

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

Work & Regular Meeting
of the Mayor & Council
April 24, 2023

Borough of Palisades Park
Work Session of the Mayor and Council
April 24, 2023

Mayor Chong Paul Kim opened the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

STATEMENT:

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

1. Notice was filed April 19, 2023 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kim and a moment of silence was held for our troops.

ROLL CALL:

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

Borough Attorney	Michael Collins, Esq.	Present
Borough Administrator	David Lorenzo	Present

CLOSED SESSION:

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2023-112 Authorization to Enter Closed Session

Councilman Kim made a motion to adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-112. Councilman Vietri seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

The Mayor and Council proceeded with the Closed Session inside the Mayor's Office.

Councilman Kim made a motion to close the Closed Session and reopen the Work Session. Councilman Min seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Closed Session of the Mayor and Council:	December 22, 2022
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CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2023-86	Claims
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RESOLUTION 2023-94	Acceptance of New Firefighter (RE: A. Jaloudi)
RESOLUTION 2023-95	Acceptance of New Firefighter (RE: M. Bonaguaro)
RESOLUTION 2023-96	Hiring of Police Records Clerk (RE: J. Shin)
RESOLUTION 2023-97	Authorization of Building Permit #23-114 Refund of \$220.00
RESOLUTION 2023-98	Authorization of Raffle License (RE: Palisades Park/Fort Lee Elks, #RL-665)
RESOLUTION 2023-99	Award of Transportation for 2023 Senior Citizen Trips
RESOLUTION 2023-100	Amendment of Mayor's Advisory Committee Members
RESOLUTION 2023-101	Hiring of Part-Time Traffic Officer (RE: K. Sarmiento)
RESOLUTION 2023-102	Authorization of Award of Contract for Palisades Boulevard Phase II (RE: 4 Clean Up Inc.)
RESOLUTION 2023-103	Amendment of Resolution 2023-34 - Authorization of Award Contract - Risk Management Consultant
RESOLUTION 2023-104	Authorization of Borough of Palisades Park to Enter into Grant Agreement (RE: 2021 Bergen County Open Space – Lindbergh Field Improvements Project Phase II: Fencing and Landscaping)
RESOLUTION 2023-105	Authorization of Borough of Palisades Park to Enter into Grant Agreement

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- (RE: 2022 Bergen County Open Space – Municipal Pool Improvements:
Splash Pad, Spray Features, and Filtration)
- RESOLUTION 2023-106 Hiring of Special Counsel (RE: R. Simon, Esq.)
RESOLUTION 2023-107 Hiring of 2023 Pool Employees
RESOLUTION 2023-108 Authorization of Change Order for Road Improvements to Pembroke Way
(RE: D & L Paving Contractors)
RESOLUTION 2023-109 Amendment of Resolution #2023-76 - Authorization of Pool Membership Fees for
2023
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ORDINANCE 2023-7 Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Resurfacing of West Central Boulevard (From
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Acquisition of New Additional or Replacement Equipment and Machinery and New
Automotive Vehicles, Including Original Apparatus and Equipment In, By and For
the Borough of Palisades Park to Appropriate the Sum of \$8,320,000

2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

- ORDINANCE 2023-1 Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Resurfacing the Glen Avenue and 5th Street (Eac
from East Edsall Boulevard to Oakdene Avenue) In, By and For the Borough of
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Cap Bank for Calendar Year 2023
ORDINANCE 2023-3 Amendment of Chapter 282, Section 31 Entitled “Parking Fees”

BUDGET HEARING/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer presented the budget. He stated that it was one of the toughest budgets. He stated there would be approximately \$135 dollar tax increase on a \$680,000 assessed value house. The Police and Fire departments were intact. This budget was bare bones. There was no guarantee in the future, but as of now, the budget was fiscally balanced. He said that the biggest increases were due to inflation rate of 7%, increase of health benefits to 22%, increase of garbage being increased up to 40%. The Borough Administrator saved hundreds of thousands of dollars on contract negotiations. Salaries were 3% for 2022 and 3% for 2023. No one received a raise last year except for contractual obligations.

Councilman Vietri made a motion to open the Budget Hearing and Public Participation to the public. Councilman Kim seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

Youbong Won-Yoon asked what the total increase of the budget was from last year. Mr. Riggitano answered that it was \$600,000. \$300,000 approximately was due to contractual obligations, health benefits, and pension costs. He said the Borough had no say with regard to the State health benefits and pension. She said when she did the comparison from last year to this year’s budget, the difference was about a million dollars. Mr. Riggitano said it was about \$600,000 increase. He went over the numbers and stated that the increase was municipal only. She asked what the impact would be on her taxes. Mr. Riggitano answered it was \$135 dollar increase on the municipal level only.

Youngmin Jung said that when the pandemic struck, the government was shut down. One of the Councilmembers suggested decreasing the town budget. The former Mayor said he would tighten the budget. As a resident, he wanted to know how many civil servants there were. He wanted to know the salaries of the highest paid position and lowest paid full-time position in the Borough. Mr. Riggitano

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answered that the salaries were similar to that of surrounding towns. He said that individual salaries would need to be OPRA'ed.

Councilman Kim made a motion to close the Budget Hearing and Public Participation to the public. Councilman Vietri seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

Councilwoman Jang asked about the Ordinance for base salaries. She compared Ordinance #2022-11 to Ordinance #2023-4. She wanted to know why the ranges were higher. Mr. Lorenzo answered. She wanted to keep the same ranges as Ordinance #2022-11. Mr. Riggitano addressed Councilwoman Jang regarding the budget.

The Mayor told Councilwoman Jang to take her time to call the Borough Administrator or Chief Financial Officer with her questions instead of waiting until the last moment to start asking.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

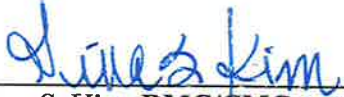
There were no Council reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilman Kim made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Vietri seconded. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

Attest:



Gina S. Kim, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

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2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

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Councilman Vietri made a motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-86 thru #2023-110. Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang asked about the Resolution #2023-104 for Lindbergh Field. Mr. Lorenzo said that no one had bid on the Lindbergh School Field project, and the Borough was trying to get someone to do the fencing and new landscaping.

Councilwoman Jang: Yes
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Park: Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes; Recused for Resolutions #2023-96, #2023-101
Councilman Vietri: Yes

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2023-111 Amendment of 2023 Municipal Budget

Councilwoman Pirrera made a motion to adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-111. Councilwoman Jang seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Yes
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Park: Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes
Councilman Vietri: Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2023-4 Establishment of Base Salaries for Year 2023

Councilman Vietri made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2023-4. Councilwoman Pirrera seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Yes
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Park: Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes
Councilman Vietri: Yes

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ORDINANCE 2023-5 Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Resurfacing of East Harriet Ave (From Broad Avenue to Roff Avenue) and West Columbia Avenue (From Route 46 to Grand Avenue) In, By and For the Borough of Palisades Park to Appropriate the Sum of \$240,000

Councilman Min made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2023-5. Councilwoman Pirrera seconded. Councilwoman Jang had a question about the Bond Ordinance. Mr. Riggitano answered that the Ordinance includes hard and soft costs. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Yes
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Park: Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes
Councilman Vietri: Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2023-6 Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Undertaking of the Broad Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project (Phase 1 – From Central Boulevard to Brinkerhoff Terrace) In, By and For the Borough of Palisades Park to Appropriate the Sum of \$300,000

Councilwoman Pirrera made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2023-6. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Yes
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Park: Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes
Councilman Vietri: Yes

Mayor Kim stated that he was thankful to the Councilmembers, BA, CFO, and the DPW for making changes.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2023-7 Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Resurfacing of West Central Boulevard (From Grand Avenue to Depot Place) In, By and For the Borough of Palisades Park to Appropriate the Sum of \$305,000

Councilman Kim made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2023-7. Councilman Vietri seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Yes
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Park: Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes
Councilman Vietri: Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2023-8 Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Making of a Public Improvement and the Acquisition of New Additional or Replacement Equipment and Machinery and New Automotive Vehicles, Including Original Apparatus and Equipment In, By and For the Borough of Palisades Park to Appropriate the Sum of \$8,320,000

Councilman Vietri made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2023-8. Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Yes
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Park: Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera: Recused
Councilman Vietri: Yes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Ordinances #2023-4 thru #2023-8** were introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on **April 24, 2023** and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance(s) will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting

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held on **May 22, 2023** at 6:00 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.

2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

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Councilman Vietri made a motion to open Ordinance #2023-1 to the public. Councilwoman Jang seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Vietri made a motion to close and adopt Ordinance #2023-1. Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Yes
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Park: Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes
Councilman Vietri: Yes

2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2023-2 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish Cap Bank for Calendar Year 2023

Councilman Vietri made a motion to open Ordinance #2023-2 to the public. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried. Majority present in favor by voice vote; Councilwoman Jang opposed.

There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Kim made a motion to close and adopt Ordinance #2023-2. Councilman Vietri seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: No
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Park: Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes
Councilman Vietri: Yes

2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2023-3 Amendment of Chapter 282, Section 31 Entitled "Parking Fees"

Councilman Vietri made a motion to open Ordinance #2023-3 to the public. Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

Susan Brauer asked when the Ordinance would be effective. Mr. Collins stated that it would take effect upon publication. Youbong Won-Yoon said that she had asked the Mayor and Council to consider reducing the hours of metered parking. Mr. Lorenzo answered that this Ordinance was only about increasing the metered parking fees.

Councilwoman Pirrera made a motion to close and adopt Ordinance #2023-3. Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Yes
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Park: Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes
Councilman Vietri: Yes

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Min said he noticed that the Borough would be celebrating the 125th year of Palisades Park. He wanted to see if there would be some expenses budgeted for the celebration.

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Councilwoman Jang announced that there had been a fire at the Lindbergh School library, and the school would be closed temporarily. She said that it was a great thing that the town would be celebrating its 125th year. She asked to consider decorating Broad Ave.

Councilwoman Pirrera announced that Family Fun day would be on Sunday. There would be free activities for the children. There would be food trucks, a DJ, and a bouncy house. The Recreation Dept was working diligently on summer programs.

Councilman Kim had no report for the library. For the school, there was a request to fix the baseball field fencing. They wanted to find out who was responsible for fixing the fence; it was the responsibility of the Board of Education. The Superintendent stated that he would take care of it.

Councilman Vietri reported that the Fire Department responded to the Lindbergh School library. There was heavy smoke. There were burnt cabinets. The Fire Department did a great job, and there was mutual aid that responded. Since April 1st, the Fire Department had responded to 56 calls this month alone. Mayor Kim thanked the Fire Department for their great work in responding to the fires.

Councilman Park said that there was no specific report.

Mr. Lorenzo said that the PEOSH violations were addressed. With regard to the Fire Dept and other issues, the Borough was tethering on a slippery slope regarding the mold. There would be a presentation from the Architect at the next meeting. Mayor Kim stated that his primary concern was the safety of the employees. Councilwoman Pirrera asked if there was a redevelopment program available. Mr. Lorenzo stated yes and the Council had to agree to participate in the program.

Mayor Kim spoke about the streetscaping Broad Avenue. He had a meeting with the Mayor's Advisory Committee, and they were very excited to be a part of the streetscaping progress. He also had a meeting with the merchants of Broad Ave. The merchants needed an opportunity to get rid of their surplus. This would be done through a Street Fair with the support of the Council. He spoke about the installation of a doggy park and solar panels.

The Chief of Police, Anthony Espino, stated that the Detective Bureau closed out 17 investigations. Motor patrol issued 486 summonses. He spoke about the grant received for the Police Department. There were 281 traffic stops and 177 motor vehicle summonses. He said that the students at Lindbergh School were spoken to about bicycle safety.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Councilman Kim made a motion to open to the public. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

Susan Brauer asked about matching grants. Mr. Lorenzo answered that some were match grants, and some were regular grants. The Open Space grants were match grants. She asked about the Salary Ordinance. She suggested that the Council don't take the increase. Mayor Kim reminded Councilwoman Jang that she had suggested donating their salaries for scholarships.

Ok Hyun from KCS said that she was there with the Program Director Sarah Kim. KCS opened up another office in Palisades Park to serve Korean-Americans or anyone who was underserved. She spoke about the program and the services offered. Councilman Kim stated that he had known this program for many years, and he hoped that many people would utilize their services.

Hayley Park said that she attended the Mayor and Council meeting last year regarding the flooding problem she encountered at her home. She said she spoke to Councilwoman Jang. She said that in 2019 there was street construction. After then, only half the street was paved. During heavy rain, the water would go into the driveway and into the middle of her garage. She requested someone to come and inspect her home. Mayor Kim asked when Councilwoman Jang heard of this matter. Councilwoman Jang stated she heard about this last year. Mayor Kim stated that it was the first time he was hearing about this problem, and he said that this problem would be handled. Councilman Min said that he would check out the problem.

Marsha Schor said that the front of Borough Hall looked very nice. She spoke about the dark streets. She requested more street lighting. Mr. Lorenzo asked residents to call in with locations of dark streets that needed more lighting.

Neris Papoters asked why the Pledge of Allegiance was forgotten. The Mayor answered that it was done at the Work Session. She wanted more information about the mold. She commented that the Mayor was

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disrespectful to Councilwoman Jang. She wanted to know if there were any projects for the school because the schools were in bad condition. The Mayor said that school questions should be addressed to the Board of Education. Councilman Kim said that the school was a different entity. If the Board of Education communicated with the Mayor and Council, they would cooperate. She spoke about the past referendum. Mr. Lorenzo said that professionals were brought in for the mold. There would be a report available next month.

Youbong Won-Yoon asked about the Palisades Park Master Plan, and if there were plans to update it. Mr. Lorenzo said that an attorney was hired to work on the Master Plan. The Master Plan starts with the Mayor and Council, it goes to the Planning Board, and it would come back to the Mayor and Council.

Soo Chung spoke about lowering the speed limit on E. Central Blvd. She asked about Resolution #2023-104. Mr. Lorenzo answered that this was regarding a grant that was available for fencing and landscaping. This project was bid out, and there was no response. She said that last year in 2022, some Board members who were elected got jobs in the Borough Hall. She was worried about misconceptions about receiving jobs after being elected to the School Board. Captain Gasparovich gave a report on accident prone areas. The Mayor addressed her concerns about the hiring process in Palisades Park.

Loretta Martini asked how long the digging would take place. Mr. Lorenzo answered.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilman Kim made a motion to close to the public and adjourn. Councilman Vietri seconded. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Attest:



Gina S. Kim, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk