

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: October 28, 2013

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

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	Adj. to Ex.		Public	
	Pres.	Abs.	Pres.	Abs.
Mayor Suarez				
Castelli				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Penabad				
Shim				

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT		ABSENT	
Mayor Suarez				
Castelli				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Penabad				
Shim				

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2241 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 375-5 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED NO PARKING AREAS”

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

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

276-2013 Councilman Acosta Retirement Agreement-Lt. Schroeder
277-2013 Councilman Acosta Municipal Alliance Grant

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Penabad				
Shim				
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

278-2013 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Application for Social Affair:

Senior Citizens of Ridgefield
December 31, 2013-January 1, 2014
6:00 pm-1:00 am
725 Slocum Avenue

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

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 October 28, 2013

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				
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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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 28, 2013

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2241

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 375-5 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED NO PARKING AREAS”

introduced on the 15th day of October, 2013, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Penabad				
Shim				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 15, 2013

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2241

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 375-5 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED NO PARKING AREAS”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 375 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 375-5 “No Parking Areas” of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Section I:

§ 375-5 No parking areas.

- A. Parking is hereby prohibited on streets or parts thereof in the Borough of Ridgefield as follows:

...

(106) On the southerly side of Slocum Avenue beginning at a point 83 feet east from the point where said southerly curb line of Slocum Avenue intersects with the easterly curb line of Shaler Boulevard and continuing in an easterly direction along Slocum Avenue a distance of 10 feet to 93 feet, directly along the northerly side of the address commonly known as 676 Shaler Boulevard.

(107) On the southerly side of Slocum Avenue beginning at a point 114 feet east from the point where said southerly curb line of Slocum Avenue intersects with the easterly curb line of Shaler Boulevard and continuing in an easterly direction along Slocum Avenue a distance of 10 feet to 124 feet, directly along the northerly side of the address commonly known as 756 Slocum Avenue.

Section II: In all other respects, the terms, conditions and provisions of Section 375-5 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield are hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section III: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section IV: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 28, 2013

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 276-2013

WHEREAS, Lt. James Schroeder has indicated a desire to retire from the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee of the Mayor and Council has negotiated with Lt. Schroeder an agreement with the Borough, which would allow him to retire as of January 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that this agreement is in the best interests of the Borough of Ridgefield, and has been reviewed and recommended by the Chief of Police and the Police Committee of the Mayor and Council;

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

1. A retirement agreement with Lt. James Schroeder in the form as annexed hereto be and same hereby is approved by the Mayor and Council.
2. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield.
3. The Borough's CFO anticipates that there will be funds available in the 2014 budget to cover the obligation for that year.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE				
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Mayor Suarez				

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

TO: Lt. James Schroeder **Date:** October 10, 2013

FROM: Joseph A. Garcia, Borough Labor Attorney

CC: Mayor and Council
Chief Thomas Gallagher
Erik Lenander, Purchasing Agent
Linda Silvestri, Borough Clerk

You have indicated an interest to retire from the Ridgefield Police Department. In that regard, you have requested that the Mayor and Council consider a certain retirement agreement between you and the Borough. It is the purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement to memorialize the agreement between you and the Borough as follows:

1. You hereby agree that you are retiring from the Ridgefield Police Department effective January 31, 2014. You will be placed on terminal leave effective October 7, 2013, which will be the last day you are subject to the active work schedule of the Ridgefield Police Department.
2. The parties agree that as of October 7, 2013 you have accrued, by virtue of the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, by way of sick time, vacation time and comp time, 106.2 days of credit. The parties agree that the number of days accrued to you by virtue of the Collective Bargaining Agreement will be calculated as of your last day of work, October 7, 2013, and paid to you at your daily rate of \$637.44 (equating to a grand total of \$67,697.72 owed to you), which amount will be paid to you in three (3) equal installments, without interest, one payment to be made on or about March 1, 2014, the second payment to be made on or about July 1, 2014, and the third payment to be made on or about December 1, 2014.
3. While you are terminal leave, you are ineligible to work any details or assignments for the Ridgefield Police Department.

4. You should understand that once you sign the Memorandum of Agreement, your decision to retire becomes firm and irrevocable, except that you may rescind this Agreement in writing if this Agreement is not approved by the Mayor and Council at its October 15, 2013 meeting.

Should you have any questions about the meaning or implications of this Agreement, you are advised to consult with legal counsel before executing same.

In anticipation of your signing the Agreement and accepting the retirement offer, please accept a sincere “thank you” on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield for your years of service to the Borough, and best wishes to you and your family for future success.

DATE:

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

Lt. James Schroeder

WITNESS:

DATE:

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 28, 2013

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 277-2013

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield was approved for a Municipal Alliance grant for the January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 grant term; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse has extended the 2013 grant term until June 30, 2014 in order to transition the grant to a fiscal rather than calendar year cycle;

WHEREAS, funding has been made available to Ridgefield Municipal Alliance in the amount of 50% of its approved 2013 grant total for the six-month extension period of January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014, contingent upon meeting the 25% cash match and 75% in-kind grant requirement for the extension funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council does hereby authorize the submission of the grant extension for the Ridgefield Municipal Alliance grant in the amount of:

DEDR	\$14,814.00
Cash Match	\$ 3,703.00
In Kind	\$11,110.00

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

I, Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the Foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution duly authorized by the Borough Council on this 28th day of October, 2013.

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.

Joseph Luppino,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 28, 2013

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 278-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling \$3,854,862.67
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$3,747,634.93
TRUST	\$44,954.30
CAPITAL	\$59,950.44
POOL	\$2,323.00
TOTAL	\$3,854,862.67

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk