

**Mayor Chong Paul Kim opened the Work Session at 5:06 P.M.**

**STATEMENT:**

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

1. Notice was filed December 14, 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	Present
"	Lee	Present
"	Park	Present
"	Pirrera	Present
"	Vietri	Present

Borough Attorney	Stephanie Platt Esq.	Present
Deputy Borough Clerk	Sophia Jang, RMC	Present

The Mayor stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> week meeting had to be bumped up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week meeting. There was a Board of Adjustment meeting that was to take place at 7:00 P.M. so he was hoping to be done by then. Secondly, it was his honor to request Councilwoman Cyndy Pirrera to step up, and he read the following into the record:

With Our Greatest Appreciation

Presented to

COUNCILWOMAN  
CYNTHIA PIRRERA

Thank You for Your 19 Years of Dedication  
and Service to the Borough of Palisades Park

2023

Mayor Kim stated that Councilwoman Pirrera was a strong, well-educated and experienced Chairwoman of the Finance Committee, and that was the reason why the taxes remained moderate and stabilized. Mayor Kim thanked her for the 19 years of service to the Borough.

Councilwoman Pirrera stated that tonight marked a very long chapter that had come to an end. There were so many wonderful times to remember along with some tough ones. But she would always have fond memories. As she looked out into the audience, she saw wonderful friends who stood by her through some very trying times. She left here tonight knowing she would cherish all the laughter, all the fun times, and most of all the good things that over the years that she, along with many others, have accomplished in Palisades Park during the years of her tenure. She believed in the silver lining in life so she left only looking at the good and remembering the best. She wished everyone much luck in the future and again thanked the residents of Palisades Park for having faith in her all these years.

Next, Mayor Kim invited Councilman Jae Park who had been serving for one term but he worked diligently helping out at the Building Department. He also had expertise in engineering, which got them through hard times especially when they were trying to remediate the issues that they had at the Borough. Mayor Kim read the following into the record:

With Our Greatest Appreciation

Presented to

COUNCILMAN  
JAE KWAN PARK

Thank You for Your 3 Years of Dedication  
and Service to the Borough of Palisades Park

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Councilman Park thanked everyone from the bottom of his heart for being with him, encouraging him, and trusting him over the past three years. He completed his three year term as a Councilman. He expressed his appreciation by offering his farewell greetings. Next year would mark the 125th anniversary of the creation of Palisades Park. For a long time, residents of the town have worked together to create a better town to live in. Korean immigrants had also opened businesses in Palisades Park one by one since the early 1980's. Palisades Park would continue to develop steadily in harmony. He donated 500 caps to Palisades Park to celebrate the 125th anniversary together with everyone. He finished his term as a Councilmember, and still he wanted to use his knowledge and abilities to help town hall until it was adequately maintained. Together, with Palisades Park Mayor and Councilmembers, they would work hand-in-hand to build the best town in America. He thought he had done and accomplished what he was supposed to accomplish.

He read a statement into the record in Korean.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	August 1, 2023
Executive Session of the Mayor and Council:	August 1, 2023
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	August 14, 2023
Executive Session of the Mayor and Council:	August 14, 2023
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	August 17, 2023
Work Session of the Mayor and Council:	August 21, 2023
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	August 28, 2023
Executive Session of the Mayor and Council:	August 28, 2023
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	September 5, 2023
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	September 14, 2023
Work Session of the Mayor and Council:	September 18, 2023
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	September 25, 2023
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	October 6, 2023

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION 2023-247	Claims
RESOLUTION 2023-248	Authorization of Reorganization Meeting
RESOLUTION 2023-249	Authorization of Liquor License Resolution Amendment as Requested by State of NJ ABC
RESOLUTION 2023-250	Authorization of Raffle License (RE: Palisades Park/Fort Lee Elks)
RESOLUTION 2023-251	Authorization of Professional Services Proposal for Borough Hall Fire Stair (RE: Arcari & Iovino Architects, PC)
RESOLUTION 2023-252	Authorization of Handicapped Parking Space (RE: 522 Orchard Ave)
RESOLUTION 2023-253	Authorization of Building Permit Fee Refund (RE: Sunrun Installations Services, Inc.)
RESOLUTION 2023-254	Authorization of Medicare Part B Coverage Reimbursement
RESOLUTION 2023-255	Cancellation of Stale Checks
RESOLUTION 2023-256	Cancellation of Capital Bond Ordinance Balances
RESOLUTION 2023-257	Cancellation of Swim Pool Bond Ordinance Balances

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION 2023-258	Authorization of 2024 Temporary Budget Appropriations #1
RESOLUTION 2023-259	Authorization of Appropriation Transfers

Mayor wanted to pull the adoption of the minutes. He did not get to hear the voice recordings.

Councilwoman Jang had a question about the swim pool bond ordinance cancellation. Roy stated that this was due to the audit comment that was being corrected.

The Mayor asked if the Broad Ave Streetscape bond was cancelled. Mr. Riggitano answered that this was cancelled back in September with the Governing Body voting to cancel.

Councilman Vietri asked about #2023-251.

Borough Facilities Manager answered about the #2023-251. He stated that this had been going on for a while. The Borough received 46 violations in October 2022. Nothing was done until August. Fire safety from the State, and PEOSH stated something had to be done. PEOSH was here 3 times. Last time, 41 out of 46 violations were abated. He listed the items that were not abated. In order to abate the violation, there needed to be architectural drawings presented to the Mayor and Council. With that Resolution and

drawing, they could apply for an extension of time to PEOSH. If there was a Resolution for fire alarm and etc, they would be a good candidate to receive the time extension. PEOSH would send a citation in 60 days. There would be 30 days to abate the violation.

Councilman Vietri asked about the Committee meeting. As a Councilperson, he wanted to get knowledge of what the Facilities Manager was doing. Mr. Lee responded that with all due respect, Councilman Vietri was at the Borough Hall every day, and he could ask Mr. Lee questions then.

The Mayor asked that Councilman Vietri be cc'ed on all of the emails. He stated that every Councilperson should be involved.

Mayor Kim asked if everyone was ok with the other Resolutions. The Mayor asked the Clerk to pull the adoption of minute until next month. The Clerk stated yes.

The Clerk asked if there were any questions about the Off Consent Agenda.

Mr. Riggitano explained the temporary budget to the Governing Body. He also explained about the appropriation transfers, which he reviewed with the Mayor. The big number was about whether or not the server would be paid through current fund or the bond. This was all preparation for the 2024 budget.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

There were no reports from the Council.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

Ernest Bearly asked about the initiation of the credit card system for the pool. He stated that it would take time to accomplish, but he thought it was important. There was a lot of rain yesterday and today. He wanted to know who was responsible to clear the drains on Route 5. The Mayor stated that this would most likely be the State. At the bottom of Route 5, people suffered flooding. He said that maybe more drains would have to be installed. The Mayor stated that he would send a report to the Borough Administrator. Concerning the credit card process, Mr. Bearly made a good point.

He wanted an update on the roof and the police move.

Mr. Paul Lee answered that the roof that the Governing Body approved, the winning vendor was Cipollini Roofing. There was a question of the materials being used. Mr. Lee explained the materials that were proposed to be used. The question was whether or not the bid had to be re-bid because of the change. The Borough Attorney stated that this was the same item number of the chemical so it was okay. The vendor was waiting for the contract. There was a pre-construction meeting at the Borough Hall. The construction time would take about one month. Once the complete contract was sent to the vendor, the vendor would then get to work.

The Mayor stated that the trailers were situated at Depot Place. The utilities and the power would be installed. Mr. Bearly asked about the time frame. The Mayor stated that it would take about a month. The Police Director, Mr. Gardner, was in the audience. Mr. Gardner stated that the move in date was in March 2024. He spoke about a backup generator that was needed.

Youbong Won-Yoon asked about Resolution #2023-248 - when would be the Reorganization Meeting take place? It would take place on January 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. She asked about the progress of Resolutions that passed. She spoke about the bids for mold remediation and the adoption of Resolutions. She stated that there was a website where this could be posted. She stated that the financial statement needs to be posted. This would be taken care of tomorrow.

The Mayor stated that he was happy she got elected.

Susan Brauer asked regarding the contract for the roof. She asked if this was being done before the situation with the building was checked. The Mayor stated that he was being proactive. Proper bidding procedures were not met. There were order of things that needed to be addressed regarding remediation. First was the roof. There was a rebid for the mold. This would take a month or month and a half. Roof was first, then the mold remediator. Ms. Brauer asked if this was wise. What was the current status with the roof contract. There was an error with the contract, and it was going to be resent to the vendor.

Suk Min about the holiday metered parking. The coverup that he requested was not there. Mayor Kim stated that he asked Chief Espino about the signs. There were signs. Had anyone tried to feed the meter with the app? Who was responsible for suspending the meters? The Mayor stated that he saw Mr. Min's point.

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Councilman Vietri asked if this was posted on the website. He stated that he would ask the Acting BA about the holiday meter.

Marsha Schor asked how much was the new roof cost. It was \$399,000. Ms. Schor spoke about the meters.

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

Councilman Vietri spoke about the heat for the fire department. Mr. Paul Lee stated he was able to find a vendor. Mr. Lee confirmed the installation. Mr. Riggitano was to verify emergency appropriations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

**Attest:**



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Gina S. Kim, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk