

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Work Session held in Caucus Room
February 4, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

(Subject to change pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d) – this agenda is tentative to the extent known at time of posting)

6:00 P.M. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – SPECIAL PRESENTATION– Life Safety Building

Resolution No: 20-02-110: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by the Borough Clerk at 6:05 PM

Work Session Reconvene 7:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by resident and veteran Mr. Warnke

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber, Mayor LaBarbiera

Also Present: Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Attorney Daniel Lagana, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi

Absent: None

BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:

- a. Request received from The Valley Hospital to perform work on HVAC system on Sunday, February 9th, 2020. Work will commence on Saturday the 8th and extend into Sunday due to lack of daylight on roof. **Approved.**
- b. Request received from Glass Gardens, Inc. to sell flowers outside of ShopRite for Easter and Mother’s Day from April 3rd to April 13th and May 1st to May 11th, 2020. **Approved.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger no report

Councilman DiPiazza no report

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos no report

Councilman Vartolone no report

Councilman Verile Cultural Arts scheduled 6 shows for the summer concerts and did a great job raising donations this year. There were 46,000 rounds of golf played at the Paramus Golf Course last year. We are waiting on bids for the restaurant. Rescue and Fire had their installation dinners.

Councilwoman Weber The Road Department is clearing storm drains and clearing potholes. The Mechanical Division is servicing 23 municipalities. The Behnke Museum met last week and gave an interesting tour of the museum. Substance Abuse Committee didn’t meet in January. Many residents have inquired about the bike bath regarding where landscapers will park. Mayor LaBarbiera explains that when the time comes, there will be a town hall meeting regarding the bike lanes. The residents will be welcome to attend to get their questions answered. The Borough Engineer and other professionals will be present.

Mayor LaBarbiera advises that the Golf Concession RFP is going out on Thursday February 6th. Fred Hayo resigned from the Golf Commission.

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MAYOR'S REPORT: Plans for the Midland/Forest Ave intersection are being finalized and bids should be going out. Many other intersections will be discussed. Upcoming bike lanes on Midland Avenue are discussed. Biker and driver safety are most important.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Electric vehicle charging stations are scheduled to come in. The Library addition is forecast for 2021. The Library Board is fundraising. Affordable Housing office is up to staff with two new employees who are being trained to be certified. Berkeley College has presented the educational subsidy program to give employees a better idea of the discounts offered to them. New policy recommended by the JIF for protection and safe treatment of minors. If we don't have policies in place we're open to lawsuits. There is another policy regarding domestic violence which will be reviewed in the next months. There will be a bond ordinance for the next meeting.

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.

Judith Warnke – Wilson Avenue – wrote a letter to Chief Ehrenberg. Mrs. Warnke reads letter aloud to the Council regarding a Board of Ed meeting. Mrs. Warnke is upset at Forest Avenue being referred to as a highway. Mrs. Warnke requests that every road in Paramus have a speed limit of 25 MPH. Mayor LaBarbiera thanks Mrs. Warnke for her comments and responds to her letter. He advises that her recommendation will be considered and discussed with Chief Ehrenberg.

John Tashian – Speaks about the bike lanes on Midland Avenue and inquires about how it came about. Mayor LaBarbiera explains that presentations were made by the Borough Engineer. Mr. Tashian lives on Midland Avenue and believes this is devastating to the residents. He claims residents were not notified. Mr. Tashian gives a background about the width of the road. He inquires about what the parking situation will be. Mr. Tashian points out that there are bike lanes across the street in the park and this bike lane on Midland Avenue will lead nowhere. Mr. Tashian inquires about where landscapers will park. Mr. Tashian would like the Council to reconsider.

Maris (inaudible) – Doesn't believe that a bike lane on Midland Avenue would slow traffic. Believes that people often get injured while traveling bike lanes. Mayor LaBarbiera addresses her concerns.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 2020-01: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 18-16 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH, CREATE AND RATIFY AND CONFIRM CERTAIN POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, NOT COVERED BY ANY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT AND TO PROVIDE AND DETERMINE THE RATE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO SUCH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES."

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment at 7:53 PM – None

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Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries 6-0.

A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM NUMBERS 13 AND 14

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-112: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-113: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF BUS STOPS IN PARAMUS ALONG EAST RIDGEWOOD AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-114: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 603 LOT 12 DIANE H. CLEMENTE

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-115: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 13 IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$9,106.77) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DOOR OPERATOR AND EXTERIOR FLOOD LIGHT FOR THE PARAMUS SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-116: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ESCROW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,709.69 TO GOD'S CHILDREN ACADEMY, INC. FOR BLOCK 5106 – LOT 10 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-117: PULLED PRIOR TO MEETING

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-118: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING PART TIME POSITIONS FOR PARAMUS RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-119: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA GUIDETTI TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME RECORDS CLERK STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS BUREAU AT A SALARY OF \$18.20 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-120: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROLE FEENEY TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME CLERK FOR THE PARAMUS AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$18.20 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-121: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP UP OF THE FOLLOWING PART TIME POSITIONS FOR PARAMUS DPW DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-122: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF TAYLOR ANZILOTTI TO PART TIME RECORDS CLERK STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- RECORDS BUREAU AT A SALARY OF \$18.20 PER HOUR

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RESOLUTION NO 20-02-123: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF CAMILLE CALUPAD TO PART TIME RECORD'S CLERK STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- RECORD'S BUREAU AT A SALARY OF \$18.20 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-124: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF LAUREN CARPENTER TO PART TIME RECORD'S CLERK STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- RECORD'S BUREAU AT A SALARY OF \$18.20 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-125: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF SANDRA GOLDMAN TO PART TIME RECORD'S CLERK STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- RECORD'S BUREAU AT A SALARY OF \$18.20 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-126: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF DANIEL PAOLAZZI TO PART TIME CLERICAL OFFICE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS FINANCE DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$18.20 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-127: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF MOBIN SHEIKH TO APPLICATION SUPPORT SPECIALIST STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$19.41 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-128: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF EDWARD GRILL TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$65,647.78 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-129: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF KENNETH JANKOWSKI TO PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR III GRADE 6 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$20.51 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-130: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF MICHAEL HOPKINS TO PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR III GRADE 4 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$19.72 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-131: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF JOHN HERRMANN TO PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR III GRADE 5 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$20.11 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-132: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF MICHAEL CHESTER TO PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR III GRADE 7 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$21.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02- 133: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF MICHAEL FREDERICKS TO \$18.58 PER HOUR AS PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR III GRADE 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 20-02- 134: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF JAQUAYSIA EDGE TO \$18.58 PER HOUR AS PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR III GRADE 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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RESOLUTION NO 20-02-135: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF ERIC EDELSTEIN TO \$18.95 PER HOUR AS PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR III GRADE 2 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-136: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF ZACHARY YABROUDY TO \$18.95 PER HOUR AS PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR III GRADE 2 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-137: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF KEN HOOK TO \$27.30 PER HOUR AS COMMERCIAL ZONING OFFICIAL STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-138: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF MARYELLEN PARENTE TO \$25.41 PER HOUR AS CLERICAL SECRETARY PLANNING BOARD STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-139: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF MICHAEL DALESSIO TO \$35.24 PER HOUR AS ELECTRIC HHS/BUILDING INSPECTOR STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-140: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF PAIGE MONTILLO FROM THE POSITION OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER CLASS 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- TRAFFIC DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-141: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF COLLEEN SAILER FROM THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-142: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BIANCA CONN TO THE POSITION OF SOUND RECORDER FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL COURT AT A SALARY OF \$17.18 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-02-143: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MORTGAGE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT FOR 51 SYCAMORE STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

APPLICATIONS:

GOLD BUYERS/SECOND HAND BUYERS

Isa Akdemir (M.A. Jewelry) 2020-GS-11

RAFFLES

The Valley Hospital Auxiliary File # 785
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Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as amended with the Removal of 20-02-117

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Mayor LaBarbiera opens to the public for comment at 7:55 PM – None.

RESOLUTION No. 20-02-111: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public. 7:56 PM

a. Teamsters Contract

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

Open 8:00 PM

Mayor LaBarbiera appoints Beverly Keppler to Shade Tree as a regular 5 year member.

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

Mayor LaBarbiera appoints Vanessa Cauwels to the Pool Commission

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: 8:03 P.M.

APPROVED: MARCH 3, 2020

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK