

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 21, 2020**

Zoom Meeting – Web Conference

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The Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Mayor Sabo at 11:00am. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Sabo who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Carol Sabo, Deputy Mayor Burke and Commissioner Francis answered roll call. Also in attendance: Municipal Clerk Suzanne Schumann, Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz and Engineer Ray Roberts.

**1. DISCUSSION REGARDING MODIFYING SHORT TERM RENTAL
RESTRICTIONS**

Mayor Sabo reviewed the proposed changes to the short term rental restrictions, as outlined in Resolution 77-20.

Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz stated that this seems to be a common sense approach and is consistent with current Executive Orders issued by the Governor. Commissioner Francis expressed concern with potential movement from the State and asked if the Resolution could be rescinded if not in compliance with State regulations, Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz stated that the Resolution could be rescinded if needed.

Deputy Mayor Burke expressed concerns with the last minute allowing of short term rentals as many landlords may have already cancelled and lost deposits. Mr. Burke referenced an individual who had stated that she had lost a deposit which she had to refund for this weekend as short term rentals were not being permitted. Mr. Burke mentioned that he did not realize that the date for short term rentals was being modified and had thoughts that the changes were only being made for campgrounds.

Mayor Sabo stated that she had a conversation with a local visitor who was worried about losing their deposit on an upcoming rental if rentals were not permitted.

Adam Reeves, Depot Campground, thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their consideration.

2. RESOLUTION 77-20 – MODIFYING SHORT TERM RENTAL RESTRICTIONS

On motion by Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Francis, Resolution 77-20 was approved. The motion was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

There were no reports given by Commissioners.

PUBLIC PORTION

NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am on motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Schumann, RMC
Municipal Clerk