

Borough of Palisades Park
275 Broad Avenue
County of Bergen
State of New Jersey

Work & Regular Meeting
of the Mayor & Council
November 23, 2021

Borough of Palisades Park
Work Session of the Mayor and Council
November 23, 2021

Mayor Christopher Chung opened the meeting at 5:06 P.M.

Statement: This is a Work Session of the Mayor & Council, and notice was given as follows:

1. Notice was filed January 5, 2021 with The Record & Newark Star Ledger, both official newspapers of the Borough.
2. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board.
3. Copy is preserved in the Clerk's Office.

Pledge of Allegiance Led By Councilperson: **PAUL CHONG KIM**

Moment of Silence for Our Troops

ROLL CALL:

Councilperson

“	Kim	Present
“	Lee	Present
“	Min	Absent

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim

Seconded By Councilperson: Lee

To Excuse Councilman Min and Councilman Vietri from the Work Session

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

“	Park	Present
“	Pirrera	Present
“	Vietri	Absent

Borough Attorney John Schettino, Esq. Present

Borough Administrator David Lorenzo Present

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

Mayor & Council Meeting: October 26, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2021-259	Claims
RESOLUTION 2021-260	Authorization of Reorganization Meeting
RESOLUTION 2021-261	Authorization of Emergency Sewer and Storm Line Repair between 7 th & 8 th Streets on East Central Blvd (RE: Donerite Construction)
RESOLUTION 2021-262	Authorization an Emergency Appropriation for Storm Ida Repair of 8 th Street and Hillside Avenue (RE: Donerite Construction)
RESOLUTION 2021-263	Authorization of Request for Extension for West Palisades Blvd FY 2020 (Sec. 1) Paving and Road Improvements Project
RESOLUTION 2021-264	Hiring of Part-Time Tax Clerk (RE: R. Kim)
RESOLUTION 2021-265	Authorization of Settlement Agreement and Release (RE: Borough of Palisades Park et. al. v. Mariner's Bank, Docket No. BER-L-1410-20)
RESOLUTION 2021-266	Hiring of Part-Time Special Class III Officer (RE: G. Allmers)

OFF CONSENT:

RESOLUTION 2021-267	Authorization of Appropriation Transfers
RESOLUTION 2021-268	Authorization to Suspend Metered Parking Regulations from Monday, December 13, 2021 thru Sunday, January 2, 2022

COUNCIL REPORTS:

None

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim

Seconded By Councilperson: Pirrera

To Open Meeting to Public

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

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Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim
Seconded By Councilperson: Pirrera
To Close Public Portion and Adjourn Work Session

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Attest:



Gina S. Kim, RMC
Borough Clerk

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ROLL CALL:

Councilperson		
"	Kim	Present
"	Lee	Present
"	Min	Absent

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim
Seconded By Councilperson: Pirrera
To Excuse Councilman Min and Councilman Vietri from the Regular Meeting

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

"	Park	Present
"	Pirrera	Present
"	Vietri	Absent

Borough Attorney John Schettino, Esq. Present
Borough Administrator David Lorenzo Present

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

Mayor & Council Meeting: October 26, 2021

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim
Seconded By Councilperson: Park
To Adopt the October 26, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2021-259 Claims
RESOLUTION 2021-260 Authorization of Reorganization Meeting
RESOLUTION 2021-261 Authorization of Emergency Sewer and Storm Line Repair between 7th & 8th Streets on East Central Blvd (RE: Donerite Construction)
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OFF CONSENT:

RESOLUTION 2021-267 Authorization of Appropriation Transfers
RESOLUTION 2021-268 Authorization to Suspend Metered Parking Regulations from Monday, December 13, 2021 thru Sunday, January 2, 2022

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2021-259: Claims:

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, that the following claims, aggregating \$9,676,972.17 as so ordered and approved by the Finance Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and Collector shall and are hereby authorized to draw warrants in payment of said claims:

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Current Account	\$ 9,649,530.85
Capital Account	\$ 819.20
Swim Pool Account	\$ 9,149.23
Pool Trust	\$ 0
Recycling Trust	\$ 0
Unemployment Trust	\$ 0
Dog Trust	\$ 0
Cat Trust	\$ 0
Food Handling Trust	\$ 0
Municipal Alliance Trust Account	\$ 0
DDEF	\$ 0
Tree Preservation	\$ 0
Federal Share Forfeiture	\$ 0
Public Defender Trust	\$ 0
UFC Fines & Penalty	\$ 0
Net Payroll	\$ 0
Developers Escrow	\$ 0
Night Out Against Crime	\$ 0
Library	\$ 187.00
Affordable Housing Authority	\$ 5,689.39
Rent Affordable Housing	\$ 0
Escrow	\$11,596.50

Total	\$ 9,676,972.17
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to furnish copies of this Resolution to the following:

1. Chief Financial Officer
2. Tax Collector

RESOLUTION 2021-260: Authorization of Reorganization Meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., in the Council Chambers located at 275 Broad Avenue, Palisades Park, at which time the public is invited and official action may be taken.

RESOLUTION 2021-261: Authorization of Emergency Sewer and Storm Line Repair between 7th & 8th Streets on East Central Blvd (RE: Donerite Construction):

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et seq., any contract may be negotiated or awarded for a contracting unit without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, notwithstanding that the contract price will exceed the bid threshold, when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

WHEREAS, on November 01, 2021 the Borough Administrator was advised that several storm and sanitary sewer laterals which provides for sanitary and storm sewer drainage on East Central Blvd were not functioning properly and needed immediately repair; and

WHEREAS, storm and sanitary sewers are vital to the health, safety and wellbeing of all residents and the borough of Palisades Park and are essential for daily, and

WHEREAS, the Governing body further finds that the emergency was caused by the Bergen County Roads Department's Storm Water Sewer upgrade project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing body further finds that the damage cause was in no way the fault of the homeowners effected; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that the immediate repairs were necessary to restore the sanitary and storms laterals, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available; and

WHEREAS, authorization has been given to Donerite Construction to commence with the necessary repairs to restore the vital functions of the Borough's Sanitary and Storm sewers in amount not to exceed \$27,000.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based upon the certification and representations of the Certified Purchasing Agent, the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the payment to Donerite Construction, 1561 West Street Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024, in the amount of \$24,750.00 for the purpose of the emergency repair of sanitary and storm sewer laterals between 7th & 8th Streets on East Central Blvd; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to immediately forward to Donerite Construction, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Borough Administrator, a copy of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 2021-262: Authorization an Emergency Appropriation for Storm Ida Repair of 8th Street and Hillside Avenue (RE: Donerite Construction):

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et seq., any contract may be negotiated or awarded for a contracting unit without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, notwithstanding that the contract price will exceed the bid threshold, when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen as a result of Tropical Storm Ida which occurred on September 1, 2021. Significant damage was sustained to portions of 8th Street, and Hillside Ave. This emergency appropriation is being issued consistent with Executive Order #259 issued by Governor Philip Murphy on September 1, 2021, and the Federal Disaster Declaration issued by President Biden on September 5, 2021, FEMA-4614-DR-NJ; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 provides for the creation on an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and no provision was made in the 2021 budget for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48:

- An emergency appropriation is hereby made for Tropical Storm Ida Storm Repair Other Expenses in the total amount of \$10,810.00.
 - Drainage repair work at 445 8th Street in the amount of \$4,360.00
 - Remove and replace apron/curb to alleviate flooding at 519 Hillside Ave in the amount of \$6,450.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available; and

WHEREAS, authorization has been given to Donerite Construction to commence with the necessary repairs to restore the vital functions of the Boroughs Sanitary and Storm sewers in amount not to exceed \$10,810.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based upon the certification and representations of the Certified Purchasing Agent, the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the payment to Donerite Construction, 1561 West Street Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024, in the amount of \$10,810.00 for the purpose of the emergency repair of drainage repair work at 445 8th Street and the removal and replacement of the apron/curb to alleviate flooding at 519 Hillside Ave; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to immediately forward to Donerite Construction, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Borough Administrator, a copy of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 2021-263: Authorization of Request for Extension for West Palisades Blvd FY 2020 (Sec. 1) Paving and Road Improvements Project:

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed an executive order that initiated the public health emergency for the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary circumstances have prevented the award of the contract due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has greatly impacted staffing shifts within the Borough of Palisades Park and the Engineering Consulting staff; and

WHEREAS, additional delays have occurred due to staff experiencing difficulties accessing SAGE and the pending award status of the E. Edsall Blvd (Sections 6 & 7) project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Palisades Park is requesting the NJ Department of Transportation's Division of Local Aid Grant an extension for no greater than six months, with the new award date to be May 21, 2022, to award the West Palisades Blvd FY 2020 (Sec. 1) Paving and Road Improvements Contract beyond the deadline of November 21, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Palisades Park of the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby request the NJ Department of Transportation's Division of Local

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Aid Grant an extension for no greater than six months, with the new award date to be May 21, 2022, to award the West Palisades Blvd FY 2020 (Sec. 1) Paving and Road Improvements Contract beyond the deadline of November 21, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the NJ Department of Transportation's Division of Local Aid Grant and Collazuol Engineering.

RESOLUTION 2021-264: Hiring of Part-Time Tax Clerk (RE: R. Kim):

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Tax Department, a need exists for the hiring of a part-time tax clerk; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough and its residents to hire a part-time tax clerk; and

WHEREAS, Gowoon-Sorhy (Rebekah) Kim will be hired as a part-time tax clerk at a rate of \$18.00/hr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Gowoon-Sorhy (Rebekah) Kim of 10 Henry Ave. B2, Palisades Park, NJ 07650 be hired as a part-time tax clerk effective immediately, at a rate of \$18.00/hr with no benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to furnish copies of this Resolution to the following:

1. Chief Financial Officer
2. Tax Collector
3. Gowoon-Sorhy (Rebekah) Kim

RESOLUTION 2021-265: Authorization of Settlement Agreement and Release (RE: Borough of Palisades Park et. al. v. Mariner's Bank, Docket No. BER-L-1410-20):

WHEREAS, on or about February 27, 2020, Plaintiffs, Borough of Palisades Park, the South Bergen Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund filed a complaint against Defendant, Mariner's Bank in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County Law Division entitled Borough of Palisades Park et. al. v. Mariner's Bank, Docket BER-L-1410-20; and

WHEREAS, upon discovery and review of this matter, the Parties desire to settle fully all matters relating to, arising out of or in connection with the claims asserted by Plaintiffs against Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have negotiated and reached a settlement of this matter in accord with the Settlement Agreement and Release attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Borough Attorney have reviewed this matter and recommend the approval of the Settlement Agreement and Release attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the Settlement Agreement and Release attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference with regard to the matter Borough of Palisades Park et. al. v. Mariner's Bank, Docket No. BER-L-1410-20 be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the execution of the Settlement Agreement and Release attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference between the Parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution together with the Settlement Agreement and Release be forwarded to all Parties for execution, upon its passage.

RESOLUTION 2021-266: Hiring of Part-Time Special Class III Officer (RE: G. Allmers):

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Officer-in-Charge of the Police Department, there is a need to hire one (1) Part-Time Special III Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough and its residents to hire one (1) Part-Time

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Special III Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Gary Allmers has expressed an interest in working as a Part-Time Special III Police Officer for the Palisades Park Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Gary Allmers be hired as a Part-Time Special III Officer effective immediately, at a salary of \$45.00/hr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to furnish copies of this Resolution to the following:

1. Chief Financial Officer
2. Police Department
3. Gary Allmers

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim

Seconded By Councilperson: Lee

To Adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions #2021-259 thru #2021-266

ROLL CALL:

Councilperson

“	Kim	Yes
“	Lee	Yes
“	Min	Absent
“	Park	Yes
“	Pirrerera	Yes, Recused from Resolution #2021-266
“	Vietri	Absent

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2021-267: Authorization of Appropriation Transfers:

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, that the Tax Collector-Treasurer shall and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers as per instructions from the Chief Financial Officer as follows:

		2021	2021
Account #	Appropriation From:	Appropriation To:	
Admin & Exec OE	01-2010-20-1202	\$85,000.00	
Financial S & W	01-2010-20-1301	\$115,000.00	
Assessment of Taxes OE	01-2010-20-1502	\$60,000.00	
Engineering OE	01-2010-20-1652	\$12,000.00	
Planning Board OE	01-2010-21-1802	\$12,000.00	
Board of Adjustment OE	01-2010-21-1852	\$22,000.00	
Housing Inspector (State)	01-2010-21-1911	\$16,000.00	
Senior Housing Facility	01-2010-22-2007	\$15,000.00	
Code Enforcement Officer	01-2010-22-2011	\$114,000.00	
Building Sub Code Official	01-2010-22-2051	\$16,000.00	
Group Insurance	01-2010-23-2202	\$300,000.00	
Worker Compensation	01-2010-23-2212	\$336,635.00	
Police Clothing Allowance	01-2010-25-2412	\$25,000.00	
Recycling S & W	01-2010-26-3061	\$20,000.00	
Recycling OE	01-2010-26-3062	\$5,000.00	
Housing Officer Local	01-2010-27-3311	\$4,000.00	
Senior Citizens S & W	01-2010-28-3711	\$31,500.00	
Parks & Playgrounds S & W	01-2010-28-3751	\$3,000.00	
Police Administrative	01-2010-30-4122	\$50,000.00	
Unclassified Electricity	01-2010-31-4302	\$40,000.00	
Unclassified Street Lighting	01-2010-31-4352	\$40,000.00	
Unclass Natl Gas OE	01-2010-31-4462	\$35,000.00	
Roosevelt Garbage	01-2010-32-3073	\$20,000.00	
Cele of Public Events	01-2010-30-4202	\$15,000.00	
Recreation O/E	01-2010-28-3702	\$20,000.00	
Unemployment	01-2010-36-4762	\$30,000.00	
Uniform Construct Code S/W	01-2010-22-1951	\$10,000.00	

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Inspection of Building O/E	01-2010-22-1962	\$10,000.00	
Insp of Elevators S/W	01-2010-22-2021	\$4,000.00	
Emergency Mgt O/E	01-2010-25-2522	\$10,000.00	
Fire Stand By	01-2010-25-2651	\$35,000.00	
Fire- Clothing Allowance	01-2010-25-2662	\$9,215.00	
Recreation S/W	01-2010-28-3701	\$9,000.00	
Social Security Sys	01-2010-36-4722	\$95,000.00	
Admin & Exec S & W	01-2010-20-1201		\$210,000.00
Collection of Taxes S & W	01-2010-20-1451		\$35,000.00
Tax Appeals	01-2010-20-1453		\$15,000.00
Legal OE	01-2010-20-1551		\$200,000.00
Building Inspector S & W	01-2010-22-1961		\$85,000.00
Inspector of Plumbing S & W	01-2010-22-1971		\$22,000.00
Electrical Inspector S & W	01-2010-22-1981		\$3,000.00
Insp. Of building S & W	01-2010-22-2031		\$50,000.00
Police S & W	01-2010-25-2401		\$50,000.00
Police OE	01-2010-25-2402		\$60,000.00
Fire OE	01-2010-25-2652		\$62,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety	01-2010-25-2671		\$23,000.00
Streets and Roads S & W	01-2010-26-2901		\$370,000.00
Streets and Roads OE	01-2010-26-2902		\$52,000.00
Buildings and Grounds OE	01-2010-26-3102		\$40,000.00
Snow Removal OE	01-2010-26-3103		\$25,000.00
Tree Removal	01-2010-27-3353		\$15,000.00
Unclassified Telephone	01-2010-31-4402		\$47,000.00
Unclassified Fire Hydrant OE	01-2010-31-4482		\$40,000.00
Unclassified Fuel OE	01-2010-31-4592		\$5,000.00
Sanitary Landfill	01-2010-32-4652		\$140,000.00
Public Employee Retirement	01-2010-36-4712		\$100.00
P & F Retirement System	01-2010-36-4752		\$2,500.00
Admin & Exec S/W	01-2010-20-1203		\$10.00
Purchasing Agent	01-2010-20-1303		\$1,600.00
Planning Board S/W	01-2010-21-1801		\$40.00
Fire Code Official S/W	01-2010-22-1991		\$1,300.00
Rent Leveling Board S/W	01-2010-22-2001		\$500.00
Elevator Sub Code S/W	01-2010-22-2022		\$4,500.00
State Housing	01-2010-22-2052		\$2,500.00
Fire- Stipend	01-2010-25-2653		\$31,000.00
Board of Health S/W	01-2010-27-3301		\$15,000.00
Grants Person	01-2010-30-4262		\$3,600.00
Municipal Court S/W	01-2010-43-4901		\$200.00
Municipal Court O/E	01-2010-43-4902		\$10,000.00
BCUA Serv	01-2010-32-4656		\$2,500.00
-	-	\$1,624,350.00	\$1,624,350.00

Motion Made By Councilperson: Pirrera
 Seconded By Councilperson: Kim
To Adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2021-267

ROLL CALL:

Councilperson		
“	Kim	Yes
“	Lee	Yes
“	Min	Absent
“	Park	Yes
“	Pirrera	Yes
“	Vietri	Absent

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Lee – DPW received 216 calls for service this past month. He wished the residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Pirrera – Announced that the Christmas Tree Lighting would take place on Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 P.M.

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Councilman Kim – Updated residents regarding the implementation of a new program which required updating medical history for residents in case of emergent situations.

Councilman Park – Wished a Happy Thanksgiving to the residents.

Mayor Chris Chung advised the residents that holiday parking will be extended from December 13th thru January 2nd.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2021-268: Authorization to Suspend Metered Parking Regulations from Monday, December 13, 2021 thru Sunday, January 2, 2022:

WHEREAS, the Chapter 282-30 of the Code of the Borough of Palisades Park states that the Mayor and Council shall install parking meters and designate parking meter spaces as provided in this article and subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-138, and it is the responsibility of the Mayor and Council to supervise the use and maintenance of parking meters.; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 282-31 of the Code of the Borough of Palisades Park establishes the parking fees for the parking of vehicles in metered parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that in the spirit of the holiday season, it would be appropriate, proper and in the best interests of the Borough to suspend metered parking regulations from Monday, December 13, 2021 thru Sunday, January 2, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park hereby approves the suspension of metered parking regulations from Monday, December 13, 2021 thru Sunday, January 2, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Police Department.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim
Seconded By Councilperson: Lee
To Adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2021-268

ROLL CALL:

Councilperson		
“	Kim	Yes
“	Lee	Yes
“	Min	Absent
“	Park	Yes
“	Pirrera	Yes
“	Vietri	Absent

Mayor Chung also spoke regarding the new residential parking program. There was a problem with non-residents abusing the free parking spaces available on local streets. The hours of enforcement would be from 12:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Monday thru Friday. Residents were advised to pay \$20 for two years. He believed this would help retailers as well as the DPW to clear snow in the event of inclement weather. Mayor Chung announced that this parking program was first introduced in June and adopted in July of 2021. At that time, it was made clear that registration would begin November 15th thru December 31st. He announced there will be a town meeting on December 1st at 6:30 P.M. that will help answer more questions regarding the new parking program.

Officer-in-Charge, Captain Shawn Lee, updated the residents on two thefts involving elderly victims. It is believed the two incidents are linked and involve victims being stripped of their jewelry without their knowledge. Detectives are working with Fort Lee who have had similar cases.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim
Seconded By Councilperson: Pirrera
To Open Meeting to the Public

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Sung Kim (336 7th St.) – Believes there are too many duplexes creating many problems. He stated that Central Blvd, from Broad Ave to Grand Ave, the street is dirty and has never been paved. He commented on the fee for the new parking program.

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Marsha Schor (50 Henry Ave) – Said the guest pass is a good idea for the many illegal apartments in town. Also the public should know that if an illegal apartment resident is forced to move out, it is up to the landlord to pay for living expenses until a new legal apartment is found.

Susan Brauer (50 Henry Ave) – Asked with the new parking program not allowing non-residents from parking after midnight, what will happen when patrons of businesses stay past that time?

Youngmin Jung – Recently read in the Korean newspaper the details of the new parking program. He had a question about the visitor parking fees. He stated that many residents were not informed.

Neris Papoters – Wanted to know if residents would be ticketed for parking cars on the sidewalk. She asked for a family with four cars, the parking registration fee would be \$80?

Youbong Won-Yoon – Stated that she would like to see this parking program be implemented in another 6 months for residents to have more time to register. She asked that the December 1st meeting time be moved to 8:00 P.M. She asked who the “cloud” service provider was.

Melanie Comas (83 West Harwood) – Said there is a tow away sign in front of her home stating “No Parking from 12:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.” She asked how this differed from the new parking rules. She said the business across the street was taking up parking spaces all times of the day. She asked how late a business can stay open in town. Ms. Comas stated that the extreme trucking activity on Grand Avenue has worsened.

Gerry White – Asked regarding Resolution #2021-265 & #2021-261. She also commented that she disliked residents having to pay a parking fee for registration.

Jung Eun Kim (306B 3rd St.) – Stated that residents pay taxes and all other property taxes so she wanted to know why they had to pay for the new parking program.

Peter Longo – Stated that the method of holding questions until the end of the meeting was upsetting. Will the resident parking stickers be obsolete? He asked if he will be ticketed if he moves his car to the street and gives his driveway to his visitors. Also, how will the town handle residents with company cars?

Susan Brauer (50 Henry Ave) – Last year the assembly introduced a bill to alleviate school taxes to some seniors, and she asked if the Mayor and Council were aware. The Zoning Board and the Planning Board should thoroughly inspect requests for expansions before they are considered. She went through the Best Practices Worksheet and read through items that the town should implement.

Soo Chung (237 Central Blvd.) – She asked about Resolution #2021-261. She asked about the new parking program.

Soonae Choe (141 E. Central Blvd) – She had been living in town for 17 years, and her home had 6 cars. She thought the town should not be charging for residents and guests to park on the street. She was worried about future hurricanes affecting her home. She commented on the streets near Shoprite, and trucks were not stopping at stop signs. She asked why so many trucks were always in that area.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim
Seconded By Councilperson: Pirrera

To Close Public Portion

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

The Borough Administrator proceeded to answer the public’s questions. Mr. David Lorenzo stated that all residents need to adhere to parking laws, and the Police Dept. will continue to monitor the situation. Regarding questions about Overpeck Park; it was a County run project to help improve conditions, and it had nothing to do with Palisades Park. For Resolution #2021-261, there were two broken sewer lines and emergency repair had to be done. Regarding the Mariners Bank Resolution, the Borough was 100% refunded.

Mayor Chris Chung said that the construction on Central Blvd was rescheduled to be paved due to Hurricane Ida. Regarding the school tax waiver, he stated he is aware and waiting for updates on this proposed bill. To answer Ms. Comas, the Mayor advised he has addressed her concerns previously and that is out of our jurisdiction. John Schettino advised it is highly unlikely for the State to make the speed limit change on Grand Ave. Mr. Schettino reminded the public that the State law requires all public entities one opportunity to ask a question or make a statement. The Governing Body did not have to answer any questions if they did not want to although he would not advise this. In terms of what occurs

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during the public portion, Mr. Schettino stated that the Mayor and Council were doing what was consistently done throughout the State of NJ and more so by opening up twice to the public and attempting to answer the questions.

Councilman Kim asked what the set hours were for businesses. Mr. Lorenzo answered it depends on the type of business, and it varies. Mr. Kim asked who was responsible for Grand Avenue, Mr. Lorenzo advised it was a State road.

Mayor Chung will get back to the resident asking for the "cloud" provider. He announced that beginning next month a Korean interpreter will be provided for residents who need it. He advised that the next Mayor & Council Meeting will take place on December 15th at 5:00 P.M. and the Reorganization Meeting will be January 3rd at 10:00 A.M.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim
Seconded By Councilperson: Vietri
To Adjourn Regular Meeting

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 P.M.

Attest:



Gina S. Kim, RMC
Borough Clerk