

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Sine Die Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: January 7, 2023

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Public Session: 5:30 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		
Dorsett		

272-2022 Mayor Suarez Fill Council Vacancy Until General Election

Swearing in of Councilperson

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.

- 273-2022 Councilman Castelli Hire Sanitation Driver
- 274-2022 Councilman Jimenez Redemption of Tax Title Lien
- 275-2022 Councilman Jimenez Transfer of Appropriations
- 276-2022 Councilman Castelli Authorize to Advertise-RFQs 2023 Professionals
- 277-2022 Councilman Castelli Hire Sanitation Lifer

Approval of 2022 Minutes:

September 12, 2022, September 26, 2022, October 11, 2022, October 24, 2022, November 14, 2022, November 28, 2022 and December 12, 2022 Public Session Meetings

Fire Department Membership:

Ameer Jaloudi
Rescue 2
400 Oak Street

Moufid Hatam
Rescue 2
527 Studio Road

Adeeb Haddabah
Rescue 2
8 Lincoln Place, Cliffside Pk.

Andrew Borek
Engine Company 3
833 Maple Avenue

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

278-2022 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

Sine Die Meeting January 7, 2023

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 272-2022

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Council due to the recent resignation of Councilman Ray Penabad; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Municipal Committee has selected the following three (3) nominees:

YONGKI COLIN RYU
YVONNE CARBONE
CHARLES APKARIAN

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield select _____ to fill the unexpired term of Ray Penabad until the 2023 General Election.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

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Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 273-2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that

REGINALD DRAKEFORD

be hired as a Sanitation Driver at the annual salary of \$46,000 effective January 5, 2023.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Sine Die Meeting January 7, 2023

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 274-2022

WHEREAS, Michelle Ricardo, have deposited a check in the amount of \$5,153.42 into the Suspense Account for the redemption and subsequent taxes of Tax Lien # 22-006, Block 1601.03, Lot 7, Qualifier C0007, further known as 725 Broad Ave. Apt. 7, sold to FEDIGAN, LLC and whereas \$24,000.00 was deposited into the Trust Account for the premium at the time of tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue and sign a check in the amount of \$5,153.42 from the Suspense Account and a check for \$24,000.00 from the Trust Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the check in the amount of \$5,153.42 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Suspense Account 01-2999 and the check in the amount of \$24,000.00 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Trust Account 03-2950 and be made payable to: FEDIGAN, LLC and be mailed to 474 Mary Allen Way, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

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Bergen County, New Jersey

Sine Die Meeting January 7, 2023

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 275-2022
Transfer Resolution

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 allows appropriation transfers during the last two months of the calendar year should it become necessary to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefor and there shall an excess in any appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the governing body may, by resolution setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than two thirds vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient; no transfers may be made to appropriations for contingent expenses or deferred charges.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield are desirous of executing such transfers:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Chief Financial Officer is herewith directed to execute the following Calendar Year 2022 budget appropriation transfers:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Assessment of Taxes O/E	701.89	
Insurance - Employees Health	30,649.41	
Municipal Clerk S/W	2,277.91	
Assessment of Taxes S/W		701.89
Police S/W		22,875.87
Parks & Recreation S/W		4,258.09
Community Center S/W		94.24
Telephone		1,200.00
Gasoline		2,183.67
Social Security System		2,315.45

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

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Bergen County, New Jersey

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Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 276-2022

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006, N.J.S.A. 1944A-20.1 et seq., commonly known as the “State Pay to Play Law, enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature became effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that has made a contribution within one year of the date the contract is to be awarded that is reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c.83 (C.19.44A-1 et seq.) to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded, unless the contract is awarded under a “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, a “fair and open process” constitutes the following: (1) public advertisement of a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) with twenty (20) days notice prior to the receipt of responses to the RFP; (2) award of contract under a process that provides for public solicitation of qualifications; (3) award of contract under publicly disclosed criteria established, in writing, by the municipality prior to the solicitation of qualifications; and (4) the municipality shall publicly open and announce the qualifications when awarded; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Borough of Ridgefield (“the Borough”) to engage legal, financial, and engineering professionals and to engage the services of other individuals for extraordinary unspecifiable services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to appoint such professionals and services by a “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that RFQs for professional services for the following professional services for the Borough are hereby authorized:

- 1) Public Defender
- 2) Tenant Advocate
- 3) Municipal Prosecutor
- 4) Rent Leveling Attorney

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the RFQs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services as set forth hereinabove shall be prepared and published in

accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq. and all submissions in response shall be evaluated on the basis of the most advantageous submission, all factors considered, including, but not limited to:

- 1) Experience and reputation in the field
- 2) Knowledge of the Borough and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract
- 3) Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Borough or Borough Agency
- 4) Compensation proposal
- 5) Any other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Borough or Borough Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on or before January 13, 2023 the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the RFQs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services enumerated above by the following means:

- (1) on the Borough's internet web site. (The Borough Clerk is also authorized to publish the RFQ documents themselves on the Borough Website.);
- (2) on the Borough's bulletin Board at Town Hall; and
- (3) in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

The notice of RFQs shall include the following:

- 1) A description of the requested professional or extraordinary unspecifiable service for which the RFQ is made;
- 2) A statement that Qualification Statements must be submitted by 11:00 AM on February 3, 2023;
- 3) A statement that the RFQs are being made by the Borough;
- 4) The address and phone number of the Borough Purchasing Agent's office and a statement that applicants may obtain the RFQ document from the Purchasing Agent's office if they cannot obtain the RFQ documents from the Borough's website;
- 5) A statement that the RFQ is being made through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized and directed, in consultation with the members of the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council, to effectuate the drafting of the RFQs, which shall include the evaluation criteria hereinabove stated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent or his designee shall publicly open and read aloud the submissions responding to the RFQs, including the name of the applicant and any other pertinent information on February 3, 2023, at 11:00 AM in Borough Hall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those positions included hereinabove are those which the Borough of Ridgefield reasonably believes will be subject to appointment for the year 2023. However, all such appointments are subject to the availability of funds and the continuing needs

of the Borough. Accordingly, inclusion of a position in this resolution is not a representation or warranty that such position will be filled, or that if filled, it will be subject to the process contained herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council has determined that the terms of this Resolution constitute a fair and open process as to all positions included herein.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

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Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 277-2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that

DEVON O'CONNOR

be hired as a Sanitation Driver at the annual salary of \$35,000 effective January 12, 2023.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

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

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Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 278-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$1,144,470.65**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$220,811.52
TRUST	\$121,925.08
CAPITAL	\$798,823.06
DOG LICENSE	\$112.62
TOTAL	\$1,144,470.65

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
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