

Borough of Palisades Park
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council
September 5, 2023

Mayor Chong Paul Kim opened the Special Meeting at 6:05 P.M.

STATEMENT:

This is a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council, and notice was given as follows:

1. Notice was filed August 30, 2023 with The Record & Newark Star Ledger, both official newspapers of the Borough.
2. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board
3. Copy is preserved in the Clerk's Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Kim	Present
Councilperson	Jang	Present
"	Kim	Absent
"	Min	Present
"	Park	Present via Zoom
"	Pirrera	Absent
"	Vietri	Present

Borough Attorney	Tiffany Tagarelli, Esq.	Present via Zoom
Borough Administrator	David Lorenzo	Absent

The Mayor stated that he hoped everything worked out with the Administrator.

Mayor Chong Paul Kim asked for a motion to enter Closed Session.

Councilman Min made a motion to adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-194. Councilwoman Jang seconded. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2023-194 Authorization to Enter Executive Session

At approximately 6:05 P.M., the Mayor and Council proceeded with the Executive Session inside the Mayor's Office.

At approximately 7:08 P.M., the Mayor and Council returned to the dais and Councilwoman Jang made a motion to close the Executive Session and reopen the Special Meeting. Councilman Min seconded. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2023-195 Authorization of Chamber of Commerce Street Fair

The Mayor recommended that this be approved with the stipulation that the event insurance be provided for the days requested. The request was sent to the Council for review.

Councilwoman Jang made a motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-195. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
Councilman Kim:	Absent
Councilman Min:	Yes
Councilman Park:	Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera:	Absent

Councilman Vietri stated that the Council had always questioned the insurance, and tonight was no different. The Chamber of Commerce still did not have the insurance policy. The Mayor understood, and he was placing a stipulation that they had to provide insurance or the event would be cancelled.

Councilman Vietri: No

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2023-196 Award of Professional Services Contract for Master Plan Reexamination Planning Services

Councilman Min recommended to hire Kauker and Kauker.

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Councilman Min made a motion to adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2023-196. Councilwoman Jang seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
Councilman Kim:	Absent
Councilman Min:	Yes
Councilman Park:	Yes
Councilwoman Pirrera:	Absent
Councilman Vietri:	No

Councilman Vietri stated he was voting no because he thought the other firm had more knowledge at this point in time. They were Special Masters.

The Mayor said it would be nice to notify Kauker and Kauker, and they should get full disclosure as soon as possible per their request from the Special Attorney and the Borough Administrator.

The Borough Clerk confirmed with the Borough Attorney that Kauker and Kauker had been hired as the Special Planner. The extra services rendered would be discussed.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

There were no reports from the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Councilwoman Jang made a motion to open to the public. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

Youbong Won-Yoon asked about the insurance for Resolution #2023-195. She stated that insurance could not be bought until the event was authorized. She asked about Resolution #2023-196 and why Kauker and Kauker was being hired. Ms. Tagarelli answered that they were hired as expert witness opinions for the ongoing litigation with the Borough and Reexamination/Master Plan. Ms. Won-Yoon asked about settlement. The Mayor answered that he could not say he was trying to settle, but rather they were protecting themselves.

Neris Papoters thought the Special Meeting was to discuss about the budget. The Mayor stated that he was working on it, and hopefully he would have good news. Ms. Papoters asked if the meeting would always take place on a Monday. The Mayor said that they made it so that the Governing Body would have ample opportunity to review and assess and judge before they make their decision. By the third Monday, they were supposed to receive every agenda and resolution that was supposed to be passed. That third week, Councilmembers would have ample time to review it and ask questions for the fourth Monday. She asked about the status of the job posting. The Mayor said it was a technical situation, which he did not get. It was a simple procedure. He stated that someone needed to get content to the webmaster to post. He wanted someone to be paid a stipend to temporarily take care of the website until a suitable resolution was found.

Councilman Min said that he was checking on the website every day, and so far three was no posting. He emailed the Police Chief again.

Councilwoman Jang made a motion to close to the public. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed. Ms. Papoters asked if the website would post other positions. The Mayor stated that he could it himself because it was not difficult. The Borough Clerk with regard to the job posting, the Police Chief had forwarded to the Police Committee, a letter was forwarded to the Mayor as well, a job description for the Police Records Clerk. The Chief just needed approval to post it on the website. Councilman Vietri stated that he received it. The Mayor said he told the Chief and the Borough Administrator not to comingle what they needed to do. The Police Department should handle their own website. They should find their own webmaster.

Ms. Won-Yoon said that someone had been updating the website to announce the meetings. She asked why the information could not be posted there. The Mayor stated that none of the administrative staff wanted to take that on. She wanted to know who was posting the meeting notices. It was the Borough Clerk. The Mayor said this was a simple problem, which required a simple solution.

The Mayor said he wanted to know if there was a proper way to post jobs. He wanted to find this out from the attorney.

Councilman Vietri stated that Chief Espino sent out an email earlier to himself and Councilman Min. Councilman Vietri saw the emails. Chief Espino had done his job.

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Councilwoman Jang made a motion to close to the public. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilman Vietri made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Min seconded. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Attest:



Gina S. Kim, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION
BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NJ**

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jang		X	X			
Kim						X
Min	X		X			
Park			X			
Pirrera						X
Vietri			X			

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 DATE September 5, 2023
 Carried Defeated Tabled
 Approved on Consent Agenda

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that the Mayor and Council may enter into Executive Session to discuss matters that are of a confidential nature, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Borough Attorney and Borough Administrator that the Mayor and Council enter into Executive Session to discuss matters set forth hereinafter which are permissible for discussion in Executive Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the governing body shall enter into Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

Litigation – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)
 Fan Associates – ATOD September 2023

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be released to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists, with an estimate of the circumstances and/or time for public disclosure provided in the above-listed anticipated times of decision (“ATOD”).

Approved:



Chong Paul Kim, Mayor

Attest:



Gina S. Kim, Borough Clerk



I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park at a Special Meeting held on September 5, 2023.

SEAL



**RESOLUTION
BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NJ**

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jang	X		X			
Kim						X
Min		X	X			
Park			X			
Pirrera						X
Vietri				X		

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RESOLUTION APPROVING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STREET FAIR

WHEREAS, the Palisades Park Chamber of Commerce has submitted a request to conduct its biannual Street Sales throughout Broad Avenue from September 21st to September 23rd from 10:00am to 9:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Palisades Park Chamber of Commerce has submitted a certificate of insurance that lists the Borough of Palisades Park as an additional insured relative to the proposed street festival.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Palisades Park hereby approves the Chamber of Commerce's request to conduct its biannual Street Sales throughout Broad Avenue from September 21st to September 23rd from 10:00am to 9:00pm, and that it authorizes and directs the issuance of any permits required for same.

Approved:



Chong Paul Kim, Mayor

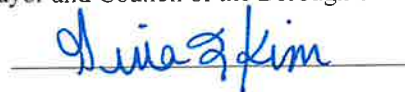
Attest:



Gina S. Kim, Borough Clerk

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park at a Special Meeting held on September 5, 2023.

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**RESOLUTION
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BERGEN COUNTY, NJ**

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jang		X	X			
Kim						X
Min	X		X			
Park			X			
Pirrera						X
Vietri				X		

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**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR MASTER PLAN
REEXAMINATION PLANNING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, procurements completed by the Borough are governed by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) exempts from bidding professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of a professional planner, which is a licensed professional satisfying the definition of professional services under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Kauker & Kauker LLC to provide such services, at a total cost of \$18,500.00, upon the terms set forth in the proposal attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and


WHEREAS, to the extent required by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the entity shall complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Palisades Park in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit same from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contracts, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.5 et seq., which shall remain on file for 10 days prior to the Borough entering into any contract with the entity; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the sufficiency of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Palisades Park hereby awards a professional services contract to Kauker & Kauker LLC, in the total amount of \$18,500.00 consistent with the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract, consistent with the foregoing, and subject to the review and approval of the Borough Attorney as to legal form.

Approved:


 Chong Paul Kim, Mayor

Attest:


 Gina S. Kim, Borough Clerk



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