

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
February 14, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

6:00 P.M. SPECIAL PRESENTATION– Life Safety Building OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Guy Picone & Steve Mehl present the annual OEM presentation to the Mayor & Council, briefing them on the primary functions of the department, training they've completed and future operations of the Office of Emergency Management.

6:30 P.M. Council Chambers – Borough Hall

Resolution No: 23-02-138: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Council President Robert Kaiser

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Nadera, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber, Mayor DiPiazza

Also Present: Borough Administrator Hector Olmo, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi

Absent: None

- a. Request received from Glass Gardens, Inc. to sell Easter flowers outside of Shoprite from March 31st to April 10th, and Mother’s Day flowers from May 5th to May 15th, 2023. **Approved**
- b. Bruno Grant Activity Report- January 2023
- c. Request Received to hold a block party with on Mazur Avenue, Saturday April 29th 1PM to 8PM. **Approved**

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilman Antonio Recommending an administrative position for the Fire Department after meeting with the department and getting further explanation. It would be a great benefit and would come out of the OEM budget. Borough Administrator Hector Olmo advises that the position will need to be created via ordinance. The Pool Commission is not yet ready to present the final rates yet. The ordinance will need to be amended but they haven’t advised on the final numbers. They will have it ready soon.

Councilwoman Bellinger the Library has been trying to meet with the CFO regarding a discrepancy in the grant money. Mr. Lopinto has not been able to get a meeting scheduled yet. Ms. Bellinger recommends getting that meeting scheduled so the funding can be figured out.

Councilman Nadera the Borough received 480 doses of Narcan for distribution to the community and the first responders. There have already been training sessions held.

Councilman Quintana several members of the Environmental Commission are sick with Covid. Earth day celebration will be Sunday April 30th. The Community Cleanup Day will be held on May

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6th. Some residents have been asking when there will be additional funding for sidewalks that have been damaged by town trees. Mr. Olmo advises that the list is being worked on.

Councilwoman Weber The Borough will be receiving a recycling tonnage grant. They will be doing a recycling program with the summer camps. They are also continuing pothole repair. The superintendent of DPW has met with Garden State Plaza regarding potholes. Shade Tree Has 271 stumps to be removed. They now have 3,000 yards of mulch from grinding stalks. There will be a seedling giveaway at the Earth Day celebration. A full-time employee has been on leave from the Board of Health for 12 weeks, and they requested another 12 weeks. There is a demand for another employee which needs to be addressed. The employee on leave is not being paid. There was a Narcan training for firefighters and there is another training scheduled. May will be the 10th anniversary of Stigma Free. There was a request to name the Borough street Stigma Free Way during May which is Mental Health Month.

Councilman Kaiser the Chief of Police has requested permission to post in-house for 30 days for two positions. After the 30 days he will convene with the Council. The Golf Course received a proposal from two gentleman who were contracted with last year for Golf lessons.

MAYOR'S REPORT: there is a resolution on the agenda tonight supporting the fixing of a Route 17 bottleneck. There was a meeting at the County office to go over the plan to fix congestion. The plans are in the Mayor's office if anyone wants to view them. Other municipalities have already supported it.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The Pool Commission is working on their budget as far as meeting their expenses. They will be increasing their fees. The state of NJ has changed the stormwater requirements again. We will work on compliance to avoid fines. The towing ordinance needs to be revised and the towers in town submitted some requests. There were questions in budget meetings with the Court Administrator. The salary ordinance for judges needs to be revised. There is a shared service agreement with South Hackensack on tonight's agenda. There has not been a formal request for 12 more weeks off from the Health Department employee that has been out.

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. 7:03 PM – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes- January 2, 2023

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Nadera

Motion carries 5-0-1

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b. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- January 17, 2023

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman Kaiser

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Nadera,

Motion carries 5-0-1

c. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- January 31, 2023

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Nadera, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 2023-08: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CHURCHILL COURT AS A BOROUGH OF PARAMUS OWNED STREET

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Antonio

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Nadera, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 2023-01: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A460-36, CHAPTER 371 OF THE PARAMUS BOROUGH CODE RELATED TO FEES FOR SUBDIVISIONS

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Description by Council President

Open to Public for Comment – None

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Nadera, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

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ORDINANCE 2023-02: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A460-40, CHAPTER 387 OF THE PARAMUS BOROUGH CODE RELATED TO FEES FOR SUBDIVISIONS

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Antonio

Open to Public for Comment – None

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Nadera, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2023-03: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 429-121 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED "PERMITTED USES" BY DELETING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 429-121 C THEREOF".

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Antonio

Description by Council President

Open to Public for Comment – None

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Nadera, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2023-04: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 429-123 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED "PARKING STRUCTURES" BY DELETING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 429-123 A. (11) THEREOF".

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Antonio

Description by Borough Attorney

Open to Public for Comment – None

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Nadera, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2023-06: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2021-52 CHAPTER 121 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED "SALARIES AND COMPENSATION" AND WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT 2020-2022 (Director of Fire Prevention)

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Antonio

Description by Council President

Open to Public for Comment – None

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Nadera, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

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RESOLUTION NO 23-02-148: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH TO CONSENT TO 650 FROM ROAD, LLC TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION PERMIT

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-149: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO SIGN AN AMENDED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-150: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO SIGN A CONSENT ORDER SETTING THE INCOME LIMITS FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SETTING RENT INCREASES FOR EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-151: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SPRING STREET TREES

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-152: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF USED EMS EQUIPMENT TO THE BERGEN COUNTY EMS TRAINING CENTER

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-153: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL O'CONNELL AS CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL AND BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-154: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL PEREZ AS ACTING FIRE SUB-CODE OFFICIAL AND MECHANICAL SUB-CODE OFFICIAL

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-155: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KYLE GUZMAN TO THE POSITION OF FULL TIME POLICE TELECOMMUNICATOR GRADE 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$41,008.08 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-156: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATARINA KOVACS TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR 1 GRADE 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$14.22 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-157: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DARIAN MARTIN TO THE POSITION OF BUILDING PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL HHS STEP 8 FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$72,252.33 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-158: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF WHITNEY HERNANDEZ TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$20.40 HOURLY

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-159: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL POSITIONS FOR PARAMUS RECREATION 2023 WINTER STAFF

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-160: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEVIN MONAHAN TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$20.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-161: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF AMI NAKAMURA TO THE POSITION OF FULL – TIME LIBRARIAN TRAINEE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$37,728 PER YEAR

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RESOLUTION NO 23-02-162: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF IRIS LIN TO THE POSITION OF PART – TIME LIBRARIAN TRAINEE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$17.81 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-163: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF SEAN WINAND TO THE POSITION OF FOREMAN STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – ROAD DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$74,277.35 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-164: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF ARIEL ESPINAL FROM THE POSITION OF PART – TIME LABORER STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – RECYCLING/SANITATION DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-165: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF FRANK LICARI FROM THE POSITION OF PART – TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR 3 GRADE 3 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-166: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CHRISTINE UDIS FROM THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – PATROL DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-167: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DOUGLAS EHRENBURG FROM THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – PATROL DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-168: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF HYERAN CHANG TO \$42,643.97 AS FULL TIME LIBRARIAN TRAINEE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-169: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ROUTE 17 BOTTLENECK PROJECT AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ROCHELLE AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-170: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES, AND FOR EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND MANPOWER

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-171: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GARRETT S. LUNA TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$85,231.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 23-02-172: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE TOWN OF RAMAPO FOR USE OF THE RAMAPO POLICE RANGE FACILITY

Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

Motion: Councilman Antonio

Second: Councilman Kaiser

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Nadera, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

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ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 PM

APPROVED: MARCH 14, 2023

Respectfully Submitted:
Annemarie Krusznis RMC
Borough Clerk