

Public Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on July 8, 2019 at 7:43 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 Jimenez, Councilman Kontolios and Councilwoman Larkin are present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor asked everyone to remain standing in memory of those that have passed away since the last meeting.

Citizens Comment on Agenda: NONE

Mayor Suarez stated that commendations were given to Officer Farelli, Lieutenant Brito, Sergeant Schaffer, Officer Monterosso, Detective Malanga, and Officer Schnackenberg

Correspondence:

Letter from John Petrelli in regards to thanking the Police and DPW, State of New Jersey Department of Transportation in regards to traffic signals on Route 66, Census New Construction Program, Chief of Police May Report, Department of Transportation in regards to Transportation Alternative Set Aside Program, Department of Transportation in regards to Various Streets Project Grant, and check from Bergen County Utilities Authority in regards to 2019 Recycling Enhancement Grant Program.

Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2019 Work Session and Public Session Meetings - APPROVED

Presentation of Proclamation Eagle Scout Court of Honor – David Holland

Presentation of Commendations to JiWon Cha, Cheryl Consoli, John Gage, and Kalene Gage

Hearing on Ordinance No. 2358 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PORTIONS OF BLOCK 905, LOT 1 AND BLOCK 906, LOT 1, AND A PORTION OF VIRGIL AVENUE PAPER STREET ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD” adjourned to July 22, 2019.

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2359 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 \$1,206,233 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF

\$1,146,233 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 – No one came forward

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call:

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| Councilman Castelli | YES |
| Councilman Penabad | YES |
| Councilman Shim | YES |
| Councilman Jimenez | YES |
| Councilman Kontolios | YES |
| Councilwoman Larkin | YES |

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2360 entitled, “CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION, AS APPLICABLE, OF A PREFABRICATED BUILDING AND RESTORATION OF AN AMBULANCE, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$58,000 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF”

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing – No one came forward

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call:

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| Councilman Castelli | YES |
| Councilman Penabad | YES |
| Councilman Shim | YES |
| Councilman Jimenez | YES |
| Councilman Kontolios | YES |
| Councilwoman Larkin | YES |

CONSENT AGENDA:

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| 206-2019 | Councilman Jimenez | 2019 Salary Increases |
| 207-2019 | Councilman Castelli | State Local Cooperative Housing Inspection Program |
| 208-2019 | Councilman Penabad | Private Sale of Fire Department Retired Gear |

Roll Call:

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| Councilman Castelli | YES |
| Councilman Penabad | YES |
| Councilman Shim | YES |
| Councilman Jimenez | YES |
| Councilman Kontolios | YES |
| Councilwoman Larkin | YES |

RESOLUTIONS:

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| 209-2019 | Councilman Jimenez | Warrants |
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Roll Call:

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| Councilman Castelli | YES |
| Councilman Penabad | YES |
| Councilman Shim | YES |
| Councilman Jimenez | YES |
| Councilman Kontolios | YES |
| Councilwoman Larkin | YES |

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| 210-2019 | Councilwoman Larkin | Summer Playground Personnel |
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Roll Call:

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| Councilman Castelli | YES |
| Councilman Penabad | YES |
| Councilman Shim | YES |
| Councilman Jimenez | YES |
| Councilman Kontolios | YES |
| Councilwoman Larkin | YES |

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

The Mayor thanked all who participated and assisted with the fireworks. He especially thanked the Police Department, Ambulance Corp, Fire Department, DPW, and sponsors. He stated the firework show and pre-firework program were great.

Raffle License Application

Knights of Columbus Council #3550
555 Prospect Avenue
August 10, 2019 7:00 pm – Midnight
Casino Night/Texas Hold'em Tournament

APPROVED

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

Councilman Castelli thanked everyone for the fireworks. He stated the Borough has been working with the same fireworks company for the past few years and thanked them for working with the Borough.

Councilman Jimenez stated the fireworks were great. He went to the pool on 4th of July and it was packed with great events.

Councilwoman Larkin thanked Borough Administrator Ray Ramirez for the fireworks.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: None

Meeting adjourned 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk