

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
May 21, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Work Session – Held in Council Chambers

Resolution No: 19-05-340: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.”

In Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting of The Borough of Paramus Mayor and Council was transmitted to the Bergen Record on January 7, 2019. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building and on the Borough of Paramus website. **Read by the Borough Clerk at 8:02 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco, Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi, Associate Borough Attorney Rafael Corbalan

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

PROCLAMATION: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH – Mayor LaBarbiera reads proclamation and presents MaryAnn Uzzi, the initiator of Stigma Free, with the proclamation.

BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:

- a. April 2019 Grant report received from Millennium Strategies – for information only
- b. Request received from Cadillac Club of North Jersey to hold a Cadillac Car Show in the parking lot of the Fireplace Restaurant on Sunday September 22nd, 2019 from 9AM to 3 PM with a rain date of Sunday September 29th, 2019. **Approved.**
- c. Request received from Camp Trunk Delivery for permission to provide luggage pickup and delivery services for camp families on Sundays in June, July and August 2019. **Approved.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilman DiPiazza No report

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos the Pool is opening this weekend. Pool memberships can be obtained at Borough Hall and there are now weekend memberships. The Pool is being opened for half days before the school year ends. Shade Tree and Parks crew have been preparing ball fields for games despite the rain this month. Additional crews have been preparing for MDW. Borough Administrator fills everyone in on the new procedure to coordinate the MDW events now that Sam Casiello has passed away.

Councilman Verile Reports that everyone in the Council should have gotten an email from the Fire Chief regarding Memorial Day information. Next Tuesday Recreation Mens softball is doing a fundraiser softball game at the Recreation Center where all proceeds will be going to EastBrook and the Children’s Health Foundation.

Councilwoman Bellinger Gives Police Department numbers for April. Thank you to everyone for the tree removed from the Senior Center.

Councilman Amato is very proud of the work that has been done on behalf of Stigma Free. The Student Mayor and Council did a great job. Councilman Amato reports that the DPW continues to provide shared services working with Northvale and Maywood pick up grass and has been assisting Maywood, River

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Edge and Bergen County of New Bridge Medical Center with sewer issues. Fleet Maintenance entered into agreements with the Borough of Northvale and Englewood PD Motorcycle Division. The Road Division took delivery of new wood processor/splitter which will enhance the amount of firewood we can provide to the residents. Councilman Amato continues that over 4 pallets of pallets of plastic toys have been collected in the Recycling Center and will be donated. Building and Grounds continues to make improvements around the Borough buildings. The Paramus Pool Concession stand is gearing up for the season. Councilman Amato reports Golf course numbers and mini golf hours. The field division has been putting in overtime trying to keep the fields open and playable and will need to laser grade both infields at the Sports Plex to get them to drain properly and will have this done in the next few weeks. Councilman Amato reports on Building Department numbers.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Several items for closed session.

MAYOR’S REPORT: There was a meeting with the NJDOT today regarding improvements along Route 17. The meeting was believed to be about the bridge decks in Rochelle Park. It was actually about a big picture plan that the county has presented to the state to improve from the Exit of Garden State Plaza through Essex Street. It would take several years and hopefully remedy the infamous “bottleneck”. The curveball is that they are contemplating the replacement of bridges on Route 17 in spots that would be replaced by the big picture plan. Mayor LaBarbiera expressed that we have too much at stake and would not support or endorse replacement of the overpasses as a band aid causing more traffic. It would prolong the real improvement or fix. Councilman DiPiazza agrees and inquires about the structural safety of the overpass. Councilman Amato, who attended the meeting, expresses concern about whether or not the message was received.

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. **8:34 PM – None**

Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman gives brief background on the proposed Plastic Bag ordinance.

Tony Landa 165 Heberd Avenue – Chair of Environmental Commission – References last meeting when Mr. Donahue attended, who has done extensive research on Styrofoam. Mr. Kaufman explains the ordinance process to Mr. Landa, and makes it clear that the introduction of this ordinance is step 1. After step 1, the ordinance goes to the Environmental Commission and can then be amended if need be. Mayor LaBarbiera explains all the ways we can get the word out to businesses and homeowners in the community about this change.

Mayor LaBarbiera appoints Jamie Love to a regular 3 year position for the Environmental Commission.

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes- March 19, 2019

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilman Verile

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Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Bellinger

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 4-0

b. Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes- April 2, 2019

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

c. Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes- April 16, 2019

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Bellinger,

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 4-0

d. Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes- May 7, 2019

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

e. Mayor & Council Closed Session Minutes – March 19, 2019

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Bellinger

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 4-0

f. Mayor & Council Closed Session Minutes – April 16, 2019

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Bellinger

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 4-0

g. Mayor & Council Closed Session Minutes – May 7, 2019

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Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 19-12: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING \$2,148,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,040,600 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS OF THE SAME

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCE 19-13: A BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR GOLF UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCE 19-14: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 367 OF THE PARAMUS CODE (Sign)

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

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ORDINANCE 19-15: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 169 OF THE PARAMUS CODE WITH RESPECT TO ANIMALS (tag fees)

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCE 19-16: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PARAMUS CODE TO INCLUDE A NEW CHAPTER 453 "REGULATION OF RETAIL PLASTIC BAGS AND STYROFOAM

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 19-10: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 363 OF THE PARAMUS CODE (Stormwater management)

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment: None

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCE 19-11: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 161 OF THE PARAMUS CODE (CEC Entertainment)

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment: None

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NON-CONSENT:

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RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-342: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-343: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 (BERARDO HOMES LLC)

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-344: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 (162 VICTORIA LLC)

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-345:RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF TREE PRESERVATION DEPOSIT FROM SHADE TREE TRUST ACCOUNT #9-03-56-286-851-802 TO THE FOLLOWING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION (DARCEL INC-BLK 5608- LOT 16)

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-346: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 (DARCEL INC-BLK 5608- LOT 18)

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-347: RESOLUTION APPROVING AMUSEMENT BUSINESS APPLICATION FOR CEC ENTERTAINMENT INC.

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-348: AUTHORIZING THE PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0246-33-007-008 LOCATED AT 35 PLAZA 65 ROUTE 4 WEST.

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-349: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 5706 LOT 4 KARAN GAREWAL

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-350: RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF A GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES POLICY

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-351: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GREEN BUSINESS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-352: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALPERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-353: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF TAYLOR ANZILOTTI TO PART TIME RECORDS CLERK STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – RECORDS BUREAU AT A SALARY OF \$12.50 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-354: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SAMUEL GOLD TO THE POSITION OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-355: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN SCHMIDT TO THE POSITION OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

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RESOLUTION NO 19-05-356: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DUSTIN WRIGHT TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME LABORER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW – SANITATION/RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-357: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN OLIVO TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME TEMPORARY LABORER STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW – SANITATION/RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$11.93 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-358: PULLED PRIOR TO MEETING

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-359: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES TO THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-360: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-361: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF SHANNON O'BRIEN FROM THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ON CALL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$9.48 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-362: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF KAYLA OLIVO FROM THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ON CALL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$8.86 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-363: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF ALYSSA RIVERA FROM THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ON CALL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$8.95 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-364: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF EMILY SCHWARTZ FROM THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ON CALL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$8.86 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-365: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF STEVEN SONDEJ FROM THE POSITION OF SEASONAL LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ON CALL LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$16.46 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-366: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF ROBERT MORRIS TO PART TIME SENIOR BUS DRIVER STEP 5 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW AT A SALARY OF \$13.70 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-367: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF BARBARA STEINBERG TO PART TIME QUALITY OF LIFE INSPECTOR STEP 5 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW/QUALITY OF LIFE AT A SALARY OF \$13.70 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-368: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF ANGELO DASILVA TO PART TIME LABORER STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW/ROAD DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$15.47 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-369: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF ARTHUR SARRO TO PART TIME SENIOR BUS DRIVER STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW AT A SALARY OF \$11.04 PER HOUR

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RESOLUTION NO 19-05-370: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF MARYANN CESTARO TO PART TIME CLERICAL SECRETARY STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW/POOL DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$11.04 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-371: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF MEMBERS FROM THE PARAMUS POLICE RESERVES

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-372: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF KRISTIN ROHNER TO RECORDS CLERK STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE AT A SALARY OF \$15.50 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-373: RESOLUTION TO AMEND CY2019 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

APPLICATIONS:

RAFFLE

Paramus Elks BPOE #2001

File # 754

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

Mayor LaBarbiera appoints Gregory M. Cannarozzi to the position of Maywood Public Defender

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-377: AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A MAYWOOD PUBLIC DEFENDER NO. 3 FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL COURT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

Mayor LaBarbiera says there was an issue with the RFQ for Oradell and wants to hold that for now and to put it out again just in case.

Mayor LaBarbiera opens to the public for comment. – None

RESOLUTION No. 19-05-341: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- a. Bozzi v Paramus – Litigation
- b. PSEA – Contract Negotiations
- c. Bergen County Potential contract
- d. Employee Manual

