

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Regular and Executive Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: September 23, 2024

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Jimenez

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda

Correspondence

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Ryu		
Congalton-Hali		
Kim		
Ramundo		
Said		

Presentation of Proclamation to Asez Star

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2496 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 259, LITTERING, SUBSECTION 16, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, 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

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2497 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS ARTICLES OF CHAPTER 375, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2498 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 2608, LOT 1, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 505 STUDIO ROAD, RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Borough Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member(s) so request it, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies the adoption of all resolutions and approval of applications and minutes.

232-2024	Councilman Kontolios	Relocation of Bus Stop
233-2024	Councilman Kontolios	Hire DPW/Sanitation Employee-Montoya
234-2024	Councilwoman Congalton-Hali	Appoint Chairperson of Anti-Bullying Committee
235-2024	Councilman Kontolios	Support NJ DOT Hendricks Causeway Bridge Over Northern Running Track Project

Coin Toss Request:

RMHS Outdoor Club
Saturday, October 19, 2024 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Bergen Boulevard at Washington Avenue

RMHS Class of 2025
Saturday, November 16, 2024 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Bergen Boulevard at Washington Avenue

RMHS Class of 2026
Saturday, November 23, 2024 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Bergen Boulevard at Washington Avenue

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

RESOLUTIONS:

236-2024 Mayor Jimenez Appointment to Planning Board
237-2024 Councilman Said Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATOR:

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, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2496

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 259, LITTERING, SUBSECTION 16,
VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 9th day of September, 2024, 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

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 9, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2496

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 259, LITTERING, SUBSECTION 16,
VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

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

SECTION I. Chapter 259 Subsection 16 B be deleted and replaced with the following:

- B. Any person found guilty of violating this article of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield shall be subject to a penalty consisting of a fine or imprisonment, or both, subject to the discretion of the Judge, the maximum of which shall be the maximum fine or term of imprisonment permitted to be imposed by the court having jurisdiction over the violation of this article of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield; provided, however, that the fine shall not be less than \$200 nor more than \$2,000 per offense and the prison term shall not exceed 90 days in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-5.

SECTION II: All remaining provisions of Section 259-16 will remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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

SECTION V. 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.

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2497

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS ARTICLES OF CHAPTER 375, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 23rd day of September, 2024, 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, 2024 at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Complex, 700 Shaler Boulevard 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

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
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Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2497

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS ARTICLES OF CHAPTER 375, VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

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

SECTION I. Chapter 375, Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Parking, Stopping and Standing on Specific Streets, Subsection 6, Limited Duration Parking Areas be amended as follows:

1. Removing Subpart J parking is hereby prohibited on the westerly side of Shaler Boulevard beginning at a point 267 feet south of the intersection of Shaler Boulevard and Edgewater Avenue (southwest corner) and proceeding south from that point a distance of 22 feet between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. when school is in session for a period of longer than 60 minutes.

SECTION II. Chapter 375, Vehicles ad Traffic, Article XVI, Parking for Mobility Handicapped Persons, Subsection 52, Designated Areas be amended as follows:

1. Removing a single handicapped parking space in front of 571 Studio Road.
2. Removing a single handicapped parking space in front of 396 Oak Street.
3. Removing a single handicapped parking space in front of 563 Stewart Street.

SECTION III: All remaining provisions of Chapter 375 will remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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

SECTION VI. 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.

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2498

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

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 2608, LOT 1, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 505 STUDIO ROAD, RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY”

introduced on the 23rd day of September, 2024, 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, 2024 at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Complex, 700 Shaler Boulevard 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

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2498

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 2608, LOT 1, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 505 STUDIO ROAD, RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY”

WHEREAS, V & R Investors, LLC is the owner of certain real property located at Block 2608, Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, V & R Investors, LLC desires to convey a portion of Block 2608, Lot 1 to the Borough of Ridgefield for a utility easement to bound a certain existing municipal sanitary pipeline; and

WHEREAS, V & R Investors, LLC and the Borough agree to enter into a Deed of Easement involving the property located at Block 2608, a portion of Lot 1 for the utility easement; and

WHEREAS, the area of the proposed easement is more particularly described in a metes and bounds description prepared by Koestner Associates dated November 16, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, as well as the Detail Survey of Property, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield is desirous of acquiring the aforementioned easement; and

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, to wit, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-3, 4 and 5 provides the necessary authorization for the acquisition of real property by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield have determined that such property is needed for a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD that:

Section 1. The Borough of Ridgefield shall acquire an easement on the property currently owned by V & R Investors, LLC and identified as Block 2608, a portion of Lot 1 as set forth on a survey prepared by Koestner Associates dated November 16, 2023, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as well as the Detail Survey of Property, attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Section 2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk, be and of the same, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents required for the acquisition of the aforesaid easement.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the inconsistency thereof.

Section 4. If any article, section, sub-section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not effect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the publication as required by law.

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 232-2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8(e) the following described location is designated as a bus stop/layover:

ADDED BUS STOP/LAYOVER:
Municipal Roadway

1. Along Hendricks Causeway Eastbound on the southerly side thereof at:
 - a. Between Fulton Place and Church Street. Beginning 50' east of the easterly curb line at Fulton Place and extending 100 easterly therefrom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Ridgefield will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop's location and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 233-2024

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

FABIO MONTOYA

be hired with the DPW/Sanitation as a CDL Sanitation and Bus Driver effective September 26, 2024 at the annual salary of \$46,000.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Councilwoman Congalton-Hali

RESOLUTION NO. 234-2024

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

JI WON CHA

be appointed Chairperson of the Anti-Bullying Committee for the remainder of calendar year 2024.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
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Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 235-2024

WHEREAS, a meeting was held on July 12, 2024 between the NJDOT and representatives of Ridgefield concerning the Hendricks Causeway Bridge Over Northern Running Track project ; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Ridgefield were in agreement with the Hendricks Causeway Bridge Over Northern Running Track project improvements as shown on the plans as presented at the meeting held on July 12, 2024; and

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

1. The Borough Council authorizes and directs the Borough Clerk to forward a letter to the NJDOT indicating support for the proposed improvements to the Hendricks Causeway Bridge Over Northern Running Track project.
2. The Borough Clerk is further directed to forward such a letter to be attached to this Resolution expressing its support for this project.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
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Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Mayor Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 236-2024

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor appoints

DAVID CASTRO

as his alternate on the Planning Board for the remainder of calendar year 2024.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT-NO COUNCIL
VOTE NEEDED**

Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, 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.

Francis J. Elenio,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 237-2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$819,878.65**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$809,973.88
TRUST	\$1,147.33
POOL	\$7,379.36
DOG LICENSE	\$58.20
COAH	\$1,319.88
TOTAL	\$819,878.65

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Congalton-Hali				
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Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting September 23, 2024

Presented by Mayor Jimenez

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				
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
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Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

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:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk