

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Work Session held in Caucus Room
June 11, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Work Session

Resolution No: 19-06-381: 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 7:08 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber, 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 Justin Santagata

Absent: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

PROCLAMATION: Doris Spano – read by Mayor LaBarbiera at 7:09 PM

RESOLUTION No. 19-06-382: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

a. Affordable Housing - litigation

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Verile

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Motion carries 5-0

Open 7:22 PM

Associate Borough Attorney Justin Santagata entered the meeting during Closed Session.

Tony Landa and Melissa Marte from the Environmental Commission are present to discuss the proposed plastic bag/Styrofoam ordinance. Mr. Landa expresses his thanks to the Council for allowing him to present his comments. The ordinance will effect retail establishments and retail food vendors. The distinction between the two is due to the fact that retail establishments only deal with plastic bags and not Styrofoam. This ordinance will include the Farmer’s Market. Mr. Landa inquires about a section of the draft that allows businesses whose revenue comes from less than 20% of food sales to continue using plastic bags/Styrofoam. Council agrees to remove this to avoid interpretation. Mr. Landa describes the different types of food containers listed in the draft. Recyclable paper bags will be allowed. The Borough will not force retail stores to charge for the bags. Mr. Landa mentions that other towns had trouble with this as the bags cost too much to give away for free. The Borough will still discourage charging. Mayor LaBarbiera is adamant that we do not want to charge and we will discourage businesses from charging. That would be a deal breaker. There are grey area bags that look like cloth but are made of a thicker type

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of plastic. When washed in a washing machine they leak plastic out into our drinking water. The Environmental Commission is recommending against using these bags. Mayor LaBarbiera points out that we initially stated that we would start with baby steps. This is a starting point. We don't want to go too far too soon. At this point we can't tell people they can't use these types of bags. Councilman DiPiazza points out that this ordinance bans people from using the most dangerous type of bag which is a very good start for now. Mr. Landa explains how newspaper and produce bags are still allowed. Eggs sold in Styrofoam will still be okay as well. Ms. Marte informs the Council that in the ordinance we will not be using the term Styrofoam because it's trademarked. Mr. Landa asks if the Food Pantry would be exempt from the ordinance. Mayor LaBarbiera does not think they should be exempt as we should be leading by example. Mr. Landa asks if we should take out the section regarding exemptions for businesses. Mayor LaBarbiera does not think we should include any exemptions. Mr. Santagata explains that if we don't include at least a process for an exemption, the businesses will just sue. The applicant would have to prove why the ordinance is unduly burdensome. The exemptions would be determined by the Council. Mr. Santagata will clean the draft up based on tonight's discussion and send it back to the Environmental Commission.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:

- b. Request received from Arcola Country Club to hold a 30 minute fireworks show on Saturday, June 29th, 2019 with a rain date of Monday, July 1st, 2019. **Approved.**
- c. Request received from Just Jersey Fest to hold a Food Truck Festival in the parking lot of the Garden State Plaza on Sunday, June 23rd, 2019 from 11am to 7pm. **Approved.**
- d. Request received from Benmoore Construction to perform overnight construction work for America's Best Contacts and Eyeglass Center at the interior of 35 Plaza 81 Route 4 on June 13th & June 14th from 8 PM to 3 AM. **Approved.**
- e. Request received from Frank Macchione Construction for permission to perform paving during overnight hours on July 1, 2019, at 501 Rt 17 South in the front section of the parking lot. **Approved.**
- f. Request received from K & M Contracting to perform milling, paving and striping of the parking lot of 723-727 Rt 17, (Pier 1/Artistic Tile) overnight from 8pm Friday to 8am Saturday (dates to be determined upon approval). **Approved.**

Mayor LaBarbiera advises the Council that there is a resolution appointing the Law Offices of Curt J. Geisler to Oradell Public Defender. There is a resolution on Consent Agenda.

Mayor LaBarbiera is changing the Council meeting of June 25th to June 27th. Nick Suriano will be recognized at that meeting and he is the Grand Marshal of the July 4th Parade.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger The Health Department has a vacancy. Mr. Verile has a suggestion for the position. Construction is proceeding nicely at the Senior Center.

Councilman DiPiazza has questions about the Housing Liaison resolution that will be discussed in closed session.

Councilman Amato the Golf course was up 4.6% last month. There is a problem at the Golf Course with illegal parking across the street where the police were called. Biagio's valets are telling the police that people are parking themselves at the Golf Course. Biagio's valets are not parking cars there themselves.

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The Council discusses the restaurant/bar at the Golf Course and the problems they're having getting business and keeping staff.

Councilman Verile will be emailing everyone regarding the schedule for all 4th of July events. Recreation had their Senior Spring Fling which went very well.

Councilwoman Weber went to the Environmental Commission and Carol Peterman gave a wonderful presentation. Someone asked Ms. Weber if we have an open type vehicle that veterans can ride in for the parade. Mr. D'Arco is coordinating some things for veterans and he will be meeting with them regarding the details.

Councilman Amato exits the meeting at 8:23 PM

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Fire Company 3 never had signage. There is now a design approved and there's a company working on that. Mr. D'Arco discusses the progress of Pianos in the Park.

Councilman Amato enters the meeting at 8:24 PM

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. **8:25 PM – None**

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 19-06: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE 17-11 AND APPROVING/ADOPTING THE REVISED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA NO. 1

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilman Verile

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment:

Melissa Marte 271 Central Avenue: inquires if this is the wetland area by Soldier Hill. She is advised that it is. She also asks if there will be a basement or above ground, and she informed that it will be above ground and discussion ensues.

Nick Matahen 66 Primrose Lane: asks a question about the park and is informed it's a land swap. Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman adds The Borough will no longer own property that is contaminated and in exchange will only get property that is clean and that the Borough Engineer has done a full analysis. Mr. Matahen asks if that was on the land and is told yes a complete study was done and we got opinions from the engineers that there was no contamination.

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Verile,

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Weber

Absent: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Motion carries 3-0-2

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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 Bellinger

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment: None

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Motion carries 5-0

Councilman DiPiazza would like Resolution 19-06-386 removed from the Consent Agenda

NON-CONSENT:

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-386: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS DETERMINING THAT THERE IS AN EXISTING HOUSING AND PUBLIC INTEREST NEED WITHIN THE BOROUGH FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr. Kaufman explains the resolution to the Council. It is an expression of support to Genesis that they need to take to the State for funding on the affordable housing project with Oster.

Motion: Councilman Amato Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Verile

Nays: Councilman DiPiazza

Abstain: Councilwoman Weber

Absent: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Motion carries 3-1-1

Councilwoman Bellinger removes 19-06-393 from Consent

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-393: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES TO THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL 2019 SUMMER STAFF

Motion: Councilman Amato Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Bellinger

Absent: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Motion carries 4-0-1

A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM NUMBERS 15 AND 16

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-383: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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RESOLUTION NO 19-06-384: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 19-05-348 AND AUTHORIZING THE PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0246-33-008-004 LOCATED AT 35 PLAZA 65 ROUTE 4 WEST

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-385: AUTHORIZING THE 2019-2020 RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSES

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-387: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994 C.72

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-388: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 4501 LOT 14 US BANK CUST ACTLIEN HOLDING

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-389: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Lundbeck Research USA Inc.)

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-390: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-391; RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH SCARLET SWIM TEAM FOR USE OF THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL IN ACCORDANCE TO THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR A RENTAL FEE OF \$200.00 PER EACH TWO HOUR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-392: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES AT THE 2019 4TH OF JULY PARADE

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-394: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JACK O'NEILL TO THE POSITION OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-395: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF YOUSEF IBRAHIM TO THE POSITION OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-396: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF CHARLES JAGER IV FROM THE POSITION OF MECHANIC FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- MECHANICAL DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-397: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF JOSEPH REVEILLE TO THE POSITION OF CLERICAL SUPERVISOR POOL STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS POOL AT A SALARY OF \$13.93 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-398: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF JIM TRUMP FROM THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-399 ; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH CARRE JR TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME TEMPORARY LABORER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- BUILDING &

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GROUNDS DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-400: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AAKHIB AHSANADDIN TO THE POSITION OF PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$8.85 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-401: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL POSITIONS FOR PARAMUS RECREATION 2019 SUMMER STAFF

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-402 : RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF STEVEN GIANGRANDE FROM THE POSITION OF MECHANIC FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- MECHANICAL DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-403: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF KYLE ERRICK FROM THE POSITION OF REGULAR MEMEBER FOR THE PARAMUS RESCUE SQUAD

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-404: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN SOEHNEL TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL MAINTENANCE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-405: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AMANDA GASPARINO TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL GOLF COURSE CASHIER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-406: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELISABETH RALPH TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL GOLF COURSE CASHIER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-407: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN BARROW TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL MAINTENANCE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-408: AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF ORADELL PUBLIC DEFENDER NO. 4 FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL COURT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-409: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS CONCURRING WITH THE PLANNING BOARD'S INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATION AND DESIGNATING BLOCK 7002 LOT 1.QQ, BLOCK 7701 LOTS 2.Q, 3.Q & 4, BLOCK 7003 LOT 1.QQ, BLOCK 7101 LOTS 4.Q & 4.QQ, BLOCK 2701 LOT 12 and BLOCK 2801 LOT 1 ON TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AS AREAS IN NEED OF REHABILITATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14

RESOLUTION NO 19-06-410: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOROUGH ADMINSTRATOR JOSEPH O. D'ARCO AS INTERIM MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

RESOLUTION 19-06-411: RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL GROUP TO PERFORM A 5 YEAR ANNUAL REASSESSMENT/REVALUATION SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

APPLICATIONS:

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SOLICITOR

Francine Beckermeister	2019-SL-13
Lenir Marinho	2019-SL-14
Bridget Kenny	2019-SL-15
Thomas Kudlacik	2019-SL-16
Robert Kerstner	2019-SL-17
Andrea Estelle Peterson	2019-SL-18
Andrew David Randall	2019-SL-19
Daniel McArthur Frew	2019-SL-20
Barrett Kyle Ohman	2019-SL-21
Bradford McKay Nielsen	2019-SL-22
Brandon Scott Leipsic	2019-SL-23
Cody Joel Carlock	2019-SL-24
Cory Shelton Graham	2019-SL-25
David William Pate	2019-SL-26
George Allan Nielsen	2019-SL-27
Jonathan Gabrie Kosacki	2019-SL-28
Jack Wallace Johnson	2019-SL-29
Josh Leavitt Kirk	2019-SL-30
Kaden Bruce Coleman	2019-SL-31
Kestrel Tobias Gorlick	2019-SL-32
Koby Van Hyde	2019-SL-33
Logan Thomas Frew	2019-SL-34
Matthew Craig McLean	2019-SL-35
Mitchell James Hernandez	2019-SL-36
Nathan Caleb Ricks	2019-SL-37
Olivia Michelle Nelson	2019-SL-38
Robert Andrew Stella	2019-SL-39
Ryan Michael Peterson	2019-SL-40
Scott Michael Jensen	2019-SL-41
Timothy Laine Nicol	2019-SL-42

RAFFLE

Happy Tails Animal Rescue File # 755

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as amended

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

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Motion carries 5-0

Open to Public for Comment at 8:36

Dennis Duddle: Proposes a pilot veteran parking program that other municipalities have enacted. Mr. Duddle was working on this with Sam Casiello prior to his passing. It would be voluntary at places like malls and would work on an honor system. Councilman Verile thinks this would be contagious. Mr. Kaufman asks that Mr. Verile suggest to the Planning Board to make a space on applications for whether or not developers would be willing to offer special parking for veterans and make that a condition for approval. Mayor LaBarbiera adds resolution 19-06-412.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-412: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEDICATING VETERAN ONLY PARKING AT MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Motion carries 5-0

Salvatore Moretti 197 Alpine Drive – Inquires about Resolution 19-06-386.

Councilwoman Weber asks if the position for Veterans Affairs Officer been filled. Mr. D'Arco advises that it has just been posted.

Motion to Enter Closed Session at 8:49 PM

A. Personnel

B. Bozzi v. Paramus

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Motion carries 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: 9:02 PM

APPROVED: June 27, 2019

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK