

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

Work & Regular Meeting  
of the Mayor & Council  
February 22, 2022

Borough of Palisades Park  
Work Session of the Mayor and Council  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
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**Mayor Christopher Chung opened the meeting at 5:04 P.M.**

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

1. Notice was filed January 18, 2022 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: **CYNDY PIRRERA**

Moment of Silence for Our Troops

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilperson	Jang	Present
"	Kim	Present
"	Min	Present
"	Park	Present
"	Pirrera	Present
"	Vietri	Present

Borough Attorney John Schettino, Esq. Present

Borough Administrator David Lorenzo Present

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES**

Mayor & Council Meeting: January 25, 2022

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION 2022-79	Claims
RESOLUTION 2022-80	Authorization of Tax Settlement (RE: Hajas Associates v. Borough of Palisades Park – 110 E. Columbia Avenue)
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RESOLUTION 2022-91	Opposition of Dog and Cat Cruelty in Incheon Ganghwa-Gun
RESOLUTION 2022-92	Authorization to Enter Closed Session (RE: Personnel)

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

ORDINANCE 2022-1 Amendment of Chapter 12 Entitled "Claims, Payment Of"

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

None

Motion Made By Councilperson: Vietri

Seconded By Councilperson: Kim

**To Open Meeting to Public**

**All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Gerry White (512 Orchard Ave) – Asked what the difference was between a Work Session and Regular Meeting. The Borough Attorney, John Schettino, answered that the Work Session was for discussion and not for any formal action to be taken. At a Regular Meeting, depending on what happened at the Work Session, the Council would be voting and taking formal action. She requested information about the notices that were sent to the residents regarding lead pipes going to the houses. The Borough Administrator answered that the Borough had received the same notice and did not have type of timeline

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or data from SUEZ. Ms. White stated she read in the Record newspaper that there was another lawsuit filed. She said there seemed to be a pattern of problems, and she wanted to know if the three Police Consultants had any suggestions. Mr. Schettino stated that it was not advisable to talk about the ongoing litigation. Mr. Lorenzo confirmed that the three Police Consultants were still on the payroll. Lastly, she asked whether or not the "Your Speed Is" sign was fixed. Mr. Schettino stated that Ms. White could call the Police Department at any time to request information about the sign.

Youbong Won-Yoon (268 Highland Ave) – Asked about Resolution #2022-82. She asked about the services included in the General Code proposal. She asked the Mayor and Council to hold the Work Session on different day, change the meeting time, and hold the public participation in a question and answer format. She lastly asked about the privacy issue with IPS Group.

Neris Papoters – Asked when the pool season would start. She asked if the daily pass would only be paid in cash again.

Mr. Lorenzo answered Ms. Won-Yoon's questions. Regarding the General Code Resolution, the price included a one-time review of all of the Ordinances that no longer applied to the Borough. Mr. Schettino stated that it was recommended that all municipalities conduct a review periodically. Any change regarding the meeting times and dates would be up to the Governing Body. Mr. Schettino stated that there were many different Boards that utilized the same meeting room. If the Mayor and Council were to start changing their meeting dates, this would affect all of the other boards and their meeting dates.

Officer Robert DeVito answered the IPS privacy question. He stated that one can go on the IPS website and fill out a form to request that information not be shared with third parties when using the parking meter application.

With regard to the pool, Mr. Lorenzo answered that he did not know why credit card payments were not accepted.

Councilwoman Jang stated that on Resolution #2022-83, the dates of work completion were incorrect. The Deputy Borough Administrator responded that this would be revised to reflect the correct dates. She also asked questions regarding Ordinance #2022-2. Mr. Schettino stated that all State guidelines would still have to be followed despite not it being written in an Ordinance. The Claims Ordinance was to make amendments to the payment process for vendors.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim  
Seconded By Councilperson: Pirrera  
**To Close Public Portion**

Councilman Vietri asked the Borough Attorney to make the Resolution to update the parking permit regulations. Councilwoman Jang requested clarification about whether or not college students had to pay for the parking permit. Mr. Lorenzo answered Ms. Jang. Councilman Vietri stated he received about 150 emails. He asked the Borough Attorney to make a Resolution to the Sister City of Ganghwa-Gun that the Borough of Palisades Park is opposed to the torture and consumption of dogs and cats. Mayor Christopher Chung stated that he was in the process of generating an email to the Mayor of Ganghwa-gun to see what the situation was with this subject matter.

Mayor Chung asked for a motion to go into Closed Session.

The Borough Attorney stated that the Mayor and Council would be going into Closed Session to discuss personnel, and the Council would reopen the meeting and may take further action.

**RESOLUTION 2022-92: Authorization to Enter Closed Session (RE: Personnel):**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park wishes' to discuss the following:

**PERSONNEL**

Minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

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Motion Made By Councilperson: Vietri  
Seconded By Councilperson: Kim  
**To Enter Closed Session**

**All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.**

At approximately 5:30 P.M., the Mayor and Council proceeded with the Closed Session inside the Council Chambers.

At approximately 5:44 P.M. the Mayor asked for a motion to close the Closed Session/Work Session and open the Regular Meeting.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Jang  
Seconded By Councilperson: Pirrera  
**To Close Closed Session/Work Session, and Open Regular Meeting**

**All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

**Attest:**

  
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Gina S. Kim, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk

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**Mayor Christopher Chung opened the meeting at 5:45 P.M.**

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“	Pirrerera	Present
“	Vietri	Present

Borough Attorney John Schettino, Esq. Present

Borough Administrator David Lorenzo Present

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES**

Mayor & Council Meeting: January 25, 2022

Motion Made By Councilperson: Vietri

Seconded By Councilperson: Jang

**To Adopt the January 25, 2022 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes**

**All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

ORDINANCE 2022-1 Amendment of Chapter 12 Entitled "Claims, Payment Of"

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-79: Claims:**

**RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, that the following claims, aggregating \$ 3,532,317.41 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:

Affordable Housing Acct	\$ 0.00
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Affordable Housing Rent Acct	\$ 5,740.00
Affordable Housing Security Acct	\$ 0.00
Animal Account	\$ 0.00
Building Dept Account	\$ 0.00
Capital Account	\$ 5,285.00
Cash Management Account	\$ 0.00
Centennial Trust	\$ 0.00
Community Development Trust	\$ 0.00
Current Account	\$ 3,493,174.37
Developers Escrow	\$ 7,462.50
Electronic Parking Meter Account	\$ 0.00
Federal Share Forfeiture	\$ 0.00
Free Public Library	\$ 140.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 0.00
Municipal Court Bail Account	\$ 0.00
Municipal Court General Account	\$ 0.00
Net Payroll	\$ 0.00
Night Out Against Crime	\$ 0.00
Parking Meter Account	\$ 0.00
Payroll Agency	\$ 0.00
POAA	\$ 0.00
Police Acct	\$ 0.00
Public Defender Trust	\$ 0.00
Recycling Trust	\$ 0.00
Swim Pool Operating Account	\$ 20,515.14
Swim Pool Cafe	\$ 0.00
Swim Pool Capital Account	\$ 0.00
Tree Preservation	\$ 0.00
UFC Fines & Penalty	\$ 0.00
Unemployment Trust	\$ 0.00
Veterans Account	\$ 0.00
Total:	<u>\$ 3,532,317.41</u>

**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 2022-80: Authorization of Tax Settlement (RE: Hajas Associates v. Borough of Palisades Park – 110 E. Columbia Avenue):**

**WHEREAS**, Hajas Associates, LLC is the taxpayer of certain real properties designated as Block 624, Lot 5; commonly known as 110 E. Columbia Avenue.; and

**WHEREAS**, the taxpayer filed appeals to its 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 real property tax assessments, which matters are presently pending in the Tax Court of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the assessments for the subject property for the years under appeal were \$1,400,000 for the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019; \$1,947,000 for 2020, and \$1,976,800 for 2021 and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of information submitted, a reduction appears appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Tax Attorney and Tax Assessor that this matter should be settled; and

**WHEREAS**, said settlement is in the best interests of the Borough of Palisades Park;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, that Tax Counsel be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents, which may be necessary in order to effectuate a settlement of litigation entitled "Hajas Associates v. Borough of Palisades Park", bearing Docket Nos. 004112-2014; 007303-2015; 006282-2016; 003708-2017; 004349-2018; 006232-2019; 009415-2020; and 007344-2021 presently pending in the Tax Court of New Jersey, so that the assessment be retained at \$1,400,000 for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018; reduced to \$1,300,000 for 2018 and 2019,

reduced to \$1,872,000 for 2020, and reduced to \$1,901,800 for 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the foregoing settlement is predicated upon a full waiver by the taxpayer of any interest payable to the taxpayer on the refund provided the refund is paid within 60 days from the date of entry of the Judgment.

**RESOLUTION 2022-81: Authorization of Palisades Park Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program:  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE PALISADES PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

**WHEREAS**, DLA rules mandate that all equipment through the 1033 Program remain under control of the requesting LEA; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to the municipal and county LEAs, those entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the Governing Body of the municipality of county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, but the Borough Council of the Borough of Palisades Park that the Palisades Park Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating in December 31 of the current calendar year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Palisades Park Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designation "DEMIL A" which may include office supplies, officer furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field parks, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars and any other supplies or equipment of non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Palisades Park Police Department without restriction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Palisades Park Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" controlled 3-page property list win its entirety is hereby approved and hereto attached to this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the "DEMIL B through Q" controlled 3-page property listing its entirety is hereby approved and hereto attached to this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Palisades Park Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Palisades Park Police Department shall provide quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire "DEMIL A" property and "DEMIL B through Q" property that may be available through eh 1033 Program during the period of time which this resolution

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authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year.

**RESOLUTION 2022-82: Authorization of Codification Services by General Code:**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Code of the Borough of Palisades Park originally codified in 1995 has not undergone any comprehensive review in twenty-seven (27) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is in receipt of a proposal from General Code in the amount of \$6,240.00 to perform an editorial and legal analysis in order to determine how the Borough Code can be revised and improved; and

**WHEREAS**, upon receipt of the editorial and legal analysis from the General Code, the Borough officials together with the Borough Attorney, will review and make the final decisions on any changes that are deemed necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator and Borough Attorney have reviewed the proposal attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and recommend the approval of same.

**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 proposal from General Code in the amount of \$6,240.00 to prepare an editorial and legal analysis of the Borough Code in order to revise and improve same, be and is hereby approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached proposal from General Code on behalf of the Borough; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution together with the signed proposal to General Code upon its passage.

**RESOLUTION 2022-83: Authorization of Emergency Appropriation for Sewer Main Repair at Fairview Street and Railroad Ave Intersection:**

**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 February 8, 2022 the Director of Public Works was advised that a sanitary sewer which provides for sanitary sewer drainage on Railroad Ave were not functioning properly and needed immediately repair; and

**WHEREAS**, 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**, it was determined that the immediate repairs were necessary to restore the sanitary sewer, and

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

**WHEREAS**, authorization has been given to Gotthold Paving LLC to commence with the necessary repairs to restore the vital functions of the Boroughs Sanitary and Storm sewers in amount not to exceed \$8,000.00,

**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 Gotthold Paving LLC, PO Box 2052, Edgewater New Jersey 07020, in the amount of \$7,800.00 for the purpose of the emergency repair of sanitary sewer on Railroad Ave; and

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-84: Hiring of Two Department of Public Works Full-Time Laborers:**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Palisades Park has determined, after consultation with the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, that there is a need for the hiring of two (2) full-time laborers for the Borough of Palisades Park Department of Public Works; and



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**WHEREAS**, Peter Chong and Alejandro Herreria have expressed interest in working for the Department of Public Works in a full-time capacity.

**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 Peter Chong and Alejandro Herreria are hereby appointed to the position of full-time laborer with a starting salary of \$19.13/hr.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this Resolution to the following:

1. Superintendent of DPW
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Payroll Department
4. Peter Chong
5. Alejandro Herreria

**RESOLUTION 2022-85: Authorization of Addendum to Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Services Contract:**

**WHEREAS**, on or about November 23, 2020, the Borough adopted a resolution awarding a contract with Recycle Track Systems NJ, LLC to undertake the solid waste and recycling collection and disposal services for the period commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about January 24, 2022, the Borough adopted a resolution extending its contract agreement with Recycle Track Systems to March 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to further extend the agreement with Recycle Track Systems for a period of up to six (6) months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has prepared an Addendum to the Contract Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and recommends the approval of same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has reviewed the proposed Addendum attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference extending the contract agreement with Recycle Track Systems NJ for a period of up to six (6) months and recommends the approval of same.

**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 proposed Addendum extending the contract agreement with Recycle Track Systems NJ LLC for a period of up to six (6) months effective March 31, 2022 for solid waste and recycling collection and disposal services, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be and is hereby approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Addendum between the Borough and Recycle Track Systems NJ on behalf of the Borough; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution together with the Addendum to Recycle Track Systems NJ LLC upon its passage.

**RESOLUTION 2022-86: Authorization of Medicare Part B Coverage Reimbursement:**

**RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park that the Tax Collector shall be and is hereby authorized to reimburse the following retired employees for hospitalization premiums paid to Social Security for Part B and Part D under Medicare in accordance with Chapter 75, P.L. 1972.

NAME	VEND #	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
ANNETTE RUH	4746	2577 GUNN HIGHWAY APT 15-204 ODESSA FL 33556	\$ 891.00
TOTAL			\$ 891.00

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

1. Chief Financial Officer
2. Tax Collector

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**RESOLUTION 2022-87: Acceptance of New Firefighter (RE: J. DiMauro):**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, that the following application(s) submitted to be a Firefighter for the Borough of Palisades Park, in Hose Company 2, is hereby approved effective immediately:

Joseph G. DiMauro            236 Walnut Avenue, Bogota, NJ 07603

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

1. Fire Chief
2. Payroll Department
3. Joseph G. DiMauro

**RESOLUTION 2022-88: Acceptance of New JFA Firefighter (RE: J. Rivera):**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, that the following application(s) submitted to be a JFA Firefighter for the Borough of Palisades Park is hereby approved effective immediately:

JiLynn Rivera            246 E. Palisades Blvd, Palisades Park, NJ 07650

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

1. Fire Chief
2. Payroll Department
3. JiLynn Rivera

**RESOLUTION 2022-89: Authorization to Change Roff Ave into a One-Way Street:**

**WHEREAS**, Rocciola Engineering with offices located at 8 Elizabeth Ave, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 submitted a report regarding one-way streets to address traffic impacts related to congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, the report suggested changing sections of Roff Ave and Ruby Ave to one-way streets to eliminate two significant sources of by-pass traffic flows caused by the congestion at the Route 46, Columbia Ave, and Broad Ave signal.

**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 Roff Ave be changed to a one-way street from E. Ruby Ave to E. Palisades Blvd.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the following:

1. Department of Public Works
2. Police Department
3. Fire Department

**RESOLUTION 2022-90: Authorization of Revisions and Amendments to the Parking Permit System:**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Palisades Park seeks to establish and implement a parking permit system for residents and non-residents; and

**WHEREAS**, after a review of the present parking permit system, the Governing Body desires to amend same as follows:

- (a) Two (2) free visitor passes per month shall be issued per household for use by visitors only while visitors are actually visiting the household to which the pass was issued; and
- (b) All vehicles are required to be registered and each household will receive up to two (2) free registrations; and
- (c) There will be no charge for up to two (2) Senior citizens, per household; and
- (d) Any vehicle parked more than four city blocks from the household for which the visitor passes have been issued shall not be visiting such household and shall be subject to violations and penalties; and

**WHEREAS**, the following rates were also proposed:

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(a) A monthly fee of \$60.00 per vehicle per month; and a daily fee of \$3.00 per day per vehicles up to three (3) days per month.

(b) Registration fees shall be applied: (a) one year - \$10.00; (b) two years - \$15.00; and (c) three years - \$20.00; and

**WHEREAS**, with regard to commercial vehicles, no commercial vehicles will be permitted to park on the street; and

**WHEREAS**, if a business owner or anyone other than a resident is applying for a permit, it will be necessary to have that vehicle registered with proof of identification to be verified and approved by the issuing authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the following revisions and amendments to the parking permit system be and are hereby approved:

(a) Two (2) free visitor passes per month shall be issued per household for use by visitors only while visitors are actually visiting the household to which the pass was issued; and

(b) All vehicles are required to be registered and each household will receive up to two (2) free registrations; and

(c) There will be no charge for up to two (2) Senior citizens, per household; and

(d) Any vehicle parked more than four city blocks from the household for which the visitor passes have been issued shall be subject to violations and penalties; and

(e) There shall be a monthly fee of \$60.00 per vehicle per month with a daily fee of \$3.00 per day per vehicles up to three (3) days per month.

(f) Registration fees shall be applied as follows: (a) one year - \$10.00; (b) two years - \$15.00; and (c) three years - \$20.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the within referenced amendments to the parking permit system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Police Department upon its passage.

**RESOLUTION 2022-91: Opposition of Dog and Cat Cruelty in Incheon Ganghwa-Gun:**

**WHEREAS**, on or about 2020, Incheon Ganghwa-gun, South Korea became a Friendship City with the Borough of Palisades Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has become aware that Incheon Ganghwa-gun is one of the largest dog meat suppliers and consumption cities in South Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, there is presently an online petition in support of ending the horrendous dog and cat cruelty in Incheon Ganghwa-gun; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has reviewed this matter and supports the signing of the online petition in support of putting an end to the animal cruelty.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the Governing Body hereby opposes the dog and cat cruelty currently taking place in Incheon Ganghwa-gun; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to sign the online petition opposing the animal cruelty; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution together with the signed petition to the Friendship City upon its passage.

**RESOLUTION 2022-92: Authorization to Enter Closed Session (RE: Personnel):**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park wishes' to discuss the following:

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Minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Councilwoman Jang wanted to make sure that Resolution #2022-83 would be fixed. The Borough Clerk stated that the typo would be fixed to reflect the new date of February 8, 2022.

Councilwoman Jang wanted to know which way the one-way would be going on Roff Ave. Mr. Lorenzo answered that the one-way would be going North from E. Ruby Ave to E. Palisades Blvd. Councilman Vietri said it would be going from Ridgefield to Leonia. Councilman Park and Councilwoman Jang acknowledged the direction change. Councilwoman Jang asked if two streets were being changed. She was told that it was only Roff Ave that would be changed to a one-way.

Councilwoman Pirrera asked if the junior firefighter being appointed was the child of a current firefighter. She was told yes. She wanted to acknowledge how nice it was that the child grew into become a firefighter like her father.

Councilwoman Jang asked if there was a number limiting the number of DPW hires. The DPW Director, Austin Ashley, answered that the DPW would like to have double the amount of current employees for snow routes. If there weren't enough employees to cover shifts during the long hours during snow storms, this would pose to be a public safety issue.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Vietri  
Seconded By Councilperson: Jang  
**To Adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions #2022-79 thru #2022-92**

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilperson	Jang	Yes
"	Kim	Yes
"	Min	Yes
"	Park	Yes
"	Pirrera	Yes
"	Vietri	Yes

The Chief Financial Officer, Roy Riggitano, spoke about the budget to the Governing Body. He stated that revenues were down. With the exception of the revenues, there were no big issues. The draft of the budget could not be provided earlier because of the incomplete Annual Financial Statement. The AFS was now completed.

Councilwoman Jang asked about the budget balancing. Mr. Riggitano answered. Councilwoman Pirrera asked if there was going to be a committee meeting prior to meeting with the Council.

The Borough Clerk explained that Ordinance #2022-1 would now be for the amendment of Chapter 12 entitled "Claims, Payment Of".

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

**ORDINANCE 2022-1: Amendment of Chapter 12 Entitled "Claims, Payment Of":**

**BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK  
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**ORDINANCE #2022-1**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF  
PALISADES PARK ENTITLED "CLAIMS, PAYMENT OF".**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that those portions of the aforesaid set forth below are hereby amended as follows and that those portions of the Ordinance not set forth below shall remain unchanged:

**Ch.12. Claims, Payment of**

Sec. 12-1 Certification prior to payment.

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The Borough of Palisades Park, by its governing body, shall not pay out any of its money;

B. Unless it carries a written order or electronic certification of a Department Head or duly designated employee of the local unit and the Chief Financial Officer having knowledge of the facts that the goods have been received by, or the services rendered, to the local unit.

C. As to services rendered by professionals, unless the Borough Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer having knowledge of the facts that the goods have been received by, or the services rendered, to the local unit.

D. As to invoices submitted by the Borough Administrator, unless the Borough Clerk and the Chief Financial Officer having knowledge of the fact that the goods have been received by, or the services rendered, to the local unit.

If any section, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confirmed in its effect to the section, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy which such judgment shall be rendered.

All Ordinances of the Borough of Palisades Park which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Vietri

Seconded By Councilperson: Kim

**To Introduce Ordinance #2022-1**

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilperson	Jang	Yes
“	Kim	Yes
“	Min	Yes
“	Park	Yes
“	Pirrera	Yes
“	Vietri	Yes

The Borough Attorney asked the Mayor if the Council could vote on proceeding with the appeal of the Suburban Disposal Case.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Pirrera

Seconded By Councilperson: Vietri

**To Authorize the Borough Attorney to Proceed with Appeal of the Suburban Disposal Case**

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilperson	Jang	Yes
“	Kim	Yes
“	Min	Yes
“	Park	Yes
“	Pirrera	Yes
“	Vietri	Yes

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Ordinance #2022-1** was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on **February 22, 2022** and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance(s) will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on **March 22, 2022** at 5:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance(s).

A copy of the Ordinance(s) will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Borough Hall and will be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilman Min – No report.

Councilwoman Jang – Said thank you for the work that was being done in front of the Board of Education office. She wanted to know if it was safe. The Borough Administrator stated that work was not done yet, and it needed to be determined what more material needed to be cleaned up.

Councilwoman Pirrera – Wanted to have a meeting with the Pool Committee.

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Councilman Kim – Asked if the revitalization was being put on hold. Mr. Lorenzo answered that this would be dependent on the budget. He updated everyone regarding the first LED solar panel.

Councilman Vietri – Stated that the Fire Department was having fire drills. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Police Department arrested three individuals for motor vehicle identity theft. On February 4<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department arrested an individual for a hit and run accident. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department arrested an individual for aggravated manslaughter and child endangerment.

Councilman Park – Said that the DPW received 114 calls for service, 18 of which were sewer calls. The DPW used 225 tons of salt.

Councilwoman Pirrera brought up the possibility of installing charging stations for electric cars. Councilman Kim stated that it was a great idea.

Officer-in-Charge, Captain Shawn Lee, stated that the Police Department was investigating a string of residential burglaries in Palisades Park and surrounding areas. Detectives had been working diligently with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and had several leads. He urged the public to call the PD with reports of suspicious activity. He followed up with the resident's inquiry about the MVA statistics from last year. In 2021, there was a total of 948 motor vehicles crashes. He stated that if any residents had concerns or questions, they could request to speak to him directly or meet in-person by calling his office through the main line.

Mayor Chung announced that the Borough Hall would be open to the public starting tomorrow. Anyone entering the building would have to wear a mask. The March Mayor and Council meeting would be in-person.

Councilman Kim asked about the second COVID-testing facility. The Mayor stated that the second facility was not open yet.

Councilwoman Jang stated that the meeting time of 5:00 P.M. was difficult for her.

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

**All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Youngmin Jung (50 E. Palisades Blvd) – Spoke about the State Comptroller report. He stated that the English and grammar written in the Oversight Committee report submitted by Councilman Park was horrible, and Councilman Park should learn English grammar one more time. He asked if there was a report from Mr. Giacobbe.

Neris Papoters (444 Glen Ave) – Asked Captain Lee what could be done about the drunk people on the streets of Palisades Park.

Soo Chung (237 Central Blvd) – Asked about Resolution #2022-83. She spoke about the emergency sewer repair that was done in front of her house and asked whether the Borough got the reimbursement from the County and asked to see the receipts. She asked the Mayor and Council to consider separating the Work Session from the Regular Meeting.

Youbong Won-Yoon (268 Highland Ave) – Stated that she wanted three items to be considered by the Governing Body - the meeting time change, separation of the Work Session from the Regular Meeting and Q&A format change. She read the IPS Group's privacy statement. She OPRA requested the final report of the Oversight Committee, and the response she received was that there was no report.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim  
Seconded By Councilperson: Pirrera  
**To Close Public Portion**

**All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.**

Mr. Lorenzo answered Mr. Jung's question about the April report of the Comptroller's office. Mr. Schettino stated that a committee was formed, and most of the recommendations made in the Comptroller's report were implemented. There were one or two outstanding issues, which the committee was working on to bring to a resolution. In fact, one of the recommendations were acted on with respect

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to clearing up the language in an Ordinance regarding payment of vouchers. There remains further discussions with respect to sick days, although contract languages have been changed going forward. The gas card issues had been totally revamped and resolved.

Mr. Lorenzo asked the Officer-in-Charge to address the issue of intoxicated people on the streets.

Regarding the emergency sewer repair that was done in front of Ms. Chung's house, Mr. Lorenzo stated that we did not receive reimbursement from the County for work that was done. A meeting was scheduled with the County to discuss this matter and other items.

Mr. Schettino stated that the current format of the meeting allows the public to participate more because many public entities only open up to the public once. He stated that the public did not have to wait until the Mayor and Council meeting to ask a question.

Mr. Lorenzo stated that Captain Lee addressed the issue of robberies.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Vietri

Seconded By Councilperson: Kim

**To Adjourn the Regular Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

Attest:

  
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Gina S. Kim, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk