

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Special Public Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: August 13, 2009

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Anthony Suarez

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

Roll Call:

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION		
	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Lonzisero		
Todd		
Vincenz		
Severino		
Castelli		
Acosta		

Citizen's Comments on Agenda:

Introduction of Revised Ordinance No. 2107 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 293, PARKS, SUBSECTION 293-5, RULES AND REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

First Reading of Revised Ordinance

Roll Call

RESOLUTIONS:

- 306-2009 Councilman Lonzisero Proposed Question on General Election Ballot Regarding Senior Housing
- 307-2009 Councilman Vincenz Temporary Emergency Appropriation
- 308-2009 Councilman Vincenz Authorize C. Jenne to Investigate Additional ADA Access Walkways-Pool/Park
- 309-2009 Councilman Vincenz Warrants

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Martin A. Gobbo,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting August 13, 2009

Presented by Councilman Castelli and Vincentz

ORDINANCE NO. 2107 (revised)

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 293, PARKS, SUBSECTION 293-5, RULES AND REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009 do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and he 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 TO TABLE

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Martin A. Gobbo,  
Borough Clerk

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RIDGEFIELD”

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

SECTION I:

Subsection 293-5. Rules and Regulations.

L. Shall be amended to read as follows:

Bicycles may be ridden in Veteran’s Memorial Park except for the following designated areas and times;

1. No bicycle riding across pedestrian bridge.
2. No bicycle riding during summer camp hours of operation
3. No bicycle riding on the pedestrian crosswalk between the recreation office and the pool.

Bicycles will not be operated in a reckless manner and bicyclists must yield to pedestrians at all times. Bicycle riding may be temporarily suspended at anytime at the discretion of the police department, parks and recreation department with the consent of the mayor and council.

Bicycles may not be ridden in other parks and recreational facilities.

M. Shall be amended to read as follows:

Tennis Registration & Court Regulations

Hours and Location:

The tennis courts are located in Veterans’ Memorial Park and will be open from (weather permitting) 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM, 7 days per week.

### Registration Procedure:

All players are required to have a Tennis Badge I.D. which can be obtained at the Recreation Department during operating hours. Proof of Ridgefield residency is required each year, prior to the issuance of the new I.D. NO EXCEPTIONS! Only the following items will be accepted as proof of residency: a lease, deed, tax bill, maintenance agreement, or most recent cancelled rent check. All persons must be present at time of registration: at which time they will receive a copy of the rules and regulations. Tennis Badge I.D.'s are not transferable.

### Tennis Badge Fees:

Residents 18yrs or older.....\$5.00

Residents under 18 yrs.....No Charge

### Tennis Court Regulations:

#### 1. General

- Tennis courts are reserved exclusively for the enjoyment of members who are Ridgefield residents and their guests.

#### 2. Guest Procedures

- Guests will be permitted on tennis courts, provided that they are accompanied by a Ridgefield resident possessing a current Tennis Badge I.D.

#### 3. Tennis Court Rules

- When Others are waiting...
  - All play is restricted to one hour for singles and 1½ hours for doubles, when other players are waiting to play.
  - A court must be occupied by a minimum of two players and no more than four players (doubles), with the exception of Recreation Department sponsored activities.

#### 4. General Rules

- Members must have their Tennis Badge I.D.'s with them at all times to use courts.
- Adults 18 years of age and older have priority of court use on weekends and holidays before 1:00 PM.
- Mixed adult-youth play is permitted at all times.
- Shirts and proper attire must be worn at all times.
- Tennis shoes or sneakers are required on courts at all times.
- Borough sponsored programs, whether tennis or otherwise, take precedence over all other play.
- Food and drink are prohibited on courts.
- Bicycles, carriages, skateboards, rollerblades, etc are not permitted on courts.
- No animals are allowed in any part of the park, including the tennis court enclosures.
- All injuries must be reported immediately to the Recreation & Parks Department.

- No paid or unpaid group lessons will be permitted on courts except those sponsored by the Recreation & Parks Department and listed in the Department's brochure.
- No paid or unpaid private lessons will be permitted on the tennis courts. Violators (teacher and student) will lose court privileges.
- The Recreation & Parks Department has the right to revoke any Tennis Badge I.D. or eject any player for failure to comply with the aforementioned rules.

SECTION II: All remaining provisions of Section 293-5 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.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Martin A. Gobbo,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting August 13, 2009

Presented by Councilman Lonziserio

RESOLUTION NO. 306-2009

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1, et. seq. provides that the governing body of any municipality may ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the municipality upon a question or policy pertaining to the government or internal affairs thereof; and

WHEREAS, many Ridgefield seniors have spent their lives living in Ridgefield, raising their children in Ridgefield, and now trying to retire in Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, as the result of substantial financial pressures on Ridgefield residents, including the cost of living and property taxes, many seniors may not be able to retire comfortably in the homes they currently occupy; and

WHEREAS, many seniors would like to stay close to their family, friends and relatives without having to move to age restricted communities in other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council is desirous of ascertaining the sentiment of the legal voters as to whether or not the Borough of Ridgefield should purchase land within the Borough to provide senior housing.

WHEREAS, said land would remain the property of the Borough of Ridgefield and the Borough would oversee the project's design and sale or rent of said senior condominiums and/or apartments; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires, pursuant to statute, to have the County Clerk print upon the official ballots to be used in the upcoming November general election a question on this subject as phrased below;

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

1. The Mayor and Council hereby declares it is in the public's interest to submit to the voters of Ridgefield a question as formulated below in order to ascertain the sentiment of the voters in the Borough of Ridgefield pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:37-1, et. seq.
2. The Mayor and Council accordingly directs that the Borough Clerk shall submit this resolution, upon passage, to the County Clerk with the request that the question presented herein be placed on the ballot in the November 2009 general election to be voted upon by the voters of the Borough of Ridgefield in a non-binding referendum pursuant to the statute above stated.
3. The Mayor and Council determines that the question to be presented to the voters shall be as follows:

Should the Borough of Ridgefield purchase property for the purpose of constructing of condominiums and/or apartments for senior housing?

<b>COUNCIL VOTE</b>				
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Lonziserio				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Castelli				
Acosta				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Martin A. Gobbo,  
Borough Clerk

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Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 307-2009

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to current fund appropriations; and

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the fiscal 2009 temporary budget appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the fiscal year 2009 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A.40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$117,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20, that an emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for:

CURRENT FUND

Mayor and Council	
Other Expenses	6,000.00
Engineering Services	20,000.00
Fire Department	
Other Expenses	15,000.00
Animal Control Services	5,000.00
Volunteer Fire Widow Pension	5,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	\$ 51,000.00

POOL UTILITY

Salaries and Wages	60,000.00
Social Security Taxes	6,000.00
TOTAL POOL UTILITY	\$ 66,000.00

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Lonzisero				
Todd				
Vincenz				
Severino				
Castelli				
Acosta				
Mayor Suarez				

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RESOLUTION NO. 308-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough Engineer is and hereby authorized to undertake a study of ADA access needs in and around the pool and recreation complex to determine if additional measures are necessary to assure Borough compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this feasibility study will be undertaken as part of the Borough Engineer's monthly retainer fee.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 309-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling \$3,119,652.53  
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$3,068,707.79
TRUST	\$12,312.06
CAPITAL	\$596.17
POOL	\$38,036.51
TOTAL	\$3,119,652.53

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Todd				
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Severino				
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Acosta				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Martin A. Gobbo,  
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.

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Joseph Luppino,  
Chief Financial Officer