

Public Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on June 24, 2019 at 7:32 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

Invocation given by Father Mariano Gargiulo of St. James Episcopal Church

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

Citizens Comment on Agenda: NONE

Correspondence:

Thanked the Fire Department, Ambulance Corp and Police Department for response to fires and house explosion.

Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2018 Work Session, December 19, 2018 Work Session, January 28, 2019 Work Session, February 25, 2019 Work Session, March 25, 2019 Work Session, and June 10, 2019 Public Session Meetings – APPROVED [H. Jimenez Abstained 1/28/19; L. Larkin Abstained 5/16/18, 12/19/18 and 2/25/19]

Presentation of LGBTQ Pride Month Proclamation to Father Gargiulo

Introduction of 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”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call:

Councilman Castelli	YES
Councilman Penabad	YES
Councilman Shim	YES
Councilman Jimenez	YES

Councilman Kontolios YES
Councilwoman Larkin YES

Introduction of 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"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call:

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

Introduction of 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"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

187-2019	Councilman Castelli	Authorize Grant Application NJDOT-Studio Road Improvement Project
188-2019	Councilman Castelli	Endorse Community Development Pleasantview Terrace Project
189-2019	Councilman Penabad	Appoint Per-Diem Fire Inspector-McLoughlin
190-2019	Councilman Castelli	Hire P/T DPW/Sanitation Employee-Castro

191-2019	Councilwoman Larkin	Hire 2019 Summer Playground Personnel
192-2019	Councilman Castelli	Limousine License-Lee
193-2019	Councilman Castelli	Approve PSE&G ROW Agreement
194-2019	Councilwoman Larkin	Swim Pool Personnel Correction
195-2019	Councilman Castelli	2019/2020 Liquor License Renewals
196-2019	Councilman Castelli	Hire Class III Officer-Williamson
197-2019	Councilman Castelli	Interlocal Service Agreement with Board of Education
198-2019	Councilman Jimenez	Lien Redemption-Cert. 19-007
199-2019	Councilman Jimenez	Full Tax Exemption-Block 2906, Lot 8
200-2019	Mayor Suarez	Gun Violence Awareness Month
201-2019	Councilman Castelli	Appoint Fire Subcode Official – Yfantis
202-2019	Councilman Castelli	CSO Collective Bargaining Agreement
203-2019	Councilman Jimenez	Capital Budget Amendment
204-2019	Councilman Jimenez	Authorize Purchase Through Capital Improvement Fund

Roll Call:

Councilman Castelli	YES	
Councilman Penabad	YES	
Councilman Shim	YES	ABSTAIN 195
Councilman Jimenez	YES	
Councilman Kontolios	YES	
Councilwoman Larkin	YES	ABSTAIN 191, 196, 197

RESOLUTIONS:

205-2019	Councilman Jimenez	Warrants
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Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

The Mayor thanked emergency services for their response.

On June 12th the Health Department hosted the Rabies Clinic.

On June 13th the Mayor and Councilman Kontolios attended a Board of Education meeting. On June 20th the Mayor attended the middle school graduation. On June 21st the Mayor attended the high school graduation with Councilman Kontolios and Councilwoman Jimenez.

On June 14th Councilman Kontolios, Councilman Shim and the Mayor met with a Deputy Mayor from Korea.

He hoped all the fathers had a wonderful Father's Day.

On the 21st the Youth Commission had their Summer Kick Off Party.

The Mayor invited everyone to the 4th of July services on July 3rd. There will be plenty of activities.

Raffle License Application

St. James Episcopal Church
514 Abbott Avenue
September 15, 2019 – 12:00 -3:30 pm
Merchandise Raffle

APPROVED

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

Councilman Castelli thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their response to the house explosion.

Councilman Penabad stated there has been a bunch of meetings. He thanked the Police Department and Fire Department.

Councilman Kontolios thanked the Fire Department, Police Department and DPW. He stated the Council has bonded for equipment for the Fire Department. The Nature Center has been cleared and the Environmental Commission hopes for a soft opening after July 3rd. The Mayor has spoken with the Bergen County Vocational School for help to relocate the community garden. He told Father Gargiulo to keep up the work. He wished everyone a good 4th of July.

Councilman Jimenez thanked the Board of Health for hosting the Rabies Clinic. He thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, and first responders. He attended the high school graduation. He wished everyone a great summer.

Councilwoman Larkin congratulated all first responders. She congratulated Matt and Khalid of the Fire Department for graduating high school and wished them the best. She thanked Father Gargiulo for attending the meeting.

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

Nestor Delgado – 634 Shaler Boulevard – He thanked the Fire Department for their hard work. He stated the world is losing their humanity and the people need to be aware of the next couple of

years. He asked if he will be kept in the loop about the community garden. Councilman Kontolios thanked him for relocating the community garden and stated he will be kept in the loop.

John Hoffman – Chief Fire Official – He thanked the Mayor and Council on the behalf of the Fire Department for their support and training. The Mayor thanked him for keeping the Council notified.

Brandy Mariah – 600 Shaler Boulevard – She stated she is happy the Mayor and Council are using microphones. She is thrilled the Borough is celebrating Pride Month and grateful the Borough is accepting of all. She is happy the North Bergen Liberty Generating Project is put on hold and attributes a lot to the Mayor and Council for speaking up. She stated there is a major global problem.

Meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk