

**Borough of Paramus  
Mayor and Council Public Meeting  
Work Session held in Caucus Room  
April 7, 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)

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Mayor LaBarbiera asks those listening on the conference call to mute their phones and advises that the public will be invited to speak at a later time in the meeting.

**Work Session**

**Resolution No: 20-04-211:** Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by the Borough Clerk at 7:02 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by Mayor LaBarbiera

Mayor LaBarbiera leads a moment of silence and prayer for those affected by the Covid-19 virus.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: Borough Attorney Daniel Lagana, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis

Absent: Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi

\*Council Members DiPiazza, Vartolone, and Weber are present via phone conference.

**BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:**

- a. Request received from JMK Events to reschedule the Just Jersey Food Truck Festival scheduled for Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Paramus Park Mall to Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Covid-19 emergency situation. **Approved with the understanding that any executive orders will require cancellation.**
- b. Request received from William Dressel on behalf of Stop & Shop for flexibility on enforcement of Ordinance 19-16-A. **Councilwoman Weber shares the opinion of the Environmental Commission that plastic and paper bags can carry the virus for 5**

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**hours. Single use plastic bags are still prohibited. Mayor LaBarbiera would require the owner of Stop & Shop to submit a specific request.**

**c. Millennium Strategies – March, 2020 grant report**

Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis advises that the Go The Distance for Autism Charity Run has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

There is also a request for Shake Shack Mobile Food Truck to have a drive through food location in the parking lot of Paramus Park. They have all required permits. **Approved.**

Mayor LaBarbiera advises that Borough Administrator Joseph D'Arco, who previously tested positive for COVID-19, is improving.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Bellinger no report

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos no report

Councilman Verile Paramus Rescue & Fire are doing a great job during the Covid-19 crisis.

Councilman DiPiazza no report. Asks that 20-04-226 be placed on non-consent.

Councilman Vartolone no report.

Councilwoman Weber DPW road and sewer divisions are operating on a schedule. Mechanical has moved to a split schedule until further notice. Quality of Life is also operating on a split schedule.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Gives credit to OEM, volunteers, and first responders in town. The work they are completing is impressive. There is a hazardous pay stipend on the agenda for 60 days. Borough Hall is being manned and every department is functioning. We haven't had any interruption in services whatsoever.

Mayor LaBarbiera clarifies that the Governor's order to stay home is very specific. Travel should not be anything other than essential. He advises residents to refrain from unnecessary travel. When this is over, there will be a celebration. But celebrations now will only prolong the current situation. Driving by the house of a friend/relative for a birthday celebration is not permitted.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**a. James Anzevino – Associated Appraisal Group update**

Tax Assessor James Anzevino is present by phone conference. Mr. Anzevino gives statistics for tax burden in 2019 and compares it to 2020. 54% went down to 50.4%. Residential went down roughly 4%, and commercial went up roughly 4%. The new rate will be \$1.478. The average reduction for the average home in town is \$601.28. Roughly 80% will have a reduction. Mr. Anzevino explains that the properties seeing a significant increase is due to new construction and past tax appeals. Improvements made to houses without permits are causing increases as well. Mr. Anzevino advises the council that he has seen many revaluations and reassessments

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in his career and this one in Paramus is by far the best he has seen. We've had an increase in the ratable base every year since 2008. There's been a 25% growth in the tax base. There are not many communities able to do that.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2020**

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.

**b. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2020**

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger      Second: Councilman Verile  
Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos,  
Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber  
Nays: None  
Motion Carries 6-0.

**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. **Agenda Items Only – 7:33 PM**

**Tom Locicero 30 Alden Road** – inquires about the resolution that Councilman DiPiazza moved to the non-consent agenda. Borough Attorney Dan Lagana explains. Mr. Locicero would like to know why the names of the police candidates are not listed on the agenda. Councilwoman Bellinger explains that these are conditional offers and names cannot be released until all conditions are met and all names are approved. Mr. Locicero also believes that each candidate should be voted on separately.

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE 2020-10:** ORDINANCE UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR AMUSEMENT LICENSES

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger      Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos  
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Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber  
Nays: None  
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**ORDINANCE ON FINAL:**

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

**Motion:** Councilwoman Bellinger      **Second:** Councilman Verile

**Explanation by Council President**

**Open to Public for Comment on Ordinance 2020-06: None**

**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 Tedesco-Santos

**Explanation by Council President**

**Open to Public for Comment on Ordinance 2020-07: None**

**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 Tedesco-Santos

**Explanation by Council President**

**Open to Public for Comment on Ordinance 2020-09: None**

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

**Nays:** None

Motion Carries 6-0.

**NON-CONSENT:**

**RESOLUTION NO 20-04-226:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO THE TEN (10) POLICE CANDIDATES AS PRESENTED BY THE BOROUGH'S POLICE COMMITTEE

**Motion:** Councilwoman Bellinger

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**Mr. Vartolone motions to amend resolution to only include 9 names, excluding the candidate related to an elected official of this governing body.**

RESOLUTION No 20-04-227: MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2020-04-226

Motion: Councilman Vartolone      Second: Councilman DiPiazza  
Yeas: Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber  
Nays: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile  
Motion Fails

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Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger      Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos  
Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile  
Nays: Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber  
Motion Fails

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION NO 20-04-213: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 20-04-214: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 1307 LOT 17 FNA DZ, LLC

RESOLUTION NO 20-04-215: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 745 MYRNA ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 20-04-216: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020

RESOLUTION NO 20-04-217 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO 20-04-218: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH AVAK PARAMUS LLC WITH REGARD TO 224 ROUTE 4 EAST IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

RESOLUTION NO 20-04-219: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY RAISE IN HOURLY PAY AS HAZARD PAY TO THE EMS WORKERS OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

RESOLUTION NO 20-04-220: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN COUNTY FOR A 2016 BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 49,100.00

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**RESOLUTION NO 20-04-221:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIELA RICCA TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$19.00 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 20-04-222:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEFANO MILAZZO TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$19.00 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 20-04-223:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE SALADINO TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER CLASS 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$12.00 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 20-04-224:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF THOMAS GILES FROM THE POSITION OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR STEP 11 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**RESOLUTION NO 20-04-225:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF BIANCA CONN TO THE POSITION OF COURT RECORDER 2 FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL COURT AT A SALARY OF \$20.00 PER HOUR

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Amended with the Removal of Resolution 20-04-226**

**Motion:** Councilwoman Bellinger      **Second:** Councilman Verile  
**Yeas:** Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber  
**Nays:** None  
Motion Carries 6-0.

**Mayor LaBarbiera opens to public for comment at 7:47 PM**

**Roy Hegg** 321 Lockwood Drive – Mayor LaBarbiera thanks Mr. Hegg and other CERT members. Mr. Hegg questions a ServPro charge on the bills list.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:48 PM**

APPROVED: MAY 5, 2020

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:  
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK