

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 19, 2024
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 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 Cape May County Herald and the Cape May Star & Wave on January 3, 2024.”*

CITY CLERK JETT stated that since the time of this meeting was changed by resolution of Council, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, a notice was placed on the City website and on the bulletin board in City Hall on March 6 and published in the Cape May County Herald on March 6 and March 13 and in the Cape May Star & Wave on March 6 and March 13.

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Patrick Rosenello, President of Council Salvatore Zampirri, Margaret Bishop, David Del Conte, Kellyann Tolomeo, James Kane and Joseph Rullo. Councilman Edwin Koehler was present via telephonic conference call. Also present were City Administrator Nicholas Long, Solicitor Michael Donohue and Engineer Ralph Petrella.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY:

The Greek Church children, in traditional Greek children’s apparel, sang the Greek National Anthem in celebration of Greek Independence Day.

PROCLAMATION: Margaret Mace School Girls Basketball Team

MAYOR ROSENELLO read the following proclamation and then presented a copy of same to the coaches and each team member:

WHEREAS, the Margaret Mace School Girls Basketball team is being honored for their excellence on and off the court during the 2023-2024 season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Falcons demonstrated excellent athletic prowess, effort, and self-discipline, as evidenced by their many accomplishments that led to an undefeated season, culminating in an Atlantic Cape Jr. High Division championship, and victories in the Scoop Taylor, Island, and Optimist Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Head Coach Olivia Rulon and Assistant Coach Nicholas Bradway, these Lady Falcons exemplified the determination and hard-work of a successful “student-athlete:”

Laila Fathi	Antoinette Cooper	Amberalise Leiseter
Sabrin Fathi	Hannah Brady	Aubrey Bradway
Iris Rulon	McKenna Alston	Riley McCoy
Beau Rulon	Maria Kaced	Ariana Keenan
Melena Hamilton	Gabriesksie Cruz	Mia Bradway
	Rylee MacDonald	

WHEREAS, the Lady Falcon student-athletes and staff displayed the finest qualities of a true champion; therefore earning the pride and admiration of the school and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Wildwood hereby honor and congratulate them Margaret Mace School Girls Basketball Team on their Atlantic Cape Jr. High Division and Tournament Championships!

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PROCLAMATION: Wildwood High School Girls Basketball Team

MAYOR ROSENELLO read the following proclamation and then presented a copy of same to the coaches and each team member:

WHEREAS, the Wildwood High School Girls Basketball team is being honored for their excellence on and off the court during the 2023-2024 season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors demonstrated excellent athletic prowess, effort, and self-discipline, as evidenced by their many accomplishments that led to a record of 23-8 and culminating in an NJSIAA South Jersey Group 1 Championship; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Head Coach Teresa Cunniff, Assistant Coach James Clarke, and Managers Charlotte Kilian, Ah'Shanti Jones, and Lainey Mercado, these Lady Warriors exemplified the determination and hard-work of a successful "student-athlete:"

Sophia Wilber	Angela Wilber	Macie McCracken
Ashley Nagle	Mia Cripps	Rebecca Benichou
Cydnee Kilian	Kaliah Sumlin	Janet Gonzalez

WHEREAS, the Lady Warrior student-athletes and staff displayed the finest qualities of a true champion; therefore earning the pride and admiration of the school and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Wildwood hereby honor and congratulate the Wildwood High School Girls Basketball Team as the NJSIAA Girls Basketball South Jersey Group 1 Champions!

MEMORIAL – HENRI J. BEDARD:

CITY CLERK JETT read the following:

RESOLUTION:

126-24

RE: Memorial – Henri J. Bedard

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of North Wildwood were saddened by the recent death of longtime North Wildwood resident Henri J. Bedard, who passed away on March 1, 2024 at the age of 100; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bedard was born in 1923 on a dairy farm in Champlain, New York, near the Canadian border; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bedard enlisted in the United States Army on March 4, 1943, ultimately serving in the 83rd Signal Company of the 83rd Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the 83rd Division Mr. Bedard fought for the liberation of France and Western Europe from Nazi tyranny during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Henri J. Bedard was honored by the French General Consulate in New York City as a recipient of the Insignia of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, designated by the President of the French Republic and awarded by the President of the American Society of the French Legion of Honor; and

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WHEREAS, this prestigious distinction underlines the deep appreciation and gratitude of the French people for Mr. Bedard's contribution and the commitment of all American soldiers to secure final victory in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bedard had lived in the City of North Wildwood since 1951, when he operated Henri J's Service Station; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bedard celebrated his 100th Birthday on October 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council deem it appropriate to recognize and remember Henri J. Bedard for his exemplary service to our nation and our community throughout his life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of North Wildwood, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, hereby express the City's deepest sympathy to the family of Henri J. Bedard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Henri J. Bedard, so that they may know of the tremendously high regard in which Mr. Bedard was held by this body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk inscribe this resolution in full in the minutes of this meeting, making it a permanent part of the records of this City.

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

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL ZAMPIRRI called for a ten-minute recess and pictures were taken.

MINUTES: On a motion by Rullo, seconded by Kane, that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2024 be approved. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JIF

RE: Legislation & Regulatory Changes/Judicial Decisions

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

SPECIAL EVENT

RE: Elks Easter Egg Hunt, March 30

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

SPECIAL EVENT

RE: Fallen Hero Plunge, April 6

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

APPOINTMENTS:

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Fire Department:

Zachary Devoe	Firefighter/EMT	Start Work Date: 3/20/24
Stephen Plettner	Firefighter/EMT	Start Work Date: 3/20/24

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Bishop, the above seasonal appointments be confirmed. Carried.

REPORTS:

CITY CLERK REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024:

Total monies collected for the Month:.....\$
59,588.50
Total monies turned over to the City Treasurer.....\$ 45,267.75

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024:

Total monies turned over to the City Treasurer.....\$ 383.00
Totals in NW for Month: Deaths -3- Marriages -0- Births -0-

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024:

Total monies turned over to the City Treasurer.....\$ 32,314.97
Total Incidents and Inspections for the Month..... 315

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024:

Total monies turned over to the City Clerk’s Office.....\$ 266.75
Total Incidents Handled by the Department for the Month..... 2,664

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024:

Total monies turned over to the City Treasurer..... \$3,655.00
Total # persons using Recreation Center.....5,143

CMC ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023:

Total NW Adoptions for Month.....3
Total Reclaims for Month.....0
Total Intakes for Month.....0

CMC ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024:

Total NW Adoptions for Month.....2
Total Reclaims for Month.....0
Total Intakes for Month.....1

On a motion by Bishop, seconded by Del Conte, that the above reports be received and filed as presented. Carried.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 1927 - On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Kane, that Ordinance No. 1927 be placed on its second reading. Carried.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1927 by its title, as required by Law, known as “*An Ordinance Supplementing Ordinance 1605, As Codified In Chapter 75, Police Department*”.

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 of Council stated this was the time and place to hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 1927 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 of Council declared the hearing closed.

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On a motion by Kane, seconded by Tolomeo, that Ordinance No. 1927 be passed on its second reading and published according to Law, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared Ordinance No. 1927 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1928 - On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Kane, that Ordinance No. 1928 be placed on its second reading. Carried.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1928 by its title, as required by Law, known as “*An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 232, Fees, Of The Code Of The City Of North Wildwood*”.

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 of Council stated this was the time and place to hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 1928 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 of Council declared the hearing closed.

On a motion by Bishop, seconded by Tolomeo, that Ordinance No. 1928 be passed on its second reading and published according to Law, the roll being called, all voting in the affirmative, the President of Council declared Ordinance No. 1928 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1930 - On a motion by Rullo, seconded by Del Conte, that Ordinance No. 1930 be placed on its first reading. Carried.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1930 by its title, known as “*Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Capital Improvements By And For The City Of North Wildwood, In The County Of Cape May, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$4,000,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,800,000 In Bonds Or Notes To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof*”.

On a motion by Rullo, seconded by Tolomeo, that Ordinance No. 1930 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. 1930 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1931 - On a motion by Kane, seconded by Bishop, that Ordinance No. 1931 be placed on its first reading. Carried.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1931 by its title, known as “*An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 200, Construction Codes, Of The Code Of The City Of North Wildwood*”.

On a motion by Kane, seconded by Del Conte, that Ordinance No. 1931 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. 1931 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1932 - On a motion by Del Conte, seconded by Kane, that Ordinance No. 1932 be placed on its first reading. Carried.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1932 by its title, known as “*An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Ordinance 1177, As Amended*”.

On a motion by Bishop, seconded by Kane, that Ordinance No. 1932 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. 1932 passed on its first reading. This Ordinance will now be referred to the North Wildwood Planning Board for the 35-day statutory review period.

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RESOLUTIONS:

127-24

RE: Annual Sewer Rate

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

128-24

RE: Authorizing Return Of Balance Of Escrow
Deposit (White Sands II)

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

129-24

RE: Authorizing Return Of Balance Of Escrow
Deposit (Surina)

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

130-24

RE: Authorizing Execution Of An Equal Opportunity
Agreement In Connection With USDA Financial
Assistance

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

131-24

RE: Authorizing Execution Of An Assurance
Agreement In Connection With USDA Financial
Assistance

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

132-24

RE: Authorizing Emergency Outfall Pipe Repairs At
3rd Avenue And Emergency Bulkhead Repairs

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

133-24

RE: Authorizing The New Jersey Department Of
Transportation, Office Of Maritime Resources,
To Perform Dredging Work 24 Hours Per Day, 7
Days Per Week For Maintenance Dredging And
Channel Improvements Until Project Completion

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

134-24

RE: Awarding Contract For Beach Ice Cream Sales
Concession

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

135-24

RE: Authorizing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute
A Memorandum Of Understanding Relative To
Jitney Transportation Service For The
Wildwoods For Year 2024

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.

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
55877	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	3,143.44
55878	AT&T MOBILITY	2,545.21
55879	Revascent	1,430.58
55880	ADVANCED ENVIRO SYSTEMS	1,863.00
55881	ARGUS PROPERTY GROUP LP	1,144.00
55882	AMERIFLEX	513.00
55883	BARBER CONSULTING SERVICES	1,088.75
55884	CAPE REGIONAL PHYSICIANS ASSC.	50.00
55885	C.M.C.M.U.A.	12,800.18
55886	C.M.C. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	500.00
55887	COMCAST	482.66
55888	ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	30,233.20
55889	Regional Media Inc	400.00
55890	NJ CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION	240.00
55891	DEVO & ASSOCIATES	50.76
55892	CAPE MAY COUNTY HERALD	72.30
55893	INST. FOR FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY	2,200.00
55894	Lexipol, LLC	4,051.92
55895	MCCARTHY TIRE & AUTOMOTIVE CTR	1,457.88
55896	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	79.00
55897	M. S. BROWN JEWELERS	10.00
55898	MILSPRAY	874.00
55899	MULTIFORCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION	608.00
55900	Northeast Sweepers & Rentals	2,107.11
55901	PARKMOBILE LLC	28.35
55902	R.J. WALSH ASSOCIATES, INC.	809.93
55903	Stockton University	33,752.59
55904	SHORE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES	1,400.00
55905	SOUTH JERSEY WELDING	677.04
55906	SOUTH JERSEY GAS CO	12,772.73
55907	Stefankiewicz & Belasco LLC	4,711.01
55908	RIVERSIDE SHELLS, INC	680.00
55909	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	100.00
55910	TRINITY CODE INSPECTIONS LLC	12,657.00
55911	Twin Rocks Water	61.91
55912	TABB INC	168.00
55913	VILLAS NAPA AUTO PARTS	6,518.72
55914	THE DEWEESE LAW FIRM	180.00
55915	Didonato Builders Inc	3,209.50
55916	Galway Condomuniums	304.80

55917	Dennis Newcomb	405.00
55918	BANK OF AMERICA	0.00
55919	BANK OF AMERICA	0.00
55920	BANK OF AMERICA	0.00
55921	BANK OF AMERICA	16,346.88
55922	MICHAEL J BROWN SR	400.00
55923	Bocchi Law LLC	27,778.85
55924	Kevin Boyle	238.62
55925	CME ASSOCIATES	178.00
55926	Cape May Car Wash LLC	110.00
55927	CULLEN AND DYKMAN LLP	2,096.90
55928	DIANA L. LILLO	200.00
55929	STEPHEN DE HORSEY JR	40.00
55930	ROBERT DAVIS	400.00
55931	ZACHARY DEVOE	400.00
55932	DeBlasio & Associates, PC	9,800.00
55933	Cape May Cty Emerald Society	50.00
55934	JOHN T FAIR JR	50.00
55935	FRANCIS G NOLAN	400.00
55936	DOUGLAS B FORD	400.00
55937	GEORGE J KAROLYI	400.00
55938	Michele Higbee	408.07
55939	Herbert Porter	100.00
55940	James A Munda	600.00
55941	W SCOTT JETT	400.00
55942	LORETTA MURPHY	150.00
55943	Michael Kerr	139.00
55944	Bernstein Design Group	2,740.00
55945	LESLIE CLINE	100.00
55946	MICHAEL J BROWN III	400.00
55947	Lisa Munda	100.00
55948	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC	135.13
55949	PINELAND CONSTRUCTION, LLC	71,719.17
55950	RICHARD DAVIS	400.00
55951	ROY BURNHAM	400.00
55952	RYAN LEWANDOWSKI	400.00
55953	RODMAN MEYER	100.00
55954	TRAVIS MOLE	500.00
55955	ROBERT A MATTEUCCI	400.00
55956	SHORE QUALITY CLEANING	575.00
55957	SEA BOX INC	375.00
55958	STARR GENERAL CONTRACTORS	775.00
55959	Fury J. Tassoni	100.00
55960	VINCENT DERITIS	73.31
55961	WARWICK GROUP CONSULTANTS LLC	4,400.00

PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Tolomeo, seconded by Del Conte, that there being no further business before Council, we do now adjourn. Carried. 5:40 PM.

APPROVED:

Patrick T. Rosenello, Mayor

ATTEST:

W. Scott Jett, City Clerk

This is a generalization of the meeting of March 19, 2024 and not a verbatim transcript.