

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Special Meeting
Council Chambers
January 31, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Work Session

Resolution No: 22-01-100: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by the Borough Clerk at 6:32 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Mayor LaBarbiera

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber, Mayor LaBarbiera

Also Present: Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin, Giblin & Gannaio Firm Associate Brian Giblin, Jr., Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi

Absent: None

Councilwoman Weber is present via phone conference

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilman DiPiazza hopes to announce Mr. Hector Olmo as the Borough’s new Administrator. Mr. Olmo is dedicated to his country and the communities he serves. He is the Bergen County American Legion vice commander. He was a Tenafly police officer where he was the PBA president for 17 years. Mr. Olmo was a DARE & LEAD officer for many years. He has been on the Cresskill Borough Council since 2009 as well as being Council President. He has experienced in the private sector and will use his skills in the Borough Administrator position. Mr. Olmo is also fluent in Spanish, and is the Borough Administrator in Wallington. He inherited a community with a new Governing Body and led them through after years of neglect. He was instrumental in winning lawsuits and negotiated leases for Borough properties. Mr. DiPiazza lists some of Mr. Olmo’s duties in the Borough of Wallington including payroll & meeting minutes. Mr. DiPiazza asks Mayor LaBarbiera to move this resolution considering the residents overwhelmingly voted for change in November.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizens are welcome to address the Mayor and Council on any governmental item of concern to them, whether or not it is scheduled on the agenda. Comments will be made at the public portion of tonight’s Public Meeting in the Council Chambers. 6:39 PM – None

Mayor LaBarbiera appreciates Mr. DiPiazza’s comments and commends Mr. Olmo’s accomplishments as well as thanks him for his service. However, he will not be exercising his appointing authority tonight. Mr. LaBarbiera expresses that the residents deserve the best and he believes this position should be posted. Resume’s should be turned in within 2 weeks, and in fact Mr. Olmo is the best candidate then he is all in. Mr. LaBarbiera questions how this decision was made in the first place and who interviewed this candidate? How was a salary decided upon? These are all important questions even if no one will answer them. Mayor LaBarbiera will be putting the posting together and will get it to the Clerk tomorrow. The members of the Council will

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have to keep in touch with the departments they are responsible for while the Administrator position is vacant.

Borough Attorney Mr. Brian Giblin advises the Council to authorize the position for posting.

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilman Vartolone

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion carries 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-102: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – NO ACTION TAKEN

Council agrees to change all council meetings from March on to 6:30 PM instead of 7:00.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:48 PM

APPROVED: AUGUST 24, 2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK