

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

Work & Regular Meeting  
of the Mayor & Council  
May 22, 2023

**Mayor Chong Paul Kim opened the meeting at 5:34 P.M.**

**STATEMENT:**

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

1. Notice was filed May 10, 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	Absent
"	Kim	Present
"	Min	Present
"	Park	Absent
"	Pirrera	Present
"	Vietri	Present

Councilman Min made a motion to excuse Councilwoman Jang and Councilman Park's absences. Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION 2023-140 Authorization to Enter Closed Session

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that the Mayor and Council may enter into Executive Session to discuss matters that are of a confidential nature, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended by the Borough Attorney and Borough Administrator that the Mayor and Council enter into Executive Session to discuss matters set forth hereinafter which are permissible for discussion in Executive Session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the governing body shall enter into Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

Legal Issues, Litigation, Potential Litigation, Contract Negotiation, Attorney-Client Privilege – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)

Borough Hall – ATOD June 2023

Personnel – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8)

Police Department Salaries – ATOD June 2023

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be released to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists, with an estimate of the circumstances and/or time for public disclosure provided in the above-listed anticipated times of decision ("ATOD").

Councilwoman Pirrera made a motion to enter Closed Session. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

At approximately 5:27 P.M., the Mayor and Council proceeded with the Closed Session inside the Mayor's Office.

At approximately 6:50 P.M., the Mayor and Council returned to the dais and Councilman Kim made a motion to close the Closed Session. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

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

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**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Closed Session of the Mayor and Council: April 24, 2023  
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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION 2023-113 Claims  
RESOLUTION 2023-114 Appointment of Police Chief A. Espino and Communications Manager R. DeVito to the County Public Safety Communication Advisory Board  
RESOLUTION 2023-115 Establishment of Petty Cash Fund for Mayor's Office (RE: \$300.00)  
RESOLUTION 2023-116 Authorization of Purchase of DPW Vector Truck  
RESOLUTION 2023-117 Authorization of Salary or Compensation for Employees for 2023  
RESOLUTION 2023-118 Authorization of Police Promotion to Captain (RE: J. Rotundo Jr.)  
RESOLUTION 2023-119 Authorization of Police Promotion to Lieutenant (RE: G. Beck Jr.)  
RESOLUTION 2023-120 Authorization of Police Promotion (RE: R. Tennant)  
RESOLUTION 2023-121 Authorization of Police Promotion (Tabled)  
RESOLUTION 2023-122 Hiring of Part-Time Plumbing Inspector (RE: P. Albanese)  
RESOLUTION 2023-123 Hiring of Police Officer  
RESOLUTION 2023-124 Hiring of Police Officer  
RESOLUTION 2023-125 Award of Contract for Copy/Print Machines for Borough Hall (RE: United Business Systems)  
RESOLUTION 2023-126 Hiring of Part-Time Bilingual Secretary (RE: M. Arboleda)  
RESOLUTION 2023-127 Authorization of Department of Public Works Promotion (RE: R. Topping)  
RESOLUTION 2023-128 Authorization of Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program  
RESOLUTION 2023-129 Authorization of the Execution of an Agreement with the County of Bergen to Supersede the Cooperative Agreement Dated July 1, 2021 and Amendments Therein Establishing the Bergen County Community Development Program  
RESOLUTION 2023-130 Authorization of Annual Appointment of CDBG Municipal Representatives  
RESOLUTION 2023-131 Acceptance of Resignation of Recreation Program Coordinator from the Recreation Department (RE: A. Albanese)  
RESOLUTION 2023-132 Designation of Bank Depository (RE: BCB Bank)  
RESOLUTION 2023-133 Authorization of Pool Startup Money for 2023 Pool Season  
RESOLUTION 2023-134 Authorization of Payment for High School Prom Bus  
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RESOLUTION 2023-136 Amendment of Resolution #2023-65, Authorization of Shared Services Agreement with County of Bergen – Animal Control Service  
RESOLUTION 2023-137 Authorization of Hold Harmless Agreements for the Palisades Park Swim Club  
RESOLUTION 2023-138 Authorization of Bingo License (RE: St. Michael's Church, #BL-666)  
RESOLUTION 2023-139 Authorization of Hiring of Police Consultant

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION 2023-140 Authorization to Enter Closed Session  
RESOLUTION 2023-141 Amendment of Capital Budget  
RESOLUTION 2023-142 Authorization of Chamber of Commerce Street Fair

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

ORDINANCE 2023-9 Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Undertaking of Various Improvements to Lindbergh Field (Phase II) In, By and For the Borough of Palisades Park to Appropriate the Sum of \$175,000  
ORDINANCE 2023-10 Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Undertaking of Various Improvements to the Municipal Swimming Pool Complex In, By and For the Borough of Palisades Park to Appropriate the Sum of \$175,000  
ORDINANCE 2023-11 Ordinance Addressing the Contracting of Off-Duty Police Officers or Other Law Enforcement Officers

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING/PUBLIC HEARING:**

ORDINANCE 2023-4 Establishment of Base Salaries for Year 2023  
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  
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  
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

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ORDINANCE 2023-8      Appropriate the Sum of \$305,000  
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

Mayor Kim asked if anyone had any questions about the Consent, Off Consent, or Ordinances. There were no questions.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

There were no Council reports.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

Mayor Kim stated that there was a 3-minute time limit.

Youbong Won-Yoon asked about Resolution #2023-132. She asked about the bank being acquired. Mr. Lorenzo answered it was a different bank. She asked about the Street Fair Resolution. Mr. Collins answered that the process was being reviewed internally so the appropriate permit could be issued. Mr. Collins said that to avoid any issues, the Council will vote by oral motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to hold a Street Fair.

Councilman Min made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Street Fair. Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

This was added to the Off Consent Agenda as Resolution #2023-142.

Neris Papoters asked about Resolutions #2023-118 thru #2023-121. She wanted to know about the Police promotions. The Mayor answered that this would be done at the Regular Meeting.

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

**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 6:55 P.M.

**Attest:**

  
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Gina S. Kim, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

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**Mayor Chong Paul Kim opened the meeting at 6:55 P.M.**

**STATEMENT:**

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1. Notice was filed March 13, 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.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	Kim	Present
Councilperson	Jang	Absent
“	Kim	Present
“	Min	Present
“	Park	Absent
“	Pirrera	Present
“	Vietri	Present

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

Mayor Kim made a public announcement. He wanted everyone to know that one of the reasons why he was elected Mayor was to clean up the mess that had been plaguing the Borough government. He was the highest executive officer in the Borough, and he intended to exercise his responsibilities and it was his duty to protect and serve the people of Palisades Park. He was there to work for the best interest of the residents and business owners. They were his boss and nobody else. Additionally, all of the elected officials were responsible for ensuring that the administration complied with the law and provided reform for better management and in order to avoid unnecessary use of taxpayers' money and hurt the image of the town. On the agenda, there were several Resolutions that he was proposing to pass concerning the Police Department in response to the Bergen County Prosecutors' Office report. Dating back to the Hillard Heintze report several years ago, he had consistently called to improve the policies and procedures of the Police Department as a Councilman, which the previous Mayor Chung administration largely ignored. Now Palisades Park had selected him as a new Mayor. He was taking immediate action to right the ship. He called upon the Councilmembers to vote to implement the actions recommended by professionals Hillard Heintze and the BCPO report to fix the mess in the Police Department. After further discussions with the Borough Attorney, without commenting on the specifics, the Borough initiated a lawsuit to correct what they felt were inappropriate and politically motivated actions concerning the Police Department and its appointments under Mayor Chung. The Police Department must learn to respect the Police Committee which was an acting member of the Appropriate Authority. The days of Police Officers backchanneling the Mayor and Council were over. He was proposing a motion to the Councilmembers to instruct the Borough Attorney to obtain Special Counsel to conduct a full and thorough investigation into all of the participants of the "hot mic" incident including the advice and the actions of the past Borough Attorney, the roles others played in their unlawful attempt to manipulate, undermine, and obstruct the correct governmental process of Palisades Park. He expected the Council to agree to vote in favor of the Resolutions with a motion being made on the floor to finally remedy and fix the mess that they were in. It was time to take the politics out of the Police Department so that they could focus on only one thing, the safety of the residents and merchants of Palisades Park.

Councilman Kim made a motion to adopt the minutes. Councilman Vietri seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

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Councilman Kim made a motion to adopt the minutes. Councilwoman Pirrera seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

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Councilman Kim made a motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-113 thru #2023-139 with the exclusion of #2023-118, #2023-119, #2023-120, and #2023-121. Councilman Vietri seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Absent  
Councilman Kim: Yes  
Councilman Min: Yes  
Councilman Park: Absent  
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes; Recused for Resolutions #2023-114, #2023-123, #2023-124, and #2023-139  
Councilman Vietri: Yes

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION 2023-118 Authorization of Police Promotion to Captain (RE: J. Rotundo)

Councilman Vietri made a motion to adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-118. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION 2023-119 Authorization of Police Promotion to Lieutenant (RE: G. Beck)

Councilman Min made a motion to adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-119. Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Collins explained that the motion passed. The recusal left three Councilmembers; two affirmative votes being required were received.

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION 2023-120 Authorization of Police Promotion (RE: R. Tennant)

Councilman Vietri made a motion to adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-120. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

The last recommendation from the Closed Session was to table Resolution #2023-121. Councilman Kim made a motion to table Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-121. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION 2023-141 Amendment of Capital Budget

Councilwoman Pirrera made a motion to adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-141. Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Absent  
Councilman Kim: Yes

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Councilman Park: Absent  
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes  
Councilman Vietri: Yes

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Councilman Vietri made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2023-9. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

ORDINANCE 2023-10 Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Undertaking of Various Improvements to the Municipal Swimming Pool Complex In, By and For the Borough of Palisades Park to Appropriate the Sum of \$175,000

Councilman Kim made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2023-10. Councilman Vietri seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

ORDINANCE 2023-11 Ordinance Addressing the Contracting of Off-Duty Police Officers or Other Law Enforcement Officers

Councilman Vietri made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2023-11. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Ordinances #2023-9, #2023-10, and #2023-11** were introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on **May 22, 2023** and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance(s) will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on **June 26, 2023** at 6:00 P.M., 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.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING/PUBLIC HEARING:**

ORDINANCE 2023-4 Establishment of Base Salaries for Year 2023

Councilman Vietri made a motion to open Ordinance #2023-4 to the public. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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



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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Susan Brauer asked about the Executive Director of the Municipal Industrial Committee. Mr. Lorenzo stated that this position was not filled.

Youbong Won-Yoon wanted to know which positions were not filled. Mr. Lorenzo said that she could look at the Salary Resolution.

Councilman Vietri made a motion to close to the public and adopt Ordinance #2023-4. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Absent  
Councilman Kim: Yes  
Councilman Min: Yes  
Councilman Park: Absent  
Councilwoman Pírrera: Yes  
Councilman Vietri: Yes

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING/PUBLIC HEARING:**

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 Kim made a motion to open Ordinance #2023-5 to the public. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Absent  
Councilman Kim: Yes  
Councilman Min: Yes  
Councilman Park: Absent  
Councilwoman Pírrera: Yes  
Councilman Vietri: Yes

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Min made a motion to close to the public and adopt Ordinance #2023-5. Councilwoman Pírrera seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Absent  
Councilman Kim: Yes  
Councilman Min: Yes  
Councilman Park: Absent  
Councilwoman Pírrera: Yes  
Councilman Vietri: Yes

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING/PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

Councilman Vietri made a motion to open Ordinance #2023-6 to the public. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Absent  
Councilman Kim: Yes  
Councilman Min: Yes  
Councilman Park: Absent  
Councilwoman Pírrera: Yes  
Councilman Vietri: Yes

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Susan Brauer asked if the amount of the bond ordinance changed. Mr. Lorenzo answered.

Councilman Min made a motion to close to the public and adopt Ordinance #2023-6. Councilman Vietri seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Absent  
Councilman Kim: Yes  
Councilman Min: Yes

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Councilman Park: Absent  
Councilwoman Pirrera: Yes  
Councilman Vietri: Yes

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING/PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Kim made a motion to close to the public and adopt Ordinance #2023-7. Councilwoman Pirrera seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

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

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Youbong Won-Yoon said this was a lot of money. She wanted to know the period to pay back the money. Mr. Lorenzo answered that the time frame to pay back the money varied.

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

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

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilman Min followed up with a resident's complaint about flooding in her home. The DPW said they suspected the neighbor to be illegally pumping. The DPW would check out the situation again.

Councilwoman Pirrera had no report.

Councilman Kim had no report.

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Councilman Vietri reported that the Fire Department had responded to working fires. The Police Department had a hostage situation, which was taken care of. No one was injured.

Mayor Kim reported that the business next to the 911 Memorial offered to provide the maintenance of the Memorial. The Administration and DPW would have to provide the irrigation system.

**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 wanted to know about the parking regulations. Mr. Lorenzo stated that so far there were no major hiccups. She asked when the Street Fair would take place. Mayor Kim answered. She asked who would participate in the Street Fair. The Mayor said that this would be a street sale for the merchants to sell surplus.

Thomas Yook spoke about the lack of parking in the Borough. He spoke about the State Comptroller's report and the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office report. The Mayor addressed the parking fee increase.

Neris Papoters asked about Resolution #2023-121. She wanted to know the name. She said she did not have anything against the promotion of the Police Officers. She said she was grateful for the Police Officers in the town. She had problems with her son and his mental health. The Police Officers had been there to help her. She said she was a resident of the town, and she had the right to vent. She received anonymous letters to her house.

Loretta Martini spoke about the water company and the loss of water in her home. Mr. Lorenzo said that there was a project in the town to remove the lead lines.

Marsha Schor spoke about duplexes and illegal tenants. There was a law that if there was an illegal tenant, the owner of the building had to issue an eviction. The owner had to pay the town each day a certain amount of money for every day that the illegal tenant remains in the building.

Ernst Bearly said he lived below the High School. There was a car parked at the fire hydrant with blinkers on. He asked that the Police Department conduct checks at the High School. He wanted to know if there was a ticket or a warning given to the car that parked for three hours at the fire hydrant. There was a poster placed illegally on his tree.

Soo Chung spoke about parking meters, police promotions, and the urgency for promotions.

Youbong Won-Yoon said she appreciated the Mayor's speech to fix the Police Department. She wanted to know if the BCPO report would be available to the public. She asked about the lawsuit that the town filed. She wanted to know why Councilman Vietri could vote on some items. Mr. Collins said that the BCPO report would be released with appropriate actions being made. Mr. Collins explained that the legal issue that the Council authorized litigation on was the propriety and validity of actions of this body back in December of 2022 when the votes were cast with the Mayor present and with three Councilmembers. There was a vote that carried with two Councilmembers voting affirmatively, one Councilmember recusing, and the Mayor being present. In the Borough form of government, in order to have a quorum, there needed to be the Mayor and three Councilmembers or four Councilmembers. The NJ Supreme Court has held that when a Councilmember is recused because of legal conflict, that person is not counted towards a quorum. The concern that the Council articulated through the court papers was that by having two Councilmembers and a recused Councilmember present, there were not three Councilmembers that were necessary to have a quorum and have an action taken. The Judge would ultimately make a decision on that matter. This evening's vote was distinguishable as that Councilman Vietri abstained. The decision to recuse or not recuse was a personal one.

Ms. Won-Yoon said that in Cliffside Park, it was 30 minutes for a quarter, and it ended at 6:00 P.M.

**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. Councilwoman Jang seconded. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Borough of Palisades Park  
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
May 22, 2023

Attest:



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Gina S. Kim, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk