

Public Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on September 23, 2019 at 7:33 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

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

Citizens Comment on Agenda: NONE

Presentation of Proclamation to Frank Elenio for Craig Beardsley Award

Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

Roll Call:

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

Freeholder Ortiz presented a proclamation to Ana Kitchener for Hispanic Heritage Month as did the Mayor and Council.

Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2019 Public Session Meeting - APPROVED

Correspondence: AW Meyer request to close street for Oct-tool-berfest, Municipal Court monthly report, letter from Dentist on Bergen Blvd. commending Diana Alvarez and the Building Dept., League of Municipalities letter on seminar he is giving at League conference, letter from Department of Health Services, Police Department monthly report, letter from Brandy Mariah regarding lead problems at the garden apartments, and Police Commendations for June 17th tragic incident.

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2364 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 375-52 DESIGNATING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES"

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing – No one came forward

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call:

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

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2365 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V ENTITLED “SEWER CONNECTIONS; MAINTENANCE; WASTE WATER TREATMENT”, CHAPTER 333-33, STORMWATER DISCHARGE AND SUMP PUMPS”

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing – No one came forward

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final 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. 2366 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 366 ENTITLED “TOW TRUCKS” – ORDINANCE TABLED
Motion made by Councilman Jimenez and seconded by Councilman Kontolios

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2367 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XXIII, WILLIS FIELD PARKING LOT AND EVENT OVERFLOW PARKING AREA OF CHAPTER 375 OF THE CODE 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. 2368 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 \$2,350,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,238,094 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

CONSENT AGENDA:

245-2019	Councilman Jimenez	Overpayment of Taxes-789 Oakwood Lane
246-2019	Councilwoman Larkin	Authorize 2015 Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Contract for Borelli Park Playground Project
247-2019	Councilman Jimenez	Notice of Intention to Award Contract to Rubbercycle, LLC pursuant to the ESCNJ CO-OP
248-2019	Councilman Jimenez	Notice of Intention to Award Contract to MRC, Inc. pursuant to the ESCNJ CO-OP
249-2019	Councilman Jimenez	Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues and Determining the Form and Other Details of the Offering of \$6,555,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 of the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey and Providing for the Sale of Such Bonds

Roll Call:

Councilman Castelli	YES
Councilman Penabad	YES

Councilman Shim	YES
Councilman Jimenez	YES
Councilman Kontolios	YES
Councilwoman Larkin	YES

RESOLUTIONS:

250-2019 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

Roll Call:

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

251-2019 Councilman Jimenez Capital Budget Amendment

Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Thanked Freeholder Ortiz for coming to the meeting to help celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and congratulated Frank Elenio.

New Jersey State Firemen's Association Membership Application:

Christopher Alvarez	APPROVED
534 4 th Street	
Palisades Park	
Company No. 2	

Permission to Hang Banner:

Health Fair	APPROVED
Shaler Boulevard	
Now-October 19, 2019	

Request to Close Street:

A.W. Meyer – Oct-tool-berfest	APPROVED
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Close Oritan Avenue
October 2-October 5, 2019

Application for Raffles License:

Sts. Vartananatz Armenian Church
461 Bergen Boulevard
Off Premise Merchandise Raffle
November 3, 2019 – 3:00 pm

APPROVED

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

Councilman Kontolios wished Councilman Shim and the Korean community a happy thanksgiving, Went to opening of Fort Lee community garden, will be meeting with Bergen Tech Director of Landscaping to get perspective ideas for our community garden.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATOR:

Ray Ramirez – Borelli Park will be shut down next week for about a month, new playground will be open before November.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: NONE

Meeting adjourned 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk