

Public Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on April 25, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Meeting was held at the Ridgefield Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey.

Mayor Suarez stated that this meeting of the Mayor and Council is being conducted pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting has been given by publishing notice in The Record. Furthermore, notice was posted in the Borough of Ridgefield Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mayor Suarez, Councilmen Castelli, Todd, Vincentz, Acosta and Jimenez were present, Councilman Severino is absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Suarez asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for those residents who have passed away since the last meeting.

Mayor Suarez asked if anyone had comments on tonight's agenda.

No one came forward.

Correspondence:

On April 14<sup>th</sup> the BCUA held a meeting regarding Crown Carting and their application was denied, he thanked all the residents, council members and Stephen Pellino for the hard work and support and coming together as a community and achieving the goal that was set forth; April 16<sup>th</sup> the RBAO opening ceremonies were held which was a success; April 20<sup>th</sup> Egg Decorating Day was held which also was a success and would like to thanked the Recreation Director Ray Ramirez;

Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2010 Work Session Meeting, October 4, 2010 Special Public Session Meeting, October 12, 2010 Public Session Meeting, and October 25, 2010 Public Session Meeting – APPROVED (H. Jimenez Abstained)

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2169 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 172 ENTITLED "DUMPING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Absent
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2170 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 375-52 DESIGNATING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES"

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Absent
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2172 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 75-10 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
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Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Absent
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2173 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 92-1, SALARIES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Absent
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2174 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 375 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" "RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM" TO REQUIRE RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS"

First Reading of Ordinance

Councilman Vincentz asked if we could clarify who will be taking the responsibility and where the designated of requirements are being fulfilled. Councilman Castelli stated that multiple employees located at borough hall in the clerk's office will fulfill the responsibility. Also the public will be directed by flyers on where to go at the appropriate time.

Councilman Castelli stated a lot went into this ordinance; this was an agreement and compromise with the Police and DPW departments and believes the town has waited too long for this ordinance. This will be enforced from 1am- to 9am and solve many issues and concerns residents have had for several years, such as illegal housing and children that are not supposed to be attending our schools.

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Absent
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2175 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REVERSION TO A CALENDAR YEAR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-3.2(b)”

First Reading of Ordinance

Councilman Vincentz stated the only item that hasn't been resolved is the amount of surplus and what if anything it's going to be spent on. Stephen Wielkocz stated that there will be a surplus, will start out July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year with everything remaining equal to about \$1. 3 million that we had from June 2010, the difference is your not using any of that in the 6 month budget. In the fiscal year budget, right now, we're using \$ 875,000 of the \$1.3 million. So were starting off with approximately 1.4 million and then building on that through the 6 month period to December 31, 2011. Whatever that number ends up being, the reminder will be up to the Governing Body sitting here in 2012 and going forward and make sure we utilize that surplus in judicial matter, so that we don't present a problem or create a problem moving forward. Going into calendar year 2012, we should have more surplus than we have historically had.

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Absent
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

	Motion:	Second:
161-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Authorization for Municipal Prosecutor to Arrange for Substitute Prosecutor
162-2011	Councilman Vincentz	Support S-54
163-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Advertise for Position of Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer

165-2011 Councilman Castelli Hire Pool Personnel for 2011 Pool Season

Roll Call on Consent Agenda

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Absent
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

RESOLUTIONS:

164-2011 Councilman Castelli July 4 Ever Fireworks Contract

Amending 164-2011 subject to the borough attorney working out the agreement and subject to addressing insurance requirements and two other contractual issues.

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Absent
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

166-2011 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Absent
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Mayor Suarez is glad that the governing body was able to work together and hope this continues.

**Application for Raffles License:**

St. James Episcopal Church

APPROVED

Raffle  
June 11, 2011 – 6:00-8:00 pm  
514 Abbott Avenue

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

Councilman Castelli: Introduce the motion made in the work session

Stephen Pellino introduced the motion “to authorize the borough attorney to take an active role in compelling the borough insurance carrier to provide coverage for the legal expenses from Mayor Suarez incurring from his prosecution which resulted in his vindication subject to limit to \$4,000.

Councilman Castelli stated that this is to go after the insurance company we have that covers the Mayor and Council entirely, and have them covers his bills. This is the insurance company’s responsibility not the borough’s responsibility.

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	No
Councilman Vincentz	No
Councilman Severino	Absent
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

Councilman Castelli would like to thank the Councilman regarding the budget. He stated that the goal is to not raise the taxes. He also thanked the Police Department regarding the residential parking and coming to an agreement and believes this will benefit the residents of Ridgefield.

Councilman Todd: received a letter from Mrs. Balbat, regarding her driveway and possibly installing yellow lines by her driveway, the intersection where she lives is a very dangerous driveway.

Councilman Vincentz: questioned the Senior bus traveling to the mall and why was it changed? Mayor Suarez stated that yes the schedule was changed to transporting the Seniors only twice a month to the mall.

Councilman Acosta: believes that the Mayor and Council worked well together tonight and hopes this teamwork keeps progressing.

Councilman Severino: Absent

Councilman Jimenez: wished everyone a happy holiday, commented on the residential parking permits and the new computer server..

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: (All speakers are limited to five minutes maximum per meeting)

No one came forward

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Prina  
Acting Borough Clerk