

Borough of Palisades Park
275 Broad Avenue
County of Bergen
State of New Jersey

Work Session
of the Mayor & Council
July 15, 2024

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MAYOR CHONG PAUL KIM WILL CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

STATEMENT:

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

1. Notice was filed January 4, 2024 with the Record & Newark Star-Ledger, both official newspapers of the Borough.
2. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board at the Borough Hall and the Borough website at <https://mypalisadespark.com/>
Copy is preserved in the Clerk's Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Kim	Present
Councilwoman Jang	Present
Councilman Kim	Present
Councilwoman Lee	Present
Councilman Min	Present
Councilman Vietri	Absent
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Present

Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz	Present
Borough Administrator Raymond Herr	Absent

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	May 15, 2024
Work Session of the Mayor and Council:	May 20, 2024
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	May 27, 2024
Work Session of the Mayor and Council:	June 17, 2024
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	June 24, 2024
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	July 09, 2024

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2024-13 Amending Chapter 48, Entitled "Officers and Employees" to Repeal the Residency Requirement for the Municipal Administrator.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she wanted to introduce two new ordinances. One of the ordinances was a revision of Chapter 16, which was titled personal policy and procedures. The second ordinance was pertaining to a nepotism policy. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she did not bring copies of these policies with her, but she would like to add them to the agenda for the next meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon hoped within the week, Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz would review the ordinances. Councilwoman Won-Yoon continued that if there were no issues she wanted them added to the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor Kim thanked Councilwoman Won-Yoon but stated first they needed to finish closing Ordinance 2024-13. Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions, none arose.

Mayor Kim brought up Councilwoman Won-Yoon's proposal. Mayor Kim stated with the due diligence of the attorney, the governing body would like to see the final copy. Councilman Min stated himself along with Councilwoman Won-Yoon did speak together about the ordinances, they were under review, and he hoped to receive an answer back before Thursday so there was enough time for councilmembers to review and bring it back for Mondays meeting. Mayor Kim requested for Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz to let the governing body know whatever was changed. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that these ordinances would be Ordinance 2024-15 on nepotism, and Ordinance 2024-16 would be the amendment of the personnel policies and procedures.

ORDINANCE 2024-14 Amending Chapter 48, Entitled "Officers and Employees" to Amend the Salary Requirement for the Municipal Administrator

2nd READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2024-8 Ordinance # 300-41.4 Multifamily Residential in AA Residential District/Repeal

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Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz stated with the approval and vote from the council at the meeting next week, the mayor and council would enter a closed session to discuss the matter with a special council of the borough, and decide what action would be taken.

ORDINANCE 2024-12 Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Improvement of Palisades Boulevard Phase II

Councilwoman Jang asked if there was a concrete plan on what would happen. Mayor Kim advised her to ask Borough Administrator Raymond Herr and Facilities Manager Paul Lee for this information. Mayor Kim explained that all he knew was at the ends of the roads going towards Leonia, there was a project started, but due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it was never completed. Mayor Kim continued that not only the road re-pavement, but the underground sewer system as well was never completed. Mayor Kim reiterated for further questions to contact Borough Administrator Raymond Herr.

DISCUSSION (ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA):

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| RESOLUTION 2024-196 | Claims |
| RESOLUTION 2024-197 | Authorization of Liquor License Renewals year of 2024 through 2025 |
| RESOLUTION 2024-198 | Acceptance of Decline the acceptance the position of Police Record Clerk & Assistant to Police Director (Re: V. Leonelli-Spina) |

Councilwoman Lee stated she had a comment on something that Councilman Min had brought up earlier. Councilwoman Lee first addressed Resolution 2024-198, the resignation of the police records clerk. Mayor Kim stated it was not a resignation, but a decline of the position. Councilwoman Lee responded for this position as well, she believed the borough needed to post the position on the website, and suggested as part of the hiring process to include a member of the police committee to be involved in order to provide some level of oversight on this particular hiring matter. Councilwoman Lee continued, to Councilwoman Jang's point, the borough did need to have a better system in place for hiring in general so it could be implemented across the board. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated as the governance committee maybe they could come up with a process. Councilman Min agreed the borough did need to handle some sort of the hiring process that involved everyone in the governing body, and per department liaison. Councilman Kim stated he had never seen a decline of a position after hiring, and asked if the governing body knew the reason of the decline of the position. Mayor Kim stated he believed it was a voluntary decision and he was not sure if he could provide any more of an answer. Mayor Kim continued that this person applied, accepted the position, and then declined the opportunity. Councilman Kim replied the explanation was fine with him.

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| RESOLUTION 2024-199 | Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund for 2024. (Re: Columbus Park Improvement) |
| RESOLUTION 2024-200 | Authorization of Submission of Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (Re: MA-2025- Palisades Blvd and Edsall Blvd Streetscape Improvements Project 00225) |
| RESOLUTION 2024-201 | Authorization of Submission of Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (Re: MA-2025- Broad Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project-00389) |
| RESOLUTION 2024-202 | Establish the Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations |
| RESOLUTION 2024-203 | Hiring Swimming Pool Employee |
| RESOLUTION 2024-204 | Appointing Borough Clerk (Re: S. Jang) |
| RESOLUTION 2024-205 | Hiring of Full-Time DPW Employee (Re: S. Kim) |
| RESOLUTION 2024-206 | Hiring of Full-Time DPW Employee (Re: Y. Kim) |
| RESOLUTION 2024-207 | Hiring of Part-Time DPW Employee (Re: S.K. Kim) |

Councilwoman Jang questioned the DPW hiring process. Councilwoman Jang asked if the three new hires hold a CDL (Commercial Driver's License). Mayor Kim stated the new hires did not hold CDL's but they voluntarily agreed if they did get hired, the first thing they would work on was getting their CDL's. Councilwoman Jang stated she wanted to speak about the hiring of these individuals. Councilwoman Jang wished the department heads were involved in the hiring process. Councilwoman Jang stated these new hires were news to her. Mayor Kim responded he was happy they were having the work session and there was still a week to have a full conference with the DPW. Mayor Kim stated there was space for these men to be hired, therefore they applied and got the position. Mayor Kim emphasized this was only a work

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session, and asked Councilwoman Jang to catch up with the DPW. Councilwoman Jang asked if any new employment would go through Councilwoman Won-Yoon and Councilman Min considering the amendment being made to the ordinance. Councilwoman Won-Yoon responded no. Mayor Kim said he believed Councilwoman Jang was getting confused with what Councilwoman Won-Yoon was talking about earlier. Mayor Kim further explained, this was the amendment of the personal policy, and if Councilwoman Jang wanted to do a resolution for a certain way to go about hiring new employees, then she could most certainly speak about that. Councilwoman Jang responded yes; she wanted to create a resolution for the hiring process. Mayor Kim responded the mayor and council could speak about it but he did not remember the conversation previously coming up. Councilwoman Jang responded no one really spoke about it. Councilwoman Jang continued, when they were speaking about nepotism and who should and shouldn't be hired, she was confused because there was an existing very clear hiring process. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there was a general hiring process which included advertising, background checks, etc. although, the anti-nepotism policy, something Councilwoman Won-Yoon had proposed, also had a hiring section stating when there was a new hire or promotion, the borough had to make sure there were no relatives working in the same department especially as a direct supervisor. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she believed Councilwoman Jang was still getting the anti-nepotism policy confused with the general hiring process. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she hoped there was a hiring process in the employee manual, and that she would check. Mayor Kim responded again that this was not previously spoken about, Councilwoman Jang made a good point, and the mayor and council would continue to speak about it.

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| RESOLUTION 2024-208 | Authorization Permission of the dedication by rider of Donations to 125th Anniversary. |
| RESOLUTION 2024-209 | Hiring of 2024 Summer Camp Program Seasonal Staff for Recreation Department |
| RESOLUTION 2024-210 | Authorization the Advertisement Seeking Qualified Lateral PTC Certified Police Officers |

Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz stated before the mayor and council concluded the resolutions there was an additional resolution which would be Resolution 2024-211 authorizing using a company called innovative systems to do background checks on perspective and possibly current employees. Scott Krumholz stated if the council approved, it would enter the next meeting. Scott Krumholz asked Deputy Borough Clerk Sophia Jang to circulate the proposed resolution. Mayor Kim agreed with Scott Krumholz that we had been using the law method when performing background checks on new employees, meaning the police department was being used when background checks should be have been performed by an independent company. Mayor Kim stated this was recommended by Police Director Michael Gardner and he advised he would look into the details of the contract this week for review.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lee reported the department of education held a meeting with Mayor Kim, councilmembers, the superintendent, and members of the department of education. The reason this meeting was held was to come up with a solution to a problem that had been existent for a while. This problem was an overpopulation of students in the schools meaning there was a number of students coming from the same household which seemed excessive. Although Councilwoman Lee could not provide an exact number, she assured it was being addressed between the Board of Education, and the mayor and council. Councilwoman Lee stated she would keep everyone updated on the progress, but the initial meeting already took place last week.

Councilwoman Jang stated she would give a full detailed report at the regular meeting. Councilwoman Jang reported everyone was doing well from the DPW. Councilwoman Jang explained the DPW had changed street signs, and the tree cuttings were completed. Mayor Kim stated he heard the DPW had been busy. Councilwoman Jang stated she heard from the pool manager yesterday, that in only one day the pool made \$14,000 in income bringing them to a running total of \$285,000. Mayor Kim responded we could beat the record from a few years ago which was \$500,000. Councilwoman Jang stated they had set the goal for \$500,000 income for the summer 2024 season. Mayor Kim recommended the pool committee and pool director sit down, and try and find cost competitive pools in the area. Mayor Kim believed the rates were relatively low for admissions and memberships. Considering the revamp in quality and services including the newly reopened snack bar. Mayor Kim directed Councilwoman Jang to look into the pricing for the new pool season. Councilwoman Jang stated they were also looking to add a splashpad for next year. Councilwoman Jang praised the recreation committee for the July 7th celebration that had taken place. Mayor Kim congratulated them, and Councilwoman Jang reiterated they all had a great time. Mayor Kim stated they received a lot of donations including sandwiches, a DJ, and bouncy castles.

Councilman Min reported an update on the vehicle placards. Councilman Min stated with the request from Police Director Michael Gardner who had sent out an email that morning to each department

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notifying them that the placards are ready for pickup, if employees had not filled out a registration form to do so because they were running out of time. Mayor Kim jokingly stated he had a special case he would have liked Councilman Min to consider considering Mayor Kim was in the process of getting a new car. Mayor Kim advised once he had the information he would submit his registration form to the director. Councilman Min replied to make sure Mayor Kim handed in his registration form on time, and he did not want to hear that Mayor Kim was receiving tickets.

Councilman Kim had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon reported the library board had a special meeting last week, and the board was working on ways to improve the library building. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the board had hired two individuals, one of those individuals would identify where to improve on the mold and asbestos. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon if she just stated she hired someone. Councilwoman Won-Yoon responded she did not, it was just part of her report. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon to continue. Councilwoman Won-Yoon continued that the second report was coming from the architect Arcari & Iovino although it was not finalized, therefore the draft was only received to report. Councilwoman Won-Yoon continued once the report was finalized the library board would work with the CFO Roy Riggitano in processing. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she thought the Borough Administrator Raymond Herr would be present at the meeting because he was going to bring up a topic. Councilwoman Won-Yoon explained the borough had been working on Bergen County IT Services analyzing the current proposal from KAB computers regarding how to support the computer systems throughout the borough. Councilwoman Won-Yoon explained further it looked like we needed to go to a shared service with Bergen County because the cost is cheaper than KAB Computers. Councilwoman Won-Yoon continued the IT service resolution had passed already years ago therefore she was not too sure about the right process because it had already been three years. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what the process was. Mayor Kim responded before we got to that point - Councilwoman Won-Yoon interjected that she recommended we move to county services. Mayor Kim stated he knew she worked very hard on her report as did Councilman Min, but the governing body would like to see the final report first before deciding. Mayor Kim stated he did see the draft and they can all agree that it wasn't 100% comparing apples and apples so they had to figure it out. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if it was the right process to send out the old report. Mayor Kim responded absolutely, once summarized to provide a copy to the borough administrator and the mayor and they would provide copies to the governing body. Councilman Min stated since it was such a long time that the resolution had been executed, based on the report Councilwoman Won-Yoon presented, if the borough had to change anything from the resolution, they would update it. Councilman Min stated he saw a lot of differences between the two companies. Mayor Kim responded since the resolution was three years old the resolution may have needed to be renewed anyways. Mayor Kim asked if it was legally in effect at 3 years old. Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz responded yes; the resolution was legally in effect. Mayor Kim stated they needed to know the differences between the two. Councilman Kim stated he was confused as to why they were speaking of library board issues when they had a completely separate board. Councilman Kim asked if the mayor and council could even intervene since it was separate. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they are two different things, and the IT services that were spoken of were for the borough and the library board was focused on ways to improve the library building. Councilman Kim asked if improving IT was for the library as well. Councilwoman Won-Yoon clarified no, it was only for the borough. Councilman Kim thanked Councilwoman Won-Yoon and said that was fine.

Councilwoman Jang asked a question pertaining to Resolution 2024-208. Mayor Kim explained the 125th anniversary was going to occur and would generate income and with that income a new line of budget needed to be made. Mayor Kim stated the money would be well spent for the borough. Councilwoman Jang commented at the least it should be. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilwoman Jang made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Peter Longo asked if there was an agenda available for today. Mayor Kim apologized as Deputy Borough Clerk Sophia Jang provided him with a copy. Peter Longo stated it was fine, he was just trying to follow along. Peter Longo stated he noticed there was only two people that showed up to the meeting which included himself. Peter Longo suggested it was not a good thing when people did not show up. Mayor Kim replied it was only a work session. Peter Longo presented possible reasons as to why people did not come to the meeting which included the heat, but he had a feeling that it had something to do with the verbiage posted on the website. Peter Longo elaborated that on the borough website it stated the building was closed at 2:30PM and would not reopen until the next day at 9AM. Peter Longo mentioned that he thought that meant the meeting was cancelled. Mayor Kim agreed that may have been why there was a limited amount of people at the meeting. Peter Longo stated the mayor and council would have to hear a lot about it at the next meeting. Mayor Kim stated he would send an email to Borough Attorney Allan

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Roth. Mayor Kim explained the whole reason the borough was closed was because due to the renovations taking place, the water in the building was shut off. Mayor Kim further explained with no public facilities, the borough could not have anyone in the building throughout the day. Mayor Kim continued that he told Borough Administrator Raymond Herr the meeting would still take place. Mayor Kim apologized for the confusion. Peter Longo responded again that the mayor and council would hear about it next meeting. Mayor Kim jokingly responded the borough administrator would be in for next meeting, and he would blame him. Peter Longo stated as a former teacher, and former board of education member he was very interested in the schools in town. Mayor Kim asked Mr. Longo if he was currently on the board of education. Peter Longo replied he was not currently a member but he was on for about a year. Peter Longo continued that his point was that the problem in this town was the building. Peter Longo said there was overdevelopment taking place for years. Mr. Longo used the building on Bergen Boulevard as an example of the overdevelopment. Mr. Longo stated this house used to be a two-family home that was extended to a multi-dwelling, he believed it to be a five-family home at the time of the meeting. Peter Longo stated his point was that he went to the zoning board of adjustments meeting two years ago to voice these concerns but he was shot down. Peter Longo stated the building on Grand Avenue was a monstrosity and the borough could not be adding housing when they did not have the space. Mayor Kim replied a majority of the governing body was there to see that that kind of thing did not occur. Mr. Longo responded from the past, people on the council appointed the zoning board members. Mayor Kim corrected Mr. Longo that it was not the council but the mayor with the support of the governing body. Mayor Kim replied he believed the board members were doing a good job and recommended Peter Longo to check it out after the meeting. Mr. Longo replied he knew, but the problem was overdevelopment. Mayor Kim stated they all knew that. Peter Longo went to respond but Mayor Kim interjected and stated there was a fine balance between not keeping up with the affordable housing act since 2000. Mayor Kim exclaimed that was 24 years ago, and now they were doing something about it. Mayor Kim stated that was all he could say on the topic but it was being addressed and they were working hard in court to ensure there was no more overdevelopment by choosing where affordable housing should or should not be. Mayor Kim further explained the borough did not want to burden taxpayers with two homes. Mayor Kim went on that four months ago at the zoning board there was a big move made to a huge apartment building that was supposed to be built on Columbia Avenue. Peter Longo responded the concern was the town had a school on Central Boulevard by the Early Childhood Center, and before it even opened it was too small. Peter Longo suggested they should have built three levels. Peter Longo continued they now have a preschool that his grandson would be attending, and he was not sure if they would find room for him. Mr. Longo mentioned his grandson was already cut out off the summer program because the town cut the program but he should have been in. Mayor Kim asked why Mr. Longo's grandson was cut. Peter Longo responded he was not sure because when he went to ask, he never received an answer. Mayor Kim asked Mr. Longo if it was the recreation committee. Peter Longo responded no, it had nothing to do with the recreation committee, because he was speaking about the school board. Peter Longo stated the point was, that he was very concerned because he was hearing rumors that the kids were going to be placed in the basement or at another school because there was not enough room. Peter Longo stated it was pretty sad we had this problem, and it all stemmed from the past due to poor planning, and overdevelopment. Peter Longo stated he hoped we would do something about the overdevelopment. Mayor Kim stated hope is a very good word, and hope was what they were all working on at the moment. Mayor Kim asked if anyone else would like to speak. No one volunteered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public session. Councilwoman Jang made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Attest:



Sophia H. Jang, RMC
Deputy Borough Clerk

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Kim	Present
Councilwoman Jang	Present
Councilman Kim	(Will be attending late)
Councilwoman Lee	Present
Councilman Min	Present
Councilman Vietri	Present
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Present
Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz	Present
Borough Administrator Raymond Herr	Present

Mayor Kim stated before the meeting began, he had two announcements he wanted to make. Mayor Kim announced that first he wanted to take the time to celebrate a remarkable individual, Sophia Jang. Mayor Kim stated, "Sophia Jang served for four years as a library staff member where she introduced Korean books into the library. For the past ten years, Sophia had served as the deputy borough clerk. As a resident, she had become an integral part of the town as she always went the extra mile to help friends and neighbors. Her dedication and hard work had earned her this well-deserved promotion. It is my honor to congratulate Sophia Jang on her new position as the Borough Clerk of Palisades Park." Mayor Kim called Sophia Jang up to the front to be sworn in. Mayor Kim advised Sophia Jang to repeat after him. Mrs. Jang repeated, "I, Sophia Jang do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of New Jersey. That I will bear true faith, and the allegiance to the same, and to the government established in the United States and in this state under the authority of the people, and that I will faithfully, impartially, and justly perform all the duties of the borough clerk." Mayor Kim congratulated Sophia Jang and applause was heard all around. Sophia Jang asked if she could make a short speech. Mayor Kim allowed, and Sophia began with, "Dear family and friends, first and foremost I give glory to God. I don't want to stand up here and bore you all with a plain old acceptance speech but I do want to express sincere gratitude to the mayor and council and all of you for trusting me with this important position. Despite facing tough times, I have come to realize that our lives are short and therefore we must live each day with gratitude. I am grateful for the opportunity given to me and promise to fulfill my duty to the best of my ability with humility. I am proud to be part of this great town and I am thrilled to have this opportunity to serve my beautiful community. Again, thank you, and I am looking forward to many great years with all of you. Mayor Kim asked Sophia Jang if her family had made it to the meeting yet to allow them to take pictures. Sophia Jang responded they were not present just yet, but would be at a later time.

Mayor Kim stated there was one more ceremony to go. Mayor Kim began, "This individual had been an outstanding traffic enforcement officer, he was always involved in our community whether it be for the recreation department, or during torrential storms stacking up sand bags and getting his underwear wet to protect Palisades Park, of course. I applaud him for taking care of our community and today I sincerely congratulate him for becoming a police officer for the town of Palisades Park. Officer Vincent Juliano please come up and be recognized." Vincent Juliano approached the front to give a short speech. Vincent Juliano stated, "I'd like to thank the Mayor and Council, Police Chief, and Police Director for trusting me as this role for police officer for the town. I was brought up here my whole life, so I look forward to continuing my journey here helping the residents of Palisades Park." Mayor Kim advised Vincent Juliano to repeat after him, Vincent Juliano repeated, "I, Vincent Juliano do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of New Jersey. That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the governments established in the United States and in this state under the authority of the people and that I will faithfully, impartially, and justly perform all the duties of the office of police officer." Mayor Kim congratulated Vincent Juliano as applause was heard. Mayor Kim

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asked Sophia Jang if her family had arrived yet. Sophia Jang responded that they did and they were ready for pictures.

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Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she had a comment pertaining to the meeting minutes for June 24th, 2024. Councilwoman Won-Yoon advised everyone to look over the end of page five, leading into the beginning of page six where there was mention about Councilwoman Won-Yoon requesting that the Library and the Borough create new contracts that were synchronized in time. Councilwoman Won-Yoon wanted to clarify that what she meant to say was she would have liked to have the pay raises for the library to have an effective date synchronized with the borough pay raises. Mayor Kim requested a motion to table the meeting minutes for June 24, 2024. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Jang. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
Councilman Kim:	Yes
Councilwoman Lee:	Yes
Councilman Min:	Yes
Councilman Vietri:	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon:	Yes

Mayor Kim requested a motion to accept all meeting minutes except June 24, 2024. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Jang. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
Councilman Kim:	Yes
Councilwoman Lee:	Yes
Councilman Min:	Yes
Councilman Vietri:	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon:	Yes

Mayor Kim requested a motion to go into an executive session. Mayor Kim asked Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz to explain the reason. Scott Krumholz stated normally it was something the borough strived to do, which was to go into an executive session before the closing of the meetings, however the agenda this evening had a number of items including an ordinance and a resolution that needed to be discussed relating to a litigation that the mayor and council needed to consult with the special council briefly before they voted. Scott Krumholz continued that there was not a municipal way to do this other than to convene an executive session and then return as quickly as possible to carry on with the meeting. Mayor Kim stated in other words, this year the borough had changed the progression order of the agenda and decided to put executive sessions at the end so the public could handle their business and then leave, so they did not have to wait for the mayor and council to finish. Mayor Kim continued that when there were executive sessions the mayor and council would go in, come back out, and finish up the meeting. There was an exception today because there needed to be a discussion on the ordinance. Mayor Kim requested a motion to go into an executive session. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
Councilman Kim:	Yes
Councilwoman Lee:	Yes
Councilman Min:	Yes
Councilman Vietri:	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon:	Yes

The Closed Session was opened, and the Mayor and Council members went into the closed meeting. After the meeting ended, the regular meeting resumed.

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Mayor Kim asked Borough Clerk Sophia Jang to continue with the introduction of the ordinances. Sophia Jang asked Mayor Kim if before that, they had to conduct the off-consent agenda. Mayor Kim responded they did not, but they had to do the introduction of the ordinances first.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2024-13 Amending Chapter 48, Entitled “Officers and Employees” to Repeal the Residency Requirement for the Municipal Administrator

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang introduced Ordinance 2024-13 and Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions. No questions arose. Mayor Kim requested a motion to accept Ordinance 2024-13. Councilman Min made a motion and Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
Councilman Kim:	Yes
Councilwoman Lee:	Yes
Councilman Min:	Yes
Councilman Vietri:	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon:	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang gave notice Ordinance 2024-13 was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the mayor and council, on July 22, 2024. Ordinance 2024-13 would be considered for a final reading and adoption at a meeting held August 26, 2024 at 6PM in the council chambers. Any person interested could appear for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of Ordinance 2024-13 would be posted on the bulletin board in borough hall and would be available at the office of the borough clerk.

ORDINANCE 2024-14 Amending Chapter 48, Entitled “Officers and Employees” to Amend the Salary Requirement for the Municipal Administrator

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang introduced Ordinance 2024-14. Mayor Kim requested a motion to accept Ordinance 2024-14. Councilman Min made a motion and Councilwoman Lee seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
Councilman Kim:	Yes
Councilwoman Lee:	Yes
Councilman Min:	Yes
Councilman Vietri:	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon:	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang gave notice Ordinance 2024-14 was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the mayor and council, on July 22, 2024. Ordinance 2024-14 would be considered for a final reading and adoption at a meeting held August 26, 2024 at 6PM in the council chambers. Any person interested could appear for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of Ordinance 2024-14 would be posted on the bulletin board in borough hall and would be available at the office of the borough clerk. Mayor Kim requested a motion to open to the public. Councilman Min made a motion to open to the public which was seconded by Councilwoman Jang. All joined in favor, none opposed.

2nd READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2024-8 Ordinance # 300-41.4 Multifamily Residential in AA Residential District/Repeal

Susan Brauer commented the borough was repealing Ordinance #300-41.4 but on the agenda it stated Resolution 2024-211 authorized completely voiding Ordinance 2016-13. Susan Brauer asked which portion of the ordinance would be voided because it was a 21-page ordinance with several different parts to it. Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz responded they would get to the resolution on the consent agenda which voided the entire Ordinance 2016-13. Ms. Brauer stated that was not what it said on the agenda, and the agenda only had the last four pages when there were other parts to the ordinance. Scott Krumholz asked Susan Brauer what she was referring to because currently the council was speaking about

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Ordinance 2024-8. Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated Susan Brauer must have been confused because of Resolution 2024-211. Sophia Jang clarified that this was in regards to Ordinance 2016-13, not Ordinance 2024-13. Susan Brauer asked if the borough was repealing part of Ordinance 2016-13. Scott Krumholz replied that Ms. Brauer was correct, it was a part of Ordinance 2016-13. Susan Brauer asked if they would be rescinding a part of the ordinance. Scott Krumholz replied that she was correct. Susan Brauer questioned if the part pertaining to massage parlors, and pawn shops on Commercial Avenue, Grand Avenue and Columbus Avenue from Broad Avenue to Roff Avenue was still allowed. Scott Krumholz responded that it was part of Resolution 2024-211 therefore if passed would make the whole ordinance void. Susan Brauer questioned if it was not passed. Scott Krumholz replied the borough was voiding pages of the ordinance in regards to residential buildings, but they would be leaving the pages pertaining to massage parlors, and pawn shops. Scott Krumholz stated if the resolution did not pass, then she was correct. Susan Brauer asked if the borough minded having pawn shops and massage parlors on Grand Avenue, Commercial Avenue, and Columbus Avenue. Susan Brauer asked if all councilmembers had read the entire ordinance. Scott Krumholz replied that the ordinance was from 2016. Susan Brauer stated the ordinance was 21 pages long. Susan Brauer questioned if the council knew what they were doing with the ordinance, and asked if they were just repealing part of it. Silence followed. Susan Brauer asked what the silence meant. Scott Krumholz stated he thought this question was already answered before then reiterated that the resolution on the consent agenda was voiding the entire Ordinance 2016-13 which had contained everything she was referring to now. Ordinance 2024-8 only repealed the section of Ordinance 2016-13 in regards to multifamily residential in AA residential district. Susan Brauer asked why not eliminate the entire Ordinance 2016-13. Scott Krumholz replied that there were issues that needed to be consulted with the special council about and the way it needed to be done. Mayor Kim stated Resolution 2024-211 eliminated everything but first there needed to be a roll call vote, therefore Ms. Brauer needed to wait until then. Mayor Kim asked if anyone had any other questions about the second reading of Ordinance 2024-8.

Min Hong came up and asked for a translator to help her. Once she began to explain, Mayor Kim interjected and asked the translator to explain to Ms. Hong that she was speaking of something other than Ordinance 2024-8.

Mayor Kim asked for a motion to close the public session and go back to the regular meeting. Councilman Min made a motion, and Councilwoman Jang seconded. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-8. Councilwoman Jang made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
Councilman Kim:	No
Councilwoman Lee:	Yes
Councilman Min:	Yes
Councilman Vietri:	No
Councilwoman Won-Yoon:	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang gave notice Ordinance 2024-8 was introduced and passed on the second reading at the regular meeting of the mayor and council, on July 22, 2024. Ordinance 2024-8 would be considered for a final reading and adoption at a meeting held August 26, 2024 at 6PM in the council chambers. Any person interested could appear for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of Ordinance 2024-8 would be posted on the bulletin board in borough hall and would be available at the office of the borough clerk.

ORDINANCE 2024-12 Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Improvement of Palisades Boulevard Phase II

Mayor Kim requested a motion to open to the public. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Jang. Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions, none arose. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public session and return to the regular meeting. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Jang. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-12. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Jang. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
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Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilwoman Lee: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Vietri: No
Councilwoman Won-Yoon: Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang gave notice Ordinance 2024-12 was introduced and passed on the second reading at the regular meeting of the mayor and council, on July 22, 2024. Ordinance 2024-12 would be considered for a final reading and adoption at a meeting held August 26, 2024 at 6PM in the council chambers. Any person interested could appear for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of Ordinance 2024-12 would be posted on the bulletin board in borough hall and would be available at the office of the borough clerk.

DISCUSSION (ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA)

RESOLUTION 2024-196 Claims
RESOLUTION 2024-197 Authorization of Liquor License Renewals year of 2024 through 2025
RESOLUTION 2024-198 Acceptance of Decline the acceptance the position of Police Record Clerk & Assistant to Police Director (Re: V. Leonelli-Spina)
RESOLUTION 2024-199 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund for 2024. (Re: Columbus Park Improvement)
RESOLUTION 2024-200 Authorization of Submission of Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (Re: MA-2025- Palisades Blvd and Edsall Blvd Streetscape Improvements Project 00225)
RESOLUTION 2024-201 Authorization of Submission of Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (Re: MA-2025-Broad Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project-00389)
RESOLUTION 2024-202 Establish the Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations
RESOLUTION 2024-203 Hiring Swimming Pool Employee
RESOLUTION 2024-204 Appointing Borough Clerk (Re: S. Jang)
RESOLUTION 2024-205 Hiring of Full-Time DPW Employee (Re: S. Kim)
RESOLUTION 2024-206 Hiring of Full-Time DPW Employee (Re: Y. Kim)
RESOLUTION 2024-207 Hiring of Part-Time DPW Employee (Re: S.K. Kim)
RESOLUTION 2024-208 Authorization Permission of the dedication by rider of Donations to 125th Anniversary.
RESOLUTION 2024-209 Hiring of 2024 Summer Camp Program Seasonal Staff for Recreation Department
RESOLUTION 2024-210 Authorization the Advertisement Seeking Qualified Lateral PTC Certified Police Officers
RESOLUTION 2024-211 Authorization of Voiding Ordinance 2016-13

Mayor Kim asked if there were any concerns with Resolution 2024-196 through Resolution 2024-211. Mayor Kim began to request a motion, but Scott Krumholz reminded him about something. Mayor Kim thanked Scott Krumholz and recommended Resolution 2024-209 Hiring of 2024 Summer Camp Program Seasonal Staff for Recreation Department be tabled because it was a late notice and the mayor and council could not make a decision at the time. Mayor Kim further explained this resolution came through past the work session, and they needed time to discuss and decide. Mayor Kim reiterated, if necessary, they would do a special meeting to decide but the timing was not proper and the mayor and council needed more time to make a decision. Mayor Kim asked the council to take another look at the resolution and next time there would be an opportunity for passage. Mayor Kim requested a motion to table Resolution 2024-209. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang: Yes
Councilman Kim: Yes
Councilwoman Lee: Yes
Councilman Min: Yes
Councilman Vietri: Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon: Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang gave notice Resolution 2024-209 was tabled.

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Mayor Kim asked besides Resolution 2024-209, if there were any other concerns. Councilwoman Jang questioned Resolution 2024-208. Councilwoman Jang asked if the borough was making a new account for the 125th anniversary event. Mayor Kim responded this was a new temporary account being created. Councilwoman Jang asked if whatever costs were spent would be taken out of that account. Mayor Kim answered yes then corrected himself and stated no, he could not say they would be taken out of the same account. Mayor Kim explained this would be just the deposit account for the event, and expenditures would come out of a different account. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions, but none arose. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Resolution 2024-196 through Resolution 2024-211, excluding Resolution 2024-209. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
Councilman Kim:	Yes
Councilwoman Lee:	Yes
Councilman Min:	Yes
Councilman Vietri:	Yes (Except Resolution 2024-196, 2024-199, 2024-201, 2024-208, 2024-210, 2024-211)
Councilwoman Won-Yoon:	Yes

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2024-212	Authorization of Closed Session
RESOLUTION 2024-213	Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing Road Repairs in the Vicinity of 450 1 st Street.

Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions regarding the off-consent agenda, no questions arose. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Jang. Mayor Kim asked again if there were any discussions that needed to take place. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilwoman Jang:	Yes
Councilman Kim:	Yes
Councilwoman Lee:	Yes
Councilman Min:	Yes
Councilman Vietri:	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon:	Yes

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lee reported from the school board the mayor and council met with the Board of Education, as well as the superintendent to address a serious issue in the town. Councilwoman Lee elaborated that there was an overpopulation of students in the public school system. Councilwoman Lee stated there were also an excessive number of students residing in the same household which prevented opportunities for education for other residents in town. The Board of Education was trying to deal with it by collaborating with the mayor and council. Councilwoman Lee explained they only had an initial meeting and would keep councilmembers posted on any updates. Mayor Kim thanked her.

Councilwoman Jang reported from the pool side, the pool manager had mentioned to her that the income so far had reached \$325,482. Councilwoman Jang elaborated that last Sunday there were 1000 guests that visited the pool. Throughout the summer, the pool had had between 800-1000 guests per day. Councilwoman Jang continued because there was a new roof, and a new snack bar, this would bring in even more guests. Councilwoman Jang stated as she had mentioned at the agenda meeting, next year the pool was aiming to add a splash pad which in turn would bring in even more guests. Councilwoman Jang reported that the DPW had replaced new signs and had been cutting down dangerous branches that would affect electric wires in the event of a storm which was almost completed. Councilwoman Jang stated the DPW would be working there way to 5th, 6th, and 7th Street. Councilwoman Jang stated during this hot weather, the DPW was continuously serving the community by collecting garbage's, cutting trees, and cleaning the streets. Councilwoman Jang thanked the pool and the DPW. Next, Councilwoman Jang spoke of the Recreation Department and stated they were working hard on a new employee list and she hoped to have it passed as soon as possible because there were actively summer camps running as well as different sport groups and activities in town. Councilwoman Jang stated residents tend to want to get involved. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to add to Councilwoman Jang's laundry list of items. Mayor Kim stated he was notified by a resident of 5th street that there were potholes that needed to be addressed. Mayor Kim advised Councilwoman Jang that the superintendent would contact her.

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Councilman Min started his report on the police department. Councilman Min stated the recent fleet contract signed with Enterprise Fleet had allowed the opportunity for five new police patrol vehicles to be ordered. If everything went well, the borough looked to receive the new vehicles this year probably October, latest November. Councilman Min assured he would keep everyone updated. Councilman Min also reported the police director was actively working on the donation box which was a box where residents could donate unused clothes and shoes. The borough was actively looking to place five boxes once the contract began. The borough would receive \$1,500 per box every year creating extra income for the borough. Councilman Min also reported that the junior police academy had come to an end with nine junior cadets' graduations. Councilman Min next reported the Fire Department had applied to a grant program named "Leary". Leary was a 2024 grant program with a maximum award amount of \$25,000 which would have been used for training, equipment, and technology. Councilman Min stated due to the program just opening, he would work with Chief Michael Valente and keep everyone updated.

Councilman Kim had nothing to report.

Councilman Vietri had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon reported she had three separate topics she wanted to touch base on. The first topic Councilwoman Won-Yoon spoke about was that the 125th History Book Committee had met and planned for publication of a new history book for Palisades Park. They aimed for the first week of December but she couldn't be sure. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the committee was sending out letters to authors soon. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the next meeting was August 7th so if anyone was interested in joining to let her know because they needed a lot of volunteers in order to reach out to different groups and writers about the last 25 years of Palisades Parks history. Councilwoman Won-Yoon reported second, in the council they have a committee called the Governance Committee. Councilwoman Won-Yoon proposed to the council that the Governance Committee would manage all changes requested on ordinances. In other words, Councilwoman Won-Yoon proposed that if there were any changes councilmembers would have liked to introduce, then they would submit that request to the Governance Committee which consisted of Councilman Min and Councilwoman Won-Yoon. These councilmembers would summarize the request to the other councilmembers and the lawyers, there would be a meeting held weekly for review until it was completed. The third report from Councilwoman Won-Yoon regarded submitting the Bergen County IT Shared Services vs. KAB Computers proposal to manage the borough's computers. The resolution that authorized KAB computers was passed three years ago therefore it was not considered new, but because of different issues within the building, technical support became stuck. The borough had picked up and began working with KAB but shortly became stuck again. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the mayor and council had to review this proposal again because it had already been three years since the resolution had been originally passed. Borough Administrator Raymond Herr, with assistance from Councilwoman Won-Yoon, decided to reevaluate the process. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked councilmembers to look over the proposal and if she received the green light, then she would make sure the borough administrator handled it. Mayor Kim commented in reference to her second report, regarding asking councilmembers to speak with Councilman Min or Councilwoman Won-Yoon with any concerns or updates on ordinances for the borough. Mayor Kim assured councilmembers that he was sure slowly but surely these councilmembers would review all requests as being a part of the Governance Committee. Being a part of this committee entailed having this important role being their main role that they had agreed on themselves. Mayor Kim continued in reference to Councilwoman Won-Yoon's third report, as mentioned last discussion in the finalized report, there were some parts that were apples and oranges. Councilwoman Won-Yoon had submitted an email to councilmembers, and it was their responsibility to review the proposal and return it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon and Councilman Min would then sit down and hold a meeting. Councilman Min asked if he could add on that since the resolution had passed three years ago, the first discussion that needed to take place was how the borough was going to revamp this process. Mayor Kim stated that was fine. Councilman Min stated they may have had to create a new resolution. Mayor Kim stated again, that was fine and that the legal counsel would review it. Once legal counsel reviewed it, Councilman Min, Councilwoman Won-Yoon, and Mayor Kim would iron out all the details.

Mayor Kim reported everyone was really busy especially the Recreation Committee. Councilwoman Jang, Councilman Min, and Councilwoman Won-Yoon had been working with the Recreation Department and other resources around the neighborhood to create a once in a lifetime 125th anniversary festival that was set to take place September 14th from 12PM to 8PM, the second Saturday of the month. The rain date for the celebration was September 21st from 12PM to 8PM. Mayor Kim reported there would be a lot of fun things to enjoy including food, and vendors focusing on what makes Palisades Park so diverse and enriched. Local talents, local school people, and local nonprofit organizations would be part of the celebration as well. Mayor Kim encouraged everyone to attend and stated there would also be tons of free things.

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Borough Administrator Raymond Herr reported the tax bills had just been printed, and would be sent out soon. Raymond Herr reminded everyone the extension was until August 26th, 2024. Raymond Herr also reported the egress project for borough hall had just started this week and would be ongoing in different aspects for several months. Raymond Herr reiterated what Councilwoman Won-Yoon had mentioned about the Shared IT Service Project. Raymond Herr hoped all councilmembers would take a good look at the proposal so the borough could move forward with it hopefully by the next meeting in August. Raymond Herr commended Councilwoman Won-Yoon stating she did an excellent job taking the lead on this project and reminded everyone again to take a good look at the proposal, Mayor Kim thanked him.

Police Chief Anthony Espino reported there were 1,888 calls for service for the month of July. This number was a little bit less than June's numbers. There were 15 adult arrests, all for consumption of alcohol in public. These numbers as well had reduced thanks to the task force that had been hitting areas of concern. The detective bureau was assigned to 36 cases last month which had all been closed by the time of the report. There were 60 car accidents, the majority being driver inattention meaning an error on the drivers part such as not stopping at stop signs, red lights, and improper U-turns, etc.. Officers issued 496 total citations and completed 337 traffic stops. Chief Espino stated he wanted to acknowledge an officer who received an award from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Organization. Chief Espino explained this organization had been around for twenty years and every year they recognize police officers throughout New Jersey for enforcing DWI's (Driving While Intoxicated). The officer with the highest amount of these stops throughout each police department were recognized and received an award. Chief Espino wanted to recognize an officer who had received the award two years in a row. The Mothers Against Drunk Driving Organization provided this officer with a certificate he wanted to show everyone, as well as a coin piece. Officer Michael McDermott was recognized as applause followed. Mayor Kim jokingly chanted, "Speech, Speech!". Officer Michael McDermott thanked everyone for the award and the recognition. Officer McDermott spoke on behalf of everyone in the police department when he said there was not only one person going around enforcing DWI's. Officer McDermott stated that traffic was a big concern in town, therefore officers were out trying to enforce the laws but unfortunately there were people that did not choose to go home in an Uber, and the officers were there to stop them. Officer McDermott again thanked everyone for the recognition. Mayor Kim asked Police Director Michael Gardner if he wanted to speak.

Police Director Michael Gardner reported there were some issues raised with changing the alcohol ordinance by business owners. Police Director Gardner explained the borough sent out letters, and hand delivered to establishments as well. The borough was setting up two meetings, one taking place on a Friday, and the other, on a Tuesday. These meetings with the business owners outlined the changes of the ordinance as to what effect it would have, and to answer any questions. Director Gardner explained that any business owners that sold or served alcohol that were not present at either meeting would receive a visit to their establishments so the police could outline and explain the ordinance and enforce an effective date of August 1st, 2024. Director Gardner explained these meetings should do away with any concerns regarding misunderstandings of the changes that were done. Director Gardner went on to state that Mayor Kim mentioned there was an issue with stolen vehicles throughout Bergen County. Lieutenant Beck did a study of stolen vehicles throughout Bergen County. The information received exposed Paramus as being the number one town that was hit reaching a total of 17 vehicles. The Palisades Park Police Department reached out to the Paramus Police Department to see if they had an action plan in which they did not. Director Gardner stated he spoke to the Police Director of Hackensack regarding their action plan and if they had even implemented one. Director Gardner explained he put together a one-page letter to Palisades Park residents regarding an action plan Palisades Park would be implementing. This action plan was basically safety measures residents could take to avoid their cars from being stolen. This action plan included making sure vehicles were kept locked when not in use, and making sure key fobs were taken out of parked vehicles. Director Gardner elaborated that most of the cars that were being stolen was due to these two precautions. In Palisades Park, there were a total of five cars that were stolen because of key fobs that were left behind in the vehicles. Director Gardner hoped to send out quarterly letters to residents. The last report Director Gardner wanted to make was that Officer Debartolo came up with a sign relating to precautions regarding Ubers. Director Gardner reached out to the chief of New Jersey Transit who was a friend of his. Director Gardner wanted to ask about putting these signs up at the bus stop locations. These signs warranted anyone using Uber services to look for certain signs to prevent getting into the wrong vehicle, and to prevent anything from happening to people. Director Gardner stated the borough looked to protect residents as best as they could, and if he did not hear back from the New Jersey Transit Chief then they would place these signs on the actual bus sign posts. Director Gardner stated there are young students that traveled in and out of New York to celebrate, and having these signs would aid in keeping these young kids safe as well.

Mayor Kim stated this was a good idea, and asked Director Gardner to not forget to advise the Public Relations Coordinator to post this signage on the town's website. Mayor Kim wanted to speak on Director Gardner's report regarding the auto thefts in town. Mayor Kim stated he was not sure if councilmembers had seen the video footage but, the thieves were becoming very systematic. The thieves would comb

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through multiple streets. Two guys would come out of one car, probably stolen, and they would go on each side of the street and check if cars unopened or not, had any valuables within. If these thieves were lucky, they would take the car by jump starting it somehow. Mayor Kim emphasized that these thieves had been combing the streets. Mayor Kim asked for the police department to come up with an action plan for this, whether it was patrolling more or taking reports from any residents that had footage of these thieves on their cameras. Mayor Kim recommended increasing police presence in areas where footage revealed these thieves. Mayor Kim asked Director Gardner and Police Chief Espino what the procedure was when a resident called the police department to report they had footage of an alleged auto theft. Police Director Gardner stated if someone reported there was a thief at their driveway or garage trying to get into residents' vehicles then the dispatcher would dispatch a unit from the police department to respond to the area and drive around to see if there were any suspicious individuals. Mayor Kim stated he thought officers were doing way more than what he was asking which was for residents to come down to the station to file a report on their own. Mayor Kim stated the resident's needed reassurance and if these residents were in their own homes and they reported this activity to the police department, then it was the police officer's duty to go and check it out. Police Director Gardner stated if a resident claimed they left their home and when they returned, they found footage on their cameras of an event that took place an hour and a half ago, chances are the individuals were not going to still be in the area. If the resident made a report, an officer would respond but it was more effective when it was within a close proximity of time depending on how fast the police responded to the area. Mayor Kim stated he understood that these thieves may be gone if it was over a certain amount of time but if it was within the proximity of 30 minutes to an hour, he believed an officer should go and make a report at the resident's home instead of residents having to come down to the station. Mayor Kim asked if he was correct. Director Gardner responded that he would follow up with Police Chief Espino to see how he was handling these events. Police Chief Espino stated he was able to provide an answer right then and there. Chief Espino explained whenever the police department received a call, no matter the time frame being a day, a week, or a month, the officers would respond to the caller's home, make a report, and if they provided footage the officer would retrieve it from the caller. The officer would then put this footage out to other agencies, if they were fortunate enough to retrieve an image of the license plate then they would trace it back to the home to question the individuals. Chief Espino assured that officers were already doing what needed to be done regarding these incidents. Chief Espino reiterated further, if a resident called and stated they had footage of someone trying to break into their car from an hour ago, officers would retrieve that footage, then they would check any surrounding homes in the area with cameras as well to see if those cameras picked up a different angle of the car. The officers get on these issues right away as soon as it was reported to them. Chief Espino stated in Palisades Park there were seven stolen motor vehicles in the span of six months. One of these thefts was a motorcycle left in a garage that was left open. The motorcycle did not have a battery so Chief Espino was not sure how the thieves removed it. Out of the remaining six cars, five of them were parked in their driveways unlocked with the keys left in the cars. Chief Espino stated to him, that was basically like the owners saying it was okay for thieves to take their vehicles. The seventh vehicle was legitimately stolen. Chief Espino continued, a couple of years ago there was another officer in charge that had set up a task force that went around to residents' homes, and would check their car door handles to see if their vehicles were left unlocked. If officers came across an unlocked vehicle, they would alert the owners. The police department received a lot of negative feedback and residents commented that officers should have been patrolling the streets instead of checking their cars. Therefore, this task force only lasted between six to seven months. The police department also posted tips on the borough website to help protect residents from falling victim to car thieves which included locking their cars, making sure the keys were removed from the vehicle, and if keys were removed to be aware that these keys were not being left within close proximity of the vehicle. Chief Espino stated Mayor Kim had mentioned the vehicles that were stolen, but five of those incidents could have been avoided just by ensuring the doors were locked and removing the keys from the vehicle. Chief Espino exclaimed he did not understand why anyone would leave their car doors open, no matter where they lived. The problem was, for many years, there had been kids going around checking door handles. If they found that these cars were unlocked, they would take change, or chargers. Once these kids saw the keys were in the car, it turned into something more. Chief Espino stated he could not stress enough; these thefts were taking place due to owner error.

Mayor Kim stated he was happy that police would respond to the callers home right away, no matter the time frame of the incident. Mayor Kim continued there was one more topic he wanted to address regarding traffic. Recently, there was a pedestrian killed on Grand Avenue from the Shin family. This pedestrian was hit by a car, and a few days later he passed away at the hospital. Mayor Kim questioned why there were a lot of accidents on Grand Avenue. Mayor Kim believed it was because Grand Avenue was not owned by the town, so it was not easy for the borough to control and request amendments to better the community. Mayor Kim continued that there were not many cross walks either which was also a danger to the community. There were many venues such as by the ShopRite area that was becoming more and more occupied, making it a busier area. Mayor Kim recommended Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz, and Borough Administrator Raymond Herr to sit down and talk about how they could manage these areas better. Mayor Kim then asked if 1&9 was a state road. Chief Espino responded that it was

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actually a county road. Mayor Kim stated they would have to sit down and see how they could request assistance. Mayor Kim advised he would send out a letter to whoever was in charge of the county traffic. Once Mayor Kim created this letter, he stated he would distribute a copy to all councilmembers and would appreciate their support by providing a signature. If approved, Mayor Kim aimed to add more crosswalks and safety signage so the borough could work on minimizing accidents. Mayor Kim felt this was a horrible accident that took place, and the resident who was killed was the breadwinner of his entire family. Chief Espino stated he had received a report from the county late Friday that included some of the topics Mayor Kim had mentioned. Chief Espino stated he believed this was something that the police department, Mayor Kim, and the police committee could go over. The reports were too extensive to go over at the meeting. Mayor Kim asked if this was concerning the traffic assessment report. Mayor Kim asked if it had finally come in. Chief Espino stated he had some recommendations about the report but he wanted to sit and go over it with Mayor Kim and the police committee. Mayor Kim stated the police committee had work to do.

Mayor Kim asked if Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz had anything to report, but he did not.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilwoman Jang made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Susan Brauer stated the mayor and council had passed Resolution 2024-211. Susan Brauer asked if a resolution could wipe out an entire ordinance. Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz replied the ordinance was deemed by special council to be *void ab initio* meaning at its inception it was not properly introduced. The requirements for any ordinance that dealt with planning was first to submit to the planning board for analysis and discussion on whether or not it conformed with the town's masterplan. Scott Krumholz explained this process was never followed. Next, notice of the ordinance should have been provided to residents within a certain geographic location from the are in the subject of the ordinance. That process was also never followed. Scott Krumholz explained they performed an extensive search going back prior to 2016, and analyzed all the meeting minutes, discussed with the planning board, looked through special council, spoke with the planning board, board of adjustments, and the planner of the town. They found no evidence that any of these procedures were followed when Ordinance 2016-13 was adopted, therefore making it an improper adoption, and it was voided. Scott Krumholtz went on to explain that the special council had advised by a resolution, the ordinance was already void. Now the governing body had passed a resolution voiding the entire Ordinance 2016-13. Susan Brauer asked if that was a yes to her question. Mayor Kim responded it was a great thing the mayor and council had done and they weren't very lucky and fortunate that the prior administration from 2016 did not go through proper procedure like current administration Mayor Kim asked councilmembers if they remembered meeting with the planning board to get this approved. Mayor Kim assured the borough did follow proper procedures which the prior ordinance did not. The builders who wanted to build in those residential areas could potentially come up as a builder's remedy case, and could create trouble. Mayor Kim explained this avoided issues like builders wanting to build seven to twelve floor buildings in the middle of residential areas. Susan Brauer stated that was part one of her question. Part two was regarding the phones in the borough not being put on the agenda. Susan Brauer explained there was a major problem with the borough phones not working. Ms. Brauer stated there was an issue two weeks ago regarding men that were going door to door with some kind of ID's asking residents for certain information while advertising free solar panels. Susan Brauer had tried to call the nonemergency number which did not work. Susan Brauer then had to call the Clerk's Office and have someone physically get up and go over to the police department to give the message. Susan stated two officers did show up and were provided with a description. Susan Brauer stated the phones in the building were not working and residents could barely reach any one in the borough by phone. Mayor Kim replied not exactly. Susan Brauer asked if she could ask another question. Mayor Kim stated her time was up. Susan Brauer argued that part of her time was taken up by the mayors' responses. Susan Brauer stated she would bother someone else's time.

Se Jung ho approached the front with a translator. Ms. Ho stated she moved to town in August of 2021 into a newly built duplex. After heavy rain storms, water would flood into her driveway and seep into her basement. Despite multiple requests to the building department and DPW regarding this matter she had not heard anything back. After an altercation with the professionals, she was advised the reason rain water was entering her property was because of an inclination in her backyard, draining water from the houses behind hers. At this time, the professionals had advised that she needed to use a french drain to remove the water. Ms. Ho explained her home was surrounded by other homes. Tom O'Malley from the building department attempted to get this sorted out, but after another heavy rain storm it did not seem to help. Mayor Kim guided Scott Krumholz to answer her questions. Scott Krumholtz responded that it seemed like from what she was saying, the issue with the water running off on her property was being caused by the surrounding homes. Scott Krumholz asked if she believed it was caused by some of the streets in town. Scott Krumholz asked again what was her understanding of the cause of the flooding. Ms. Ho

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responded it was caused mostly from the surrounding houses. Scott Krumholz stated that was something she had to take up with her neighbors. Scott Krumholz continued, if it was a public street that was causing the flood, which some members of the public did come across, then the DPW would take a look to see if there was anything the town could do with the street to improve it. Since the water was coming from neighboring homes, there was nothing the borough could do to solve the problem. Mayor Kim stated unless there was a code violation by the neighbors creating the flood, then she would have to show proof, bring it to the building department, and they would send out an inspector to check it out. Mayor Kim advised if she wanted to speak further, she needed to wait until the meeting was over, and if she wanted to speak with the mayor or the council to wait until the end. Mayor Kim explained to everyone else this was a private matter and private property so if water was flooding from neighboring property and creating damage then she had to speak with her neighbors or a private attorney to see if they violated codes such as raising their pitch too high illegally so that their property did not flood. She would have to take a picture, and bring this picture to the building department so they could get back to her. Mayor Kim reiterated again that if she wanted to speak with the mayor and council then she could after the meeting.

Lee Ha came up to speak. Once Ms. Ha mentioned her address, Mayor Kim commented that borough employees went to her property already and he was hoping she would have waited for a response from Mayor Kim. Mayor Kim stated he felt bad for Ms. Ha. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was sick and tired of hearing about the issue until they found out about the issue. Mayor Kim explained that he was happy to help the residents out as much as they could but that they already visited her property and saw the issue. Ms. Ha asked if Mayor Kim had sent the borough engineer. Mayor Kim replied he had not, but he was going to be. Mayor Kim explained he was busy setting up for the meeting. Like he told her before, he would be in contact with her or Councilman Min concerning engineer work. Mayor Kim assured her she would be the first to have an update. Mayor Kim stated he had her phone number and they would be in contact with her. Ms. Ha asked when she could have expected a phone call. Mayor Kim responded about two weeks. Ms. Ha stated she had been coming to speak of this issue since 2022. Mayor Kim responded that he hoped she realized since 2022 that there was much more concern and hands on action from the governing body. Mayor Kim stated they knew of the problem as well as the surrounding homes flooding issues too. Mayor Kim assured her again, he did not forget, and he would have someone call her in about two weeks. Mayor Kim stated he would also have the borough engineer look at her property too. Ms. Ha stated this issue had taken a toll on her health, and sleep. Ms. Ha explained she was not able to sleep, and she had to take high blood pressure medication from all the stress. Mayor Kim stated he understood, and that they would be in contact. Ms. Ha finalized her request with a plead for help.

Loretta Martini asked if 'she' was doing the 125th celebration of Palisades Park. Mayor Kim asked who Ms. Martini was speaking to when she referred to "she". Loretta Martini responded she was speaking to Councilwoman Jang. Mayor Kim stated a lot of staff and volunteers were working together for this celebration. Loretta Martini stated her father was born and raised in Palisades Park since 1898 before the town was even incorporated. Ms. Martini continued, 20 years ago Fort Lee held a celebration showing recognition to certain individuals. Mayor Kim stated he was interested in hearing Ms. Martini's stories. Ms. Martini stated she could tell the whole history of Palisades Park. Mayor Kim commented that would be great. Loretta Martini spoke about the house located on Bergen Boulevard. Ms. Martini acknowledged she had three minutes and stated last time she spoke she couldn't even say her name before her time was up. Mayor Kim asked what house she was referring to. Ms. Martini responded he knew exactly what house she was referring to. Mayor Kim asked if this was about the one family that somehow ended up as an apartment complex holding twelve to thirteen units. Loretta Martini stated the property was only a 40x100 foot lot. Ms. Martini continued that she had never seen any permits that builders were issued by the county or the state. Ms. Martini also commented that there was an island by the lot, which was later clarified as an extra lane. Mayor Kim asked if this was the dead end, with the entrance to the garage. Ms. Martini replied no, it was on Bergen Boulevard and they had placed a fence around the lot. Mayor Kim stated yes, they did put up a fence. Loretta Martini stated in the extra lane, contractors leave supplies to put on the building. Ms. Martini asked who was watching these builders to make sure they were using proper procedure. Ms. Martini commented these builders would block the whole lane for their own purposes, and she wanted to know who was responsible for doing this. Mayor Kim explained she was asking the wrong people and he would check with the building department. Loretta Martini stated again she was getting an answer to contact the building department. Ms. Martini commented the building department was so racked up with all the other departments that should have been shot long ago. Mayor Kim asked if she was speaking metaphorically. Ms. Martini did not understand the question. Mayor Kim asked again if she was speaking metaphorically meaning she did not actually want them dead or shot. Ms. Martini responded no, but the problem was the board of adjustments needed one guy, someone to carry him in, and the other guy who allowed the building had dementia at the time it was passed. Mayor Kim stated now she was speaking of people's medical conditions. Ms. Martini stated Mayor Kim had to check these people out before they were given jobs, and they also should not have been employed for 50 years. Mayor Kim asked Ms. Martini if she knew it had been happening for 50 years, and the borough was changing it. Loretta Martini stated she hoped they really were. Mayor Kim stated yes, they were. Loretta Martini responded if the borough did things the right way, then they would never see her again. Mayor

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Kim said Ms. Martini would never see that kind of stuff ever happen again. Loretta Martini responded it was terrible and she hoped not. Mayor Kim asked if there was anyone else that wanted to speak.

Youn Han stated he had a letter for the mayor and council addressing concerns. Mr. Han explained English was his second language. Mayor Kim stated Mr. Han's English was pretty good, and unfortunately the off-duty police officer that usually translated was not present. Mayor Kim called for Charlie, a council candidate, to help with translating. Mayor Kim asked if Charlie wanted to volunteer to assist, but reminded him he did not have to but they did need a third-party translator because the mayor and council were not allowed to translate. Charlie agreed to translate and began. In the letter, Mr. Han had stated that he came to complain about the liquor sales hour change which was issued July 7th. Mr. Han stated he had operated at his location for over 20 years, and all employees had a set schedule ranging from 6AM to 3AM which was around the hours of sales. Mr. Han explained that the store hours and operations revolved around these times. When his business was advised the regulation had change as of July 2024 then the store hours also had to change from 10AM-10PM. Mayor Kim explained to Charlie that Mr. Han would run out of time, and that they were aware he was a liquor store owner and that he was there to explain his grievances. Mr. Han asked to explain further. Mayor Kim stated he had his three minutes and he wanted to move forward. Mayor Kim asked for Mr. Han to explain to Charlie what the complaint was. Mayor Kim asked Mr. Han to not read from his letter and to just explain what the issue was whether that being loss of business or whatever the case may have been. Charlie interpreted that there was a drastic loss of sales decreasing by 20% since last year. The sales were ruining the business entirely. After 10PM since he could not sell liquor, customers left to buy in other locations out of town which affected their business. Mayor Kim asked for clarification considering Mr. Han spoke about different topics such as depression, slow sales, and a reduction of income. Mayor Kim asked Mr. Han to continue. Mr. Han stated because of the unique situation of Palisades Park, a lot of city workers came back to town after 10PM and wanted to purchase liquor to enjoy at home. This situation had changed his business entirely. Mr. Han asked the governing body to consider the Palisades Park situation, and if the town limited liquor store hours, customers go to other towns to purchase. Mr. Han asked for Mayor Kim to not only consider his business, but all the other businesses affected. Mayor Kim stated Mr. Han had gone over his three minutes due to translation and they needed to wrap up his statement. Mayor Kim thanked Mr. Han and told him he understood. Mayor Kim explained they were doing their best to reduce the accidents and public intoxication. Mayor Kim stated it was only the first month. Mr. Han mentioned the loss of sales again. Mayor Kim asked him to come back in a few months with an update on his sales. Mayor Kim explained the borough was trying as a collective in making more things prominent concerns regarding Palisades Park residents. The governing body understood businesses would take a hit, and he would see what they could do in the future but for the time being, what Mr. Han had said about people buying liquor in other towns instead of Palisades Park proved that the ordinance was working. Mayor Kim elaborated that this was an initiative that took place with Director Gardner and Councilwoman Lee. They were trying this ordinance out, and it was proved to be working. Mayor Kim asked Mr. Han to wait and see what happened, and then to come back. Mayor Kim asked if anyone else wanted to speak.

George Spieley asked if the roof was done at the borough hall. Mr. Spieley stated he was from the old school, and apparently was not capable of finding this out on the computer. Mr. Spieley asked again if the roof was completed. Mayor Kim stated the facilities manager was not present, and asked if Borough Administrator Raymond Herr could provide an answer. Borough Administrator Raymond Herr stated the facilities manager, Paul Lee, had advised him the roof was completed. George Spieley asked what the next project was. Raymond Herr responded the borough was doing construction called an egress project creating a second emergency entrance and exit to the borough. George Spieley asked if that project was running smoothly, or if there were any issues because for three to four days, he didn't see any work being done. Raymond Herr responded the facilities manager and the architect had the schedule for that. He elaborated there was a problem the first day they arrived. The contractor had hit a water pipe that was leading into the building so the water had to be shut off for a few hours and repairs were made, and completed. Raymond Herr stated contractors were coming back the next day to finish the job. The project timeline Raymond Herr was given was that it would last a couple of months. George Spieley stated that was great, and on that note, he moved onto his next topic. Mr. Spieley stated he had found out late that there was a work session last Monday, and he was not prepared for it. After rushing to prepare, his wife had advised him that the building was closed. He then found out that there was a meeting held. He asked if that was allowed for the building to be closed but for the meeting to still take place. Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz stated the building was closed for nonessential employees. George Spieley stated that was not the way it was stated to the public. Scott Krumholz acknowledged that it should have been posted. George Spieley stated it showed the building was closed. Scott Krumholz remarked there was never a post made stating the meeting was cancelled. George Spieley said that was correct. Mayor Kim commented that they figured there could have been a misunderstanding with the statement provided, and the borough could have been clearer on their end but as Scott Krumholz had mentioned, the borough declared that the borough businesses would be closed but the building itself was open and the bathrooms could not be used. The governing body understood there was confusion and would make sure it did not

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happen again. George Spieley commented on another note, the pool party that took place was great. Mayor Kim asked if anyone else would like to speak.

Richard Pelle spoke about the liquor store hour changes. Mr. Pelles main complaint was the passing of this ordinance without business owners being consulted or notified before said ordinance was passed. Mr. Pelle wanted to add on to what Mr. Han had mentioned earlier. Yes, the change in hours did affect business definitely, and he understood that this was meant to patrol the misbehaviors of drunken Hispanics. Mayor Kim interjected that we did not refer to them as Hispanics. Mr. Pelle said okay, he understood but from his view point and from what he had observed, the people who were drinking were continuing to drink, it did not matter the change in hours. The change in hours had affected their businesses in the sense that in the morning there was not much business, but there were some restaurant owners and others that would come in to buy sake for their restaurants. Mayor Kim asked why. Richard Pelle explained to prepare their barbecues, and marinate barbecues. These restaurant owners wanted to come early in order to prepare their kitchens before the start of their business hours. By telling these restaurant owners their business wasn't open or that they couldn't sell liquor at certain times, they pushed these customers to go to other towns. This happened to Mr. Pelle in the sense that they had chased away these business owners to surrounding towns such as Fort Lee who were previously purchasing their sake from Mr. Pelle. He explained that these owners were good friends of his, and when they came back to the liquor store, they explained to Mr. Pelle that they wanted to do business with him but it was not working out for their business. Richard Pelle continued to explain that a lot of people work late and when they were finished, they would have liked to buy liquor to enjoy at their homes. This new liquor hour ordinance had stopped them from being able to do that. These people figure that they could not purchase from Palisades Park so they venture to other towns such as Ridgefield, Fort Lee, and Leonia. Mr. Pelle believed the ordinance did not do much in regards to discouraging disorderly people, but it did negatively affect business. Customers that visited restaurants in town to enjoy their meals could not purchase liquor to take home with them if they chose to do so. This chased away customers to surrounding towns to continue their enjoyment elsewhere. Mr. Pelle stated this change in ordinance was not beneficial to Palisades Park. Mayor Kim responded as he had mentioned before, this was a coordinated effort by the police department, and the governing body. Mayor Kim requested to be shown data, and then the mayor and council would work with the police department to see what needed to be amended. Richard Pelle stated maybe he was confused because a police officer came on June 26, 2024 to his business and provided Mr. Pelle with the new ordinance. That same night, another police officer came and gave notice that he could not sell liquor after 10PM. This officer instructed that they would right a report on this incident but only give a warning instead of a citation. Mayor Kim stated a warning was a good idea instead of handing out citations first. Mr. Pelle stated he was confused because he did not know the ordinance had existed in the first place. Mayor Kim stated that with that warning the police gave, now Mr. Pelle was aware. Richard Pelle stated today, they were given notice there would be more clarification provided by the police department. Mayor Kim stated that they would see what happened, and explained this was an effort to reduce public intoxication, car accidents, and injuries. Mayor Kim acknowledged that the mayor and council all knew of his sacrifices as a business owner. Richard Pelle stated that he wanted to do right by the town, and the ordinance.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to exit the public session and close.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Kim made a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Jang. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Attest:



Sophia H. Jang, RMC
Borough Clerk