

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: March 27, 2023

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Jimenez

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

Mayor Jimenez – 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: 7:00 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 Jimenez				
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
	Mayor Jimenez	
Castelli		
Kontolios		
Larkin		
Dorsett		
Ryu		

109-2023 Mayor Jimenez Fill Council Vacancy Until General Election

Presentation of Certificates for Women’s History Month to Sue Abernathy, Diana Alvarez, Cathy Bonacci, Maria Dente, Jane Forte, Jasna Gega, Lauren Johnson, Branka Lulic, Sharon Ramirez, Yilin Sheng, and Linda Silvestri

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2453 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, SUBSECTION 21-8 COURT, MUNICIPAL-LOCATION, HOURS”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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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| 110-2023 | Councilman Castelli | Hire Part-Time CDL Driver |
| 111-2023 | Councilman Castelli | Hire Part-Time DPW/Sanitation Employee |
| 112-2023 | Councilman Castelli | Top Floor Elevated Solutions Agreement |
| 113-2023 | Councilman Castelli | Open Space Grant Agreement 2022 Municipal Park Improvement Program |
| 114-2023 | Councilman Kontolios | Appoint Special Police Officer |
| 115-2023 | Councilman Castelli | Authorize Interlocal Services Agreement with Borough of Fairview |
| 116-2023 | Councilman Kontolios | Tow Licenses |

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

RESOLUTIONS:

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|----------|----------------------|---|
| 117-2023 | Mayor Jimenez | Appoint Mayor's Alternates for Hackensack Meadowlands Municipal Committee |
| 118-2023 | Mayor Jimenez | Community Development Representatives |
| 119-2023 | Councilman Kontolios | Transfer of Appropriation Reserves |
| 120-2023 | Councilman Kontolios | 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 March 27, 2023

Presented by Mayor Jimenez

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				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

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:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Mayor Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2023

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Council due to the recent resignation of former Council member Mayor Hugo Jimenez; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Municipal Committee has selected the following three (3) nominees:

JOANNA CONGALTON-HALI
BRANDY MARIAH
CATHERINE SUAREZ

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield select _____ to fill the unexpired council term of Mayor Jimenez until the 2023 General Election.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2453

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled,

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, SUBSECTION 21-8 COURT, MUNICIPAL-LOCATION, HOURS”

introduced on the 27th day of March, 2023, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 10th day of April, 2023 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council at the Municipal Complex, 700 Shaler Boulevard, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2453

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIDGEFIELD, SUBSECTION 21-8 COURT, MUNICIPAL-LOCATION, HOURS”

Section I. Chapter 21 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield shall be as follows:

§21-8: Location; hours.

The Municipal Court shall be held in the Municipal Complex. The Municipal Magistrate shall sit from 3:30 p.m. until the calendar is completed on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and at such other times as the business of the Court may require, subject to the rules applicable to Municipal Courts.

Section II: In all other regards, the provisions of Chapter 21 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield shall remain in full force and effect.

Section III: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2023

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

SUNKYU CHOI

be hired as a part-time CDL Driver at the rate of \$20.00 per hour effective immediately.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2023

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

SAM ABDELHADI

be hired as a part-time DPW/Sanitation employee at the rate of \$16.00 per hour effective immediately.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2023

WHEREAS, Top Floor Elevated Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 246, Park Ridge, NJ was appointed to perform elevator inspections for the Borough of Ridgefield for calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now wishes to enter into an agreement with Top Floor Elevated Solutions, LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement with Top Floor Elevated Solutions, LLC.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$113,275 matching grant award from the 2022 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled Veteran’s Memorial Park: Repave Basketball & Tennis Courts, Backboards, located in Block 1401, Lot 2, on the tax maps of the Borough of Ridgefield;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Ray Ramirez, Borough Administrator, to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about December 14, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible construction costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements. Professional Services Costs may be reimbursed from grant award’s unexpended balance, should there be a balance.

Approved:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2023

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

DOGUKAN ACIKER

be appointed as a Special Police Officer for the remainder of calendar year 2023.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2023

WHEREAS, Wolf Creek forms a portion of the municipal boundary between the Boroughs of Ridgefield and Fairview; and

WHEREAS, Wolf Creek receives runoff from several municipalities in the area, including Ridgefield, Cliffside Park, Palisades Park, Fort Lee and Fairview; and

WHEREAS, during periods of heavy rain, the Wolf Creek overtops its banks due to the high flows and debris, fallen trees, and tree branches that have fallen into the stream channel reduces the stream's flow capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Ridgefield and Fairview have been attempting to obtain assistance from the County of Bergen on this matter and have been informed that the County of Bergen is unable to assist at this time; and

WHEREAS, conditions in the stream have deteriorated to a point where action is needed to maintain flow conditions, and the Boroughs of Ridgefield and Fairview both have an interest to protect the residents in the area from the potential flooding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough is hereby authorized to enter into the attached interlocal agreement with the Borough of Fairview to retain a contractor to perform the debris removal work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Ridgefield work in conjunction with the Borough of Fairview by utilizing in-house Borough forces to the extent available to expedite the work and properly manage costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk be and hereby are authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield any agreement as necessary to advance the project, subject to the reasonable approval of that agreement by the Borough Attorney and subject to the availability of funds.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2023

WHEREAS, Chapter 366 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield entitled "Towing and Storage of Vehicles", requires the Mayor and Council to appoint four (4) tow companies to perform towing services within the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has reviewed the applications in conformity with the ordinance and has submitted it's report to the Mayor and Council for the appointment of such four companies; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to appoint companies pursuant to the ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that towing licenses be issued to:

TUMINO'S TOWING
VIEW TOWING
ABC TOWING
SANO'S TOWING

effective March 27, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a refund in the amount of \$3,000.00 be issued to Neils Auto.

Approved:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

	COUNCIL VOTE			
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Mayor Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor appoints:

COUNCILMAN JAMES KONTOLIOS, 1st ALTERNATE

COUNCILMAN COLIN RYU, 2nd ALTERNATE

as Mayor's Alternate for The Hackensack Meadowlands Municipal Committee for the Year 2023.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT – NO VOTE NECESSARY

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Mayor Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor appoints:

COUNCILMAN CRAIG DORSETT, 1st ALTERNATE

COUNCILMAN JAMES KONTOLIOS, 2nd ALTERNATE

as Mayor's Alternate to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY
2022-2023

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT – NO VOTE NECESSARY

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 119-2023

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that if, during the first three months of any fiscal year, the amount of any appropriation reserve for the immediately preceding fiscal year is insufficient to pay the claims authorized or incurred during said preceding year which were chargeable to said appropriation, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation reserves over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfill its purpose, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to an appropriation reserve or any appropriation in the prior budget deemed to be insufficient to fulfill its purpose or for which no reserve was provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Chief Financial Officer is herewith directed to execute the following transfers in the calendar year 2023 budget appropriation reserves:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Sanitation S/W	11,000.00	
Parks & Recreation O/E		11,000.00
	<u>11,000.00</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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.

Francis J. Elenio,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 120-2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$1,142,769.51**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$1,007,303.59
TRUST	\$43,272.24
CAPITAL	\$88,088.00
POOL	\$4,096.08
DOG LICENSE	\$9.60
TOTAL	\$1,142,769.51

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk