

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Council Chambers
September 14, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Resolution No: 21-09-541: Notification of meetings as required by "The Open Public Meetings Act." Read by the Borough Clerk at 7:06 PM

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Borough Administrator Joseph D'Arco, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Attorney Daniel Lagana, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger

Councilman Verile is present via phone conference

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:

- a. Millennium Strategies grant report dated August 2021

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Weber DPW has been working hard cleaning up the damage from Hurricane Ida. Regular trash collection will resume next week. Leaf Collection begins on 10/1/21. Shade Tree did a great job assisting in last week's storm.

Councilman Vartolone no report

Councilman DiPiazza inquires about the nature of ordinance 2021-38. Also inquires about Resolution 21-09-548. Mayor LaBarbiera explains. Asks Borough Administrator for timetable on PSEG paving.

Councilwoman Bellinger enters meeting at 7:12 PM.

Councilwoman Bellinger no report

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Pool Season is over and was successful. Fall sports started and school is back in session full time.

Councilman Verile September 24th is the Rescue Squad dinner.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Paramus aided many other communities during Hurricane Ida. Some areas of town flooded, and DPW was out working. Garbage collection has been altered to help residents clean up their garbage from the storm. Thank you to everyone who assisted.

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PRESENTATION:

- a. Revicki Farms LLC – Mr. Santo Alampi is present representing Revicki Farms, LLC. There is a redevelopment plan for all the nurseries with the exception of Joy Farms which has it's own plan. Their application is to amend that plan. The 27 units will be between 2,600 and 2,900 square feet. Site Engineer and Planner are also present. Some drawings and floor plans have been submitted to the Council. Site Engineer Mr. Alexander Lapatka is sworn in by Borough Attorney, Daniel Lagana. Mr. Lapatka explains the property and presents site plan. Mr. Alampi explains that the biggest thing they are seeking to amend is the density. He continues that there are not many options for those who want to stay in Paramus but don't want a single-family home and that would be the benefit of the density of this project. A discussion ensues about affordable housing and the density variance. Councilman DiPiazza asks what else they are looking to amend besides the units. Mr. Lapatka discusses the other issues with signage and the landscape buffer and fence. He adds that Suez might require a hot box and discusses the property line. Councilman DiPiazza exits meeting at 7:53 PM. Mr. Lapatka speaks about the traffic flow and curb cut and believes there may be a mistake in the code. Councilman DiPiazza enters meeting at 7:54 PM. Mayor LaBarbiera asks if the Council should get an engineer to weigh in on this and Council agrees they should get their professionals opinions. Mayor LaBarbiera suggests that the site-specific issues be reviewed by our engineers and Planning Board. Councilwoman Bellinger would like it to be clarified if they can have three bedroom units and Mr. Lagana states he has to review the re development plan. Mr. Alampi introduces Planner Ms. Katherine Gregory and she is sworn in by Mr. Lagana. Ms. Gregory discusses the density issue. Councilwoman Tedesco states that she isn't against townhomes in Paramus and she thinks it's a good housing option. Her concern is the small acreage with the density. Mayor polls council on their opinion regarding the density.

RESOLUTION No. 21-09-542: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public at 8:30 PM

- a. Pacific Outdoor – litigation

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

Open 8:56 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- b. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- May 11, 2021

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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Absent: None
Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 2021-41: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 6, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Second: Councilwoman Bellinger
Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 2021-32: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 103, POLICE DEPARTMENT, SUBSECTION 103-5.2, PROMOTION OF OTHER POSITION, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS
(TABLED: JUNE 30, 2021) (TABLED: JULY 21, 2021)

MAYOR LABARBIERA AND COUNCILWOMAN TEDESCO-SANTOS REMOVE THEMSELVES FOR THE VOTE ON 2021-32

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilman Vartolone
Explanation by Councilman Vartolone
Open to Public Comment: None
Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber
Nays: None
Abstain: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos
Absent: None
Motion carries 5-0-1

ORDINANCE 2021-37: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 429, ZONING, ARTICLE VII, USES PROHIBITED IN ALL ZONES, SUBSECTION 429-19, PROHIBITED USES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Second: Councilman Vartolone
Explanation by Council President
Open to Public Comment: None
Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

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Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2021-38: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 191, BUSINESSES, ARTICLE IV, BUSINESS LICENSE FEES, SUBSECTION 191-18, LICENSE FEES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Second: Councilman Vartolone

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public Comment: None

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2021-39: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 359, PRECIOUS METALS, GEMS AND SECONDHAND GOODS, DEALERS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Second: Councilwoman Weber

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public Comment: None

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion carries 6-0

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-543: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-544: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MORTGAGE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT FOR 19 ROSEMONT COURT IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-545: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY TO SETTLE 2020 & 2021 TAX APPEALS CAPTIONED: Boodaghian, Varouge (etal) v. Borough of Paramus Docket Nos.: 008552-2020; 006911-2021 Premises: 54 Route 17 (Block 1208, Lot 11)

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RESOLUTION NO 21-09-546: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Paramus Woobrook Venture)

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-547: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$25,477.25) FOR THE ASBUILT QUANTITY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPAIR-PROSPECT STREET

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-548: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH 162 RTE 4, LLC

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-549: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-550: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SICK TIME PAYOUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,762.42 TO MICHAEL DEL GROSSO

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-551: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS AS A PROBATIONARY REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-552: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER KELESHIAN TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME LABORER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$15.44 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-553: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SAHIL SHAH TO THE POSITION OF ON-CALL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$12.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-554: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TAYYABA BEG TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$17.82 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-555: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DOMINICK LATELLA TO THE POSITION OF LABORER-1 FOR THE PARAMUS SHADE TREE AND PARKS DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$33,402.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-556: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KIMBERLY REDMOND TO THE POSITION OF LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$15.51 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-557: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF HASSAN BROWN TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF OPERATIONS STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT A SALARY OF \$87,685.09 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-558: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF JOSEPH GARCIA TO THE POSITION OF FOREMAN (RECYCLING) STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT A SALARY OF \$75,783.26 ANNUALLY

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RESOLUTION NO 21-09-559: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF ROBERT JOYCE TO THE POSITION OF FOREMAN (SANITATION) STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT A SALARY OF \$75,783.26 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-560: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF RACHEL N. FREEMAN TO EMT STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$21.88 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-561: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF BENJAMIN M. HYMSON TO EMT STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$21.88 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-562: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF MICHAEL LEE TO EMT STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$21.88 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-563: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF MEGAN PUENTES FROM THE POSITION OF PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-564: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF JOSE BELTRAN FROM THE POSITION OF PART TIME CUSTODIAN FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-565: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF ANGELICA MITCHELL FROM THE POSITION OF SENIOR OFFICE CLERK FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL COURT

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-566: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF JARY MARTINEZ-MORRIS FROM THE POSITION OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER CLASS 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-TRAFFIC DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-567: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FROM THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-TRAFFIC DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-568: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF ROBERT SPINA FROM THE POSITION OF GROUNDS WORKER FULL TIME FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-569: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SEPARATION OF SCOTT WHITNEY FROM THE PARAMUS SHADE TREE AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-570: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE PARAMUS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (PEA)

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-571: flood relief

APPLICATIONS:

RAFFLES

Church of Annunciation	File #837
PFO Our Lady of the Visitation	File #838
Ridgewood YMCA	File #839

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SOLICITOR

Steven Forte

2021-SL-34

GOLD/SILVER

Rajkumar Dhadda

2021-GS-11

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Vartolone

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Veteran's chamber of commerce would like permission to put a drop box outside of Borough Hall for Afghanistan refugees.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:08 PM

APPROVED: OCTOBER 26, 2021

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK