

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Work Session held in Caucus Room
May 5, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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Work Session

Resolution No: 20-05-240: Notification of meetings as required by "The Open Public Meetings Act." Read by the Borough Clerk at 7:07 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Borough Administrator Joseph D'Arco via phone conference

ROLL CALL:

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

Council Members DiPiazza, Vartolone & Weber are present via phone conference

Also Present: Borough Attorney Daniel Lagana, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Associate Borough Attorney Katie Mocco, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi

Absent: None

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:

- a. Notice of cancellation of Junior League of Bergen County Touch a Truck event previously scheduled for May 17, 2020.

Mayor LaBarbiera acknowledges Municipal Clerk Appreciation Week as well as Teachers Appreciation Week.

PROCLAMATION:

- b. National Police Week – read by Mayor LaBarbiera at 7:10 PM

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COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger Health Department is reporting 822 presumptive positive cases in the Borough. We must all continue to practice social distancing and safety guidelines. Thank you to all employees for the work they continue to do. Thank you to municipal clerks and teachers. Mayor LaBarbiera commends the Health Department.

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos The Pool is continuing with business as usual. They will not be taking registration yet but will be following Governor Murphy's orders as they come out. Recreation is trying to decide how to move forward at the moment. The summer recreation playground will most likely be canceled as well as spring activities.

Councilman Verile Golf met earlier today. This weekend's light opening went perfectly. Attendees were pleased and safety measures were adhered to. Fire Prevention is busy during this time. Mr. Picone is getting all their equipment and they have everything they need. Rescue is doing well with equipment as well and safety needs. Mayor LaBarbiera believes the Golf Course did a great job this weekend with the opening.

Councilman DiPiazza No report. Library meets tomorrow.

Councilman Vartolone No report.

Councilwoman Weber Environmental Commission held a Zoom meeting and they are reviewing their bylaws. A grant has been submitted. Earth Day has been canceled and rescheduled for next May 16, 2021. Councilwoman Weber inquires about Covid-19 testing for Paramus residents. She also inquires about what is being done for employees who are nervous to return to work due to concerns about living with elderly or other safety reasons. She is concerned that the employee may be shy about asking. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that the appropriate chain of command would be for these people to contact their department head and follow chain of command.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Memorial Day services, 4th of July celebration including parade and fireworks, and the summer concert series are all regrettably canceled this year. Recreation activities have been put on hold and the department is not moving forward with any hiring for those activities at this time. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that we are hoping the municipal pool will be allowed to operate at some point. Brochures will not be distributed until a decision is made. The Golf Course opened this past weekend. The course was ready and we are hoping to continue to provide golf to the residents. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that we are getting ready to see some relaxation of the covid-19 orders. Thank you to all employees and first responders. No services have been interrupted. Safety measures have been implemented such as plexi-glass barriers at all counters. Thank you to Guy Picone for safety measures. No residents are permitted into Borough Hall at this time. Kudos to employees who have continued to work and service the Borough throughout this difficult time. There is a drop box outside of Borough Hall for taxes and mail. Business has not been interrupted.

Borough Attorney Dan Lagana explains a tax resolution on the agenda tonight. CFO Sheryl Luna elaborates. The resolution is regarding the interest rate and penalty of taxes during Covid-19 crisis. The resolution adopted at the last meeting had to be amended to comply with a state executive order.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Present via phone conference – no report.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a. Shade tree** – Mayor LaBarbiera references an email sent by a resident with a complaint about Shade Tree. Mayor LaBarbiera will have the department head at a meeting in the future to discuss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- b. Mayor and Council Special Meeting Minutes – March 27, 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

- c. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes – April 7, 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 – 7:32 PM – None**

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 2020-02: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA 4 ON COLOMBUS WAY (BLOCK 204, LOT 1, AND A PORTION OF BLOCK 204, LOT 2.01) IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos
Explanation by Council President
Open to Public for Comment on Ordinance 2020-02: None
Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber
Nays: None
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ORDINANCE 2020-04: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA 3, BLOCK 4808, LOTS 6.Q AND 6.QQ OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 578 PARAMUS ROAD, IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger

Second: Councilman Verile

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment on Ordinance 2020-04: None

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 15 AND 16

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-242: PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-243: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF TREE PRESERVATION DEPOSIT FROM SHADE TREE ESCROW ACCOUNT T-22-56-286-850-802 TO THE FOLLOWING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION (Wael Sobh)

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-244: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF TREE PRESERVATION DEPOSIT FROM SHADE TREE TRUST ACCOUNT #-03-56-286-851-802 TO THE FOLLOWING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION (Nicoletti Developers)

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-245: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 7113 LOT 10 DIANNE H. CLEMENTE

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-246: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION KAUFMAN, SEMERARO & LEIBMAN, LLP TO OBTAIN AN APPRAISAL ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS OF CERTAIN EASEMENTS FOR PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS 422 FOREST AVENUE, BLOCK 5707, LOT 11 AND 242 MIDLAND AVENUE BLOCK 5704, LOT 9

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-247: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-248: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE 2020 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM.

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-249: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (GMGM Management LLC)

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RESOLUTION NO 20-05-250: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN W. BEHNKE TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$17.47 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-251: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF EFRAIM J. RUDIN TO EMT STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$18.64 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-252: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF ROBERT A. ALEXIOU TO EMT STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$18.64 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-253: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF CERI SPAZIANI TO EMT STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$18.64 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-254:RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF RICHARD PALDINO TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$113,131.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-255:RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF CONNOR NUTLAND TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$113,131.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-256:RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF GIL MAYNARD TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$113,131.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-257:RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF MATTHEW MCGUIRE TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$113,131.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-258:RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF TIMOTHY REED TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$113,131.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-259: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF MAAYAN SHALVI FROM THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-260: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF ISAAC BELLOSO FROM THE POSITION OF PROBATIONARY RESCUE FOR THE PARAMUS RESCUE SQUAD

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-261: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL MIGLIACCIO FROM THE POSITION OF JUNIOR RESCUE FOR THE PARAMUS RESCUE SQUAD

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-262: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF ANTHONY VINCI FROM THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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RESOLUTION NO 20-05-263: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF RICHARD PEASE FROM THE POSITION OF MECHANIC STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MECHANICAL DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-264: RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-04-238 AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

RESOLUTION NO 20-05-265: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ACCESS AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN UNIBAIL-RODAMCO-WESTFIELD AND THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

APPLICATIONS:

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

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 7:35 PM.

Roy Hegg Lockwood Drive – inquired about a driveway issue with Shade Tree. Councilman DiPiazza spoke with the commission and they will work with a contractor when the resident reports that there is a town tree ruining their driveway. Mr. Hegg believes they should be also fixing the driveways, not only sidewalks. Mayor LaBarbiera believes that at a minimum the asphalt should be restored. The council urged the Shade Tree Commission to make these accommodations. Councilman DiPiazza is asked to return to the Commission to discuss this again. Mayor LaBarbiera thanks Mr. Hegg for his CERT work and delivery of almost 500 meals. Mr. Hegg inquires about the Bills List and the Covid-19 total. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that costs are being tracked and will be submitted at some point for reimbursement. It could be a lengthy process.

RESOLUTION No. 20-05-241: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- a. Sign Ordinance
- b. Pending litigation

Motion to Enter Closed Session at 7:42 PM

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

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

Nays: None

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:07 PM

APPROVED: MAY 19, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:
Annemarie Krusznis, RMC
Borough Clerk