

Public Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on May 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Meeting was held at the Ridgefield Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey.

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, Councilmen Castelli, Todd, Vincentz, Severino, Acosta and Jimenez were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Suarez asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for those residents who have passed away since the last meeting.

Mayor Suarez asked if anyone had comments on tonight's agenda.

No one came forward.

Correspondence:

No Correspondence Received

Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2010 Public Session Meeting, November 12, 2010 Special Public Session Meeting, November 22, 2010 Public Session Meeting, December 21, 2010 Special Public Session Meeting and January 24, 2011 Public Session Meeting – APPROVED (H. Jimenez Abstained for 2010 Meeting Minutes)

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2176 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 390-127 ENTITLED “EXCEPTIONS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

Councilman Vincentz asked if this was the recommendation of the Planning Board, Councilman Jimenez stated yes.

First Reading of Ordinance (as amended: paragraph B (3) \$100,000 is changed to \$50,000.)

Roll Call:

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Yes

Councilman Acosta Yes
Councilman Jimenez Yes

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2177 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 390-49 ENTITLED "FEES AND ESCROW DEPOSITS" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

First Reading of Ordinance

Mayor Suarez made a suggestion for one application to change Application for Telecommunications (cell sites, towers, antennas) to \$10,000 rather than \$1,000.

Councilman Vincentz asked if we are allowed to have a fee that's much greater for one applicant as compared to the other applicants. Mayor Suarez stated that due to the nature of the application everything with regards to a Telecommunication application has to occur which would justify a higher application fee. Mayor Suarez stated that you have the structure that needs to be measure up, the weight of the facility and all the other challenges and issues that need to be explored. Councilman Vincentz stated that he understands the fee increase but doesn't want to enter a constitutional problem because the higher fee is disproportion to the other increases. Mayor Suarez stated that if we can justify it then there shouldn't be a problem.

Roll Call (as amended):

Councilman Castelli Yes
Councilman Todd Yes
Councilman Vincentz Yes
Councilman Severino Yes
Councilman Acosta Yes
Councilman Jimenez Yes

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

	Motion:	Second:
179-2011	Councilman Castelli	Hire Pool Personnel 2011 Pool Season
180-2011	Councilman Acosta	Hire Per Diem Community Service Officers
181-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Appeal Settlement-667 Clinton Place
182-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Appeal Settlement-817 Lancaster Road
183-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Appeal Settlement-397 Dwight Place
184-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Appeal Settlement-527 Lowe Avenue

185-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Oppose BCUA Increase for Waste Water Treatment
186-2011	Councilman Acosta	Appoint DPW Seasonal Employees
187-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Appoint Municipal Housing Liaison
188-2011	Councilman Acosta	Authorize Borough Attorney to Prepare Specifications for Emergency Tree Services/ Borough Clerk to Advertise
189-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Chapter 159-Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership
190-2011	Councilman Castelli	Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer

Roll Call on Consent Agenda

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

RESOLUTIONS:

191-2011	Mayor Suarez	Governing Body Representatives for Recreation Facility
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Councilman Severino requested to be put onto this committee; Mayor Suarez stated that a committee is form of three, more than three would be considered a quorum. Councilman Severino stated that originally when meeting with the architect he was told he would be put onto this committee. Mayor Suarez stated that the committee will stay as is.

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Abstain
Councilman Severino	Abstain
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

192-2011 Councilman Jimenez Transfer of Budget Appropriations

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

193-2011 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

Roll Call

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes, No to 78246,78330,78331,41855
Councilman Vincentz	Yes, No 78246,78330,78331,41855
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Commented on his attendance at Slocum Skewes Science Fair and believes they presented wonderful exhibits; May 21st the jackets came in for the undefeated 5th and 6th grade boys basketball teams, which all money was raised through a coin toss; reminded residents next weekend the annual Memorial Day parade will be held, Veterans will be honored and the parade starts at 10 am at the monument located on Route 5 and will end at Veterans Field.

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

Councilman Castelli: reminded residents that at one o'clock on Memorial Day a dedication ceremony for Former Mayor Veale will be held; made a motion that Fire Company 3 will be able to paint their basement (work and materials to be approved by DPW superintendent)- APPROVED.

Councilman Todd: Commented on his attendance to Lieutenant Corbiscello's retirement dinner.

Councilman Acosta: No comment

Councilman Vincentz: reminded resident of the parade and dedication ceremony that will be held Memorial Day.

Councilman Severino: No comment

Councilman Jimenez: reminded residents of the ceremony that will be held before the parade at the American Legion honoring Veterans on Memorial Day; commented on the meeting himself and Councilman Castelli had with each department head regarding each department's budget and now will sit now with Erik Lenander and see what we can do with requests.

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

No one came forward

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Prina
Acting Borough Clerk