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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: June 22, 2020

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

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

- Opening of Borough Services

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: 7:30 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		
Shim		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

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ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

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As advertised, hearing will be held on submitting the following application for grant funding from the Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Development for development of field adjacent to Ridgefield Community Center at the corner of Slocum Avenue and Bruce Street into a parklet.

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

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.

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| 156-2020 | Councilwoman Larkin | Authorize Bergen County Trust Fund Grant Application-Ridgefield Community Center Field Project |
| 157-2020 | Councilman Jimenez | Authorize Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program |
| 158-2020 | Councilman Jimenez | Authorize Execution of Agreement with County of Bergen to Supersede the Cooperative Agreement Dated July 1, 2000 and Amendments Thereto Establishing the Bergen County Community Development Program |
| 159-2020 | Councilman Castelli | Authorize Grant Application and Execute Grant Contract with NJDOT for 2021 Various Streets Improvement Project |
| 160-2020 | Councilman Castelli | Suez Water Settlement |
| 161-2020 | Councilman Kontolios | Oppose Construction of the NJ Transit Gas-Fired Power Plant in Kearny |
| 162-2020 | Mayor Suarez | Proclamation – RMHS Class of 2020 |
| 163-2020 | Councilman Castelli | Ratify Temporary Outdoor Dining Regulations |
| 164-2020 | Councilman Jimenez | Department Head Salary Increases |
| 165-2020 | Councilman Castelli | Per-Diem CSO Hourly Increase |
| 166-2020 | Councilman Penabad | Hire Part-Time Employee-Castel |
| 167-2020 | Mayor Suarez | Proclamation-Juneteenth 2020 |
| 168-2020 | Councilwoman Larkin | Hire 2020 Pool Personnel |

COUNCIL VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS:

169-2020 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 June 22, 2020

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.

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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 June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilwoman Larkin

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2020

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$74,687.50 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Ridgefield Community Center Field Project; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body/board held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on June 22, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ridgefield Mayor and Council:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of **June 29, 2020**, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Ridgefield Mayor and Council has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the Ridgefield Mayor and Council is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and,

4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Ridgefield Mayor and Council agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2020

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and the Emergency Solutions Grant of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the current Interlocal Services Cooperative Agreement contains an automatic renewal clause to expedite the notification of the inclusion process; and

WHEREAS, each Municipality must notify the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs noted above; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Ridgefield and its residents to participate in said Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield hereby notifies the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its decision to be included as a participant Municipality in the Urban County entitlement programs being the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) for the Program Years 2021, 2022, and 2023 covering the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original copy of this resolution be made available to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development as soon as possible and no later than Friday, July 17, 2020.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE				
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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 158-2020

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and the Emergency Solutions Grant of 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to supersede an existing Interlocal Services Cooperative Agreement for the County and its people to benefit from these Programs; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement has been proposed under which the Borough of Ridgefield and the County of Bergen in cooperation with other Municipalities, will modify an Interlocal Services Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Ridgefield to enter into such an Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Ridgefield that the Agreement entitled “Three Year Cooperative Agreement” (an Agreement superseding the Cooperative Agreement dated July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2003) to clarify the planning and implementation procedures and to enable the Municipality to make a Three Year irrevocable commitment to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) for the Program Years 2021, 2022, and 2023 covering the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024 be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with law and that an original copy be made available to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development as soon as possible and no later than Friday, July 17, 2020.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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Three Year Cooperative Agreement

An Agreement superseding the Cooperative Agreement dated July 1, 2000 and amendments thereto, for the purpose of inserting a description of activities for the **Forty-Sixth Year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024)** Urban County Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program, HOME Investment Partnership Act Program, Emergency Solutions Grant and clarifying the planning and implementation procedures for **Program Years 2021, 2022, and 2023**.

WHEREAS, in order to meet Federal requirements there must be a binding agreement in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., requires a specific delineation of activities to be included in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the various new activities have been proposed to be carried out under the **Forty-Sixth Year** Community Development Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed that the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., contract dated July 1, 2000, between the Borough of Ridgefield hereinafter the "Municipality" and the County of Bergen be superseded by this "Three Year Cooperative Agreement", and the attachments hereto.

A. Community Development Planning Process

1. Nature and Extent of Planning Procedures

- a. Purpose- The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a legal mechanism through which the county government may apply for, receive, and disburse Federal funds available to eligible urban counties under the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and to take such actions in cooperation with the participating municipalities as may be necessary to participate in the benefits of these programs. Federal funds received by the County shall be for such functions as neighborhood facilities, housing construction and rehabilitation, public facilities, urban renewal, water and sewer

facilities, open space, and other such purposes as are authorized by said Acts. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall deprive any municipality or other unit of local government of any powers of zoning or other lawful authority which it presently possesses, nor shall any participant be deprived of any State or Federal aid to which it might be entitled in its own right, except as provided in section A.1.c.(6), below. This Agreement covers the CDBG Entitlement Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Act Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

- b. Establishment of Committees- There are hereby established six regional Community Development committees, consisting of two representatives from each participating municipality, each to be appointed for a one year period, coinciding with the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). The governing body and the chief executive of each participating municipality shall make one appointment each. Alternates may be appointed in the same manner as set forth above and shall have the same powers in the absence of the designated representatives.
- c. Responsibilities of the Regional Community Development Committees
 - (1) The Community Development Regional Committees shall elect a chairperson.
 - (2) The Committees shall meet as often as required. Each regional committee shall establish its own rules of procedures and shall make recommendations to the County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders through the Division of Community Development.
 - (3) The Committees shall study and discuss the community development needs of the County of the respective regions, and shall determine the most effective and acceptable utilization of Community Development Block Grant Funds available to the region. They shall recommend to the County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders an application for participation in Federal funding, including an allocation formula and towards that end they shall jointly, in the manner herein prescribed, be authorized to develop a Consolidated Plan for the County and such other documents and certifications of compliance as are required by the Federal Government for

participation by the County in the Community Development Block Grant Program. Funds applied for shall be those available for "UrbanCounties" under the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program.

- (4) The Community Development Regional Committees shall develop, in full consultation with the Division of Community Development and all affected agencies of the local governments involved, priorities for the actual utilization of such funds as are made available from the Federal Government under this Title. The Committees shall recommend for each project or activity to be carried out with these funds a specific means of accomplishment. This may be for the County to carry out the project or function, for a municipality to receive the monies to carry it out, or for some other combination of local or State agencies. The implementation shall be established before submittal of the application to HUD, and any relevant documents that become part of this Agreement, and should be submitted to HUD with it. Such implementation mechanism shall be established by means of a separate contract between the County government and the municipality or agency implementing the designated project pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.
- (5) Every municipality participating in the Committees may request participation in the expenditure of the Federal funds, comment on the overall needs of the County which may be served through these funds, or otherwise take part in the proceedings of the Community Development Committees through its Community Development representatives. No project may be undertaken or services provided in any municipality without the prior approval of the governing body of the municipality, which approval shall be established in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., in addition to such other approvals as may be required by law.
- (6) By executing this agreement the municipality understands that it may not apply for grants under the Small Cities or State CDBG Programs from

appropriations for fiscal years during the period in which it is participating in the urban county's CDBG program; and may not participate in the HOME consortium except through the urban county, regardless of whether the urban county receives a HOME formula allocation and may receive a formula allocation under the ESG program only through the urban county program.

d. Establishment of Countywide Committees

There is hereby established a Countywide Committee consisting of the Chairpeople of the six Regional Community Development Committees and five other at-large members appointed by the County Executive. The role of the Countywide Committee is to recommend an allocation formula to the Board of Freeholders and to also recommend funding for multi-regional and countywide projects. These recommendations shall be submitted to both the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Regional Community Development Committees. The creation of the countywide committee in no way diminishes or changes the authority of the County or the Regional Community Development Committees. The Community Development Director and other appropriate County staff shall discuss all Countywide and multi-regional projects with the Countywide Committee both before specific funding levels are authorized by the County and at all important stages of implementation. The term for the Countywide Committee shall coincide with the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). No member of the Countywide Committee shall be able to vote on any matter that affects any applicant on whose board they serve.

2. Standards of Performance

Every Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., established pursuant to this Agreement shall contain standards of performance as required by the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., and by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990. Bi-annually, a report shall be prepared for the Regional and Countywide Committees and the municipalities by the Division of

Community Development, which reports on all Community Development projects, their status and expenditures.

3. Estimated Cost and Allocation

The amount of Federal funds involved shall be the amount applied for by the Board of Chosen Freeholders pursuant to the recommendation of the Community Development Committees, subject to any modifications made by HUD. Any Federal funds received by letter of credit or otherwise shall be placed in a County Trust Fund established and maintained pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. These funds shall be in a separate bank account subject to the control of the County government, which shall be the designated recipient for the funds provided by the Federal Act. Upon authorization by the County, and in compliance with State law and promulgated regulations funds may be expended from this Trust Fund by the County or by payment to the particular municipality pursuant to a specific contract. Neither the Community Development Committees, the County government, nor any participating local government may expend or commit funds except as may be authorized pursuant to this Agreement and in full compliance with State and Federal laws and regulations. No participant under this contract may in any way be obligated to expend funds of its own except as may be mutually agreed in a lawful manner.

4. Duration of Contract

This Agreement remains in effect until the CDBG Entitlement Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program funds, Emergency Solutions Grant and program income received with respect to the Urban County qualification period (**2021, 2022, and 2023**) are expended and the funded activities completed. The County and participating municipalities may not terminate or withdraw from the Agreement while the agreement remains in effect.

- a) However, this contract may be terminated if the County fails to qualify as an Urban County, or if the County does not receive a grant in any year of the

three year period. The contract may also be terminated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Be it further understood, that at the end of the current qualification period, this agreement will automatically be renewed for participation on successive three year periods, unless the County or participating municipality provides written notice it elects not to participate in a new qualification period. In this case, a copy of the notice must be sent to the HUD Field Office, by the date specified in the Urban County qualification notice. The County will notify each participating municipality in writing of its right to make such election by the date specified in HUD's urban county qualification notice for the next qualification period. Additionally, the County will notify all participating municipalities of any amendments as cited in the HUD Urban County Qualifications Notice for that period, or subsequent periods that must be included in the existing cooperation agreement. Any amendments will be submitted to HUD as provided in the qualification notice. Failure by the County or Municipalities to adopt an amendment and/or resubmit such amendments to HUD will void the automatic renewal of said cooperative agreement for the new qualification period.

5. Designation of General Agent

The Director of the Division of Community Development is hereby designated as the administrative agent of the County of Bergen for purposes of compliance with statutory and regulatory responsibilities. He/she shall be accountable to the County Executive. The County Executive, with the concurrence of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, shall designate a Director of the Division of Community Development. The director and his/her staff shall within the resources available, provide technical and administrative support to the CD Committees, and shall provide liaison between the committees and the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

B. Qualifications as Urban County

In addition to such assurances and agreements as may have been made by previously executed ordinances in order to meet the criteria for funding eligibility as an "Urban County", the municipality and the County agree to cooperate to undertake or assist in undertaking, community renewal and lower income housing assistance activities, specifically urban renewal and publicly assisted housing. This Agreement shall be effective only when sufficient municipalities have signed the contract so that 200,000 population is represented, and when all other Federal eligibility criteria for designation as an "Urban County" under the Act have been satisfied. In the event that sufficient municipalities to meet these criteria should not sign this Agreement within the time period set forth by the United States department of Housing and Urban Development, the County Executive shall so notify all signators and the Agreement shall thereupon be null and void. In order to comply with Federal requirements, the County government, through the Board of Chosen Freeholders, shall be the applicant for Community Development funds. The County has the final responsibility for selecting Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Program, Emergency Solutions Grant activities and annually filing Consolidated Plan with HUD, in accordance with the procedures established under Section A.1.c(3) of this Agreement.

C. Agreement as to Specific Activities (Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.)

1. Activities

- a. The municipality and the County shall take all actions necessary to assure compliance with the urban county's certification under Section 104(b) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, regarding the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Uniform Relocation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, affirmatively furthering fair housing, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Executive Order 11988, the Fair Housing Act, Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (which incorporates Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Age

Discrimination Act of 1975), and other applicable laws. Pursuant to 24 CFR 570.501(b), a municipality is subject to the same requirements applicable to subrecipients, including the requirement of a written agreement as described in 24 CFR 570.503. The Grantee or a unit of general local government that directly or indirectly receives Community Development Block Grant(CDBG) funds may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any such portion of such funds to another metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

- b. The Municipality agrees to comply with all Federal, State, County, and Municipal laws, rules, and regulations generally applicable to the activities engaged in during the performance of the agreement.
- c. Urban county funding will be prohibited for activities in or in support of any cooperating unit of general local government that does not affirmatively further fair housing within its own jurisdiction or that impedes the county's actions to comply with its fair housing certification.
- d. The municipality has adopted and is enforcing a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and a policy of enforcing applicable State and Local Laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within jurisdictions.
- e. Pursuant to 24 CFR 570.501(b), the unit of local government is subject to the same requirements applicable to subrecipients, including the requirements of a written agreement set forth in 24 CFR 570.503.
- f. The municipality agrees to inform the County of any income generated by the expenditure of CDBG funds received by them; that any program income must be paid to the County; that any program income the municipality is authorized by the County to retain may only be used for eligible activities in accordance with all

CDBG requirements as they may apply; and that any program income generated from the disposition or transfer of property prior to or subsequent to the close-out change of status or termination of this Agreement be returned to the County. The County has the responsibility for monitoring and reporting to HUD on the use of any program income, thereby requiring appropriate record keeping and reporting by the municipality. In the event of any close-out or change in status of a municipality, any program income that is on hand or received subsequent to the close-out or change in status shall be paid to the County.

- g. The municipality agrees to notify the County of any change in the use of real property acquired with CDBG funds from that planned at the time of acquisition or improvement including disposition and that the municipality will reimburse the County in an amount equal to the current fair market value (less any portion thereof attributable to expenditure on non - CDBG funds) of property acquired or improved with CDBG funds, that is sold or transferred for a use which does not qualify under the CDBG regulations.
- h. No unit of local government may sell, trade or otherwise transfer all or a portion of such funds to a metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal consideration but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

2. County Responsibility

The municipality agrees that the County, as the applicant, takes full responsibility and assumes all obligations of an applicant under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990 and the Emergency Solutions Grant of 2012. This responsibility will also extend to parts of the planning and management process, for the execution of community development plan, including the analysis of needs, the setting of objectives, the development of the Consolidated Plan, and all assurances or certifications of compliance with federal and state requirements necessary under federal and state laws. The responsibility of the

County shall apply to all community development projects whether or not the County or the locality carries out directly an activity or activities included in the application. The municipality agrees that the County has the authority to carry out activities which will be funded from annual Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Program and Emergency Solutions Grant, from **Federal Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, and 2023** appropriations and from any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds.

3. Costs

a. Cost of Activities The costs of the community development activities and the total cost of all activities shall be as approved pursuant to Section A.1.c.(3) and d, and in the application submitted to HUD, subject to approval and funding by HUD, and to any modification in the total grant award or cost of activities required by HUD.

b. Municipal Designation to Carry Out Activities

The activities to be completed under the Community Development Program will be carried out by the County with participation of the Committees as set forth in Section A.1.c(3) and d. except those being carried out directly by participating municipalities.

c. Payment Payments for the conduct of activities to be carried out by individual municipalities will be made to the municipality on the basis of vouchers and resolutions submitted by the approving authority of the municipality. The final 10% of the activity cost will be made upon certification by the municipality and verification by the County that the activity has been completed in a satisfactory manner according to paragraph C.4. below of this agreement, and applicable Federal and State requirements.

4. Standards of Performance

Activities to be carried out under the Housing and Community Development Act, the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, the Emergency Solutions Grant of 2012

this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with Federal, State and local laws and regulations. In carrying out the activities, the County will be responsible for contact with other local, State and Federal agencies to prevent duplication of effort, and to foster coordination of related activities. Activities to be carried out by individual municipalities shall adhere to County design and construction standards, and shall be based on work proposals and budget outlines submitted to the County for review. The Director of the Division of Community Development or other County staff members, as may be necessary, shall grant approval prior to the commencement of any work involved in carrying out the activity. The County will establish a staff responsible for managing the program, and this staff will prepare timely progress reports of activities to be distributed to the Mayors and governing bodies of participating municipalities and the general public.

5. Time Period

In accordance with HUD regulations, activities included in the application shall be completed or substantially underway during the program year, which shall be one year from the date of notification of the grant awarded by HUD. Work on the activities to be carried out directly by municipalities shall commence only upon release of funds by HUD and conformance to local finance board regulations and only upon notification by the County that the municipality is authorized to initiate the project. Work on these activities should begin as soon as possible following issuance of this notice to the municipalities, and should be completed in a timely manner. If a project is not started or implemented in a timely manner as set forth above, after due notice and warnings are given to the municipality in question, the regional CD Committee and the Board of Chosen Freeholders reserve the right to reallocate these funds.

6. Availability of Records for Audit

Required records of progress of activities carried out by the County and by individual municipalities will be maintained according to the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990 and accompanying regulation; FMC 74-7 the New Jersey Division of Local

Finance, and other applicable requirements. All records shall be kept in a manner prescribed by these regulations and shall be available for audit by the proper authorities. Records of activities carried out by the County shall be maintained by the Director of the Division of Community Development of the County or his/her designated subordinate, and records of activities carried out by individual municipalities shall be maintained by the municipal clerk of the municipality carrying out the activity.

D. Signators

This Agreement shall be executed in similarly worded counterparts, each of which shall be signed by the County Executive and the chief executive of an individual municipality, (the chief executive of a municipality is the mayor except in council manager governments, in which case, the chief executive is the manager) after authorization by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the governing body of the municipality, to execute this Agreement. Each such signator agrees to cooperate with all other signators and be found as if all had signed the same Agreement.

E. Modification and Amendment

1. Modification of Costs and/or Activities

In the event that any modifications of the cost of an activity or any activity itself shall become necessary, or is requested by the County or a municipality participating in or carrying out an activity, the County may increase or decrease the cost of an activity or modify the activity, subject to all necessary HUD and municipal approvals, and only after appropriate committee approvals, provided that the total funding does not exceed the total grant award. Municipal requests for cost or activity modifications must be by a resolution of the governing body and shall also require passage of a resolution by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. County requests for cost or activity modifications of a municipal project shall be made in writing by the County Executive subject to approvals by resolutions of the governing bodies of the municipality or municipalities involved.

2. Addition or Deletion of Projects

Projects may be added or deleted by the County with such HUD approvals as are required and the approval of the municipality or municipalities involved. Said approvals shall be by resolution of the municipality or municipalities and the County and shall be subject to paragraphs C.4. and C.4., above. Projects will not be added or deleted without appropriate review by the respective Committee(s).

F. Severability

In the event that any portion of this agreement shall be made inoperative by reason of judicial or administrative ruling, the remainder shall continue in effect.

G. Supersession

This Agreement shall supplement any previous agreements on this subject and shall replace and supersede any previously agreed upon provisions only to the extent of conflict of purpose.

H. Opinion of County Counsel

Pursuant to the requirements of the HUD regulations, this Three Year Cooperative Agreement (**July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024**) was reviewed by the County's Counsel for compliance therewith and it is the opinion of County Counsel that the terms and provisions of the Agreement are fully authorized under state and local law and that the Agreement provides full legal authority for the County to undertake or assist in undertaking essential community renewal and lower-income housing assistance activities.

County Executive

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

(Seal)

Linda M. Silvestri, Clerk (Seal)

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 159-2020

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2021 Various Streets Improvement Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as *MA-2021-Various Streets - 2021 - Improvement-00026* to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

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 22nd day of June, 2020

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 160-2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield has been engaged in litigation with Suez Water New Jersey Inc. as a result of water main breaks occurring on Hamilton Avenue on July 4, 2018 and January 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the attorneys for the parties have negotiated a settlement; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Settlement Agreement, the Borough will receive the sum of \$10,000.00 from Suez;

WHEREAS, the settlement of the litigation is in the best interests of the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is contained in the attached Settlement Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield as follows:

1. The Settlement Agreement attached hereto, as well as the Release in connection with same, be and hereby are approved by the Mayor and Council.
2. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE				
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This is a Settlement Agreement by and between SUEZ Water New Jersey Inc. (hereinafter "SWNJ"), maintaining its principal place of business at 461 From Road, Paramus, New Jersey 07652, and the Borough of Ridgefield (hereinafter "Ridgefield"), maintaining its principal place of business at 604 Broad Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657;

WHEREAS, Ridgefield has filed suit against SWNJ claiming damages which it alleges SWNJ is responsible for; and

WHEREAS, SWNJ has denied liability; and

WHEREAS, due to the vagaries and uncertainties of the litigation, and the continuing expense of same, the parties have reached a settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED by and between the parties as follows:

1. Payment: SWNJ shall pay to Ridgefield the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of the executed Settlement Agreement.

2. No Admission of Liability: The parties specifically agree that SWNJ does not admit liability or wrongdoing of any kind in connection with the settlement of this matter as contained in the Settlement Agreement.

3. Releases: The parties hereby mutually release and remise the other from any and all claims, debts, liabilities or obligations in connection with the litigation through the date of the issuance of this Settlement Agreement. Ridgefield will also issue a formal Release in favor of SWNJ and its insurers as part of the settlement.

4. Counterparts: This Settlement Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, and once executed by each of the parties, the counterparts shall form a complete and full agreement.

5. Complete Agreement and Modification: This represents a complete Settlement Agreement by and between the parties. This agreement may not be modified or amended, except in a writing executed by both parties.

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

DATE:

SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY INC.

By:_____
James M. Terranova
Assistant Secretary

WITNESS:

RELEASE

This Release, dated June , 2020

BY the Releasor(s)

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD referred to as "Borough",

TO

SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY INC.; EVEREST NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY; and LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY referred to as "the Released Parties"

If more than one person signs this Release, "I" shall mean each person who signs this Release.

1. Release. The Borough releases and gives up any and all claims and rights, which it may have against the Released Parties. This releases all claims, including those of which the Borough is not aware and those not mentioned in this Release. This Release applies to claims resulting from anything, which has happened up to now. The Borough specifically releases the following claims:

Any and all claims which the Borough may have against the Released Parties, including specifically all of the claims raised in the matter entitled *Borough of Ridgefield v. SWNJ Water New Jersey Inc.; SUEZ North America; SUEZ*, Bergen County Superior Court Law Division, Docket No. BER-L-006714-19.

2. Payment. The Borough will be paid a total of \$10,000.00, in full payment for making this Release. The Borough agrees that it will not seek anything further including any other payment from the Released Parties.

3. Who is Bound. The Borough is bound by this Release, as well as anyone who succeeds to the Borough's rights and responsibilities.

4. Signatures. The Borough understands and agrees to the terms of this Release. If this Release is made by a corporation its proper corporate officers sign and its corporate seal is affixed.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN SS:

I CERTIFY that on June , 2020

Anthony R. Suarez personally came before me and stated to my satisfaction that this person (or if more than one, each person):

- (a) was the maker of the attached Release;
 - (b) was authorized to and did execute this Release as Mayor of the Borough of Ridgefield, the entity named in this Release;
 - (c) executed this Release as the act of the entity.
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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 161-2020

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has proposed to build a 140 megawatt gas-fired power plant (aka NJ TRANSITGRID Traction Power System) along the Hackensack River in Kearny, NJ; and

WHEREAS, this gas-fired power plant would be paid for using \$546 million of taxpayer-provided federal and state funding, including a \$410 million federal grant for Hurricane Sandy Recovery and Resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Ridgefield has a principal responsibility to protect the health and safety of its residents, businesses, and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed NJ TRANSITGRID gas-fired power plant would be another long-term source of harmful air pollution directly impacting North Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, gas infrastructure facilities can annually emit into the air hundreds of tons of pollutants including particulate matter, toxic chemicals such as sulfur dioxide, mercury, and criteria pollutants (such as nitrogen oxides which contribute to the formation of acid rain, ozone, and smog),[1] some of which are known carcinogens such as benzene and formaldehyde, and also can be sources of radioactive contamination[2] and are known to increase the severity of asthma and other respiratory diseases; and

WHEREAS, particulate matter, once inhaled, can affect the heart and lungs and cause serious health effects, including lung cancer; with long-term exposure to ozone being linked to aggravation of asthma, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis, and likely to be one of many causes of asthma development; with long-term exposures to ozone being linked to permanent lung damage, such as abnormal lung development in children; with both ozone and particulate pollutants being linked to premature death, cardiovascular harm, and increased susceptibility to infections; with recent studies linking air pollution to increases in obesity, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and stroke; [3] and with the people most at risk from breathing air that contains ozone including those with asthma, children, older adults, and those who are active outdoors, especially outdoor workers; and

WHEREAS, a new study conducted by scientists at Harvard University found that communities with unhealthy levels of particulate matter pollution (pm 2.5) were more likely to die from COVID-19 than other communities,

WHEREAS, people who live or work in close proximity to natural gas infrastructure facilities such as power plants and compressors are most at risk, particularly developing fetuses,

children, older adults, and those with cardiovascular, lung, or respiratory problems and other vulnerable subpopulations, although under certain weather and terrain conditions, these pollutants can have a wider impact; and

WHEREAS, current protocols used for assessing compliance with ambient air quality standards do not adequately determine intensity, frequency, or duration of actual human exposures to pollutants and mixtures of pollutants emitted from natural gas infrastructure, noting that periodic 24-hour average measures can underestimate actual exposures by an order of magnitude; and

WHEREAS, based on the American Lung Association’s State of the Air 2019” report, North Jersey, which will be most impacted by emissions from this power plant, already has significant populations (in some cases the largest in New Jersey), with pediatric and adult asthma, COPD, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes,[4] whose conditions will only be exacerbated by additional volumes of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, developing fetuses and children are uniquely vulnerable to exposures as they receive proportionally greater doses of pollutants than adults and have immature organs and detoxification systems[5]; and

WHEREAS, peer-reviewed scientific studies[6] link exposure from air pollutants emitted by natural gas infrastructure facilities with neurological, cardiovascular, and respiratory disease, cancer, birth defects, and other adverse health impacts; with acute health impacts from these toxic exposures able to cause burning eyes, headaches, breathing difficulty and nausea for nearby populations and can exacerbate health problems; and with chronic health impacts that can include certain types of cancer as well as damage to lungs, liver, kidneys, reproductive, nervous, and cardiovascular systems; and

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association acknowledges the hazards of natural gas infrastructure and associated adverse health impacts; and

WHEREAS, Bergen, Hudson, and Essex Counties (the proposed site of the gas-fired power plant being Kearny) already receive grades of ‘F’ from the American Lung Association for ground level ozone pollution,[7]

WHEREAS, the annual health impacts of burning 1 (one) billion cubic feet per day of natural gas in the NY/NJ metropolitan area are estimated to be as follows [8] ; and

Health Impact	Incidents per year	Societal Value*	Direct Medical and Other Costs
Premature Mortality	35.3	\$238,712,000	\$10,585,000

Chronic Bronchitis	22.3	\$10,554,000	\$2,700,000
Hospital + Emergency Room visits	32.8	\$432,000	\$345,000
Asthma Attacks	724.5	\$43,000	\$42,000
Respiratory Symptoms	32,720	\$1,190,000	\$1,190,000
Work Loss Days	6,374	\$1,160,000	\$1,079,000
Mercury Related	NA	\$12,277,000	\$13,277,000
Total		\$265,369,000	\$29,217,000

*Costs to consumers for which they are not reimbursed.

WHEREAS, the NJ TRANSIT GRID gas-fired power plant would become the 13th largest emitter of greenhouse gases in New Jersey, releasing 5,771,000 tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent greenhouse gases into the atmosphere annually [9]; and

WHEREAS, the primary ingredient of natural gas is methane, which leaks at every system stage of production, including extraction, processing, transmission, distribution, and final consumption; and

WHEREAS, methane is an extremely potent greenhouse gas with a global warming potential that is 34 times that of carbon dioxide over a 100-year timeframe and 86 times that of carbon dioxide over a 20-year timeframe; and

WHEREAS, methane emissions from gas-fired power plants may be considerably higher than previously thought, with a 2017 study[10] finding that gas-fired power plants released more than 20 times more methane than the facilities had estimated; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has never seriously explored alternative solutions to its proposed gas-fired power plant, including zero-emissions technologies like solar, wind, or tidal energy combined with battery energy storage, each of which, or in combination, would avoid the environmental and public health issues detailed in this resolution while still providing new jobs and other financial benefits to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit's failure to seriously evaluate clean energy alternatives is in direct contradiction with several New Jersey laws and policies, including the state's Clean Air Act, 2018 Clean Energy Act, and final 2019 Energy Master Plan to achieve 100% clean energy economy wide in New Jersey by 2050; and

WHEREAS, natural gas is becoming less attractive as an energy source due to the rapidly improving cost-effectiveness of renewable technologies, the impact of fossil fuels on our climate emergency (and the need to immediately make deep reductions, not increases, in greenhouse gas emissions,) and the increasing likelihood of fossil fuel infrastructures becoming stranded assets over their expected lifetime, it is likely that the long-term economics associated with NJ Transit's microgrid favor a renewable energy technology-based solution ; and

WHEREAS, the air pollution from the power plant would disproportionately harm communities of color and low-income communities in Kearny, Newark and Jersey City, in direct contradiction with Governor Murphy's Executive Order 23 to promote environmental justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plant would be built on top of a Superfund site and the former Koppers Seaboard Coke and By-Products plant as well as in an active flood plain that is at risk for least one flood over 6 feet taking place between 2020 and 2050; and

WHEREAS, the location of the plant conflicts with the Regional Plan Association's 2017 finding of the Meadowlands being at risk from sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, geological changes along the East Coast are causing land to sink along the seaboard, which is exacerbating the flood-inducing effects of sea level rise, which has been occurring faster in the western Atlantic Ocean than elsewhere in recent years; with a 2016 article in Scientific American[11] reporting that Sandy Hook is sinking at the rate of over one inch per decade while the regional sea level is rising at over three inches per decade; and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired power plant would require 1.3 million gallons of water per day which would come from the municipal water system (Suez), with about 90% of this water to be used to cool the steam-driven turbines; with cooling towers to be used for evaporation, which would allow chemicals in the water to contribute to the existing levels of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired power plant's requirement that chemicals such as ammonia, bleach and acids be delivered by trucks and stored on-site would increase the potential for spills into nearby wetlands and streams, and the Hackensack River; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the proposed gas-fired power plant would increase the volume of fracked natural gas used in New Jersey, which also would increase the drilling and associated environmentally-destructive activities associated with its production and transport[12] in the region; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy Recovery and Resiliency funding would be used to pay for a gas-fired power plant that would increase greenhouse gas emissions, thus increasing the likelihood of more Sandy-like hurricanes, when New Jersey and its governor should be taking every action possible to safeguard our climate future; and

WHEREAS, the 140 megawatts that NJ Transit states is required to power its microgrid project, including driving trains 24/7, can be achieved by the cleaner alternative of one or more renewable energy systems at the proposed Kearney site and on other NJ Transit property (solar, wind, tidal), along with one or more energy storage systems (batteries, flywheels, supercapacitors); and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Clean Energy Law, Public Law 2018 establishes one of the most ambitious renewable energy standards in the country by requiring that 21 percent of the energy sold in the state be from Class I renewable energy sources by 2020; 35 percent by 2025 and 50 percent by 2030; and codifies the Governor's goal of achieving 600 megawatts of energy storage by 2021 and 2,000 megawatts by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy should direct federal grants and relief funds towards energy solutions that will help achieve New Jersey's renewable energy and energy storage goals; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has the opportunity to become a nationwide leader in both renewable energy and environmentally beneficial transit solutions, it is incumbent upon the agency to make every effort to adopt renewable energy and energy storage to power the NJ TRANSIT GRID project.

WHEREAS, the microgrid would fail if the gas-fired power plant was severely damaged or forced to shut down by an extreme weather event but the use of renewable energy and energy storage would greatly reduce the probability of a single point of failure jeopardizing the microgrid; and powered by

WHEREAS, powering the microgrid project with renewable energy and energy storage would largely eliminate the need for NJ Transit to purchase natural gas or power from the main electrical grid; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the municipality and council of the Borough of Ridgefield, in the interest of protecting its residents, businesses and institutions, as of June 22, 2020, strongly opposes the use of a gas-fired power plant to supply electricity for the NJ TRANSIT GRID Traction Power System microgrid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Ridgefield supports a renewable energy (solar, tidal, wind) and energy storage system (battery, flywheel) in the place of a gas-fired power plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Ridgefield urges Governor Murphy to direct NJ Transit to immediately undertake a comprehensive engineering and economic analysis of the use of various renewable energy and storage technologies to power its Traction Power System microgrid and report back to the Governor and the public on the results of this analysis before it proceeds with bids to construct the system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall forward this Resolution to:

- New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy - <https://www.nj.gov/governor/contact/>
- NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Commissioner Catherine McCabe -
Catherine.McCabe@dep.nj.gov
- State Senator Brian P. Stack - SenStack@NJLeg.org
- State Assemblyperson Annette Chaparro - AswChaparro@njleg.org
- State Assemblyperson Raj Mukherji - AsmMukherji@NJleg.org
- Food & Water Watch - sdifalco@fwwatch.org
- Hudson, Bergen, and Essex County Freeholders and Administration
 - Essex - ddavisford@freeholders.essexcountynj.org
 - Bergen - mamoroso@co.bergen.nj.us
 - Hudson - asantos@hcnj.us
- League of New Jersey Municipalities, 222 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608
- The Bergen Record - Fallon@northjersey.com

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

[1] Criteria Air Pollutants(CAP),or criteria pollutants are a set of [air pollutants](#) that cause [smog](#), [acid rain](#), and other health hazards. CAPs are typically emitted from any sources in [industry](#),[mining](#),[transportation](#), [electricity generation](#),and [agriculture](#). In many cases they are the products of the [combustion](#) of [fossil fuels](#) or industrial processes.

[2] Environmental Health Project Report, October 2017:Health Effects Associated with Stack Chemical Emissions from NYS Natural Gas Compressor Stations:2008-2014
<https://www.environmentalhealthproject.org/sites/default/files/assets/resources/health-effects-associated-with-stack-chemical-emissions-from-nys-natural-gas.pdf>

[3] <https://www.sciencenews.org/article/list-diseases-linked-air-pollution-growing>

[4] Numbers of residents in 2017 in each county with the diseases shown:

County	Pediatric Asthma	Adult Asthma	COPD	Lung Cancer	Cardio-vascular Disease	Diabetes	Poverty Estimate
Bergen	16,376*	61,021*	47,586*	525*	62,375*	70,715*	63,789
Hudson	11,286	44,533	29,582	379	36,091	40,122	104,660
*Highest volume in New Jersey							

[5] Reducing the staggering costs of environmental disease in children, estimated at \$76.6 billion in 2008, Trasande, L, et al, Health Affairs, May 2011: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21543421>

[6] PSE for Healthy Energy Repository for Oil and Gas Energy Research
<https://www.psehealthyenergy.org/our-work/shale-gas-research-library/>

[7] American Lung Association’s 2019 State of the Air report, page 124
<http://www.stateoftheair.org/assets/sota-2019-full.pdf> Shows Hudson and Bergen Counties with grade of F for high ozone days.

[8] <https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce-authors/u1997/HCHW%20pipeline%20health%20impacts.pdf>

[9] <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/environment/2019/06/21/nj-transit-wants-build-power-plant-meadowlands-kearny-amtrak/1509679001/>

[10] <https://www.desmogblog.com/2017/03/20/natural-gas-power-plants-fracking-methane>

[11] <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/sinking-atlantic-coastline-meets-rapidly-rising-seas/>

[12] Concerned Health Professionals of New York/Physicians for Social Responsibility, Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking (Unconventional Gas and Oil Extraction), 6th Edition, June 2019
<https://www.psr.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/compendium-6.pdf>

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Mayor Suarez

Proclamation

RESOLUTION NO. 162-2020

WHEREAS, high school nourishes and enriches the intellectual, physical and emotional strength of adolescents; and

WHEREAS, high school welcomes in the children of our society and provides them with the tools to grow into well-rounded young adults; and

WHEREAS, those who graduate high school will move on to college, trade schools, the workforce, the armed services or any number of limitless paths before them; and

WHEREAS, those who graduate high school today will become the leaders of society tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, graduating high school is the culmination of years of dedication and discipline in the lives of young adults; and

WHEREAS, graduates of Ridgefield Memorial High School Class of 2020 faced not only the normal rigors of high school, but the added challenges of completing their education while enduring a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, graduates lost not only in-classroom learning, but the ability to experience a wide-range of cherished high school past times normally afforded to those in the final half of their senior year; and

WHEREAS, nonetheless, the Ridgefield Memorial High School Class of 2020 took these challenges in stride and persevered through any and all obstacles blocking their path to successfully obtaining a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, graduates of this class have exhibited a level of respect and reverence for finishing their high school education that they may reflect on with great pride for the rest of their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor of the Borough of Ridgefield, on behalf of the Borough Council do hereby recognize the Ridgefield Memorial High School Class

of 2020 for their commitment to their education despite unprecedented circumstances and wish all graduates success as they rightfully take their place as adults in the world beyond high school.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Jimenez				
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 163-2020

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy of the State of New Jersey has issued Executive Order No. 150 which, in pertinent part, allows food and drinking establishments to offer services to be conducted outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield previously determined by Resolution No. 155-2020 to assist its food and drinking establishments to receive such special permissions as may be required by the municipality in order to allow them to take advantage of Executive Order No. 150; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of that resolution, and in order to act quickly, the Mayor and Council specifically authorized the Borough Attorney, in consultation with other Borough officials, to draft regulations in furtherance of that goal; and

WHEREAS, those regulations were in fact drafted by the Borough Attorney and have been posted on the Borough's website; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council now wishes to ratify and affirm those regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the regulations attached hereto be and hereby are ratified and affirmed by the Mayor and Council; and the Mayor and Council hereby specifically authorizes the Borough Attorney to modify same in the future as may be deemed advisable by Borough officials, subject to later ratification by the Mayor and Council.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE				
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Mayor Suarez				

**BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS TO PERMIT
OUTDOOR DINING FOR FOOD OR BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS
OPERATING IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD**

1. Outdoor dining, as described and authorized in Executive Order No. 150 by the Governor of the State of New Jersey for food or beverage establishments operating within the Borough of Ridgefield, may be permitted but only in accordance with these Regulations.

2. All food or beverage establishments utilizing outdoor dining shall do so strictly in accordance with Executive Order No. 150, Executive Directive No. 20-014 of the New Jersey Department of Health and, for those establishments having a liquor license, pursuant to SR 2020-10, Special Ruling Establishing Temporary COVID 19 Permit to Expand Licensed Premises by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

3. In addition, all food or beverage establishments utilizing outdoor dining shall do so strictly in accordance with Executive Order No. 150, Executive Directive No. 20-014 of the New Jersey Department of Health and, for those establishments having a liquor license, pursuant to SR 2020-10, Special Ruling Establishing Temporary COVID 19 Permit to Expand Licensed Premises by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, shall also operate in strict conformity with all other existing laws, rules, regulations and ordinances as they presently exist.

4. All food or beverage establishments wishing to utilize outdoor dining may do so only by way of permit issued by the Borough Administrator.

5. All permits shall be issued in the discretion of the Borough Administrator, who is authorized and directed to consult with all appropriate Borough Officials including, but not limited to, Police Department, Health Department, Fire Department and Building Department.

6. Temporary permits are being offered for the convenience of food and beverage establishments and may be revoked and/or modified at any point in time in the complete discretion of the Borough. In addition, the rules and regulations pertaining to same may be modified, and applicants must comply with all such modifications.

7. Applicants operating after issuance of a permit shall be subject to inspection by all Borough Departments.

8. The terms, conditions and provisions of the attached application be and hereby are incorporated into these regulations and shall form a part hereof. All applicants must complete the attached application.

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 164-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that salary increases of 2% be granted to the Borough Administrator/Director of Parks and Recreation/Pool Director, Superintendent of DPW, Municipal Court Administrator, Program Director, Fire Sub-code Official, Housing Inspector, Zoning Official, Electrical Sub-Code Official and Plumbing Sub-Code Official effective January 1, 2020.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 165-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the hourly rate for per-diem Community Service Officers be increased to \$16.00 per hour effective July 2, 2020.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 166-2020

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

CAITLIN CASTEL

be hired as a part-time clerical employee for Fire Prevention at the hourly rate of \$11.00 effective June 19, 2020.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Mayor Suarez

Proclamation

RESOLUTION NO. 167-2020

WHEREAS, on January 1st, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation providing that all persons he slaves within any State “*shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free*”; and

WHEREAS, on June 19th, 1865 it was announced that both the Civil War and slavery ended with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States that all slaves are free; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the end of slavery became known as "Juneteenth," the oldest known public celebration of the end of slave the United States; and

WHEREAS, “Juneteenth” commemorates African American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education greater opportunity; and

WHEREAS, “Juneteenth” reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, the United States is made up of people from every Nation on Earth, who are declared equal, not only in freedom, but also in justice, both of which are essential for a healthy human civilization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor of the Borough of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim Friday, the Nineteenth day of June, Thousand & Twenty as the “Day to Celebrate & Honor Juneteenth 2020,” and do urge all of the citizens of the Borough of Ridgefield to unite in this celebration.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilwoman Larkin

RESOLUTION NO. 168-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the following personnel be hired as Pool employees for the 2020 pool season:

Last Name	First Name	Year	Salary
Acierno	Mia	1	10.30
Acierno	Stephen	1	10.30
Arcuri	Luca	8	11.00
Arcuri	Piero	3	10.50
Baric	Amanda	6	10.75
Boru	Francesca	4	10.50
Caceros	Alexandra	2	10.30
Cancian	Anthony	4	10.50
Castelli	Matthew	6	10.75
Cha	Jiwon	8	13.25
Cha	Jamie	5	10.75
Diaz	Kevin	3	10.50
Dooley	Emma	2	10.30
Elenio	Frank	9	11.25
El-zibawi	Rami	4	10.50
Forbes	Matthew	1	10.30
Fuentes	Valentina	3	10.50
Garcia	Juan	2	10.30
Garciga	Jailyn	3	10.50
Garofolo	Lynne	3	10.50
Garofolo	Lynne	3	10.50
Giro	Kaitlyn	2	10.30
Giro	Kaitlyn	2	10.30
Halter	Christopher	2	10.30
Hasse	Louis	5	10.75
Hernandez	Eduardo	3	10.50
Hot	Emma	3	10.50
Huzovic	Josip	2	10.30
Kakalec	Kaitlyn	2	10.30
Lajara	Yanako	2	10.30
Madina	Aurara	2	10.30
Magriples	Demetri	5	10.75

Mahmutbegovic	Haris	4	10.50
McDermott	Nicole	3	10.50
Moreiro	Ashley	6	13.25
Nunez	Alexis	2	10.30
Parga	Ayden	3	10.30
Popp	Sophia	2	10.30
Pulci	Alyssa	7	13.25
Reynoso	Sabrina	4	10.50
Rodriguez	Julian	5	10.75
Rush	Emma	7	11.00
Rush	James	3	10.50
Salomon	Camila	3	10.50
Santiago	Julian	3	10.50
Saric	Ocean	2	10.30
Siddiqui	Sara	3	10.50
Siddiqui	Sumaiyah	3	10.50
Skoblar	Izabella	3	10.50
Sorto	Ashley	2	10.30
Suba	Alyssa	2	10.30
Van Buskirk	Ryan	6	10.75
Van Buskirk	John	8	13.25
Van Buskirk	Patrick	3	10.50
Wang	Annie	6	10.75
Wang	Michele	6	10.75
Wiss	Rita	31	15.75
Yoon	Kristy	2	10.30

Catherina	Edward	Asst. Mgr	\$8,420
Wunder	Sharon	Manager	\$15,075
Muccia	Linda	Asst. Mgr	\$7,650

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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

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 June 22, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$462,805.93**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$428,350.65
TRUST	\$5,099.55
CAPITAL	\$27,775.00
POOL	\$1,580.73
TOTAL	\$462,805.93

COUNCIL VOTE

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Castelli				
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk