

Work Session meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on January 28, 2019 at 6:04 p.m. The meeting was held at the Ridgefield Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657.

Mayor Suarez stated that this meeting of the Mayor and Council is being conducted pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act; adequate notice of the meeting has been given by publishing notice in The Record. Furthermore, notice was posted in the Borough of Ridgefield Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mayor Suarez, Councilman Castelli, Councilman Penabad, Councilman Shim, Councilman Kontolios and Councilwoman Larkin are present. Councilwoman Jimenez is absent.

Dennis Roche from Burbio gave a presentation on his company. Burbio is an events planning application that allows people to follow and see events they want to see. He stated they do not share the information of users to anyone. At the end of every month they send reports to the government on the usage of the application.

Councilman Castelli asked why the application is better than the Borough's website. Dennis stated the application allows the public to have everything from Borough events to school events to library events on one application.

The Mayor stated the Library does not get enough publicity and Burbio looks very organized.

Councilwoman Larkin asked how to get the word out about the application. Dennis stated groups will have to tell their members and the government will need to send emails to the town.

Councilman Kontolios asked if the information is real-time or if they have to notify Burbio. Dennis said it was real-time.

Councilman Kontolios asked how the application gets the information. Dennis stated they create a community calendar.

Councilman Kontolios asked if they can guarantee Burbio will not mess with their phones. Dennis stated the application does not take location and only use information given by the user. He stated the information given to Burbio is not shared with the rest of the world and the application does not follow anyone around the world.

Councilwoman Larkin asked if the application does a month feed. Dennis stated Burbio tried a month feed and it did not look good.

Councilman Castelli asked if Burbio talked with the Board of Education. Dennis stated they do not need to talk with the Board of Education because the information is online. Councilman Kontolios stated Burbio mines the calendars online for information. Dennis stated they will need to work with the Recreation Department for sign-ups and classes.

Councilman Shim asked if they will need a contact. Dennis stated the application is free. Burbio will work with someone in the government to see if anything is wrong with the information. The person they usually work with is either the Recreation Director or the Borough Administrator.

Councilman Castelli asked if the application does reverse 911. Burbio does not do reverse 911 calls.

Councilwoman Larkin asked how long it would take to set up. Dennis stated it does not take long and Burbio just needs to meet with some departments such as the Recreation Department.

The Mayor stated the application does not cost the town anything and asked the Council if they were for it. The Council approved the application. Dennis stated he will get into contact with Borough Administrator Ray Ramirez.

Meeting adjourned 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk