

CITY COMMISSION  
 CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA  
 WORKSHOP  
 August 19, 2024 9:00 AM  
 CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER

(meeting taped)

**1. Call to Order**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Ed Wolf	Mayor	Present
Pamala Harrison-Bivins	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner	Present
Joe Elliott	Commissioner	Present
Marcos Flores	Commissioner	Present
Julian Green	Commissioner	Present
Jason McHugh	City Manager	Present
Ashley Hunt	City Attorney	Present
Joshua Bills	City Attorney	Present
Cassandra Smith	Assistant City Manager/CFO	Present
Jessica Barnes	City Clerk	Present
Randall Parmer	Police Chief	Present
Melanie Strickland	Development Services Director	Present

Mayor Wolf called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and dispensed with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to move on to the budget presentation.

**2. Item(s) for Discussion**

**A. FY25 Budget Update**

Assistant CFO Lynzey McClellan gave the commission a demonstration on using the online digital budget book. She stated that it was the third year utilizing the online interactive software and was very user-friendly. She showed the commission where on the city's website that the link to the budget could be found. McClellan moved through the tabs of the budget book, each of which provided a wealth of information about the city and the proposed budget. For department budgets, McClellan demonstrated that for each department, in addition to their budget, the page would show their goals and organizational chart. She then showed where the Capital Improvement Plan could be found and highlighted some of the major projects included in the coming year. Another area she showed was the Debt Service page, which provided an outline of all the debt the city currently has. Lastly, McClellan explained how to print a portion or the full budget book if a paper copy was desired.

Commissioner Elliott commented that he thought McClellan had done a great job putting the budget book together and felt it was an excellent program. City Manager McHugh told the commission that he felt they were in a very good place with the status of the budget book, and that between now and the final budget adoption, staff would continue making minor adjustments to the budget book, but not the budget itself.

McHugh then informed the commission that the Police Department had done a great job getting the crossing guard program up and running. As of that day, they only had two positions left to fill, which would be filled temporarily by police officers.

McHugh then informed the commission that an owner of vacant property that had been identified as ideal for stormwater storage had indicated a willingness to sell the lots but would not sell for the amount that came back on appraisal. McHugh stated that it would likely become a common issue when trying to mitigate flooding issues. He sought the commission's direction on moving forward with the property acquisition. Mayor Wolf stated that he felt it would be okay for McHugh to negotiate outside the appraised value. The commission indicated a common consent to allow McHugh to continue negotiations outside the appraised value.

McHugh then updated the commission on a recent conversation he had with Sumter County Administrator Bradley Arnold regarding the process of annexation. The county had decided that if a property owner requested a building permit and was located within the JPA but not the city limits, the county would send them to the city for a decision. McHugh noted that the city had always avoided involuntary annexation, but the county was now pushing for these properties to be annexed. Mayor Wolf understands the county's point of view; however, he is concerned about forcing an annexation without the ability to provide utility services. McHugh suggested that the city could ask the county to remove certain properties from the JPA if utilities are not currently available, but he was not optimistic that they would agree. Mayor Wolf commented that maybe a covenant could be created for properties that would be annexed when utilities were available.

The commission then discussed the implications of annexations on road ownership/maintenance. Commissioner Elliott requested that the city attorney's office look into legislative options relating to street ownership. Discussion concluded with McHugh agreeing to do additional research and report back to the commission at a future meeting.

### 3. Adjournment

With no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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

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SEAL

ATTEST: Jessica Barnes  
Jessica Barnes, City Clerk

BY: Ed Wolf  
Ed Wolf, Mayor