held on March 16. Retiring Police Chief John Stevenson will serve as the Grand Marshal.

**PUBLIC:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, that there being no further business before Council, we do now adjourn. Carried. 10:22 AM.

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**APPROVED:**

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Patrick T. Rosenello, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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W. Scott Jett, City Clerk

*This is a generalization of the meeting of March 5, 2024 and not a verbatim transcript.*