

Public Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on May 9 , 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, Severino, Acosta and Jimenez were present

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

Mayor Suarez commented on Corresponded he received:

Received a resolution from the township of Dumont that was passed regarding the BCUA and the increase of fees and calling for lowering their fees; Fire Prevention Bureau monthly report for April totaling \$17,993, April monthly report from the Police Department is available in his office; the Superintendent of the High School requested use of the little league field and the PA system on June 23, 2011 graduation ceremony- APPROVED.

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2174 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 375 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" "RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM" TO REQUIRE RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS"

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

Dennis Blysick: Suggested that the whole borough doesn't need this requirement, only certain sections of the town that is having these issues should require a sticker. He believes if we only require certain parts of town that has a problem, then will save on signage and localize enforcement of what you're trying to achieve.

Councilman Acosta stated that this is not just to stop people who park their cars while taking the bus but also the people who are illegally living in houses in town and having their children going to our schools.

Mayor Suarez stated that he spoke to Ron Deramo, who's working on the illegal students in our schools; he agrees with this ordinance. He stated that the primary effect, parking on the streets with people that shouldn't be there will eventually remediate the problem regarding illegal students which is costing the town \$15,000 for each student that shouldn't be there, this ordinance should help identify those who don't belong in our school system;

Councilman Castelli stated that the stickers are already designed which will be located on the rear mirror of each car and the police officer doesn't even need to get out of the car, data check will be quicker than when he has to run someone's plates. Nothing has been purchased just the design which has been made.

Gonz Fernandez: asked the question, this will enforce the illegal's, who will be enforcing this? Councilman Castelli stated that would go to the Building Department. Gonz asked if in the past a resident was reported as an illegal, a \$ 500 award would be given to whomever notified the police, he would like to know an estimate of many people collected the reward. Mayor Suarez stated that he doesn't know the exact number because he doesn't monitor it but reassure him that over the years a number of illegal tenants have been caught. Stephen Pellino stated that his understanding were that several tips were paid rewards regarding the removal of the illegal tenants. Gonz also wanted to know how will illegal students be removed from our schools? Stephen Pellino stated that implementing this system will be harder for residents to park on the streets, and harder for illegal students to live in this town.

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

Councilman Severino stated that the hours of the ordinance won't stop people from parking on the streets when they're using the bus, he believes some of the streets will remain a parking lot unless we expand the hours on the ordinance.

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2175 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REVERSION TO A CALENDAR YEAR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-3.2(b)"

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

Public Hearing

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Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

	Motion:	Second:
168-2011	Councilman Castelli	Appoint Summer Playground /Summer Office Staff
169-2011	Mayor Suarez	Proclamation-EMS Week
170-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Chapter 159-Municipal Alliance
171-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Authorize Tax Assessor to Make Application to County Board of Taxation – Reassessment

Councilman Vincentz asked why his name was removed as sponsor for Resolution 171-2011 since he been working on this for over a year? No justification was given.

173-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Approve Animal Control Contract 2011/2012
174-2011	Councilman Castelli	Hire Additional Swim Pool Personnel for 2011 Pool Season

Councilman Vincentz abstain on hiring swim pool personnel of K. Vincentz

175-2011	Councilman Castelli	Reject Pool Concession Services Bid/Authorize Solicitation of Quotes
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Roll Call on Consent Agenda

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes, abstains on 174 (K.Vincentz)
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

RESOLUTIONS:

172-2011	Councilman Acosta	Hire Community Center Attendant
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Roll Call

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

176-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Warrants
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Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes, No on 78130, 78139,78172,78190,78198
Councilman Vincentz	Yes, No on 78130, 78139,78172,78190,78198
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

177-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Time Warner Application
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Roll Call

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

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Mayor Suarez commented on the annual carnival that was held last weekend and thanked all the volunteers who made it a huge success; thanked the Fire Dept and emergency services that assisted in the fire at Sphinx Bus Company, Hoped all the mothers had a wonderful Mothers Day;

Application for Raffles License:

St. Matthews Church
50/50
June 12, 2011 – 1:15 pm
555 Prospect Avenue

APPROVED

NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application:

Jonathan Berger
890 Edgewater Avenue
Company No. 1

APPROVED

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

Councilman Castelli: commented on the appeal by the Fire Department and stated that the only reasons it was not discussed in tonight's meeting was that they receive it tonight and didn't have time to review with the DPW what was being appealed; congratulated the Fire Department for their hard work in their efforts for taking care of the fire at Sphinx Bus Company; reminded the residents of the memorial day parade; thanked the entire Mayor and Council and Police Department for passing Ordinance 2174; announced that on May 30th there will be a ceremony renaming the pool complex in honor of former Mayor Veale.

Councilman Todd: is glad that former Mayor Veale is being honored and believes he is very deserving and has been vital to the Borough of Ridgefield.

Councilman Acosta: thanked all the emergency services for their hard work at Sphinx Bus Company

Councilman Vincentz: is happy with the success of the carnival; commended the Fire and Police Departments for all their hard work; made a recommendation with the pending Tennis Court Grant and pending Banta Grant, recommended that we draft an agreement with the engineer that will be doing the design and inspections of these projects and have that document ready so when we do get that final paper it doesn't slow us down proceeding with the projects. When we get that final go-ahead for these two grants will be ready to go into design faze and won't have to trouble ourselves doing a negotiation; Councilman Acosta believes we should wait.

Councilman Vincentz asked if anything has been resolved regarding 540 Prospect Ave water issue. Councilman Acosta stated that it's the Building Department and Armand

Marini issue. Councilman Vincentz asked if the problem at Pleasantview Terrace sewer issue has been resolved, Councilman Acosta stated that no its has not been resolved, he stated that this is the state issue; he stated that the state will be responsible for paying the bills.

Councilman Severino: stated the only problem with the carnival is when the company leaves and the effect it has on the field, he believes it damages some parts of the field and doesn't want to see anyone get hurt due to the damages and suggested that we find an alternate site to host the carnival for next year rather than it be on our varsity soccer and baseball field, he suggested a committee be formed to finding a new site.

Councilman Jimenez: commended the Fire Department for the hard work; made a resolution considering the Light Tower Application for Data Transmission to authorize the borough attorney and the borough engineer to take the necessary action to implement their application for a licensed to use the borough roadways.

Councilman Acosta questioned if they have to use the Police Department, who will cover that cost. Stephen Pellino stated that they will be responsible for reimbursing us for all of our cost.

Roll Call

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

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

Joe DeGuilmo: does applaud the Mayor and Council for trying to remediate the parking problem however he believes the course of action especially with schools will be very difficult.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:33 P.M

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Prina
Acting Borough Clerk