

Mayor Chong Paul Kim opened the Work Session at 5:02 P.M.

STATEMENT:

This is a Work Session of the Mayor and Council, and notice was given as follows:

1. Notice was filed August 18, 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 WAS HELD.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Kim	Present
Councilperson	Jang	Present
"	Kim	Absent
"	Min	Present
"	Park	Present
"	Pirrera	Present
"	Vietri	Present
Borough Attorney	Matthew Moench, Esq.	Present via Zoom
Borough Administrator	David Lorenzo	Present

CONSENT AGENDA3

RESOLUTION 2023-213 Claims

DISCUSSION:

- Authorization of Best Practices Inventory
- Authorization of Chapter 159 Insertion of Revenue and Appropriation in the 2023 Budget – Opioid Settlement Grant
- Authorization of Chapter 159 Insertion of Revenue and Appropriation in the 2023 Budget – Stop for Pedestrian Multi Officer Decoy Program Grant
- Authorization of Borough Clerk to Advertise for RFQ's (RE: Professional Services)
- 12 Bellview Place Bid Award
- Broad Avenue Streetscape Project Bid Award
- Award of Contract to Edmunds Govtech

The Borough Clerk stated that the bills list was included in the Work Session packet. The CFO was present at the meeting to answer any questions.

Mr. Lorenzo stated that if anyone wanted to view the bills, the bills would be available in the Finance Office. Mr. Riggitano stated that if there were any questions, they could call him on his cell. The Mayor requested that the Finance Department provide the bills list with darker print.

The Mayor asked if he should go to public participation after the Consent Agenda. The Clerk answered that there should be discussion first.

Mr. Riggitano spoke about the Best Practices Inventory, which was a checklist of fiscal procurement. There were different questions that he would answer as the CFO. This year, approximately half the questionnaire was core compensation questions. There needed to be at least 29 "yes" answers. There were currently 36 "yeses." The Borough would be making the energy receipt tax wire on December 1st. The law required the CFO and the Borough Clerk to certify that the CFO presented the Best Practices Inventory before the Mayor and Council.

The first "no" was #6, which was about the absence liability trust fund. The Borough did not have it in place because the Borough made cap last year without having to lay off any employees.

The Borough also did not have a storm recovery trust fund, The Borough did not have funds available to set up this trust fund. The Mayor asked what happened if the trust funds were set up and not used. The CFO answered that nothing would happen and the funds would remain.

For #8, Palisades Park did not have water or sewer utilities.

#12 was yes. When the engineer went out to bid, all projects were under prevailing wage.

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#18 was no, which had to do with cybersecurity. The Borough was using the County. The Mayor asked about cybersecurity. Councilman Min asked if employees got training on cybersecurity. Mr. Riggitano answered yes, through the JIF.

Councilman Kim entered the meeting and sat at the dais at 5:07 P.M.

#19 and #20 were nos's, which had to do with electric vehicles and electric stations. These stations would only pay about 11 percent back to the town, and the Borough did not have the money right now to initially put up. Councilwoman Pirrera asked if there were any programs. Mr. Riggitano stated that there were but it was about \$15,000 for one charging station. This would be bondable. The Mayor asked about electric vehicles. The CFO said that there was no benefit.

There was no ethics board in Palisades Park.

For #27, the audit for 2022 was not yet released.

#29 was no, because there was no first aid squad.

#33d was no because the solid waste was privatized.

#53 was no because the State wanted the entire contract.

#59 was no because the contracts were not filed under PERC. This would be changed to a "yes."

#64-#67 was N/A because this was about the water and sewer utilities.

Everything else was a "yes." This would be 39 "yeses."

The Mayor asked about #38. Mr. Lorenzo stated that the Building Department just adopted it last year. This question could become a "yes."

Councilwoman Jang asked when last year's audit would become available. The CFO stated that the Borough Attorney needed to sign off on the litigation form. Mr. Moench answered that this would be done. Councilwoman Jang stated that in order to start the budget for next year, the audit should be done.

Councilman Park asked about the utility bill. The CFO stated that this was a direct bill that needed to be paid to the BCUA quarterly.

There were no questions about "Authorization of Chapter 159 Insertion of Revenue and Appropriation in the 2023 Budget – Opioid Settlement Grant"

There were no questions about Authorization of Chapter 159 Insertion of Revenue and Appropriation in the 2023 Budget – Stop for Pedestrian Multi Officer Decoy Program Grant."

The Mayor asked what "Authorization of Borough Clerk to Advertise for RFQ's (RE: Professional Services)" was about. The Clerk answered that this was done every year in order to prepare for the Reorganization Meeting. This was to go out for RFQ's for the professionals. Mr. Lorenzo stated that if anyone felt that anything should be added to the list of RFQ's, this would be the time to do it. The Clerk stated that the advertisement would go out in November so RFQ's could be received by December. Mr. Moench stated that for attorneys and for other professionals, the Borough could put out general categories, i.e., general special counsel. The Council then could approve multiple special counsel that may or may not have work. As matters come up, the municipal attorney would be the head of the law department and if there was an immediate conflict issue, then there would be pre-approved counsel. There could be general special counsel, investigatory counsel, etc. That would be one way to avoid having to go out for an RFP every single time for specific things. The Mayor wanted to discuss this another time. Mr. Moench stated that he was pulling into the parking lot now.

The Clerk stated that there was a question about whether or not the award could be made to the lowest bidder for the 12 Bellview Place project. The Attorney was currently reviewing the award. Bellview was set to be demoed because it was structurally unstable. The Mayor asked if this was the place where the Police Department wanted to put their trailer. The answer was no. The trailers would be placed at Depot Place. The Mayor asked whether Depot Place was located. Mr. Lorenzo stated that it was on Central Blvd, right before the ShopRite.

Mr. Moench entered the meeting.

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The Mayor asked Mr. Moench about the Bellview Place bid. He stated that they were looking at the details of the award and the response that came back. Upon review, Mr. Moench would advise the Mayor and Council and whether they would be prepared for action at the next meeting. The Mayor asked if this was an RFQ or an RFP. The Clerk stated that it was neither – it was a bid. Mr. Moench stated that for bids such as this one, the bid procurement rules needed to be followed unlike professional service RFP's or RFQ's.

Councilwoman Jang spoke about the amount of the bid award. She stated that the beautification of the town was an important matter, but right now, she was concerned about how this could be afforded. Mr. Lorenzo stated that this was a grant, but he personally thought that the price was too high. There was only one bidder, and he did not feel comfortable awarding when there was only one bidder. Councilwoman Jang asked about the grant amount. The total amount of the grant was about 1.2 to 1.6 million dollars. This would be done in phases. The cost estimate was about \$400,000. The bid came in significantly higher than the cost estimate amount. Within 10 percent of the cost estimate would have been a reasonable number. There was potential to lose the grant, but they could try to contact the State to see if they could give the Borough an extension of time because there was only one bidder. Councilwoman Pirrera spoke about the allotment of money for the project.

Mr. Moench stated that when it came to working with the State on grants, it was a hit or miss.

The Mayor stated that he was disappointed that this was happening at the last minute again. The deadline was the 20th. Mr. Lorenzo stated that they did not create the deadline, the State did. The Mayor asked why this was submitted so late. Mr. Lorenzo stated that this project was on time. The Mayor asked if the Engineer prepared the bid. Mr. Lorenzo answered yes. Councilman Park asked why there was only one bidder. Mr. Lorenzo stated that it was a public bid. Mr. Moench spoke about a service that was utilized to receive notice about RFP's. The Clerk stated that six people picked up the bid but only one person submitted. Councilman Min asked if there was a system where vendors go in to pick up the bid. Mr. Lorenzo stated that the Borough followed State law. Mr. Moench stated that people picked up the bid so notification was not an issue. There must have been something about the bid spec or the scope of work that caused people not to bid on it.

Councilwoman Pirrera asked if this was from Central Blvd to Brinkerhoff and if everyone knew about the disastrous building. She stated that the bidders could have checked if there would be major things that might affect the project they're bidding on.

Councilman Min asked what were the chances that the State would allow an extension. Mr. Lorenzo stated that the project could be re-bid, and there could only be one bidder again.

The CFO stated that this was bonded through Ordinance #2023-6 for \$300,000. The grant was for \$193,000. This was Phase I. More importantly, this award was given in March. The Bond Ordinance was done May 22nd. There needed to be 20 days added to May 22nd before people could even start bidding. The CFO stated that this project was on time. The Mayor stated that he understood.

Councilwoman Pirrera stated that even if a vendor came in at \$300,000, it would still cost the Borough \$100,000 out-of-pocket to beautify. The bond was already allocated.

The Mayor stated that the Borough Engineer mentioned grouping the projects together. Mr. Lorenzo stated that the phases could be combined. Contractors may see a sizable project, which may give a better cost estimate. However, the Borough would have to lay out more money. The Mayor asked Mr. Lorenzo what he thought about scaling down the project. Mr. Lorenzo stated that he thought it was not a good option.

The Mayor asked what would happen if the project was not awarded. The CFO answered that the Borough would cancel the bond. The Mayor asked if the project could be started again. Councilwoman Jang asked if the grant could be reapplied for. Mr. Lorenzo answered that the grant may not be available later.

Councilman Min stated that he needed time to think about it.

Councilwoman Jang said that the Borough would have to pay more than \$100,000 out-of-pocket. She said that when the School Board let go of one grant, they looked for other options. She stated that right now, this was not the first priority. Councilwoman Jang wanted to cancel the project without requesting an extension from the DOT.

Councilwoman Pirrera felt the same way. There were so many expenses that were important and serious. She could not justify spending \$100,000 on beautification. She thought the project should be let go.

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Councilman Kim stated that taxes may go up higher than usual, and he suggested waiting for the right time.

The Mayor stated that three Councilmembers did not want to do anything and to scratch everything.

Councilman Vietri stated that because there was only one bid, he wanted more bids. Also, since the Council could not decide what to do with the building, Councilman Vietri stated that there were bigger problems than beautifying the town. He wanted to hold off. The Mayor asked him if the Governing Body should apply for an extension. Councilman Vietri said no.

Councilman Park asked about the bid amount. Mayor Kim answered. Councilman Park stated that the project not be done this year.

The answers were unanimous, and the Mayor stated that it was the Governing Body's wishes to scratch everything, bring the bond money back, and cancel the Streetscape project. It was supposed to be a good project to modernize Broad Ave with benches and lights. The Governing Body did not wish to proceed and the Mayor was ok with that as well.

Councilman Min asked whether the grant money was already in the fund account. The answer was no. The CFO stated that the Borough had to spend the money first. The Mayor asked about cancelling the bond. Mr. Moench stated that this was a paperwork issue. The Borough approved the bond but did not spend the money. At the next meeting, there would be a Resolution rejecting the bid and cancelling the bond ordinance. Councilman Min asked if a Resolution to cancel the bond was required. Mr. Moench stated it did not have to be done immediately, but it would have to be at some point. Mr. Moench further explained that bonds had a specific purpose. The money could not be shifted towards any use. Councilman Min asked if there needed to be a Resolution to cancel the bond for the bodycams. The CFO stated that the bond was never brought to a vote. Mr. Moench stated that the bodycam bond was different from this scenario where the bond was already approved.

Mr. Moench stated that the funds left over from a bond could not just be taken and be used for an operating budget. Councilwoman Jang asked what would happen if that happened. Mr. Lorenzo stated that it would get picked up on the audit report, and it would be a footnote in the audit comments.

Mr. Moench stated that, hypothetically, if a \$300,000 bond was approved for roadwork, and if at the end only \$275,000, one thing that could be done was to take the \$25,000 and return it. Mr. Lorenzo stated that DOT money could not be used for anything other than a DOT project.

The CFO stated that there was a bond ordinance that was authorized by the Council. The money was never borrowed, and no money was spent. Mr. Moench stated that that would be a cancellation of an authorization to borrow money.

Mr. Lorenzo stated that the only negative that the Governing Body may have is that for future DOT grants, the DOT may not give consideration. Mr. Riggitano stated that the DOT did not like to cancel DOT grants. This was the Work Session, and no action was being taken.

Mr. Lorenzo stated that the project could be rebid to see if there would be more bidders. He did not think the cost would go from \$600,000 to \$300,000. The cost may go from \$600,000 to \$500,000 with multiple bidders.

Councilman Kim asked if the grant money could be accepted and used at a later time. Mr. Lorenzo stated that this was specific to the DOT grant.

Mr. Moench stated that one option that the Council had was to go back to the DOT, explain what happened with the bids, and ask for an extension to rebid or reject the project. Some members of the Council, from their comments, would not want to pursue the project anyway.

The Mayor spoke about the possibility of not being awarded a grant in the future. Mr. Moench stated that this was a possibility. NJ DOT would be notified that the reason for the bid rejection would be due to the fact that there was one bidder and the cost was twice the price. The Mayor wanted the Council to understand that the Borough may not get DOT grants going forward. He was worried about grants not being received because of the Borough having a record.

Councilwoman Pirrera did not foresee having the money.

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Councilman Park wanted to know what was included in the beautification specification. Mr. Lorenzo stated that there was a very specific spec that was advertised. It included paver sidewalks, curbing, tree plantings, benches, pedestrian walkways, and etc.

Councilman Kim stated that getting grant money was important.

Councilman Min asked if they could provide an explanation for rejection and request an extension as well. Mr. Moench cautioned that if they wanted to have a relationship with DOT, what they did not want to do was to go out, ask for an extension of time to get more bids, and still not award the project.

The Mayor confirmed that everyone did not want to move forward with the project.

The Clerk requested that Mr. Moench prepare the Resolution rejected the one bid for the Broad Ave Streetscape Project. Mr. Moench stated that they could send the DOT a letter stating what the Governing Body intended to do.

The Mayor stated that Michael Apicella gave a proposal for Edmunds Govtech for finance and tax programs. The Mayor stated there was no reason why they shouldn't upgrade and get security of the cloud. It would be an increase of \$2,825.00 from the current service that was being provided. The current service was getting old.

There were no questions from the Council regarding Edmunds.

The Mayor spoke about Resolution #2023-212. The CFO stated that the Borough was a fair and open process. However, this contract would be a non-fair and open process. There would have to be a Resolution for the next meeting and all of the political disclosure forms. The threshold was \$17,500.00. Mr. Moench explained the fair and open vs. non-fair and open process. Any firm hired through the non-fair and open process would have to fill out a political disclosure form regarding any reportable donation.

Councilwoman Jang asked if there was a period of limit for donations. Mr. Moench stated he thought it was for the duration of the contract.

The Mayor stated he wanted to speak to the Borough Administrator about Resolution #2023-2024, #2023-205 and #2023-206. He went over hiring a Borough auditor and the specs and bids for the roof and mold remediation. The Clerk stated that the projects were advertised and would be due back on the 3rd of November. The Mayor asked why it took a month to advertise. Mr. Lorenzo answered that the specifications needed to be reviewed. The Borough Architect needed to review the specs.

Councilwoman Pirrera asked if there was any cost with the auditor. Mr. Lorenzo stated that it was advertising for an auditor, but there was no scope of work. The Mayor stated it was specifically about the bond. Mr. Lorenzo asked for a scope of work. Councilman Min stated that the work was to look into the bond that was passed back in May. Councilwoman Pirrera stated that this would be a forensic auditor and not a regular auditor. Mr. Lorenzo asked the CFO for help. Mr. Riggitano answered that he did not know what was wanted from him or Steve Wielkotz. Mr. Riggitano stated that the bond was 8.3 million dollars, and the Council passed it.

Councilman Min stated that the recent bond that was brought back in July in the amount of \$375,000. A portion of that bond was for bodycams and \$40,000 for a vehicle and \$60,000 for the PD server. The purchase order for the bodycam went out in November of last year. They invoiced the Borough in December of last year. The year was over. Back in March, Wielkotz told them that the Borough could not spend that money in 2023. The bond that was passed in May for 8 millions dollars, a portion of that bond would go to the DPW and PD. The money was paid in July with that bond, but it was not specifically mentioned in that bond for the bodycams. A bond was cancelled due to duplication. Mr. Riggitano stated to read the emails as they spoke for themselves. The bond in July was never passed, and Mr. Riggitano stated that he took extreme offense.

Mr. Lorenzo stated that if the Council wanted to hire an auditor, they should explain what they wanted the auditor to do. Then this would be advertised tomorrow. Did they want the auditor to look into the bond? Councilman Min stated yes. Councilwoman Pirrera stated that the Resolution that they passed was to hire an auditor, which was different from what Councilman Min was stating at the meeting. That was Councilwoman's Pirrera's problem with that Resolution and vote. Councilwoman Pirrera stated that she specifically and clearly asked if they were hiring a forensic auditor because they thought something was done incorrectly, and everyone stated that they were hiring a regular auditor. It was a split vote, and the Mayor broke the tie. If a regular auditor came in, they would do the same audit as that of Steve Wielkotz. They would audit the entire year. Councilwoman Pirrera stated that the cost would be expensive.

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Councilman Min asked Councilwoman Pirrera if she thought the payment that was made from the bond in May was ok. She asked if this discussion could be held in public. Mr. Lorenzo asked what kind of auditor that the Council wanted.

Councilwoman Jang asked for a Resolution to look for an auditor. Mr. Lorenzo again asked for what. Councilwoman Jang answered "for the entire thing."

Councilman Min requested that at the next meeting, the Council consider hiring a Special Auditor to look into the bond that happened this year. Mr. Moench stated that at the next meeting, he could prepare a Resolution clarifying the scope of the prior Resolution, and he asked Councilman Min to send him the scope of exactly what he was looking for. Mr. Lorenzo read the prior Resolution into the record. For price and scope, the Borough would be asking for a proposal for hourly rate and overall cost analysis.

Mayor Kim stated that that they were able to save \$275,000. Mr. Lorenzo stated this was not the case. Mayor Kim stated that Mr. Riggitano said it was a mistake and took the bond out. The Mayor stated that if they did not find that out, they would be paying 300 and change. Mr. Riggitano stated that he would not be speaking on the advice of his attorney. Mr. Moench again asked Councilman Min to send him the scope of work for the auditor.

Councilman Vietri had a question regarding an email that Chief Espino sent to the Police Committee and the Mayor. The email stated that the Chief wanted to hire a records clerk. The Mayor, Councilman Min, and one other Councilman stated that they wanted to put out an email for the PD and the Borough, which they did. The Chief of Police and Captain interviewed 4 or 5 people. The Chief sent an email that he wanted to hire a records clerk at this coming meeting. Councilman Vietri brought it to the Mayor's attention that the Chief did everything that the Mayor asked. The Mayor asked why Councilman Vietri was only addressing him. Councilman Vietri stated that he was addressing him as the Mayor. Councilman Min told Councilman Vietri to bring it up to the Governing Body, to which Councilman Vietri answered that he was bringing it up now. Councilman Vietri stated he wanted to make a Resolution hiring a records clerk. The Mayor asked if the Police Committee received all the information regarding the records clerk candidates. The answer was yes. Mayor Kim expected Councilman Vietri and Councilman Min to sit down and figure it out before next week. Mayor Kim asked when Councilman Vietri would like to hire the records clerk, and the Mayor mentioned that there were complaints and issues that have not been addressed. The Mayor discouraged hiring new people right now when people were not sick of the conditions. Councilman Vietri stated that he received several complaints on the Mayor's actions. Councilman Vietri stated that if they went into Closed Session, he would bring up the complaints. Mayor Kim let the Governing Body know that there was a mold issue that still had not been addressed. If they wanted to hire new people, the Borough Attorney needed to prepare some kind of disclosure letting people know that there was a situation at the Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Jang stated to Councilman Vietri that they would all decide on the Resolution next week regarding the records clerk.

The Mayor asked Mr. Moench about disclosure to new employees to make them aware that there is a situation. Councilwoman Pirrera stated that the United States of America was aware of what was going on in the building. Mr. Moench stated that he could talk to Labor Counsel assuming that the Governing Body wanted to move forward with hiring a records clerk.

Councilwoman Jang wanted to make a motion to make a special committee dealing with the roof job, mold remediation, fire codes, and asbestos. Councilwoman Jang stated that she and Councilman Park had been working seriously since last year regarding the mold remediation. She took the report from the Administrator's Office, read it, and gave it back. She wanted to form a special committee amongst themselves to schedule things better. Councilwoman Jang asked Councilman Park to join her on this committee. Councilman Park asked if this was joining or forming a new team. Mayor Kim stated that this was a new committee. Councilman Park stated that he did not know what had been done in the past, and what was going on now. Mayor Kim stated that Councilman Park's background was adept, and he could see why Councilwoman Jang asked him to be a part of that committee. Councilman Min stated he thought it was a great idea to form a committee and actually put everything into one committee.

Mr. Moench stated that if this was an ad hoc committee, the Governing Body could simply organize itself. There was no harm in having a vote. Mr. Moench clarified that if there was a motion, this was essentially a committee of the Council/Governing Body.

Councilman Park asked what kind of authority he would have. The Mayor stated that he thought Councilman Park wanted to be the Chair. Mr. Moench stated that like every other committee, this would be an advisory committee.

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Councilman Kim stated that Councilman Park would be off the Council in two months. The Mayor stated that someone else would take over then.

Councilwoman Jang made a motion to form a special committee. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

The Clerk asked if the advisory committee would be made up of Councilwoman Jang and Councilman Park. Councilman Park would be the Chair. Councilwoman Jang stated she did not wish to be a part of the Committee. Councilman Min stated that he would be in the committee. It was decided that it would be Min and Park in the Committee.

The Mayor asked about the State Comptroller report. Mr. Moench stated that there was an internal draft that was being worked on, and he would make sure that the draft would be available on Monday.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Min had no report.

Councilwoman Jang had no report.

Councilwoman Pirrera had no report.

Councilman Kim had no report.

Councilman Vietri stated that the Fire Department had been busier than normal. There were working fires in town and in mutual aid towns. The Police Department was moving along after next week when they got a records clerk.

Councilman Park had no report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Susan Brauer stated that the front of Borough Hall looked great. Mr. Lorenzo stated that John Grala and the DPW did a great job. She asked why the library was closing early that day. Councilman Kim stated that he received that notice as well. With regard to the Streetscape debacle, she wanted to know if it would be going on the agenda for Monday. Mr. Moench stated that it would be on the agenda to reject the bid. That would be the action that the Governing Body would presumably take. At some point, there would be a Resolution with regard to the unfunded bond ordinance. Ms. Brauer addressed the Mayor and said that her taxes went up and a lot of people were unhappy. Permit fees were cancelled for outdoor dining, which she did not think was a great idea. There were two street sales. She suggested going to the Chamber of Commerce and ask them to clean up the Avenue so that the town was able to afford to do it the right way. Streetscape was not that important considering sitting in a moldy building. Any tree that was planted on the Avenue was killed within 6 months. The businesses did not take care of anything. The residents were not thrilled about spending money.

Marsha Schor spoke about hiring a records clerk. She stated that it was for the benefit of the town. If someone went to the PD and needed something, and there was no one there to retrieve it, the people would come back to complaint to the Mayor and Council. She said to hire the person, and there was time to judge their performance. She said to put someone in there so that the PD could function.

Neris Papoters said that she liked the Work Session. She liked the decision to not do the streetscape project. As a resident she had a question why they were paying the Borough Administrator for his car. Mr. Lorenzo clarified that he no longer gets paid for his car as they took that away two years ago. She asked why this was paid in the past. Mr. Lorenzo answered that it was part of an agreement. Mr. Lorenzo stated that a lot of people got paid for cars. Ms. Papoters wanted to know if the gas was paid for. The answer was no. She addressed Mr. Riggitano and stated that he was paid to be asked questions. Mayor Kim said that she should be addressing him.

Youngmin Jung stated that he had been attending Council meetings for 10 years. He said he had voting power. He said election day was coming.

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Mayor Kim stated that there was continuous comment every month about the intoxication on Broad Ave. He asked Councilman Vietri what he planned on doing. Councilman Vietri answered that the people who were picked up by the police were drunks. What the police will continue to do was go into the liquor stores and bring the owners to Borough Hall regarding the sale of liquor. Capt. Rotundo stated that they had reached out to the County, which had its own task force to deal with homelessness and drunkenness. The number one priority was Palisades Park and Englewood. The Guatemalan Consulate in NY was also contacted. They were trying to come up with a major plan to help people. Mayor Kim suggested talking to the business owners as well.

Paul Lee said that it was brought to his resident that on W. Ruby Ave, there was still a yellow dividing line, which gave an impression that it was a two-way street. The resident asked that the yellow line be eliminated. Mr. Lorenzo stated that this would be taken care of. The Mayor wanted a report on Monday.

The Mayor stated that they needed to hire a traffic consultant to address the 15 Grand Ave, builder's remedy lawsuit. Mr. Moench stated that this involved litigation so he did not want to get into an extended conversation. There needed to be expert assistance to handle this and land use issues. Mr. Moench stated that he could get it on for next week's agenda. If there were any questions, Mr. Moench suggested calling his office or the attorney for the 15 Grand matter. There was a time issue as well. Mayor Kim stated that there was a special committee for this matter.

Youbong Won-Yoon asked Capt. Rotundo about the drunk and homeless people in Palisades Park. She asked if the reason was analyzed. Capt. Rotundo stated that Palisades Park had more liquor licenses than any other town in the area. Leonia did not have many liquor stores. Palisades Park also had a high traffic area. Mayor Kim asked if picking up workers on the street was illegal. Capt. Rotundo answered that areas were being analyzed.

Ms. Won-Yoon asked if it were possible to have workers be picked up all in one place. Mayor Kim stated that if this were illegal, he did not know if this would be possible. She suggested creating a solution.

Soo Chung asked about benefits and contracts. Mr. Lorenzo stated that he would not comment on that. Mayor Kim stated it was Mr. Lorenzo's right not to talk about his job in public.

Mayor Kim spoke to Mr. Moench about speaking to Labor Counsel.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilman Kim made a motion to close to the public and adjourn. Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried. All present in favor by voice vote; none opposed.

Attest:



Gina S. Kim, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk