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**BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD**

**A G E N D A**

**Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council**

Date: June 8, 2020

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Public Session to Adjourn to Executive Session: C.T.O.: Adjourn:

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-PUBLIC SESSION**

	Adj. to Ex.		Public	
	Pres.	Abs.	Pres.	Abs.
Mayor Suarez				
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				

**ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION**

	PRESENT		ABSENT	
Mayor Suarez				
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				

**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.

- 151-2020 Councilman Castelli Authorize Application to NJ DEP Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund
- 152-2020 Councilman Castelli Hire DPW Seasonal Employee-Palaia

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

**RESOLUTIONS:**

153-2020	Councilman Jimenez	Warrants
154-2020	Mayor Suarez	LGBTQ Pride

**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 8, 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.

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

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:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2020

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2020

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE  
SITE REMEDIATION FUND (HDSRF) FOR THE REMEDIATION OF A  
DISCHARGE/SUSPECTED DISCHARGE

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield hereby certifies that permission has been granted to apply to HDSRF for the remediation of a discharge/suspected discharge on the western portions of Block 905, Lot 1 and Block 906, Lot 1, the site of the Borough's future municipal building.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2020

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2020

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

NIKOLAS PALAIA

be hired as a Seasonal employee for DPW/Sanitation at the hourly rate of \$11.25 effective immediately.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

The undersigned, being the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, New Jersey, and the person charged with the responsibility of maintaining financial records of said Borough in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:4-57 and the rules of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey adopted thereunder, does hereby certify that there are adequate funds available for the payment of the attached list of invoices, duly adopted by said Borough, and which said list indicates the specific line item of said budget to which expenditures shall be charged.

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Francis J. Elenio,  
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$956,304.32**  
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$175,392.03
TRUST	\$9,389.28
CAPITAL	\$760,110.20
POOL	\$350.46
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	\$11,062.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$956,304.32</b>

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2020

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2020

WHEREAS, On June 27, 1969 the New York City Police Department raided the Stonewall Inn, a bar that was frequented by members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, or LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, The Stonewall Riots marked the beginning of the liberation movement that transformed the oppression of LGBTQ people into calls of pride and action, and LGBTQ Pride Month, where we commemorate the events of June 1969 and commit to achieving equal justice under the law for LGBTQ Americans; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield has a proud LGBTQ community, from all walks of life, which has the right to feel safe and not live with fear of harassment and persecution and not be discriminated against; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight peers, and more than 1/3 of LGBTQ youths have attempted suicide and nine out of ten LGBTQ youths report harassment at school, and three-fifths report feeling unsafe at school; and

WHEREAS, all people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation. During LGBTQ Pride Month, we celebrate the proud legacy LGBTQ individuals have woven into the fabric of our Nation, we honor those who have fought to perfect our Union, and we continue our work to build a society where every child grows up knowing that their country supports them, is proud of them, and has a place for them exactly as they are; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID19 crisis, our local community is prohibited from holding an in-person gathering to demonstrate our support and respect for our LGBTQ community, the Mayor and Council would like to recognize by this resolution the month of June 2020 as LGBTQ Pride Month in Ridgefield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Council, we do hereby proclaim June 2020 as LGBTQ Pride Month in Ridgefield.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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