

**CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
SPECIAL MEETING
September 19, 2022 9:00 AM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER**

(meeting taped)

1. Call to Order

ATTENDANCE	TITLE	STATUS
Ed Wolf	Mayor	Present
Pamala Harrison-Bivins	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present
Joe Elliott	Commissioner	Present
Marco Flores	Commissioner	Present
Julian Green	Commissioner	Present
Jason McHugh	City Manager	Present
Joshua Bills	City Attorney	Present
Susan Patterson	City Clerk	Present
Randall Parmer	Chief of Police	Present
Melanie Peavy	Development Services Dir.	Present
Lynzey McClellan	Asst. Chief Financial Officer	Present
Melissa Tuck	Human Resource Director	Present
Jason Martin	Utility Supervisor	Present
Mark Odell	Utility Director	Present
Jeremy Hockenbury	Public Works Director	Present
Ryan Smith	Customer Service Billing Supervisor	Present
Linda Piotrowicz	Public Engagement Specialist	Present

Mayor Wolf brought the meeting to order, followed by Commissioner Bivins invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda/Informational Items

None.

3. Presentations and/or Proclamations

A. Proclaim September 17-23, 2022 as Constitution Week

Mayor Wolf read the Proclamation proclaiming September 17-23, 2022, as Constitution Week. No comments were offered or received. Vote 5-0.

RESULT:	Adopted
MOVER:	Commissioner Flores
SECONDER:	Commissioner Green
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Harrison-Bivins, Commissioner Elliott, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green

B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Presentation

City Manager Jason McHugh gave an overview of the presentation and then turned the meeting over to Ben Fries, Vice President of CPH. Fries stated that the plant had been surveyed in 3D and flow evaluated. Fries stated that the flow had increased dramatically to 7.59 annually, much higher than anticipated. Fries stated that capacity would be exceeded by 3.2 to 3.4 years at the current rate. Fries went over the problems at the current wastewater plant and what would need to be done to fix them. Fries listed the problems as hydraulics, oxidation ditches, and clarifiers. Fries stated the new design would include running the oxidation ditches parallel to each other, adding a secondary clarifier, additional EQ pumps, along with piping modifications. Fries stated that with the modifications at the current plant finished, the new 6.0 MGD BNR AWT treatment facility could be constructed in a phase-approach process. Fries stated that the new plant would take 2.7 to 3 years before completion. Fries stated that CPH wants to design and build a plant so there are no future issues and in the most cost-effective way.

4. Public Hearings - Timed

None.

5. Public Forum - 4 minute time limit

None.

6. Ordinances First Reading Only (No Vote)

None.

7. Resolutions for Approval

None.

8. Financial & Contracts & Agreements

None.

9. General Items for Consideration/Discussion and Other Business

None.

A. Discussion on Water Quality Issues Affecting Downtown Customers

City Manager Jason McHugh gave an overview of the city's water issues and then turned the discussion over to Utility Director Mark Odell. Odell gave an update on the water quality issues in the city. Odell stated that when the Oxford water treatment plant was built and put online, there had been some issues, but they had cleared up. Odell stated that recently there had been a line installed at Peppertree, and with the Oxford plant, the change in the water flow direction has caused rust and debris to dislodge from all the old pipes in the downtown area. Odell stated that his department has been working on a mapping system of all the pipes throughout the city for the past two years, and that has helped a lot in identifying problem areas. Odell stated that the city has permanent and manual flushing stations in the city and has also added four more flushing stations. Odell stated that the system had been changed back to the way it had been running before the line at Peppertree and the Oxford plant were brought online. Odell stated that it is a temporary fix until the permanent solution can be implemented. Lance Littrell from Kimley-Horn & Associates stated that looking at the water quality was the priority and that Odell had been given a list of parameters to test and analyze the water quality data to ensure it is not corrosive. Littrell stated that next, there would be a directional flushing plan to clear out any debris or sediment in the pipes for the red water concerns. Odell stated that they would start feeding polyphosphate to the Oxford water treatment plant and would obtain a permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection if needed. Odell stated that would eliminate the problem of treated water meeting non-treated water. Mayor Wolf asked if this was a permanent solution. Odell stated that when the CR 209 water main comes in, there may be a problem, but his department is trying to eliminate it before it happens. Odell stated the plan moving forward is to replace all the old piping in the areas that are the most affected at this time to eliminate issues in the future. Mayor Wolf stated that once the new lines are put in, the homeowners will still have the old galvanized pipes in their yards and homes. Odell stated that if customers are having a problem, do not wait; call and have someone from the city come out to see what could be done.

City Manager Jason McHugh stated that he had sent out an email to the Commission that Customer Service/Billing Supervisor Ryan Smith had drafted as a recommendation as to how the city might help the residents be compensated during this time. Smith stated that he proposes a 40% reduction in their water and sewer rates for the residents that were affected by the water issues. Smith stated that he had recorded the names of the residents who had called in stating their problems. Mayor Wolf suggested looking at last month's usage bill before the water issues started because you will have residents who won't call in with problems. McHugh suggested that the city define the reduction to the geographic area that the city is aware of, to those that have called in with issues, and to those that may call in later and give them the benefit of the doubt since it is just a one-month bill. McHugh stated that it is fair and equitable. A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to accept the recommendation of the 40% reduction.

RESULT:	Adopted
MOVER:	Commissioner Elliott
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Harrison-Bivins
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Harrison-Bivins, Commissioner Elliott, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green

10. Appointments

None.

11. City Manager Reports

None.

12. Other Department Reports

None.

13. Commission Members Reports

None.

14. City Attorney Reports

None.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

RESULT:	Adjourned
MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Commissioner Flores
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Harrison-Bivins, Commissioner Elliott, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green

Upcoming Events

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SEAL

ATTEST:


Susan Patterson, City Clerk

BY:


Ed Wolf, Mayor