

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Work Session, Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: September 23, 2013

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Work Session: 6:00 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

- Ridgefield Ambulance Corps.-Third Party Billing

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.: Adjourn:

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Severino		
Acosta		
Jimenez		
Penabad		
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ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

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Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Severino		
Acosta		
Jimenez		
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ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

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Mayor Suarez		
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Severino		
Acosta		
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As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2235 entitled, “A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$175,000 FOR ELM AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, SECTION 2, WITHIN THE BOROUGH TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND TO APPROPRIATE \$150,000 FROM A NJDOT FISCAL YEAR 2013 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT AND \$25,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND”

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

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2236 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 355 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, ENTITLED SWIMMING POOLS"

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

Note: Hearing on Ordinance No. 2237 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 390-39.7 ENTITLED "OMH OFFICE/MID-RISE HOTEL ZONE" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD" will be held on October 15, 2013

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2238 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 49 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, ENTITLED INSPECTIONS"

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

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2239 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 375-52 DESIGNATING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2240 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 322 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

254-2013	Councilman Jimenez	Endorse 2014 CDBG Project
255-2013	Councilman Jimenez	Engineering Services-Elm Avenue Section 2
256-2013	Councilman Jimenez	Municipal Charges-Yard Maintenance
257-2013	Councilman Jimenez	Overpayment of Taxes-Block 2702, Lot 5
258-2013	Councilman Jimenez	Overpayment of Taxes-Block 3405, Lot 17
259-2013	Councilman Acosta	Hire Per-Diem Community Service Officers
260-2013	Mayor Suarez	Proclamation-Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day
261-2013	Mayor Suarez	Appointment to Environmental Commission

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Penabad				
Shim				
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

262-2013 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Discussion on Pink Cares 5K Run

Coin Toss Request:

RMHS Baseball
Saturday, March 9, 2014
Saturday, May 3, 2014

Permission to Hang Banner – Bergen Boulevard:

Sts. Vartanantz – Bazaar and Food Festival
October 21-November 18, 2013

Application for Special Permit for Social Affair:

Senior Citizens of Ridgefield
October 16, 2013 – 5:00-11:00 pm
725 Slocum Avenue

Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church
November 15-16, 2013 – 4:00 pm - Midnight
461 Bergen Boulevard

Raffles License Application:

PTA RMHS Project Graduation
December 18, 2013 – 6:00 pm
555 Walnut Street

Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church
November 17, 2013 – 2:00 pm
461 Bergen Boulevard

N.J. State Firemen's Association Membership Application:

Rolando Pared
787 Elizabeth Street
Company #2

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. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

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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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. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2235

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

“A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$175,000 FOR ELM AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, SECTION 2, WITHIN THE BOROUGH TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND TO APPROPRIATE \$150,000 FROM A NJDOT FISCAL YEAR 2013 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT AND \$25,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND”

introduced on the 9th day of September, 2013, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 9, 2013

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2235

“A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$175,000 FOR THE ELM AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, SECTION 2, PROJECT BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND TO APPROPRIATE \$150,000 FROM A NJDOT FISCAL YEAR 2013 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT AND \$25,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this Ordinance is hereby respectively authorized as a general improvement to be made by the Borough of Ridgefield, New Jersey, for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2, there are hereby appropriated the sum of money therein stated as the appropriation made for said improvement or purpose, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made thereof and amounting in the aggregate to \$150,000 from a NJDOT Fiscal Year 2013 Municipal Aid Grant and \$25,000 which is now available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

SECTION 2. The Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, is hereby authorized to provide for the following:

Elm Avenue Improvements Section 2 including all labor, material costs and appurtenances necessary and related thereto	<u>\$175,000</u>
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SECTION 3. It is hereby determined and stated:

(a) That said purpose is not a current expense. That the same is an improvement which the municipality may lawfully make and that no part of the cost of said improvement has been or shall be specifically assessed on properties specifically benefited.

It is not necessary to finance said appropriation by the issuance of obligations by the Borough of Ridgefield pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, for the reason that monies sufficient to cover the appropriation thereof shall be available from a NJDOT Fiscal Year 2013 Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$150,000 and from the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$25,000.

SECTION 4. The Capital Budget of the Borough of Ridgefield is hereby amended or established to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended or temporary Capital Budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 5. The sum of \$175,000 is hereby appropriated for the aforementioned purpose.

SECTION 6. It is hereby determined and stated that no supplemental debt statement is required to be made and signed in connection with said appropriation, since the gross debt of the municipality, as defined under the Local Bond Law, is not increased by this Ordinance and no obligations in the matter of notes or bonds are authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect after publication thereof and final passage as required by law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2236

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 355 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, ENTITLED SWIMMING POOLS”

introduced on the 9th day of September, 2013, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 9, 2013

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2236

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 355 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIDGEFIELD, ENTITLED SWIMMING POOLS”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Section I.

Section 355-15 entitled “Lighting” be and hereby is amended by deleting the existing wording of said section and replacing same with the following:

No artificial lighting shall be maintained or operated in connection with private swimming pools or wading pools in such a manner as to be a nuisance or an annoyance to neighboring properties.

Section II: In all other respects, the terms, conditions and provisions of Section 355-15 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield are hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section III. Repealer

All other Ordinances of the Borough of Ridgefield that are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section IV. Severability.

If any part of this Ordinance shall be invalid, such parts shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining part of this Ordinance.

Section V. Applicability:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage thirty (30) days after the date of first publication in accordance with the law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2238

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 49 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, ENTITLED INSPECTIONS”

introduced on the 9th day of September, 2013, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 9, 2013

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2238

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 49 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIDGEFIELD, ENTITLED INSPECTIONS”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Section I.

Section 49-5 entitled “Forms and approval by Borough Administrator” be and hereby is amended by deleting the existing wording of said section and replacing same with the following:

Forms and Approval by Borough Clerk.

Applications for administrative warrants shall be on the forms annexed as part of this chapter and shall be approved by the Borough Clerk, or her designee, before the application is made.

Section II. Repealer

All other Ordinances of the Borough of Ridgefield that are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section III. Severability.

If any part of this Ordinance shall be invalid, such parts shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining part of this Ordinance.

Section IV. Applicability:

This Ordinance shall take effect after publication thereof and final passage as required by law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2239

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 375-52 DESIGNATING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES”

introduced on the 23rd day of September, 2013, 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 15th day of October, 2013 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. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2239

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 375-52 DESIGNATING
HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES”

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

Section I:

Section 375-52 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled “Designated Areas”
subpart B, be and hereby is amended by the following:

1. Deleting the designated handicapped space at 764 Clark Avenue,
Ridgefield, New Jersey, presently appearing as Item 26 in the Ordinance.

Section II: In all other respects, the terms, conditions and provisions of Section 375-52
of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield are hereby ratified and affirmed.

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. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2240

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 322 OF THE CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 23rd day of September, 2013, 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 15th day of October, 2013 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. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2240

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 322 OF THE CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Rent Leveling Board has recommended certain changes to the Borough’s rent control ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has considered the recommended changes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to adopt the changes recommended by the Rent Leveling Board;

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

Section I. Chapter 332 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended as follows:

A. Section 322-1, Definitions, be and hereby is amended by adding to the existing definitions the following:

ANNIVERSARY DATE – The date that falls twelve (12) calendar months from the date of a tenant’s initial tenancy, and therefore on the same date in successive twelve (12) month periods.

B. Section 322-1, definition of “PROTECTED TENANT”, be and hereby is deleted in its entirety.

C. Section 322-1, definition of “TENANT”, be and hereby is amended by deleting the existing wording of that definition and replacing same with the following:

Lessee(s) or any other person(s) entitled under the terms of a lawful lease agreement to the use or occupancy of any housing space, including a month-to-month tenant.

D. Section 322-4, Powers of Board, be and hereby is amended by deleting in its entirety the existing subsection H. of that section.

- E. Section 322-6, Regulation of rental increases, be and hereby is amended by deleting the wording of the existing subsection B. in its entirety and replacing same with the following:

No landlord may request or receive an increase of rent in excess of the increases permitted by this ordinance. Landlords may receive only one increase in any twelve (12) month period prior to the later of the tenant's anniversary date, the date of the last rental increase to the tenant or such later date as the landlord may choose. Garage spaces or parking spaces that meet the definition of "a housing space" as defined here-in should be subject to rent increases not to exceed 3.5% except as provided in subsection J. here-of.

- F. Section 322-6, Regulation of rental increases, be and hereby is amended by deleting subsection D. in its entirety and re-designating the following subsections so that existing subsection E. becomes subsection D.; existing subsection F. becomes subsection E.; existing subsection G. becomes subsection F.; existing subsection H. becomes subsection G.; existing subsection I. becomes subsection H.; and existing subsection J. becomes subsection I.

- G. Section 322-6, Regulation of rental increases, be and hereby is amended by deleting the existing language of subsection K., re-designating same as subsection J., and having same read as follows:

Calculation of the rental increases permitted to the landlord pursuant to section 322-6 B, above, shall be as follows:

1. In those rental units in which the tenant supplies and pays for the tenant's heat, the CPI increase in accordance with sub-part 3 of this section, below, but in no event shall the increase be less than 2% and in no event greater than 3.5%.
2. In those rental units in which the landlord supplies and pays for the heat, the CPI increase as calculated by sub-part 3 of this section, below, but in no event shall the increase be less than 2.5% and in no event greater than 4%.
3. The CPI increase permitted herein shall be calculated by reference to the Consumer Price Index published by the Department of Labor for the New York, Northern New Jersey, Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA Area for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers with 1982-1984 = 100, and calculating the difference between said index on the first day of the month 90 days prior to the effective date of the proposed increase (hereinafter the "effective date"), and the index on the first day of the month, twelve (12) months prior to the effective date

(hereinafter the “base date”), and dividing the difference by the CPI on the base date.

For example, assume that the landlord wishes to impose an increase effective on June 1, 2013. Assume further that the tenant’s base monthly rent is \$1000. Assume further the appropriate CPI table reflects that a CPI index no. for April 2013 is 204.25, and for April 2012 is 201.6. To calculate the permissible CPI increase, one would subtract the April 2012 CPI figure of 201.6 from the April 2013 CPI figure of 204.25, yielding a difference of 2.65. This figure would be divided by the next number for April 2012 (2.65 divided by 201.6 = 0.0131) yielding a permissible percentage CPI increase of 1.31%.

H. Section 322-15, Appeals, be and hereby is amended by modifying subsection D., so that the phrase “sixty days” is replaced with the phrase “ninety days”.

Section II.

In all other respects, the terms and provisions of Chapter 322 are ratified and affirmed.

Section III. Repealer.

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

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

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 254-2013

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$100,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of Ridgefield for the Fiscal Year 2014 CDBG for Lloyd Street, Oak Street, and Van Renssalaer Court Roadway Improvements in the municipality of Ridgefield Borough; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Ridgefield hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE				
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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 255-2013

WHEREAS, there is a need for Civil Engineering Services for design and construction inspection of the project known as Elm Avenue Section 2 within the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, T.Y. LIN International, has submitted a Task Order Proposal dated August 2, 2013 for Civil Engineering Services at a lump sum cost of \$18,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will allow the Borough to utilize a \$150,000 grant received from the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2013 Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough of Ridgefield to proceed with the aforementioned project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough Engineer, T.Y. LIN International, is and hereby authorized to commence work on the proposal dated August 2, 2013 for Civil Engineering Services for design and construction inspection of the project known as Elm Avenue Section 2 within the Borough of Ridgefield in the amount of \$18,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available for said project in Capital Ordinance 2235.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 256-2013

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield received numerous complaints in regard to the disrepair and/or abandonment of certain properties; and

WHEREAS, the aforesated facts were confirmed upon inspection by the Property Maintenance Department; and

WHEREAS, Property Maintenance notified the owners that the properties needed to be cleaned up and maintained and the owners did not respond; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the adjacent neighbors and all municipal residents the Borough of Ridgefield hired vendors for emergency cleanup of said properties; and

WHEREAS, the owners of these properties were given ample time to respond and pay the clean up fees and have not done so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council directs Tax Collector Frank Berardo to place Municipal Charges upon the said properties for the clean up costs incurred by the Borough of Ridgefield according to the following schedule:

593 Studio Road Block 1902 Lot 5 \$200.00

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE				
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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 257-2013

WHEREAS, an overpayment of taxes was received in the Borough of Ridgefield for the third quarter 2013 for Block 2702 Lot 5, also known as 520 Morse Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that a refund in the amount of \$1,209.20 for the third quarter 2013 be issued to Michael Madden.

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 \$1,209.20 made payable to Michael Madden and be mailed to 520 Morse Ave, Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 258-2013

WHEREAS, an overpayment of taxes was received in the Borough of Ridgefield for the third quarter 2013 for Block 3405 Lot 17, also known as 391 Abbott Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that a refund in the amount of \$1,899.05 for the third quarter 2013 be issued to Hans Werner.

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 \$1,899.05 made payable to Valley National Bank c/o Werner and mailed to 1445 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Penabad				
Shim				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 259-2013

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that

GABRIEL CARAMES
JULIO PEREZ-TAVERA
BRYAN BERTA

be appointed as per-diem Community Service Officers at the hourly rate of \$14.00 effective immediately.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Penabad				
Shim				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 260-2013

WHEREAS, across the nation, traffic crashes caused approximately 34,000 fatalities in 2012, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, 589 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2012; and

WHEREAS, alcohol-related crashes accounted for 27 percent of the State's traffic fatalities, while 26 percent of all fatal crashes involved traveling at unsafe speeds; and,

WHEREAS, motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey's roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, 70 motorcyclists, 14 bicyclists and 163 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2012; and,

WHEREAS, safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks and using crosswalks when walking; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never driving impaired; wearing proper safety gear when riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and, focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor of the Borough Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2013, Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®, and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE				
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Penabad				
Shim				
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2013

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 261-2013

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that

STEVE H. YANG

be appointed to the Environmental Commission to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Shim through December 31, 2015.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Penabad				
Shim				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
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 September 23, 2013

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 262-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling \$1,985,359.57
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$1,952,599.30
TRUST	\$15,352.47
POOL	\$17,407.80
TOTAL	\$1,985,359.57

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Penabad				
Shim				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk