

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

PRESENT: Mayor Arvin Amatorio and Council President Marc Pascual, Council members Thomas A. Lodato, Buddy Deauna, Domingo Almonte, Ora Kornbluth, and Hernando Rivera

ABSENT: No one.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Corey Gallo
Borough Attorney John Schettino
Borough Clerk Marie Quiñones-Wilson

Mayor Amatorio called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Notice is sent to the Record, Star Ledger, Twin Boro News, and Cablevision, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Notice of this meeting dated September 1, 2023 was sent to the Record, the Star Ledger, Twin Boro News, and Cablevision, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and posted on the website, and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

The Salute to the Flag was led by Council President Pascual.

Mayor Amatorio request a moment of silence in memory of Barbara Chittum, borough resident who served on the Bergenfield Public Library Board of Trustees.

AGENDA CHANGES

None.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Police Department Presentation

1. Promotion of Detective Rick Tauber to the Rank of Sergeant

❖ Biography of P.O. Rick Tauber was read by Chief Rabboh

Chief Rabboh thanked the Mayor and Council and the borough administrator for their support. He thanked all present, including family, friends, and colleagues for their support. Detective Tauber has been a Bergenfield police officer since 2015 and was appointed as juvenile detective in 2018 within the bureau receiving rewards and commendations for his service. He has managed the social media department, Facebook, and Instagram accounts. He is the appointed Megan's law officer and handles all biased crime investigations. He enjoys working with the community children to best prepare them for interacting in a digital world, serving as Youth Academy instructor, and being the liaison to the Board of Education. Detective Tauber holds a National Child Safety certification and inspects/installs child car seats and educates families on safe usage. In addition, Detective Tauber educates senior citizens how to protect themselves from predatory scams. Chief Rabboh stated Detective Tauber received numerous trainings from federal agencies and accreditation from the prosecutor's office and has successfully worked alongside them on hundreds of investigations. Detective Tauber is a decorated United States Army and Infantry Veteran and was a team leader while deployed in Iraqi Freedom. Prior to joining the Bergenfield Police Department, he spent two years as the Public Safety Telecommunicator for the Bergen County Police Department, worked as a security officer in the Passaic County schools, and is an auxiliary police officer in Lyndhurst.

❖ **Resolution 23-263**/To Hire Rick Tauber to the Rank of Police Sergeant in the Bergenfield Police Department.

Motion by Councilperson Rivera seconded by Councilperson Pascual, that Resolution #23-263 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Almonte: | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Amatorio.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Lodato congratulated Sergeant Tauber on his promotion and is happy he is advancing in rank. The council always supportive of the advice and discretion of the Police Chief. He wished Sergeant Tauber a safe career.

Councilperson Deauna congratulated Sergeant Tauber for a well-deserved promotion. He knows he will serve Bergenfield with flying colors.

Councilperson Almonte congratulated him on his accomplishments and stated he is proud to have him in town.

Councilperson Kornbluth congratulated Sergeant Tauber and his family. She thanked him for his service and the amazing things he's done thus far. She looks forward to seeing what he can do for Bergenfield going forward.

Councilperson Rivera stated it's been a long journey, but it's a great moment for him. He thanked Sergeant Tauber for serving the community and for a safe career.

Council President Pascual stated he's glad Sergeant Tauber chose to work in Bergenfield for the past 8 years. He commended him for working with the seniors and children of Bergenfield. He congratulated him, and stated that he will pray for him and all of the Bergenfield police officers' safety, and hopes that Sergeant Tauber will remain another 8 years to retire from Bergenfield.

Mayor Amatorio congratulated Sergeant Tauber and his family, emphasizing their support. He wished him safety and thanked him for his service as an officer, an army veteran, and an auxiliary officer in his town.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, for a five-minute recess at 8:13 p.m. All present voting in favor, none opposed. The meeting was reopened at 8:19 p.m.

B. Presentation - Neglia Engineering Association

Lyndsay Knight, professional planner, Neglia Engineering Group, presented the redevelopment plan for Washington Avenue and Main Street, 45 West Main Street, Block 126 Lots 9-12, 14, 15, and 16, Block 127, Lots 5, 5.01, and 5.02. She stated on May 17, 2022, the governing body determined these properties met the statute to be declared as an area in need of redevelopment. Ms. Knight stated they looked at the properties, the surrounding areas, the existing zoning, and at the master plan. A new redevelopment area which permitted the lots for permitted uses of multi-family residential mixed-use buildings with apartments as well as ground floor retail, including restaurants, cafes, and other types of neighborhood restaurants that would serve food was

developed. There will also be permitted accessory offices. There is a maximum of 220 units with a mandatory 20% set aside for affordable housing. The set asides will follow the state requirements for income and better distribution. Ms. Knight explained coverage will be 85% of building coverage and 90% impervious coverage. The setbacks along S. Washington Avenue and Main Street are 0 ft. However, along S. Washington Avenue there is a requirement for street widening and there will be a right of way and an area for on-street parking. There is a setback of 5 feet on Portland Avenue. Ms. Knight stated the heights will vary due to the changing grade. There is a maximum of 6 stories, 75 feet, along Portland Avenue as there is a major grade change from Main Street, which will have maximum 5 stories, 65 feet. South Washington Avenue will have 4 maximum stories, 55 feet. There will be a requirement for corner articulation and possibly a clock tower that will help with the downtown development. Parking will be 1.55 spaces per unit. Tandem spaces will be allowed within the parking for shared units (two-bedroom units). Retail use will be required to have 3 spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. There will be new on street parking spaces for the retail uses. There will be a requirement for bike parking for each 15 units. Ms. Knight stated there will be pedestrian entries on Portland Avenue and Main Street, along with a requirement for pedestrian entrance on S. Washington Avenue. Ms. Knight discussed the design of the building that would be esthetically pleasing and compatible with the downtown area. There will be a requirement of 50-75% transparency for retail structures. Windows of retail stores can't be more than 10 feet in width. The parking garage will be located on W. Main Street and Portland Avenue. There will be differentiation in architecture between the retail and residential levels. The use of high-quality materials will make the project stand out. Ms. Knight stated they included in the plan place making standards for the street scapes.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired if 80% for building coverage and 90% impervious coverage is the standard and what is the current coverage. She also inquired if there are any concerns with flooding.

Ms. Knight stated she is not sure about the current coverage, but that is the common standard in downtown areas. She stated there will be large, wide sidewalks and trees. She stated with any development, the flooding cannot be worse and needs to be improve. That's the general requirement based on the ordinance.

Councilperson Deauna inquired how the building will have different stories.

Ms. Knight stated the slope changes dramatically. The stories won't require a variance unless it goes over the height requirement. The intention is not to seek variances. They could not go higher than 75 feet on Portland Avenue due to the façade.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired if there are any concerns with traffic.

Ms. Knight explained that there aren't any applications bring considered right now. If someone came forth with an application, traffic information would have to be provided. The height on Washington Avenue is 55 feet, 4 stories and W. Main is 65 feet, 5 stories, and Portland Avenue will be 6 stories, 75 feet. There will be a requirement of putting articulation on the corner, like a parapet or clock tower. The street is going to be widened for street parking, there will be 10 feet of sidewalk, and then the building. There will be on-street parking spaces available for retail spaces. The building will be further back than the existing building.

Councilperson Lodato stated the master plan and ordinance was revised for 3 stories on Washington Avenue and was intended to have business/retail on the first floor and apartments on the second and third levels. He stated that's being modified considerably now. Washington Avenue is a very narrow street and adding 10 feet is not a lot of space. If that's the offset for going to four stories, that doesn't cut it. The applicant should justify having four stories, not the borough to give it to them, and as such this should be reconsidered. He inquired how close would parallel parking have to be to the corner.

Ms. Knight stated that when an application is brought forth, an engineer would have to look at it and there are requirements that need to be followed. The application would have to go for site plan review and they would need to conduct a traffic study.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated the purpose of designating an area for redevelopment is because the objectives for developing an area have been stagnant in the redevelopment of existing sites. No one has come forward. Mr. Schettino stated that any town wants its main street in town to be redeveloped and redesignated as it gives more latitude. He explained the focus was on a building that would have 4 stories on Washington Avenue, as it has to be financially beneficial to developers as well as meet the town's goals and objectives for enhancing the business district, in this case being Washington Avenue. If it's too restrictive, no one will want to redevelop the site. At this time, there appears to be interest to redevelop that site along parameters that are being described by Neglia Engineering. Those parameters can be reduced, but then the town will have no one come forward and nothing will happen.

Mayor Amatorio stated most of the parking entrances will be on Portland Avenue. It shouldn't affect traffic on Washington Avenue.

Ms. Knight stated there are no curb cuts allowed on S. Washington Avenue. There will be an additional curb cut on Main Street, just for a drop off area. The intent of the requirements is to take the cars away from S. Washington Avenue and to have the parking spaces in the front to be used predominantly for the retail uses. There will also be spaces available in the garages for retail. She stated that 60% of the façade along S. Washington Avenue has to be used for retail and has transparency requirements.

Council President Pascual questioned whether the first floor will be commercial. He inquired if there is a town or borough similar, going through this process, that has a negative experience.

Ms. Knight stated It is written in the ordinance that the first floor would be comprised of some kind of amenity space or retail space.

Mr. Schettino stated that Park Ridge can be looked at as an example. It's a much smaller community and smaller business district. They put a five-story building on their main street, Park Avenue. He stated they haven't had any negative experiences. It's a nice looking building with 200 units and is fully occupied. It has retail space and a restaurant on the bottom. There isn't any traffic or issues. The town was opposed to it and was litigated due to the affordable housing settlement. There's been no complaints from the residents after the building was constructed and became fully occupied. A lot of times people think it is going to be terrible and then when it's actually built, their worst fear won't come to fruition.

Councilperson Lodato stated when the areas in need of redevelopment were determined, it was going to be subject to an overlay zone to be determined at a later time. It was never agreed or considered to 4 stories in height. He inquired what would happen if the next developer wants to buy property further south and have four stories.

Mr. Schettino stated when it was first approved and designated as an area in need of redevelopment, there wasn't any plan before the governing body. The ordinance came as a result of the research done by Neglia Engineering and the interest that developers were expressing in redeveloping sites.

Councilperson Lodato inquired what justification will there be if the next developer comes forth and wants to build four stories.

Ms. Knight stated the zoning currently wouldn't allow for it and an investigation study would have to be done. Each lot is looked at differently and investigated separately,

Mr. Schettino stated a developer can't tell the governing body to designate an area, as an area of redevelopment, because it was interested in that location. The governing body can't be forced by a developer to make a designation of an area in need of redevelopment, even if it meets the criteria.

Councilperson Deauna inquired how long would the construction take if it is allowed.

Ms. Knight stated they would have to go to the board for site plan review with the plan. They would have to get approval from the board and apply for permits from the building department.

Mr. Schettino stated it takes a minimum of two years from the time the developer applies for site plan approval.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BOROUGH ENGINEER

A. Engineering & Inspection Status Report

Robert Klein, engineer from Remington & Vernick Engineers, stated that about two-thirds of the town in Phase I of the Sidewalk Improvement Project is complete. They are awarding Phase II to the same contractor to do the work for the remainder of the town. There was a pre-construction meeting last week for the CDBG funded project for N. Taylor Street. The contractor will start work mid to end of September. The same contractor will be awarded to do the work for the next phase of the project, which will be Mackay Drive. There will be a pre-construction meeting on Friday for Roosevelt Avenue. Mr. Klein stated the design plans for the improvements to the parking lots at Memorial Park and Twin Boro are being worked on and will go out for bid shortly. All of the roads should be done by Thanksgiving. The infrastructure work is done by DPW prior to paving the roads. The DPW videos the sanitary and storm sewers.

Mr. Gallo stated all the utilities are notified in advance. There always is emergency work, but there are requirements and rules that need to be adhered to.

ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinances

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting September 19, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Bergenfield Public Library located at the 50 W. Clinton Avenue as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Councilperson Rivera seconded the motion.

Mayor Amatorio read the title of the Ordinance into the Record:

ORDINANCE 23-2619 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Almonte: | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Amatorio stated that a motion is needed to introduce the ordinance described by Neglia Engineering for first reading.

Motion by Councilperson Rivera that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting October 17, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Bergenfield Public Library located at the 50 W. Clinton Avenue as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Councilperson Deauna seconded the motion.

Mayor Amatorio read the title of the Ordinance into the Record:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2620 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 126, LOTS 9-12, AND 14-16, AND BLOCK 127, LOTS 5, 5.01, AND 5.02 – WASHINGTON AVE. AND MAIN STREET

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>nay</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Almonte: | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Borough Administrator Gallo stated the lighting at Twin Boro Field should be finished by the end of the month. There was a delay with the electrical switches. All the fall sports programs are moving along. DPW has been working hard all summer clearing trees with the road program, maintaining fields, and doing work around town. Mr. Gallo stated the new municipal building construction is moving along. There are some delays due to electrical switches and the anticipated move into the building is end of October. The new cell tower is currently being built. The old tower will be decommissioned. The tennis courts will be completed by the end of next week. They are working on putting the design together for the PAL lighting and working with DEP for the plantings. T&M has been working with DEP on the flood mitigation process and working on getting the permits for the work at Coopers Pond. Mr. Gallo stated the Vietnam Moving Wall was in Bergenfield, which was a collaborative effort between the borough, the Board of Education, and the Veterans Committee. It was well received, humbling, and shined a light on the good the community does. There will be a 9-11 ceremony on Monday, September 11th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at Coopers Pond.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

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| Councilperson Lodato | stated the next Library Board of Trustee meeting will be on Thursday, September 14 th , 2023. Barbara Chittum, a board member, passed away. The Planning Board met on August 21 st , 2023. There was one minor subdivision application for 22 Homestead Place. It was before the board in the 1990's and was denied. A few years later another developer had made a statement that there were changes in circumstances and the board had granted approval. The review of the application was carried to the September meeting. |
| Councilperson Deauna | No report. |
| Councilperson Almonte | No report. |

Councilperson Kornbluth

No report. She thanked DPW, the Veterans Committee, Board of Education, and everyone who spent countless of hours bringing the moving wall to Bergenfield. It was an amazing weekend.

Councilperson Rivera

No report. The moving wall was fantastic and grateful to all who helped.

Council President Pascual

It was an honor to have the moving wall on the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. It was an honor to listen to the stories the veterans shared of their experience. He thanked the DPW, the volunteers, and Dr. Tully for doing a wonderful job.

Mayor Amatorio

in addition to hosting the moving wall, the borough also celebrated the naming of the Roy W. Brown athletic field to honor the memory of Colonel Floyd Thompson. The building department shut down one of the buildings on Washington Avenue due to plumbing issues. The borough along with the owners of the property are coordinating the completion of the plumbing and speeding up the repairs that will begin tomorrow. They are protecting the integrity of the sewer system.

CORRESPONDENCE

a). Peters/Resident

RE: Road Closure Request for Block Party/Ford Court and South First Street/Saturday, September 9, 2023/3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m./Rain Date – Saturday, September 16, 2023

b.) Naylis/Board of Fire Officers **RE:** Personnel Action Letter Dated August 31, 2023

Motion by Council President Pascual, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, and all members present voting in favor, to accept Correspondence Items A and B. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diana Flagg, resident, stated she saw people going into the barbershop that has a red sticker. She inquired if people are allowed to be in there. There is a difference in Park Avenue, Park Ridge and Washington Avenue. Park Avenue was wider and there was more room for a setback. The people of Park Ridge are not happy about the apartments. Ms. Flagg stated she complained to the building department last week about the Korean restaurant near Walgreens having an electrical extension cord going from the front door, across the sidewalk, to the curb where they have a blow-up balloon. Ms. Flagg inquired about the barbershop lights. She stated there was an ordinance passed in the 1990's restricting the overhanging of signage. The billiard hall has billiard balls hanging over the walkway.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated they are allowed to be in there, but not allowed to operate. Mr. Gallo stated they will address it.

John Smith, resident, inquired how the parking situation on Washington Avenue will be better if there is no parking there now. The parallel parking is going to cause car accidents. Mr. Smith stated the ordinance only allows for 40 feet for retail on bottom level and residential on top. He commented that changes in the ordinance and master plan need to be made before the

redevelopment. Mr. Smith stated the building is going to block the line of sight. He really appreciated all work done by the borough and the Board of Education for the Vietnam Moving Wall. He thanked the DPW and commented that they did a fantastic job.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated the parking underneath the building will be accessed from Portland Avenue and the parking spaces on Washington Avenue will be for the retail businesses.

Barry Doll, resident, thanked the borough and governing body in their support of the moving wall and stated it was a good event. It meant a lot to people. Mr. Doll stated the audit should be considered as a separate item and not in the consent agenda. He inquired why it took nine months to complete an audit. Mr. Doll stated he was very disappointed with the planner's report as there were no plans or drawings passed out and had a hard time following it. He agrees that parking on Washington Avenue is a problem and it is too narrow to accommodate the traffic. He suggested the governing body take their time in making the right decision and reach out to the neighbors. He inquired what is going on at Demarest and Church Street.

Mr. Gallo stated they started later and took longer to go through some areas. There weren't any deficiencies. They have a demolition permit and cleared the property. It's another area of redevelopment.

Sgt. Major Williams, resident, thanked everyone for their cooperation and participation with the moving wall. He really appreciated it and has been receiving emails about it.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Council President Pascual to close Public Comments. All present, voting in favor.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS TO BE ACTED UPON:
A. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT RESOLUTION 23-264. All matters listed below are considered by the Governing Body to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Governing Body, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- a. **23-265**/To Approve Bill List
- b. **23-266**/To Accept and Certify 2022 Audit
- c. **23-267**/To Approve Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2023 Budget – FY 2022 American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant - Chapter 159
- d. **23-268**/To Approve Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2023 Budget – FY 2023 Lead Grant Assistance Program – Chapter 159
- e. **23-269**/To Approve Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2023 Budget – Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant – Chapter 159
- f. **23-270**/To Approve Raffle Applications- RA1399, RA1400, RA1401, RA1402, RA1403, and RA1404
- g. **23-271**/To Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 25 West Central Avenue
- h. **23-272**/To Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 63 South Washington Avenue
- i. **23-273**/To Authorize Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder for TTL #21-00001
- j. **23-274**/To Approve Tax Refund – 115 North Washington Avenue
- k. **23-275**/To Approve Tax Refund – 37 Turnure Street
- l. **23-276**/ To Approve Tax Refund – 50 East Clinton Avenue
- m. **23-277**/To Amend Membership on the Veteran's Advisory Committee
- n. **23-278**/To Authorize Member Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System - Hunterdon County Education Services Commission
- o. **23-279**/To Approve Proposal – Network Supplies and Equipment – CDW Government LLC

- p. **23-280**/To Award Bid and Approve Contract - 2023 Road Program Phase II – D&L Paving Contractors, Inc.
- q. **23-281**/To Award Bid and Approve Contract - 2023 Sidewalk Improvement Program Phase II (Re-Bid) – Vektor Corp
- r. **23-282**/To Authorize Purchase and Approve Contract – Radio Components for New Municipal Building - Goosetown Communications
- s. **23-283**/To Authorize Purchase and Approve Contract – Installation of Automatic License Plate Readers in Two (2) Police Vehicles – Gold Type Business Machines Inc.
- t. **23-284**/To Authorize Purchase and Approve Contract – Installation of an Emergency Siren and Light System on a Fire Department 2021 Chevy Tahoe – 10-75 Emergency Vehicles
- u. **23-285**/To Approve Change Order No. 1 Final – 2022 Road Improvement Program – AJM Contractors, Inc.
- v. **23-286**/To Approve Pay Certificate No. 4 Final and Acceptance of Two (2) Year Maintenance Bond – 2022 Road Improvement Program – AJM Contractors, Inc.
- w. **23-287**/To Authorize Bid - Ford F550 Truck with Masson Dump for the Department of Public Works
- x. **23-288**/To Approve the Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer of an Unsited Pocket Liquor License No. 0203-33-018-006 from Lula’s Latin Cuisine LLC to KJS Liquors LLC located at 127 S. Washington Avenue
- y. **23-289**/To Approve Temporary Shared Service Agreement – Tree Removal on County Roads – County of Bergen

Motion by Councilperson Rivera, seconded by Councilperson Deauna, to approve the Consent Resolution 23-264.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Almonte: | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

B. Resolutions

23-290/To Approve Hire – Keyboard Clerk 1- Marylou Gonzales

Motion by Council President Pascual seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #23-290 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Almonte: | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

23-291/To Approve Salary Increases – Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Inspector - Todd Gelayder

Motion by Councilperson Deauna seconded by Council President Pascual, that Resolution #23-291 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Almonte: | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

23-292/To Approve Hire – Full-Time Laborer – Gregory McLaughlin

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth seconded by Council President Pascual, that Resolution #23-292 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Almonte: | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

23-293/To Approve Promotions – Laborers to Drivers

Motion by Council President Pascual seconded by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #23-293 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Almonte: | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

23-294/To Approve Promotion – Laborer to Motor Broom Driver – Daniel Slossar

Motion by Council President Pascual seconded by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #23-294 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Almonte: | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

23-295/To Approve Hire – Part-Time Laborer – Steven Tory

Motion by Councilperson Rivera seconded by Council President Pascual, that Resolution #23-295 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Almonte: | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Deauna stated Barbara Chittum was a great lady and will surely be missed.

The governing body thanked all for coming and wished all a good night.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 23-296/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. Update on Litigation Matters
- B. Contracts and Agreements
 - 1. Local 108 R.W.D.S.U, UFCW Contract
 - 2. Borough Administrator Contract

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in the Executive Chambers to adjourn this public meeting.

On a motion by Council President Pascual, second by Councilperson Kornbluth and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Council President Pascual, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Marie Quiñones-Wilson
Borough Clerk