

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: April 15, 2010

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.: Adjourn:

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Reverend Janet Blair, Zion Lutheran Church

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2009, October 13, 2009, October 26, 2009 and November 23, 2009 Public Session Meetings

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
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ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

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PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

	Motion:	Second:
141-2010	Councilman Todd	Authorize Agreement with Hudson County Animal Enforcement
142-2010	Councilman Vincenz	Authorize Public Auction of Borough Vehicles
143-2010	Councilman Vincenz	Authorize Increase of Cost and Scope of Planning and Zoning Analysis-Kauker & Kauker

144-2010	Councilman Vincentz	Return of Premium-Tax Title Lien #08-08
145-2010	Councilman Vincentz	Overpayment of Taxes-Block 405, Lot 5
146-2010	Councilman Severino	2009 Recycling Tonnage Grant
147-2010	Councilman Severino	2009 Recycling Tonnage Grant Tax Reimbursement
148-2010	Councilman Todd	Sixth Annual Cleanup Day
149-2010	Councilman Vincentz	Borough Clerk's Salary

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Vincentz				
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Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

150-2010 Councilman Vincentz Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Special Permission Requested:

Project Graduation Coin Toss
 Saturday, April 17, 2010 and Saturday, April 24, 2010
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 Broad Avenue at Route 5/Ray Avenue
 Edgewater Avenue at Shaler Boulevard
 Bergen Boulevard at Washington Avenue

Armenian Relief Society of Eastern USA
 Walk-A-Thon
 Sunday, May 2, 2010 - 1:00 pm
 Beginning at Sts. Vartanantz Church on Bergen Boulevard heading north then east up Edgewater Avenue

Nutrition Center Volunteers
 Thursday, April 22, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.
 Use of Borough bus for transportation to and from County sponsored volunteer dinner in Garfield

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

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. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 15, 2010

Presented by Mayor Anthony R. 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.

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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,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 15, 2010

Presented by Councilman Todd

RESOLUTION NO. 141-2010

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16b, each municipality is charged with enforcing animal control; and

WHEREAS, the current Animal Control contract is set to expire on May 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has solicited proposals for other Animal Control companies that may suit the needs of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received a proposal from Hudson County Animal Enforcement that is under the bid threshold amount and satisfies the needs of the Borough;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Governing Body the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract for Animal Control Services with Hudson County Animal Enforcement in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00.

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 15, 2010

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 142-2010

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has been advised that certain vehicles have reached the end of their useful life; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that it is appropriate to attempt to sell these vehicles at auction; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the sale of such personal property is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.1; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has historically utilized the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey ("PA/NY-NJ") to notice such sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 and convene an auction as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined not to fix minimum prices for such vehicles nor has the Borough reserved onto itself the right to reject all bids where the highest bidder is not accepted; and

WHEREAS, such vehicles no longer bear any municipal markings (i.e., police and/or dpw) and have been repainted with white spray paint; and

WHEREAS, all other Borough property and emergency equipment have been removed from such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the registration plates for such vehicles have been removed; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles have been delivered to the Manhattan Towing Company which vehicles were the subject of public auction by the PA/NY-NJ.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body authorizes and ratifies the sale at public auction of the following vehicles:

Vehicle Number	Vehicle Make and Model	Year	Vehicle Identification #	Registration	Mileage
32	Ford Crown Victoria	2004	2FAHP71W34X11961	NJ-MG60203	76,814.0

29	Chevrolet Astro Van	1987	1DGCCM15Z0HB241197	NJ- MG33906	74,591.4
8	GMC Small Dump Truck	1989	1GDHV34K6KJ501873	NJ- MG16475	48,104.1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the notice of sale of these vehicles has been completed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

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Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 15, 2010

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 143-2010

WHEREAS, Kauker & Kauker, LLC., was authorized by motion at the Mayor and Council meeting of September 26, 2009 to undertake a Planning and Zoning Analysis with COAH effect and zoning recommendations in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Kauker & Kauker, LLC., by letter dated January 20, 2010 to the Borough Administrator requested additional funding authorization of \$3,500.00 to reflect additional time and cost needed to produce the final report entitled "Proposed Zoning Amendment- Office Low Rise (O-LR) Zone; and

WHEREAS, said additional costs were due to expansion of the study area which required additional field work to document existing conditions as well as additional office time to evaluate these conditions; and

WHEREAS, said changes are prudent as it would be detrimental to the Borough of Ridgefield to re-advertise the project, causing delays in its completion:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough Administrator is and hereby authorized to increase the cost and scope of the Planning and Zoning Analysis awarded to Kauker & Kauker, LLC., by \$3,500.00, making the total cost of the project \$8,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds in the amount of \$3,500.00 are available for the purpose of this Planning and Zoning analysis from the General Administration line item of the 2009/10 Budget.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

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Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2010

WHEREAS, IndyMac Bank has deposited a check in the amount of \$22,176.18 into the Suspense Account for the redemption and subsequent taxes of Tax Lien # 08-08, Block 3303 Lot 18, further known as 754 Hamilton Avenue, sold to Giuseppe Stella, 784 Glen Road, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010 and whereas \$1,200.00 was previously deposited into the Trust Account at the time of tax sale for the premium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue and sign a check in the amount of \$22,176.18 from the Suspense Account and a check for \$1,200.00 from the Trust Account for the return of the premium;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the check in the amount of \$22,176.18 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Suspense Account and the check for \$1,200.00 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Trust account and be made payable to Giuseppe Stella and mailed to 784 Glen Road, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010.

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Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 15, 2010

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2010

WHEREAS, an overpayment of taxes in the Borough of Ridgefield was received for the First Quarter 2010 on Block 405 Lot 5, also known as 952 Maple Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the overpayment of the First Quarter 2010 taxes be applied to the open Second Quarter 2010 taxes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is authorized to apply the overpayment of the First Quarter 2010 taxes to the Second Quarter 2010 taxes.

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Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 15, 2010

Presented by Councilman Severino

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2010

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for the calendar year 2009 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough of Ridgefield hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Nicholas Gambardella to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Prina, Acting Borough Clerk

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Presented by Councilman Severino

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2010

WHEREAS, the Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L. 2007, Chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, there is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility; and

WHEREAS, whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality except that all grant monies received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough of Ridgefield hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L.2007, Chapter 311, in 2009 in the amount of \$12,479.61. Documentation supporting this submission is available at 604 Broad Avenue and shall be maintained for no less than five years from this date.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

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Presented by Councilman Todd

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2010

WHEREAS, in year 2009 the Borough of Ridgefield successfully sponsored it's Fifth 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 2010; 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 a Six Annual Cleanup Day be scheduled in the year 2010:

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

1. Saturday, April 24, 2010 be, and hereby is, declared to be the Six Annual Cleanup Day in the Borough of Ridgefield. In case of rain, the cleanup day will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2010.
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, Acting Borough Clerk

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Bergen County, New Jersey

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Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2010

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the salary for Linda Prina be set at \$53,140.10 retroactive to December 12, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said salary shall be increased to \$60,000 upon attaining a New Jersey Registered Municipal Clerk's license.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting 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 April 15, 2010

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2010

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling \$1,213,614.89
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$1,145,102.70
TRUST	\$39,471.66
CAPITAL	\$9,000.00
POOL	\$3,140.53
SWIM POOL CAPITAL	\$5,000.00
DOG LICENSE	\$11,900.00
TOTAL	\$1,213,614.89

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Approved:

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