

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

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

Date: February 24, 2020

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

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

- Presentation on 2020 Census by Freeholder Germaine Ortiz

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

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Penabad		
Shim		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Penabad		
Shim		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Penabad		
Shim		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2380 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 92-1, SALARIES, 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

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2381 entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2368 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR VARIOUS 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS) HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ON NOVEMBER 12, 2019, TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION BY \$121,222"

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. 2382 entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO DOC MILLER FIELD, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$167,400 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,700) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$79,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

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. 2383 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 2801 LOT 1 (604 BROAD AVENUE) ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

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.

106-2020	Mayor Suarez	Proclamation-100 th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage
107-2020	Councilman Castelli	FY19 Emergency Management Performance Grant
108-2020	Councilman Jimenez	Professional Service Agreement-Borough Auditor
109-2020	Councilman Jimenez	Settlement Stipulation-661 Day Avenue
110-2020	Councilwoman Larkin	Authorize 2019 Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract for Veteran’s Memorial Park Turf Replacement Project

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

111-2020 Councilman Jimenez 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 February 24, 2020

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
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Larkin				
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 24, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2380

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 92-1, SALARIES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 10th day of February, 2020, 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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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 10, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2380

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 92-1, SALARIES, OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

Section I. Section 92-1 entitled “Salaries” of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended by adding to the existing positions and salary ranges the following:

Position:	Range:
Pool Maintenance Supervisor	\$5,000 to \$10,000

Section II. Invalid Provisions.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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 February 24, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2381

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introduced on the 10th day of February, 2020, 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.

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BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The bond ordinance of the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), heretofore finally adopted by the Borough Council thereof on November 12, 2019, numbered 2368 and entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,350,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,238,094 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF” (the "Original Ordinance"), which Original Ordinance is hereby amended and supplemented, as follows:

SECTION 2. For the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a)(ii) of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, there is hereby appropriated the additional aggregate sum of \$121,222 to reflect the award of grant monies received or expected to be received from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program (the “Program”) including a \$45,000 grant, a \$23,748 grant and a \$52,474 grant from the Program which are each hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth in Section 3(a)(ii) of the original ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby. The appropriation for Section 3(a)(ii) is increased by \$121,222 from \$30,000 for a total appropriation of \$151,222 thereby increasing the total appropriation of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, from \$2,350,000 to \$2,471,222.

SECTION 3.

(a) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, is equal to and remains unchanged at \$2,238,094.

(b) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, is equal to \$2,471,222.

SECTION 4. The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended, as necessary, to conform with the provisions of this amendatory and supplemental bond ordinance and to the extent of any

inconsistency herewith, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the "Director of the Division of Local Government Services"), will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 5. For the improvements or purposes set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, the additional sum of \$15,000 is hereby included for the items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, making the total amount for such items of expense \$485,000, such total amount being included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby.

SECTION 6. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 24, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2382

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

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO DOC MILLER FIELD, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$167,400 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,700) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$79,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

introduced on the 10th day of February, 2020, 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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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

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BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$167,400, said sum being inclusive of a grant received or expected to be received from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund in the amount of \$83,700 (the “Grant”) and a down payment in the amount of \$4,000 now available for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 etseq.) (the “Local Bond Law”). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$167,400 appropriation not provided for by application of said down payment, and until the Grant is received, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$79,700 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$79,700 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued are various capital improvements to Doc Miller Field in the Borough including, but not limited to, the replacement of artificial turf playing surfaces at the field, including, but not limited to, the removal and recycling of existing playing services and the acquisition and installation, as applicable, of new synthetic playing surfaces; and also including all site-work, engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$79,700.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$167,400, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, being the amount of \$87,700, is comprised of the Grant in the amount of \$83,700, and the down payment in the amount of \$4,000 for said improvements or purposes.

SECTION 4. Except for the Grant, in the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Bergen make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough, for the improvement and purpose authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Bergen. Except for the Grant, in the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Bergen, shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is fifteen (15) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$79,700 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$2,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 9 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

SECTION 10. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 24, 2020

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2383

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

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 2801 LOT 1 (604 BROAD AVENUE) ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

introduced on the 24th day of February, 2020, 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 9th day of March, 2020 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

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough"), a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State"), is authorized pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* (the "Redevelopment Law"), to determine whether certain parcels of land within the Borough constitute an area in need of rehabilitation and/or an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough (the "Mayor and Council") identified the Borough's existing Borough Hall property designated as Block 2801, Lot 1, on the Borough's Tax Map (the "Area of Investigation"), to be considered for designation as an area in need of redevelopment ("AINR") under the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 181-2018 adopted on May 16, 2018, the Mayor and Council authorized and directed the Planning Board of the Borough (the "Planning Board") to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Area of Investigation an AINR according to the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5*; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 181-2018 authorized DMR Architects ("DMR") to assist the Planning Board to perform a preliminary investigation and prepare a preliminary investigation report that details the findings and recommendations relevant to whether the Area of Investigation should be designated as an AINR without the use of condemnation; and

WHEREAS, DMR conducted its preliminary investigation and submitted a report to the Planning Board in January 2019 that concluded that the properties met the criteria to be designated as areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2019, at a duly noticed public Planning Board hearing, and after hearing the expert planning testimony of Francis Reiner of DMR, as well as offering the public an opportunity to be heard, the Planning Board adopted Resolution denominated as No. 19-____, recommending that the Mayor and Council designate the Area of Investigation as being non-condemnation AINRs; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2019, the Municipal Council adopted Resolution No. 160-2019 designating the AINRs and authorized DMR to prepare the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, as required by statute, the Borough Clerk transmitted the executed Resolution No. 160-2019 to the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) on April 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, by response letter dated May 15, 2019, the DCA concluded that the “determination area is situated where development and redevelopment are encouraged pursuant to State law or regulation” and “pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6b(5)(c), the Redevelopment Area determination took effect after transmission to the Commissioner of the DCA”; and

WHEREAS, the within Broad Avenue Redevelopment Plan is solely for Block 2801, Lot 1, which is owned by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board considered the Broad Avenue Redevelopment Plan at its February 11, 2020 public hearing and transmitted its report, in the form of Resolution No. 20-____, with the Broad Avenue Redevelopment Plan appended thereto and incorporated therein to the Mayor and Council pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-7.e; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan is in the best interests of the Borough for the redevelopment of the Property (collectively referred to as the “Redevelopment Area”); and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council find that the Broad Avenue Redevelopment Plan is substantially consistent with the Borough’s master Plan or designed to effectuate the said Master Plan.

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

Section I:

The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section II:

The Redevelopment Plan titled “Broad Avenue Redevelopment Plan,” dated January 2020, for an Area in Need of Redevelopment, for Block 2801 Lot 1, and appended hereto and incorporated within, is hereby adopted pursuant to the terms of *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-7 of the Redevelopment Law.

Section III:

The Redevelopment Plan supersedes applicable provisions of the Development Regulations for the Property in the Redevelopment Area. The delineated Redevelopment Area is for Block 2801, Lot 1.

The Redevelopment Plan supersedes the existing Zone G (Public/Semi-Public) for the subject blocks/lots and portion of the paper street, and the official Zoning Map of the Borough of

Ridgefield dated April 29, 2005 be and hereby is amended with the adoption of the ordinance to reflect the new development regulations.

Section IV:

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

Section V:

A copy of this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk during regular business hours.

Section VI:

This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with all applicable laws.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 24, 2020

Presented by Mayor Suarez

Proclamation
RESOLUTION NO. 106-2020

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, guaranteeing and protecting women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the centennial offers an opportunity to commemorate a milestone of democracy; that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the federal or state governments on account of gender; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has had a long, storied history in the suffrage movement with New Jersey woman playing a crucial role in pursuing the rights of women to vote; and

WHEREAS, in 1776 women property owners were enfranchised under the New Jersey State Constitution, which was unique in the nation at the time. However, in 1807, the New Jersey Legislature eliminated the property requirement for voting rights and limited the ballot to white males; and

WHEREAS, in 1867 New Jersey residents Lucy Stone and Harry Blackwell organized the New Jersey Woman Suffrage Association (NJWSA), devoted to gaining women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS, in 1909 New Jersey's first open air suffrage rallies were held in Orange and Newark, led by Dr. Emma O. Gantz and Marth Klatschken with NJWSA collecting 5,000 signatures for a petition in support of the federal amendment guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, although the 1912 state referendum on woman's suffrage was soundly defeated in the New Jersey Legislature a corner was turned for the New Jersey suffrage movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1913 an automobile rally led by "General" Rosalie Jones traveled through New Jersey on the way to Washington D.C., in a Suffrage Parade of over 8,000 marchers with many New Jersey women including event organizer Alice Paul; and

WHEREAS, in 1915 a second suffrage constitutional referendum was pursued in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts with active campaigns by many suffrage organizations, including the “Passing of the Torch of Liberty” via tug boats on the Hudson River from New York to New Jersey, but was defeated in all four states October 1915; and

WHEREAS, in 1917 New Jersey suffragists Allison Turnbull Hopkins, Julia Hulburt, Beatrice Reynolds Kinkead, and Minnie D Abbott picketed in front of the White House as part of the Silent Sentinels and subsequently were arrested and imprisoned; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1919 Congress passed the 19th Amendment guaranteeing all American women the right to vote; and WHEREAS, on February 9, 1920, New Jersey became the 29th state to ratify the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the ratification of the 19th Amendment Margaret Laird and Jennie Van Ness were the first two women elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 1921 and in 1925 Rebecca Estelle Bourgeois Winston of Estell Manor was New Jersey’s first woman mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Ridgefield supports the efforts of New Jersey’s Suffrage Centennial NJ Woman Vote and strongly encourages local celebrations of this historic milestone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Governor, Secretary of State and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 24, 2020

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 107-2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield Office of Emergency Management has been awarded FY19 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Subgrant FY19 -EMPG-EMAA-0249 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management. The subgrant, which includes a \$10,000.00 Federal Award is for the purpose of enhancing the Borough of Ridgefield's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the subgrant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield Office of Emergency Management, designated by the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management, has submitted an Application for Subgrant Award that has been required by the said New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield accepts the award of the FFY19 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Subgrant in the amount of \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management for the sub award period of July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate subgrant award documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, the County Division of Emergency Management, and Office of the Treasury.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 24, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2020

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Borough of Ridgefield for Borough Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield previously published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Borough Auditor; and

WHEREAS, a duly constituted evaluation committee recommended that Wielkocz & Company, LLC, 401 Wanaque Ave., Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442 be awarded the professional services contract to serve as the Borough Auditor for calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, Wielkocz & Company, LLC was previously appointed Borough Auditor to the Borough of Ridgefield for calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Wielkocz & Company, LLC as required by law;

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

1. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with Wielkocz & Company, LLC as required by law.
2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Borough Auditor within the Borough of Ridgefield; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Borough did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee of the Mayor and Council to be awarded the professional services agreement as Borough Auditor.
3. Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.
4. The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a "fair and open process" pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.
5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record* and/or www.ridgefieldnj.gov.

6. FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for the payment herein authorized shall be paid from the Account Number 01-2010-20-1312-001 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and from the Account Number 01-2010-20-1302-028 in an amount not to exceed \$18,000, The funds are available in the 2020 Temporary Budget as certified by the Chief Finance Officer; and that a duly executed copy of this resolution will be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH
BOROUGH AUDITOR

THIS IS A CONTRACT for professional services made by and between the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereinafter called the "BOROUGH", and Wielkotz & Company, LLC, having offices at 401 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, hereinafter called the "BOROUGH AUDITOR".

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield previously appointed Wielkotz & Company, LLC as Borough Auditor for calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, the Mayor and Council have authorized the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into an agreement with the BOROUGH AUDITOR for professional services as Borough Auditor without competitive bid; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and appropriate that the parties enter into a formal contract to memorialize the rights, duties and obligations of the parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by and between the parties, in consideration for the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, as follows:

1. **ENGAGEMENT:** The BOROUGH hereby engages the BOROUGH AUDITOR to serve as BOROUGH AUDITOR for calendar year 2020, or until her/his successor qualifies. The BOROUGH AUDITOR hereby accepts such engagement and agrees to provide the services required under this agreement.
2. **SCOPE OF SERVICES:** See attached schedule consisting of 3 pages from Wielkotz & Company, LLC as attached hereto and incorporated herein.
3. **PAYMENT FOR SERVICES:** The BOROUGH agrees to pay BOROUGH AUDITOR for services rendered by BOROUGH AUDITOR for services rendered pursuant to this agreement the fees generated at the hourly rates of the personnel of BOROUGH AUDITOR as listed below, with the following estimates of total fees for assignment:

Examination of Financial Statements (including Federal and State Grants, Trust, Capital and Swim Pool Utility Funds)	\$30,000
Assistance in Preparation of Budget (not to exceed)	\$7,000
Preparation of Unaudited Annual Financial Statement and Debt Statement (not to exceed)	\$5,250
Preparation of Official Statements (for bond sales)	\$25,000

Preparation of Official Statements (for note sales)	\$12,500
Secondary Market Disclosure Documents	\$3,500

Hourly Rates:

Partners:	\$160-\$200 per hour
Managers:	\$135-\$150 per hour
Senior Accountants/Supervisors:	\$100-\$125 per hour
Staff Accountants:	\$85-\$95 per hour
Administrative:	\$70 per hour

4. **ENGAGING OTHERS:** Nothing in this agreement shall prohibit the BOROUGH from engaging other auditors for specific matters if in the opinion of the Mayor and Council such is necessary.
5. **FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS:** This contract is awarded pursuant to a fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.
6. **INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS:**
 - A. The parties to this agreement agree to incorporate into same the mandatory language of subsection 3.4(a) of the Regulations promulgated by the Department of the Treasury, pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time, and the BOROUGH AUDITOR agrees to fully comply with the terms, provisions and obligations of said regulation, provided that said subsection shall be applied subject to the terms of subsection 3.4(d) of said regulations.
 - B. The parties to this agreement agree to incorporate into same the mandatory language of section 5.3 of the Regulations promulgated by the Department of the Treasury pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time and the BOROUGH AUDITOR agrees to comply fully with the terms, provisions and obligations of said regulation.
7. **RIGHT TO RESCIND:** The award of this contract is subject to the BOROUGH'S right to rescind same within thirty (30) days of its issuance should the Mayor and Council determine that the BOROUGH AUDITOR'S services are not performed satisfactorily in accordance with this contract.
8. **COUNTERPARTS:** The parties agree that this contract may be signed in separate counterparts, the effect of which will be the same as if one original were signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals on the day and year affixed next to their respective signatures.

DATE:

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

ATTEST:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC

WITNESS:

DATE:

By:_____

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 24, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2020

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 2602 Lot 16; also known as 661 Day Avenue for the tax year 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Rafael H. Carbonell be issued a refund in the amount of \$268.67 for the year 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$268.67 from Account 01-2010-30-4262-001 made payable to Michael A. Vespasiano, Attorney Trust Account and mailed to 331 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey 07928.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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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 February 24, 2020

Presented by Councilwoman Larkin

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield wishes to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$83,700.00 matching grant award from the 2019 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled Veteran’s Memorial Park Turf Replacement Project, located in the Borough of Ridgefield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Anthony R. Suarez to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about December 23, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of eligible costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements. Professional Services costs may be reimbursed from grant award’s unexpended balance, should there be a balance.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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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.

Francis J. Elenio,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 24, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$734,513.33**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$670,606.36
TRUST	\$16,997.17
CAPITAL	\$3,260.00
POOL	\$43,639.00
DOG LICENSE	\$10.80
TOTAL	\$734,513.33

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk