

Public Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on July 11, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Meeting was held at the Ridgefield Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey.

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, Councilmen Castelli, Todd, Vincentz, Severino, Acosta and Jimenez were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Suarez asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for those residents who have passed away since the last meeting.

Mayor Suarez asked if anyone had comments on tonight's agenda.

No one came forward.

Correspondence:

Mayor Suarez received a letter from Senator Bob Menendez supporting the borough application for a grant to the US department of Justice pertaining to the cops hiring program; received a letter from Senator Sarlo with regards to the money that were place in the budget that was sent to the governor pertaining to its impact on Ridgefield; received a letter from the Municipal Court regarding the total disbursement for June 2011 totaling \$63,635; June 2011 monthly report from the Fire Prevention totaling \$12,158.50;

Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2011 Public Session Meeting and April 25, 2011 Public Session Meeting - APPROVED

As advertised, hearing will be held to consider the application of Time Warner Entertainment Company, LP for the renewal of its municipal consent to own, operate, extend, and maintain a cable television and cable communications system in 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

Stephen Pellino stated that a representative from Time Warner Cable attended the last Mayor and Council meeting and they were informed that we needed more technical information. They still have not provided us with such information. Stephen Pellino suggested that the Mayor and Council authorize him to participate with the Cable/TV advisory committee along with Mr. Silvestri in obtaining information and seeking to negotiate with Time Warner for whatever being advocated to the borough especially in the following areas being negotiated; Public, Governmental and Educational access to the cable TV; Two way cable capability; and emergency services that may be available for broadcast capability.

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

	Motion:	Second:
229-2011	Councilman Castelli	Hire Substitute Lifeguards
234-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Appoint Acting Chief Financial Officer
235-2011	Councilman Acosta	Appoint Recycling Coordinator
236-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Sustainable Jersey Grant Funded by Wal-Mart
238-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Designation of Risk Manager – PAIC

Roll Call on Consent Agenda

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes, but no on 238-2011
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

RESOLUTIONS:

230-2011 Councilman Jimenez Support Override of Veto-School Budget Line Item

Councilman Vincentz stated that the resolution omits; the amount of money already paid to the schools which totals \$850 million; the state is making a \$468 million pension payment; will be doubling the home state property credit to \$440 dollars which will help the residents of Ridgefield; also instituted a \$540 credit for disable and seniors earning up to \$150,000; and also implemented \$180 million in targeted business tax credits designed to promote jobs which again will help the residents of Ridgefield; Councilman Vincentz believes it would be unfair that the resolution leave out and could compromise these important items that benefit the tax payers of Ridgefield.

Councilman Jimenez stated that the letter from Senator Sarlo addresses school funding, Councilman Jimenez only addressed school funding in this resolution, he stated this is for the school to be able to receive more money, which will also be a relief for the taxpayer.

Councilman Casetli questioned Councilman Vincentz when the residents get their tax bills, the budget from the Board of Education will show an increase. Councilman Vincentz stated that Yes because it was voted by the residents, Councilman Castelli stated this is due to the cuts that were made.

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Abstain
Councilman Vincentz	Abstain
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

231-2011 Councilman Jimenez Rescind Resolution No. 228-2011

Councilman Vincentz questioned Stephen Pellino if he received the additional information he requested. Stephen Pellino stated that in terms of the legal ramifications, he was provided with a copy of the actual contract the borough will be obligated, and has no legal objections to the borough joining this group. Councilman Vincentz stated that he discovered the website NJSEM which allows municipality to join this cooperative energy purchase which included street lighting and fixed lighting. Since its estimated the borough will save \$55,000 ( which is over the bid threshold.) Councilman Vincentz stated that the cooperative concept which was originally adapted in resolution 198-2010, when we joined with Bergen County in the purchasing of cooperative energy but it subsequently never materialized at the county level, however resolution 198-2010 was fully supported by the Mayor and Council. Just Prior to the last Mayor and Council meeting he discover this website and it took until now to get the details which allows municipality to join this cooperative energy purchase and because its estimated we could save around \$55,000 and the library and pool complexes will also save money.

Councilman Vincentz stated because of the amount of money that must go out for bid or go to co-op , so when we found this governmental co-op , that was the answer. Councilman Vincentz asked if we have the opportunity to satisfy and start reaping the benefits of saving lowest cooperative bid prices as opposed to tabling this resolution. Councilman Vincentz believes this is a win-win and will save money on the pool and library complexes. Stephen Pellino stated from what he understands the co-op along with many other towns (75) that were mention, they go out and have an auction and accept bulk rate bids for gas prices and electricity and in theory will join a joint purchase at that price, however the auction is only at a one year period. Stephen Pellino stated that he was under the understanding that PSEG was doing the same thing. Stephen Pellino stated that there is no way to guarantee that the price we get thru the co-op , will be lesser than what PSEG can offer. Councilman Acosta stated that he personally did the same thing and after the first year the price went up substantially.

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	No
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

232-2011	Councilman Acosta	Appoint DPW Seasonal Employee- James Orlando and Chris Scultz
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Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

233-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Environmental Commission Appointments
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Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

237-2011 Councilman Jimenez PAIC Membership Renewal

Councilman Vincentz asked who will be signing this agreement. Mayor Suarez stated that Councilman Caselli will be authorized to execute the agreement.

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Abstain
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

239-2011 Councilman Jimenez Memorialize Adoption of Ordinance No. 2160

Motion to table resolution 239-2011

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	No
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	No
Councilman Acosta	No
Councilman Jimenez	No

Roll Call on Resolution 239-2011

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	No
Councilman Vincentz	Abstain, has not reviewed the report
Councilman Severino	No
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

240-2011 Councilman Jimenez Temporary Budget Appropriations TY2011

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Yes

Councilman Acosta Yes  
Councilman Jimenez Yes

241-2011 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

Councilman Jimenez made a motion to remove checks 77260, 77261, 78658, 77659, 41763, 41764, 41765, 41912

#### Roll Call

Councilman Castelli Yes  
Councilman Todd No  
Councilman Vincentz No  
Councilman Severino No  
Councilman Acosta Yes  
Councilman Jimenez Yes  
Mayor Suarez Yes

#### Roll call as Amened

Councilman Castelli Yes  
Councilman Todd Yes, No to checks 78713, 78716, 78718, 41917, 41918, 41919  
Councilman Vincentz Yes, No to checks 78713, 78716, 78718, 41917, 41918, 41919  
Councilman Severino Yes  
Councilman Acosta Yes  
Councilman Jimenez Yes

#### COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Mayor Suarez commented on the hard work by Ray Ramirez and the Recreation Department regarding the Fireworks display and also thanked Councilman Caselli regarding an issue he resolved in order for the Fireworks display to be successful.

#### **Request for Use of Community Center:**

Ridgefield UNICO  
Italian Food Festival  
September 30, 2011 4:00 -11:00 pm  
October 1, 2011 11:00 am – 11:00 pm  
October 2, 2011 11:00 am – 10:00 pm

APPROVED

**Request for Use of Willis Field Parking Lot:**

Ridgefield Memorial High School Scholarship Fund      APPROVED  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show  
October 9, 2011  
1:00 – 5:00 pm

**Application for Raffles License:**

St. James Episcopal Church      APPROVED  
Prize Raffle  
September 16, 2011 – 10:00 p.m.  
514 Abbott Avenue

St. James Episcopal Church      APPROVED  
Tricky Tray  
October 29, 2011 – 10:00 p.m.  
725 Slocum Avenue

St. James Episcopal Church      APPROVED  
50/50  
October 29, 2011 – 10:00 p.m.  
725 Slocum Avenue

**COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:**

Councilman Castelli: thanked Ray Ramirez for all his hard work regarding the Fourth of July celebrations in making the event possible; also thanked Police, Fire, Ambulance departments for all their hard work in making the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event a huge success.

Councilman Todd: believed this past Fourth of July festivities were the best we have had in the past several years and thanked all the volunteers who made it possible.

Councilman Acosta: agree with his fellow council members regarding the huge success of the Fourth of July Celebrations and was also impressed with the new Firework Company display.

Councilman Vincentz: commented on his attendance at the Fireworks display and hope all the residents enjoy it as much as family did.

Councilman Severino: commented on the great success and well attended event that was in honor of Fourth of July; commented on the resolution 239-2010 the removal of asbestos, he stated that the previous Mayor and Council main objective was to have a functional and better working environment for the workers and visitors at borough hall.

Councilman Jimenez: was impressed with the Fourth of July festivities; announced by next meeting he shall become a grandfather.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: (All speakers are limited to five minutes maximum per meeting)

No one came forward

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Prina  
Acting Borough Clerk