

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Work Session held in Caucus Room
MARCH 17, 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)

Any member of the public may email a question or matter of discussion to
boroclerk@paramusborough.org
By 6:30 P.M. on March 17, 2020 for the governing body to consider or discuss.

Mayor LaBarbiera welcomes everyone to the meeting and explains that members of the public are present via phone conference.

Resolution No: 20-03-181: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.”
Read by the Borough Clerk at 7:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco

Mayor LaBarbiera leads a moment of silence for everyone suffering due to the Covid-19 emergency.

The Borough of Paramus takes your health very seriously. In light of recent concerns over the spread of COVID-19/Corona Virus, we please ask that those who may be experiencing any cold or flu symptoms not attend this public meeting. Any interested party may obtain a transcript of the proceeding at their own expense. Please continue to follow all guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. If you are concerned with regard to your own personal health status, please call New Jersey’s 24 hour COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-222-1222 with any concerns about coronavirus. **THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING BY TELEPHONE:DIAL: 1-201-649-0755PARTICIPANT PIN: 2205#WHEN YOU HEAR THE BEEP YOU HAVE JOINED THE MEETINGPLEASE PLACE YOUR PHONE ON MUTE UNTIL THE PUBLIC PORTION HAS OPENED BY MAYOR LABARBIERA. Read by Mayor LaBarbiera at 7:04 PM**

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Weber, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi

Mayor LaBarbiera commends and thanks Borough employees and first responders for continuing to work tirelessly through the Covid-19 emergency. He assures everyone that the Governing Body is doing everything they can to protect the best interest of Paramus residents and employees.

BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:

- a. Request received from St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church to hold their 45th annual Greek Festival from Thursday May 14th, 2020 through Sunday May 17th, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 AM. **Approved, subject to any restrictions by the state.**

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- b. Recommendation received from The Environmental Commission regarding exemption of Borough Ordinance 19-16A for Century 21 Stores. **Approved temporarily.**
- c. Request received from Glass Gardens about opening the Paramus ShopRite at 6AM instead of 7AM for possibly one or two days to allow senior citizens to shop. **Approved. Mayor LaBarbiera would like to coordinate this with the Paramus senior bus to accommodate senior residents.**

Councilwoman Weber enters the meeting at 7:10 PM

Mayor LaBarbiera invites health officer Judy Migliaccio to come forward and provide an update on Covid-19. She provides case numbers and describes the age range of those affected. Mrs. Migliaccio urges social distancing to prevent the spread of Covid-19. A testing site for the virus will be setting up shortly at Bergen Community College in Paramus. Mrs. Migliaccio lists those who are at higher risk of exposure such as health care workers, recent travelers, and the elderly. It is critical that residents follow the steps administered by the Governor. Mayor LaBarbiera inquires about the details of the upcoming testing site at Bergen Community College.

Police Chief Kenneth Ehrenberg is also present and describes the emergency management plan for the upcoming testing site. Traffic may become a concern but will be dealt with accordingly as issues arise. The National Guard Reserve or the Bergen County Sheriff's Office will have a presence at the site.

Guy Picone gives an OEM update as it relates to the virus and the surrounding situation.

Mayor LaBarbiera advises that additional time on Sundays has been granted to commercial properties in order to allow them to clean and sanitize during this time.

Mayor LaBarbiera commends County Executive James Tedesco and Governor Murphy for their efforts.

Councilwoman Bellinger reminds the members of the public who are present by phone conference to mute their phones until the public comment portion of the meeting. Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis advises that those listening are permitted to submit questions via email at any point during the 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 above. Comments will be made at the public portion of tonight's Public Meeting in the Council Chambers. **7:16 PM**

Resident via phone conference (name inaudible) – inquires about Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos and whether or not she is in quarantine. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos responds that she is in fact present at the meeting and is not in quarantine

Resident via phone conference (name inaudible) – inquires about the testing site at Bergen Community College and how the results will be distributed to the individuals being tested. Mrs. Migliaccio and Mayor LaBarbiera advise the resident that the testing is not being conducted by the Borough and those details are not known at this time.

Richard ? via phone conference (last name inaudible) – inquires about the status of parks in the Borough. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that the parks are open for those who would like to walk but all organized events are cancelled. The intent is to prevent the assembly of people.

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Kelly ? via phone conference (last name inaudible) – inquires about whether or not there is a curfew in effect and what the times are. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that there is no official curfew but there is a recommended time of 8 PM.

Public Comment portion closed at 7:21 PM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger the Senior Center is closed. Please check on your elderly neighbors and assist them in any way possible. Thank you to all first responders and emergency services for their work during this time.

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos no report

Councilman DiPiazza no report

Councilman Vartolone no report

Councilman Verile no report

Councilwoman Weber The Environmental Commission is working on the Earth Day event and vendor participation looks good at this point. Landscapers would like to know if they will be able to work during this time. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that this would have to be deferred to the state and the county. Councilwoman Weber would like to know if a requirement could be imposed upon all new construction permits that automatic doors are required, so people don't have to touch doors. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that the Borough follows the State of New Jersey construction code but he wouldn't be surprised if we see something like this in the near future.

MAYOR'S REPORT: There are measures being taken at public parks, the golf course, and Borough Hall. The list of measures will soon be available on the Borough website.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: There are directives being carried out with OEM and will be posted on the website tomorrow. Items will be added as they are administered by the state.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a. IKEA- Sunday opening after COVID-19 ceases

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 2020-06: ORDINANCE CREATING NEW TITLE AND UPDATING JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY SCALE (Recreation Leader)

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2020-07: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 16-22, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER A460 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED "FEES"

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2020-08: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR NURSERY PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS (BLOCK 7002, LOT 1.QQ; BLOCK 7701, LOT 3.Q; BLOCK 7701, LOT 4; BLOCK 7701, LOT 2 (2.Q); BLOCK 7003, LOT 1.QQ; BLOCK 7101, LOT 4.QQ (4.Q); BLOCK 2701, LOT 12; BLOCK 2801, LOT 1; BLOCK 4701, LOT 9.01) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2020-09: ORDINANCE CREATING NEW TITLE AND UPDATING JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY SCALE (Asst Supv Golf)

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 2020-03: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 19-35 AND FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS
(held over from March 3, 2020)

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilman Verile

Explanation by Council President and Borough Administrator

Open to Public for Comment on Ordinance 2020-03: None

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2020-05: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 311, NUDITY ON STATE-OWNED LANDS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilwoman Weber

Explanation by Council President and Chief of Police Kenneth Ehrenberg

Open to Public for Comment on Ordinance 2020-03: None

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-183: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-184: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-185: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 6607 LOT 7 US BANK CUST ACTLIEN HOLDING INC.

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-186: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO PAYMENT FROM BANK AND HOMEOWNER (Lu)

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-187: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO PAYMENT FROM CARNEGIE TITLE LLC. AND BANK (Carnegie Title LLC)

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-188: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY TO SETTLE 2015 TO 2019 TAX APPEALS CAPTIONED HESS RETAIL STORES LLC BY SPEEDWAY, LLC, OWNER V. BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-189: RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY'S APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-190: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE 2020 GOLF COURSE HORTICULTURAL BID

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-191: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE 2020 PARAMUS JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE BID AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-192: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-BID FOR PARAMUS GOLF COURSE CONCESSION CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-193: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-194: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-195: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR GLFC REALTY PARTNERS LLC, BLOCK 4110, LOTS 16 & 17 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE

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BOROUGH ENGINEER (PAES-2558)

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-196: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SICK TIME PAYOUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,817.64 TO MARTIN BARRY

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-197: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF JUSTIN OLIVO TO PART TIME LABORER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW-SANITATION/RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$15.44 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-198: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL POSITIONS FOR PARAMUS GOLF COURSE

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-199: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF VICTOR ZAPATA-HENAO TO THE POSITION OF GOLF GREENSMAN STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$33,784.87 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-200: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARISSA R. LICAMARA TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$17.47 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-201: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF WAYNE JOHNSON TO THE POSITION OF TRAFFIC MAINTAINER STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE AT A SALARY OF \$36,537.71 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-202: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES DUFFY TO THE POSITION OF GREENSMAN STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$33,784.87 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-203: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS CALCAGNO TO THE POSITION OF TEMPORARY OFFICE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$11.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-204: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW J SPICER TO THE POSITION OF CASHIER STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$16.10 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-205: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNETTA A. PANAYIDES TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$17.47 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-03-206: PULLED PRIOR TO MEETING

APPLICATIONS:

GOLD/SILVER
Shirley Goldberg

2020-GS-7

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Margarita Risis	2020-GS-12
Fadi Hishmeh	2020-GS-13
Rudy Sarkis	2020-GS-14

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda, Items # 14 and 15

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

Mayor LaBarbiera opens to the public for comment.

Resident via phone conference (name inaudible) – inquires about hours of operation in Borough parks. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that the hours have remained the same for walking in the parks.

Resident via phone conference (name inaudible) – would like to know if everyone in Paramus will be tested for coronavirus. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that there are specific testing requirements. Resident would like to know when he can walk in the park.

Mayor LaBarbiera closes the public portion of the meeting and thanks all the members of the public who joined via phone conference. If any questions went unheard, residents are invited to email their questions.

Mayor LaBarbiera advises that there is a question from a resident via email.

Question via email:

Elaine Bland – asks what is being done to protect members of the police and fire departments as they are interacting with the public and must protect themselves and their families.

Police Chief Ehrenberg is present and responds to above question by stating that all members are wearing the required protective gear and practicing reasonable distance. Fire Chief Picone advises that the fire department is using personal protective equipment and practicing limited interaction with the public.

Mayor LaBarbiera wishes everyone and their families safety and good health.

RESOLUTION No. 20-03-182: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

a. Sign ordinance - Billboard overlay

Motion to Enter Closed Session at 7:40 PM

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

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

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Nays: None
Motion Carries 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: 9:09 PM

APPROVED: APRIL 7, 2020

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK