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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

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

Date: January 24, 2022

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

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

- Police Hiring Ordinance

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: 7:00 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		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		
Dorsett		

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Penabad		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		
Dorsett		

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Penabad		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		
Dorsett		

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2424 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION

390-4 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD TO REZONE THOSE PROPERTIES ON THE EAST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF EDGEWATER AVENUE AND RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION UP TO AND INCLUDING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 2904, LOT 4, INCLUDING LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 2904, TO PLACE SAME IN THE E LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONE”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2425 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING RIDGEFIELD BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2418 SO AS TO PERMIT CANNABIS CULTIVATION, CANNABIS MANUFACTURING, AND CANNABIS WHOLESALE IN THE E LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONING DISTRICT BY AND WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2426 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75, “POLICE DEPARTMENT”, OF THE CODE 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.

71-2022	Councilwoman Larkin	Appointment to Anti-Bullying Committee
72-2022	Councilman Kontolios	Liquor License Transfer
73-2022	Councilman Kontolios	Professional Service Agreement-Hoplite Communications, LLC
74-2022	Councilman Jimenez	Shared Services Agreement – Animal Control Services

75-2022 Councilwoman Larkin Authorize 2021 Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract for Willis Park Pickleball Courts Project
 76-2022 Councilman Kontolios Accept Subgrant Award of Federal Fiscal Year 2021 of Emergency Management Performance Grant and Emergency Management Agency Assistance

Coin Toss Request:

RMHS Class of 2022
 Saturday, April 30, 2022
 Rain Date: Sunday, May 1, 2022

RMHS Class of 2023
 Saturday, June 4, 2022
 Rain Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022
 Saturday, September 10, 2022
 Rain Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022

COUNCIL VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS:

77-2022 Mayor Suarez Appointment to Planning Board
 78-2022 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 January 24, 2022

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				
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Larkin				
Dorsett				
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 January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2424

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 AMENDING SECTION 390-4 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD TO REZONE THOSE PROPERTIES ON THE EAST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF EDGEWATER AVENUE AND RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION UP TO AND INCLUDING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 2904, LOT 4, INCLUDING LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 2904, TO PLACE SAME IN THE E LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONE”

introduced on the 24th day of January, 2021, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage a regular meeting to be held on the 28th day of February, 2022 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held via Zoom 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				
Penabad				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2424

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield is desirous of amending the Ridgefield Code at Section 390 and the Zoning Map at Section 390-4 of the Ridgefield Code to reclassify and rezone properties known as Block 2904, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 from the D (Office/Commercial) Zone to the E (Light Manufacturing Zone); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council consider the reclassifications and rezoning consistent with the Master Plan and surrounding properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I.

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Block 2904 as reflected on the tax map of the Borough of Ridgefield are reclassified from the D (Office/Commercial) Zone to the E (Light Manufacturing) Zone.

SECTION II.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that pursuant to Section 390-4 of the Ridgefield Code, the Zoning Map shall be updated to reflect the amendments herein and such up-to-date Zoning Map shall be kept in the offices of the Construction Official and Borough Clerk for the use and benefit of the public.

SECTION III.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION IV. REPEALER.

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

SECTION V. 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 VI.

This Ordinance, once adopted, shall be forwarded to the Bergen County Planning Board as provided by law.

SECTION VII.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

SECTION VIII.

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 January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2425

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 AMENDING RIDGEFIELD BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2418 SO AS TO PERMIT CANNABIS CULTIVATION, CANNABIS MANUFACTURING, AND CANNABIS WHOLESALE IN THE E LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONING DISTRICT BY AND WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 24th day of January, 2021, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage a regular meeting to be held on the 28th day of February, 2022 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held via Zoom 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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Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2425

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING RIDGEFIELD BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2418 SO AS TO PERMIT CANNABIS CULTIVATION, CANNABIS MANUFACTURING, AND CANNABIS WHOLESALE IN THE E LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONING DISTRICT BY AND WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance and Marketing Modernization Act” (hereinafter “the Act”) allows municipalities to adopt the operation of one or more classes of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery services anywhere in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2021, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield adopted Ordinance No. 2418; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2418 prohibited all classes of adult use recreational cannabis establishment or cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services as said terms are defined in Section 3 of P.L. 2021, c. 16, which includes retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities, and retail manufacturing testing facilities; and the operation of retail manner on social clubs and, therefore, all activities related to the above-mentioned retail uses including, but not limited to, cultivation, possession, extraction, manufacturing, processing, storing, laboratory testing, transporting, delivering, dispensing, transferring and distributing in any zoning district by and within the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Act allowed municipalities to later amend their ordinances to permit some or all of the forms of marijuana establishments within the municipality, and to limit the number of such establishments, and their location in certain zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield now wishes to amend Ordinance No. 2418 so as to permit cannabis cultivation, cannabis manufacturing, and cannabis wholesaling by and within properties located in the E Light Manufacturing Zoning District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I.

1. The Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 of the six marketplace classes of licensed businesses established by the Act, including Class 1, cannabis cultivation, Class 2, cannabis manufacturing, and Class 3, cannabis wholesaling, shall be permitted uses by and within the E Light Manufacturing Zoning District by and within the Borough of Ridgefield.

2. No more than two (2) of each class of license shall be permitted within this Zone and within the Borough of Ridgefield.

3. In all other respects, the terms and provisions of Ordinance No. 2418 are hereby ratified and affirmed.

4. This Ordinance shall not be construed to limit any privileges or rights of a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, registered or otherwise, or registered dispensary pursuant to the New Jersey Cannabis Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act, *N.J.S.A. 26:61-1*.

5. Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

6. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION II.

This Ordinance, once adopted, shall be forwarded to the Bergen County Planning Board as provided by law.

SECTION III.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

SECTION IV.

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 January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2426

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 75, “POLICE DEPARTMENT”, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 24th day of January, 2021, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage a regular meeting to be held on the 14th day of February, 2022 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held via Zoom 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				
Penabad				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2426

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75, “POLICE DEPARTMENT”, OF THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

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

Section I:

Section 75-9 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled “Qualification for Appointment” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

I. General Qualifications for Sworn Personnel

A. The following are the general qualifications for employment within the Borough of Ridgefield Police Department for sworn personnel:

1. Must be a resident of New Jersey and a citizen of the United States.
2. Must be between 18 and 35 years of age.
3. Possess a minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree. An Associate’s Degree may be substituted for this education requirement only if the candidate has 4 years prior law enforcement or 3 years military experience. Service as a Special Police Officer shall count as prior law enforcement experience.
4. Must have the ability to perform all the tasks, duties, and essential job functions of a police officer.
5. Must have no criminal history and possess a good moral character. Criminal history shall mean conviction of a criminal offense that is the equivalent of a fourth degree or greater offense as set forth in New Jersey statutes.

II. Selection of a Sworn Officer

A. All candidates must pass a written, physical, and oral evaluation as determined appropriate by the Chief of Police and/or the Appropriate Authority.

1. The Written Exam will be conducted by a professional law enforcement testing agency as selected by the Chief of Police.

2. The Physical Fitness Evaluation will be conducted to measure an applicant's physical agility, strength, and endurance. The physical examination will mirror that which is required by the New Jersey Police Training Commission.

a. Exemptions

i. The Chief of Police, after consulting with the Borough Business Administrator, may opt to forgo the physical agility test for candidates who are New Jersey PTC certified.

3. The Oral Evaluation will be conducted by a panel of Borough Officials. The panel will include the Chief of Police, a police department staff member designated by the Chief of Police, the Borough's Police Committee, Mayor, and Business Administrator.

a. Each candidate invited to the oral evaluation will be scored and assigned a value between 1 (lowest) and 10 (highest) based on each of the following categories:

i. Professional Appearance;

ii. Presentation and Interpersonal Skills;

iii. Content.

III. Medical Exam

A. A medical examination will be conducted on all sworn candidates prior to appointment, but after being given a conditional offer of employment, to certify the general health of each candidate.

B. Drug screening will be conducted on all candidates prior to appointment, but after being given a conditional offer of employment. Drug screening will be conducted in accordance with the directives issued by the New Jersey State Attorney General.

IV. Psychological Exam

A. A psychological fitness examination of each candidate for a sworn position will be conducted by a qualified professional prior to appointment, but after being given a conditional offer of employment.

V. Background Investigation

A. A background investigation will be conducted on all candidates for all positions prior to appointment that will include at least the following aspects:

1. A verification of qualifying credentials;

2. A fingerprint check for the purposes of uncovering any criminal record. All candidates for police officer shall be subject to a criminal history check prior to the selection phase paying particular attention to acts including but not limited to domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking elder abuse, or child abuse.

3. A review of all motor vehicle records;

4. The verification of at least three personal references and a review and investigation of the applicant's social status.

5. A review and inquiry of current and past employment;

6. A review of financial history;

7. A review of non-criminal records (i.e., civil actions, judgments, etc.);

8. All candidates for sworn positions shall be checked against the New Jersey Central Drug Registry as well as the Domestic Violence Registry to determine the existence of any active restraining orders and to determine if there is a history of domestic violence.

VI. Appointment:

A. After taking into account all of the above criteria, the Mayor and Council will make conditional offers of employment and the ultimate appointment of the sworn officer.

VII. Selection Process Non-Sworn Positions

A. Vacancies for non-sworn positions will be filled pursuant to Borough policies, procedures, and the approval of the Mayor and Council.

B. There shall be no minimum secondary educational requirement for an applicant in Clerical, Records, and Communications; however, the candidate must possess a high school diploma or a General Equivalency Degree (GED).

Section II:

Subsection F of Section 75-1, entitled "Current Members of the Ridgefield Police Department", be and hereby is deleted in its entirety. The Borough's Code publisher will adjust the Subsections following the deleted Subsection so that they receive proper letter designations.

Section III:

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

Section IV:

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

Section V.

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilwoman Larkin

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that

JOSEPH CASTELLA

be appointed to the Anti-Bullying Committee to fill the unexpired term of Jill Pantaleo through December 31, 2024; and

VICTORIA RUSSO

be appointed to the Anti-Bullying Committee as an Alternate to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Castella through December 31, 2022.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2022

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 0249-33-002-004, heretofore issued to Chan's Dragon Inn with a mailing address of 630 Broad Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield does hereby approve, effective January 24, 2022 the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to MAIN STREET FOOD CORP. with a mailing address of 630 Broad Avenue, Ridgefield, NJ and does hereby direct the Borough Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Main Street Food Corp, effective January 24, 2022."

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 January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 73-2022

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield wishes to retain Special Legal Counsel to provide services with regard to the Borough's communication carriers as to carrier agreements and wireless communications facilities, and in particular, the installation of next general mobile networks in the public right of way; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law, *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.2* allows municipalities to be reimbursed for, and collect escrows to cover, charges incurred by the municipality for professional services for the review of applications, review and preparation of documents, and inspections of developments under construction, where an application is of a nature beyond the scope of the expertise of professionals normally utilized by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has the right to be reimbursed for reasonable expenses it incurs when private entities seek Borough approval to use public resources for private purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to engage Peter J. Lupo, Esq. of Hoplite Communications, LLC, with offices at 197 Route 18, Suite 3000, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816, as Special Legal Counsel to provide services with regard to the Borough's communication carriers as carrier agreements and wireless communications facilities, in particular the installation of next general mobile networks in the public right of way; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a Professional Services Contract without a fair and open process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Hoplite Communications, LLC be and is hereby appointed as Special Legal Counsel as to provide services with regard to the Borough's communication carriers as to carrier agreements and wireless communications facilities, in particular the installation of next general mobile networks in the public right of way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough hereby awards the contract attached hereto to Hoplite Communications, LLC without fair and open process, subject to submission of proof by Hoplite Communications, LLC that they are not barred by state or municipal Pay to Play Laws or Ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this Professional Services Contract is not necessary as Hoplite Communications, LLC will be paid by escrow established by the wireless carriers with whom Hoplite Communications, LLC will interface on behalf of the Borough.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH
SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL

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 Peter J. Lupo, Esq. of Hoplite Communications, LLC, 197 Route 18, Suite 3000, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816, hereinafter called the "SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL".

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, the Mayor and Council have authorized the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into an agreement with the SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL for professional services as SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL 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 engaged the SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL to serve as a SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL for calendar year 2022, or until his successor qualifies in connection with the BOROUGH'S communication carriers as to carrier agreements and wireless communications facilities, and in particular, the installation of next general mobile networks in the public right of way. The SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL hereby accepts such engagement and agrees to provide the services required under this agreement.
2. **SCOPE OF SERVICES:** The SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL shall perform all legal services for the BOROUGH as assigned to him by the Mayor and Council, and more specifically as set forth in the attached document entitled 5G Telecommunications Consulting Summary of Services, which is incorporated herein by reference. The SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL shall communicate with and take direction, when necessary, from the Borough Attorney.
3. **PAYMENT FOR SERVICES:** The provision of the services pertaining to the impending deployment in the BOROUGH of 5G generation of mobile networks will be performed by Hoplite at no cost to the BOROUGH as all compensation to be paid to Hoplite will be paid by the communications/utility carriers.
4. **ENGAGING OTHERS:** Nothing in this agreement shall prohibit the BOROUGH from engaging other attorneys for specific matters if in the opinion of the Mayor and Council such is necessary.

5. FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS: This contract is not awarded pursuant to a fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4*, et. seq. Accordingly, this agreement is contingent upon the SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL submitting proof that he is not barred by state or municipal Pay to Play Laws or Ordinances.

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 SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL 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 SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL 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 SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL'S services are not performed satisfactorily in accordance with this contract.

8. MALPRACTICE INSURANCE: SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL agrees to maintain malpractice insurance in an amount in excess of \$1,000,000.

9. ASSIGNMENT: This Agreement shall not be assigned or assignable, either by action of SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL or by law.

10. GOVERNING LAW: This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.

11. MERGER CLAUSE: This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements.

12. AMENDMENTS: This Agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of both parties. Any Amendment must be in writing and must be executed. A copy shall be attached to this Agreement.

13. 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.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

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

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

HOPLITE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

WITNESS:

DATE:

By:_____
Peter J. Lupo, Esq., Sole Member

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2022

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield has a need for animal control services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has offered, through a Shared Services Agreement, to provide such services to the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield Board of Health recommends entering into the Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated the terms and provisions of a certain Shared Services Agreement by which the County of Bergen would provide animal control services; and

WHEREAS, such an agreement would be in the best interests of both the Borough of Ridgefield and the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen for the provision of animal control services in the form as attached hereto, and further that a copy of the agreement be forwarded to the Bergen County Department of Health once it has been fully executed by both parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of this Shared Services Agreement is contingent upon its acceptance and execution by the County of Bergen within thirty (30) days of the date of adoption of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution once adopted, to the County of Bergen.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilwoman Larkin

RESOLUTION NO. 75-2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$85,973.00 matching grant award from the 2021 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled Willis Park Pickleball Courts Project located in Block 505, Lot 1 on the tax maps of the Borough of Ridgefield;

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 the, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about December 15, 2023; 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 or payments, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund 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 the eligible construction 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

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

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council on this 24th day of January, 2022.

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2022

WHEREAS, the (Municipality) Office of Emergency Management has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-grant AFN #97.042, Subgrant Award #FY21-EMPG-EMAA-0249 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General. The subgrant, consisting of \$10,000.00 Federal Award is for the purpose of enhancing the City'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 Borough of Ridgefield will use these funds to enhance your Emergency Management Program and that the funds will be used for Emergency Management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the award period is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; 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 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 Office of Emergency Management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey:

1. That the Council accepts the award of the FFY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG), Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant (EMAA) in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management.
2. That the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate subgrant award documents.
3. That copies of this resolutions shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, the City Business Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer and the County Division of Emergency Management and Office of Treasury.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council on this 24th day of January, 2022.

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 24, 2022

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor appoints

BRUNO CARBONE

to the Planning Board, Class II Member to fill the unexpired term of Franklin Espinal through December 31, 2022.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT NO COUNCIL VOTE NEEDED

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

The undersigned, being the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, New Jersey, and the person charged with the responsibility of maintaining financial records of said Borough in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:4-57 and the rules of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey adopted thereunder, does hereby certify that there are adequate funds available for the payment of the attached list of invoices, duly adopted by said Borough, and which said list indicates the specific line item of said budget to which expenditures shall be charged.

Francis J. Elenio,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 24, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$3,766,725.94**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$2,974,535.00
TRUST	\$80,433.10
CAPITAL	\$709,334.01
POOL	\$2,407.63
DOG LICENSE	\$16.20
TOTAL	\$3,766,725.94

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk