

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: March 12, 2012

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Public Session to Adjourn to Executive Session: C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Mayor Suarez – Adjournment into closed Executive Session in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”

Executive Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Public Session: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.:

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	Adj. to Ex.		Public	
	Pres.	Abs.	Pres.	Abs.
Mayor Suarez				
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
	Mayor Suarez	
Castelli		
Todd		
Vincentz		
Severino		
Acosta		
Jimenez		

119-2012 Councilman Jimenez Introduction of 2012 Budget

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2198 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2199 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2200 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 375, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2201 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

120-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Deferred Compensation Plan
121-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Overpayment of Taxes-Block 1302, Lot 6
122-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Court Judgment-Block 2502, Lot 9
123-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Court Judgment-Block 3104, Lot 2
124-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Appeal Settlement-Block 2704, Lot 22.02
125-2012	Mayor Suarez	National Start Walking Day
126-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Eighth Annual Cleanup Day
127-2012	Mayor Suarez	Poison Prevention Week

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

128-2012 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Coin Toss Request:

Ridgefield Boro Athletic Organization
Saturday, April 7, 2012 provided no rain on March 31, 2012
Saturday, June 2, 2012

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

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

Agenda subject to change as a result of matters not known at time of printing with the consent of the Mayor and Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Mayor Suarez

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular public meeting be adjourned, and that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield shall meet in a closed Executive Session following a five minute recess at the termination of this meeting. The purpose of the Executive Session shall be to discuss the following matters:

- _____ Personnel matters in various departments of the Borough.
- _____ Pending and Potential Litigation
- _____ Tax Court Litigation.
- _____ Potential real estate transactions in which the Borough may engage.

COUNCIL VOTE				
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as soon as practicable discussion concerning

- _____ Personnel matters
- _____ Potential real estate transactions shall be disclosed to the public.
- _____ And that discussions with the Borough Attorney concerning litigation shall be disclosed when said litigation is terminated.

Adjournment to Closed Session. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reconvene into Public Session, if necessary, to take action on Closed Session items.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 119-2012

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Ridgefield, Bergen County, New Jersey for Calendar Year 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in The Record in the issue of March 16, 2012, and that a hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Community Center on April 23, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2198

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled

“AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”

introduced on the 12th day of March, 2012, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 26th day of March, 2012 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2198

“AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen finds its advisable and necessary to increase its 2012 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget of said year, amounting to \$142,087.40 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2012 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Ridgefield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by up to 3.5%, amounting to \$497,305.90, and that the 2012 municipal budget for the Borough of Ridgefield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2199

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 12th day of March, 2012, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 26th day of March, 2012 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2199

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIDGEFIELD”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Chapter 75 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, be, and hereby is amended as follows:

Section I.

Section 75-29, entitled “Charges”, subpart (d) be and hereby is amended by deleting the existing language of subsection (d) and replacing same with the following:

(d) An administrative fee of \$5.80 per hour off-duty police officer employed will be billed regardless if the vehicle is used or not.

Section II.

Section 75-19, entitled “Special law enforcement officers”, be and hereby is amended by replacing the existing language with the following:

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield may appoint from time to time special law enforcement officers in accordance with New Jersey Statutes for terms not exceeding one year. They shall possess and exercise all the powers and duties provided by said statutes during their term in office, but shall not be continued as regular members of the Police Department and shall not be entitled to tenure. The Chief of Police may authorize special law enforcement officers when on duty to exercise the same powers and authority as regular members of the Police Department, including the carrying of firearms, extraneous duty, and the power of arrest. (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 et seq.)

Section III. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section IV. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2200

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 375, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM”

introduced on the 12th day of March, 2012, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 26th day of March, 2012 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2200

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 375, “VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC”, RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Chapter 375 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic, Resident Parking Program”, be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section I.

Section 375-64, previously deleted in its entirety by Ordinance No. 2174, be and hereby is re-established as a section to be entitled “Churches”, and to read as follows:

§375-64. Churches and Houses of Worship.

Persons attending worship services at church or other houses of worship may park their vehicles on Borough streets in contravention of the provisions of this ordinance, but solely for the purpose of, and only during the times at which, such persons are actually attending church and/or other organized religious worship services. Such church or other house of worship shall register with the Borough Clerk, and shall thereafter be authorized to prepare placards, to be placed on the driver’s side dashboard of a car, with words indicating “IN CHURCH SERVICES”, and stating further the name and address of the church or other house of worship. Parking shall be permitted under this section only with such a placard affixed in the dashboard of the vehicle in question, and is to be utilized only during the time of actual church or other house of worship services. Any deviation from the above procedures shall constitute a violation of the ordinance. The Borough reserves the right to revoke the privileges of any church or other house of worship whose members utilize the placard to park a vehicle for purposes other than attendance at church or other house of worship services.

Section II. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section III. Severability.

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance,

and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section IV. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2201

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED “ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION”

introduced on the 12th day of March, 2012, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 26th day of March, 2012 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2201

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED “ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of
Ridgefield as follows:

Section I:

Chapter 29 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled “Environmental
Commission”, be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section 29-4 of Chapter 29 entitled “Powers” be and hereby is amended by adding to the
existing provisions of said paragraph the following: In addition to the other powers set forth
herein, the Environmental Commission shall also be charged with operating the Borough’s
Community Gardens and Nature Center as more particularly set forth below.

Section II:

Chapter 29 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended by
adding to the existing sections of said chapter two new sections as follows:

29-10: Community Gardens: The Ridgefield Community Gardens are hereby
defined as that area of land behind 5 garages off Shaler Boulevard, between Ray
and Slocum Avenues. The Environmental Commission is hereby authorized to
conduct and control the operation of the Community Gardens and the Commission
is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate and adopt regulations for the
operation of the Community Gardens. A copy of said regulations will be filed
with the Borough Clerk and shall be adopted by reference as part of this Code
after said filing.

29-11: Ridgefield Nature Center: The Ridgefield Nature Center is hereby defined
as that area of land wooded fenced in areas (5.4 acres) to the south of Ray Avenue
between Shaler Boulevard and Abbott Avenue. The Environmental Commission
is hereby authorized to conduct and control the operation of the Ridgefield Nature
Center and the Commission is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate and
adopt regulations for the operation of the Nature Center. A copy of said

regulations will be filed with the Borough Clerk and shall be adopted by reference as part of this Code after said filing.

Section III: In all other respects, the terms, conditions and provisions of Chapter 29 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield are hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section IV: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section V: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 120-2012

WHEREAS, in order to attract and retain qualified employees there exists a need to adopt and implement a DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN for the employees of the Borough of Ridgefield (hereinafter referred to as "Employer"), which will provide employees the opportunity to enhance their financial security at retirement through savings of compensation on a deferred basis as provided by Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"); and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Employer adopted a DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN provided by ING –Plan Document Identifier; 78-PD-ING-022211; and

WHEREAS, the offering of additional investments from another contractor will provide additional retirement investment options to participating employees; and

WHEREAS, there is no direct financial cost to the Employer to adopt and implement an additional employee deferred compensation plan and

WHEREAS, the Employer solicited written proposals from two or more contractors for a Deferred Compensation Plan that meet the requirements of the Municipal, County and Authority Deferred Compensation Programs Rule N.J.A.C. 5:37; including ING and Axa-Equitable

WHEREAS, the following contractors submitted written proposals:
AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company (hereinafter referred to as "ING") and Axa-Equitable;
and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield reviewed the proposals and met with representatives of the responding contractors of deferred compensation services; and

WHEREAS, it was deemed that ING has the ability to: (1) maintain complete records of accounts; (2) manage accounts with absolute fidelity; (3) provide advice concerning various categories of investments; and (4) provide continuing consultation to participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough Treasurer Erik Lenander is hereby authorized to execute the Service Agreement with ING and to submit all necessary documents to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the state Department of Community affairs for approval

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Treasurer Erik Lenander is hereby

designated as Local Plan Administrator for the administration of the DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and a representative of ING in the selection of ING as contractor for the administration of the Service Agreement pursuant to N.J.A.C. Section 5:37-5.7.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Ridgefield is adopting a deferred compensation plan substantially similar to one on which a favorable Private Letter Ruling has been previously obtained from the federal Internal Revenue Service except for provision added by reason of The Small Business Job Protection Act 1996 (United State Public Law no.104-188), the Tax Payer Relief Act 2001 (United States public law no.105-34) and the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act 2001 (United states public law no.107-16) , and all such provisions are stated in the plan in terms substantially similar to the text of those provisions in the Internal Revenue code section 457.The use of the Ruling is for guidance only and acknowledges that for Internal Revenue Service purposes, the Ruling of another employer is not to be considered precedent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution and all necessary required documents shall be submitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the State Department of Community Affairs for approval.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Ridgefield at a meeting held on March 12, 2012

Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2012

WHEREAS, an overpayment of taxes in the Borough of Ridgefield was received for the first quarter 2012 for Block 1302 Lot 6, also known as 640 Center Street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that a refund in the amount of \$2,345.74 for the first quarter 2012 be issued to Andrey and Antonina Silkov.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$2,345.74 made payable to Andrey and Antonina Silkov and mailed to 640 Center Street, Ridgefield New Jersey 07657.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 122-2012

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 2502 Lot 9, also known as 550 Bergen Boulevard for the years 2010 and 2011; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Steven Karas and Paul Schmidt be issued a refund in the amount of \$2,718.05 for the year 2010 and \$2,771.90 for the year 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$5,489.95 made payable to Michael I. Schneck, Trste for Steven Karas and Paul Schmidt and mailed to 301 South Livingston Avenue, Suite 105, Livingston, New Jersey 07039.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

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Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 123-2012

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 3104 Lot 2, also known as 481 Bergen Boulevard for the years 2009 and 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that 481 Realty Corp be issued a refund in the amount of \$781.50 for the year 2009 and \$807.50 for the year 2010;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$1,589.00 made payable to Nashel & Nashel Trust Account on behalf of 481 Realty Corp. and mailed to 415 Sixtieth Street, West New York, New Jersey 07093.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2012

WHEREAS, Robert E. Spiotti, Esq. has filed a tax appeal challenging assessments at 760 Edgewater Avenue, Block 2704, Lot 22.02 for 2011;

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue is Nine Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Six Hundred (\$955,600.00) Dollars;

WHEREAS, the parties have exchanged discovery and appraisal reports and have entered into settlement discussions and proposed settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing body that it does hereby authorize and approve a proposed settlement as follows:

1. Adjusted assessment for 2011 at Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$850,000.00) Dollars;
2. That the Special Tax Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Stipulation of Settlement for filing with the Tax Court;
3. That the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed, upon receipt of the Tax Court Judgment, to calculate the amount of the refund and cause same to be paid to the taxpayer, without statutory interest, within sixty (60) days from the date of the Tax Court Judgment;
4. That the within settlement is subject to review and approval thereof by the taxpayer.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

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Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2012

WHEREAS, each year 1.2 million Americans suffer a new and recurrent coronary attack, and cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause of death with direct and indirect costs estimated to be \$475.3 billion in 2009 and will triple by 2030; and

WHEREAS, more physical activity can help improve these statistics; and

WHEREAS, some adults may gain up to two hours of life expectancy for every hour of regular, vigorous physical activity, such as very brisk walking; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the possibility of increased life expectancy, regular walking has many proven benefits for an individual's overall health. Brisk walking for 30 minutes a day can lower both bad cholesterol (LDL) levels and high blood pressure. It may also help individuals who are overweight prevent weight gain, and reduce their risk of stroke; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's Start! Initiative calls on all citizens of Ridgefield to walk at least 30 minutes today; and

WHEREAS, the purpose behind National Start! Walking Day is to get Americans to become more physically active by walking and taking a more active role in their health.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Anthony R. Suarez, in recognition of the importance of regular physical activity, hereby proclaims April 6, 2011

“National Start! Walking Day”

in Ridgefield, NJ and urge all citizens to show their support for walking and the fight against heart disease and commemorate this day by walking at the Ridgefield Nature Center and the Slocum Path.

By increasing awareness of the importance of physical activity to reduce the risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2012

WHEREAS, in year 2011 the Borough of Ridgefield successfully sponsored it's Seventh Annual Cleanup Day; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Ridgefield has recommended that the tradition of an annual cleanup day be continued in year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to recognize the initiative and hard work of the Environmental Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the community that an Eighth Annual Cleanup Day be scheduled in the year 2012:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield as follows:

1. Saturday, March 31, 2012 be, and hereby is, declared to be the Eighth Annual Cleanup Day in the Borough of Ridgefield. In case of rain, the cleanup day will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2012.
2. The Environmental Commission will take the lead in implementing the cleanup day. It is envisioned that teams of volunteers will be scheduled to collect trash and recyclables from various public areas, that residents be encouraged to remove litter from their properties and curb areas in front of their homes, and that local businesses are encouraged to clean up their properties, including parking lots and other surrounding areas.
3. The Borough hereby encourages all of its residents to work together in connection with the goal of the cleanup day in order to become better stewards of the earth, and to take pride in the community by making Ridgefield clean and green.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE				
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincenz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2012

WHEREAS, the third full week in March has been designated National Poison Prevention Week, focusing national attention on the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. Established by the U.S. Congress in 1961, National Poison Prevention Week is commissioned by the National Poison Prevention Week Council. During this week, we come together as a community to educate ourselves on poison prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of our families, communities, and each other.

WHEREAS, each year, over a million cases are reported to the New Jersey Poison Control Center. Across the United States, poison centers handle 1 call every 13 seconds and answer more than 4 million calls yearly. To prevent these poisonings from happening to you or a loved one, parents, teachers, nurses, and everyone in the community should take measures to ensure that unintentional poisonings are being prevented. A few ways to prevent a poisoning from happening include placing household chemicals out of the reach of children, storing items in their original containers to avoid confusion, and reading product labels, including the recommended dosages on all products. Older adults should take special precautions to understand medication safety.

WHEREAS, to learn more about ways to help prevent poisoning, I encourage Ridgefield citizens to visit the Poison Help Web site at www.PoisonHelp.hrsa.gov. In case of an emergency, individuals should contact their local poison center by calling the toll-free Poison Help line, 1-800-222-1222. Poison prevention is the key to safer, healthier lives.

WHEREAS, for the above reasons, I am asking the citizens of Ridgefield to join me in commemorating March 18-24, 2012 as National Poison Prevention Week. I call upon all Ridgefield's citizens to observe this week by partnering with the New Jersey Poison Control Center and participating in appropriate activities to learn more about how to prevent poisonings.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration, the American Association of Poison Control Centers, the National Poison Prevention Week Council, and the Borough of Ridgefield welcome your participation in National Poison Prevention Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor, do hereby proclaim March 18-24, 2012 as National Poison Prevention Week in Ridgefield and call upon our community to observe this week in support of poison prevention.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk

The undersigned, being the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, New Jersey, and the person charged with the responsibility of maintaining financial records of said Borough in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:4-57 and the rules of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey adopted thereunder, does hereby certify that there are adequate funds available for the payment of the attached list of invoices, duly adopted by said Borough, and which said list indicates the specific line item of said budget to which expenditures shall be charged.

Joseph Luppino,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 12, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2012

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling \$1,639,073.77
Be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$1,596,699.85
TRUST	19,479.77
CAPITAL	630.55
DOG LICENSE	3.60
COAH TRUST	22,260.00
TOTAL	\$1,639,073.77

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincenz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Borough Clerk