

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

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

Date: February 21, 2018

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Work Session: 6:00 P.M. C.T.O.: 6:04 P.M.
Adjourn: 6:37 P.M.

- DMR – Discussion on Town Hall Issues

Mayor Suarez – Adjournment into closed Executive Session in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”

Executive Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 6:38 P.M.
Adjourn: 7:03 P.M.

Public Session: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 7:30 P.M.
Adjourn: 7:43 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda: NONE

Correspondence:

Approval of February 7, 2018 Public Session Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli	X	
Acosta	X	
Penabad	X	
Shim	X	
Jimenez	X	
Kontolios	X	

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli	X	
Acosta	X	
Penabad	X	
Shim	X	
Jimenez	X	
Kontolios	X	

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli	X	
Acosta	X	
Penabad	X	
Shim	X	
Jimenez	X	
Kontolios	X	

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2336 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED ‘CONTRACTS’”

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. 2337 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 375-52 DESIGNATING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES"

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

111-2018	Councilman Acosta	Establish Salary for Borough Prosecutor
112-2018	Councilman Jimenez	Extend Due Date for 1 st Qtr. 2018 Taxes
114-2018	Councilman Acosta	2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant
115-2018	Councilman Acosta	2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant Tax Reimbursement

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

113-2018	Councilman Acosta	Crossing Guard Salary Increase
116-2018	Councilman Jimenez	Warrants
117-2018	Councilman Castelli	Authorize DMR to Begin Investigative Process with Regards to New Municipal Building

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

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 February 21, 2018

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				
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Acosta				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
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 February 21, 2018

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2336

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 20 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED ‘CONTRACTS’”

introduced on the 7th day of February, 2018, 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
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 7, 2018

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2336

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED ‘CONTRACTS’”

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

Section I.

Chapter 20 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended as follows:

Subpart A: §20-7B(1) is hereby amended by changing the words “Request for Proposals (RFP)” to “Request for Qualifications (RFQ)”.

Subpart B: §20-7C is hereby amended by changing the reference of “RFPs” to “RFQs”.

Subpart C: §20-7E is hereby amended by changing the reference of “RFP” to “RFQ”.

Section II.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final publication according to law.

Section III:

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

Section IV.

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.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 21, 2018

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2337

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 7th day of February, 2018, 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
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 7, 2018

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2337

“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. Adding a single handicapped space adjacent to 503 Ridgefield Terrace (on the north side of Ridgefield Terrace) beginning a point 314 feet east of the northeast corner of Bergen Boulevard and Ridgefield Terrace and continuing east a distance of 22 feet.

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 February 21, 2018

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2018

WHEREAS, Brian Eyerman was appointed as the Borough Prosecutor at the February 7, 2018 Mayor and Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council must establish the salary for Brian Eyerman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the annual salary for Brian Eyerman, Borough Prosecutor, is \$12,500.00 effective February 1, 2018.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 21, 2018

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2018

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54.4-67 permits the Mayor and Council of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes on or before the date when they would become delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield set forth said interest rate by Resolution 38-2018 at their January 6, 2018 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Building was closed for an emergency repair on the last day 1st Quarter 2018 taxes were due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the interest rate for the nonpayment of 1st Quarter 2018 property taxes shall be fixed at zero (0%) percent until February 14, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if payment of the 1st Quarter 2018 property tax is not made on or before February 14, 2018, the time period set forth above, then the interest rate for nonpayment of the 1st Quarter 2018 property tax shall revert back to the original interest rate established in Resolution 38-2018 and shall be charged from the statutory payment date for 1st Quarter property taxes of February 1, 2018.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 21, 2018

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2018

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the hourly rate for current crossing guards who have been employed for more than one complete school year be increased by \$0.25 effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any Crossing Guard having worked one complete school year shall be entitled to the above increase effective on the anniversary date of their hire.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 21, 2018

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2018

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 2017 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 Mildred Rojas 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. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 21, 2018

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2018

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 2017 in the amount of \$12,668.70. 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. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

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.

Diane Sherry,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 21, 2018

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2018

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$4,137,404.54**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$4,123,874.78
TRUST	\$9,372.25
CAPITAL	\$2,700.00
POOL	\$1,455.11
DOG LICENSE	\$2.40
TOTAL	\$4,137,404.54

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 21, 2018

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2018

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield wish to award a professional services contract to DMR Architects to begin preliminary investigation concerning the possibility of constructing a town hall in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to be billed at their normal hourly rate.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk