

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

Regular Session  
of the Mayor & Council  
April 28, 2025

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**Mayor Chong Paul Kim called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.**

**STATEMENT:**

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

1. Notice was filed January 9, 2025, 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://palisadesparknj.org/>
3. Copy is preserved in the Clerk's Office.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor late Pope Francis was guided by Councilman Vietri.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Kim	Present
Councilman Kim	Present
Councilwoman Lee	Present
Councilman Min	Present
Councilman Shin	Present
Councilman Vietri	Present
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Present
Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz	Present
Borough Administrator Roberta Stern	Present

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Work Session of the Mayor and Council:	March 17, 2025
Executive Session of the Mayor and Council:	March 17, 2025
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	March 24, 2025
Executive Session of the Mayor and Council:	March 24, 2025

Mayor Kim asked if any council members had any questions or concerns regarding the meeting minutes. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the meeting minutes. Councilman Vietri stated the emails that he usually received the Friday before the meetings, he never received. Councilman Vietri stated that he understood there was a change in the borough emails but when he went to log into his email on Friday night, he could not get into it. Councilman Vietri stated that he had spoken to the borough clerk Monday morning to explain that he hadn't been able to receive emails and had been informed by Michael Apicella that the issue had been corrected but Councilman Vietri still could not access his emails. Councilman Vietri stated that he had just received the meeting minutes that afternoon, so he hadn't been able to read through all of them. Councilman Vietri stated he hadn't checked his email to see if any additional emails came through, but he wanted to provide an explanation. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Vietri was present for the work session. Councilman Vietri responded he wasn't due to a problem. Mayor Kim stated it was unfortunate that he had been experiencing email issues, while others had also been experiencing the same issue. Mayor Kim commented that it was also unfortunate that Councilman Vietri had just checked his email on Friday and didn't have much time for review. Mayor Kim commented that he was even experiencing issues with his email. Councilman Vietri stated that he wasn't sure if Mayors Kim's email issues were corrected but his were not. Mayor Kim asked Borough Administrator Roberta Stern to contact BCIT to get the issue corrected. Roberta Stern responded that she was doing it as they spoke. Mayor Kim stated whatever device Councilman Vietri used to log into his emails, to bring to the borough so that BCIT could help him with logging in and getting everything set up. Mayor Kim stated if there was no objection with the meeting minutes, he'd need a motion. Councilman Min requested a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

**INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE 2025-13      Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Various Road Improvements**

Mayor Kim asked if any council members had any questions and reminded everyone that this ordinance was spoken about at the work session. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz stated that they did not have to open to the public on a first reading unless the mayor wanted to. Mayor Kim asked to strike his request to open to the public. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the first reading of Ordinance 2025-13. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-13 Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Various Road Improvements was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on April 28th, 2025, and published in accordance with the law. Said ordinance would be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on May 27th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested could have appeared for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**ORDINANCE 2025-14      Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)**

Mayor Kim asked for Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano to explain the need for the ordinance. Roy Riggitano explained that this ordinance increased the cap to 3.5%, and any left-over money would be banked for up to two years. Mayor Kim asked if any council members had any questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the first reading of Ordinance 2025-14. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-14 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14) was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on April 28th, 2025, and published in accordance with the law. Said

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ordinance would be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on May 27th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested could have appeared for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**ORDINANCE 2025-15      Establishment of Salaries for Year 2025**

Mayor Kim asked if council members had any questions regarding the ordinance. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there were a lot of jobs listed that she didn't have any knowledge of what they were. For example, the executive director of the municipal industrial committee. Councilwoman Won-Yoon also questioned what the municipal recycling coordinator was. Mayor Kim responded that Peter Kim was the borough recycling coordinator. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was asking for the job description of these positions. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to work with the finance department and department heads to find out the job descriptions for the mentioned positions. Roberta Stern asked where the executive director of the municipal industrial committee was located. Mayor Kim specified that the position could be found on the second page, and the second position could be found on the last page. Mayor Kim stated that they would find out who was in that position and what the description for the position was. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that they should have the job descriptions for all the positions. Mayor Kim stated they would provide the job descriptions, and thought it was a good idea. Mayor Kim stated to the borough administrator that the job descriptions should be listed with the positions. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated for the library there was an adult service librarian listed. Mayor Kim asked what page this was listed on. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this was second from the last page. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the library salary ranges were coming from the library board or if it, they were decided by the borough. Councilwoman Won-Yoon believed that the head librarian was a position right under the director. When she observed the salary ranges, the head librarian position had a higher salary than the adult services librarian. Mayor Kim stated that was fine, and if Councilwoman Won-Yoon wanted to change it she could. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon if she did an impromptu change, what would be the amount she would change it to. Mayor Kim stated that \$17,000 to \$70,000 was a broad range and asked if she wanted to increase the base salary amount. Councilwoman Won-Yoon responded she would start it at \$50,000. Mayor Kim asked if the head librarian started at \$17,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon responded no. Mayor Kim stated the base amount was low, and if she wanted to change it. Mayor Kim asked if it was possible to have a part time head librarian that possibly could fall in the range starting at \$17,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon commented that they could add "part time" to the position title. Mayor Kim asked if they could be a part time head librarian. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they could and advised that they already had a part time librarian employee. Councilman Kim stated that he was a deputy director of the library and there were many regular library employees that had started out very low but had stayed employed at the library for a long time. This was why they had a higher salary because there were some people employed that had been working there for 30 to 40 years. Councilman Kim continued that was why the salary amount was higher for the head librarian. Councilman Min stated he wanted to comment on Councilwoman Won-Yoon's question. Councilman Min stated he believed it was a better idea to separate the two positions. For example, if the head librarian salary had a range of \$17,000 to \$90,000 and they were retiring someone new would have to be put in the position. If that person was experienced, then the range was there so that they had room for negotiating the salary. On the other hand, if someone had just got out of school and they were looking to become a librarian then the salary would begin on the lower side. Councilman Min stated in his opinion, \$17,000 was too low. Mayor Kim stated he needed some sort of consensus, especially because this wasn't spoken about before. Mayor Kim believed they should take some time to figure out the ordinance. Councilman Shin stated there

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were a lot of salary ranges and asked if this was for 2025. Mayor Kim stated it wasn't just a range, but an increase in salary. Councilman Shin stated this was taxpayers' money, so it was very important to have it figured out. Councilman Shin asked if this could be tabled. Mayor Kim explained that it could not be tabled, and they had to decide that day. Mayor Kim stated the beginning salary of \$17,000 was low and they had already brought it up. Councilman Shin asked if they could be given the information pertaining to the position that has the highest paying salary, as well as the position with the lowest paying salary and the amounts of those positions. Mayor Kim responded that he understood that, but the ordinance was only establishing the range. Mayor Kim went down the list starting at library employee number one that makes between \$17,000 and \$90,000 when the employee was making \$40,000-\$50,000. Mayor Kim stated there was nothing wrong with that and the employee was in the range of their position. Mayor Kim stated if they had an issue with a starting salary of \$17,000 and questioned who would be interested in starting at \$17,000. Councilman Kim explained that library positions were run differently in town, and the library board had their own voting, and budgets. Therefore, what they usually did was set their own salary ranges and the borough just approved of them. Councilman Kim explained that the library board does an entirely separate voting process which should not be changed unless there was a dramatic change to be made. All in all, Councilman Kim reiterated that the library board runs their own vote for the governing body to approve. This was the taxpayer's money, but also a part of the boroughs budget. Councilman Kim stated in other words the library had total independence, and the governing body just had to approve. Councilman Kim asked Scott Krumholz if the governing body was even allowed to change the salary ranges. Scott Krumholz responded that they could, but Councilman Kim's previous statement was correct that the governing body should give preference to the library to make the general decision. Councilwoman Won-Yoon proposed that the governing body just leave it as it was because the decision should be left to the library board. Councilman Kim stated that the decision regarding the amount was always up to the library. Mayor Kim responded that he didn't care if the vote was autonomous or not, the money was being taken from the borough budget. Roberta Stern stated there was a range in salary that the library board could pick between although they did other things that they did not report to the borough such as increases in salary. Mayor Kim stated they didn't tell the governing body. Roberta Stern responded they didn't until after the fact and they generally gave more than the white- and blue-collar contracts allowed. Mayor Kim stated that he could understand why the ranges were so large. Mayor Kim asked for Councilwoman Won-Yoon to just leave them as they were since they were just ranges. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she didn't mind. Councilman Min stated that this didn't have anything to do with the budget especially since these were just ranges offered. Councilman Vietri stated that he saw there was a recycling coordinator, but he thought that the position was terminated when previous recycling coordinator Joseph Ferguson retired. Mayor Kim stated they didn't get rid of the position, and someone had to do the job. Councilman Vietri responded he was just asking. Roberta Stern stated that they did have someone, had put information together, and worked with someone from the Bergen County Utilities Authority because the current recycling coordinator was not certified. Roberta Stern continued to explain that the law required someone certified, and if the borough worked with the Bergen County Utilities Authority to get someone certified then it would be free of cost. Councilman Vietri stated he just wanted to clarify that there was in fact someone in the position. Roberta Stern responded yes. Mayor Kim stated someone had to do it. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions regarding the ranges, not positions and roles. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes

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Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-15 “Establishment of Salaries for Year 2025” was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 28, 2025, and published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance would be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on May 27th, 2025, at 6:00PM, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested could have appeared for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING/HEARING;**

**ORDINANCE 2025-8            Amending Chapter 84 Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” to  
Modify the Penalties for Violation**

Mayor Kim stated that this was the second reading of this ordinance and asked if any council members had any questions. No questions arose, so Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Following the public participation portion, Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-8. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-8 “Amending Chapter 84 Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” to Modify the Penalties for Violation” was passed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 28, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**Public Participation for Ordinance 2025-8**

Mayor Kim reminded members of the public that they had three minutes each to speak about Ordinance 2025-8. When no one rose to ask any questions, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public participation. At the last moment, a resident spoke up to comment.

Neris Papoters asked if this ordinance was changed. Mayor Kim explained that they had increased the penalties for establishments that violated the alcohol beverage serving hours, and improper places to sell alcohol. Neris Papoters asked if the times stayed the same. Mayor Kim explained that the times stayed the same, but the penalties had increased so establishments wouldn't reoffend.

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Mayor Kim asked if anyone else had any questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public participation portion and return to the regular meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor, none opposed.

**ORDINANCE 2025-9            Amending Chapter 282, Vehicles and Parking, Relating to Handicap Parking**

Mayor Kim asked if council members had any questions before they opened it to the public. Councilman Vietri asked if the ordinance gave the applicant a handicap parking space in front of their home, strictly for only them to park in. Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz stated Councilman Vietri was correct. Councilman Vietri asked if this meant they would be marking the applicants name on the sign. Scott Krumholz explained that to his understanding that the sign would indicate a specific permit number. Roberta Stern stated the placard number. Captain Rotundo asked if he could explain. Mayor Kim asked him to come up and jokingly asked for him to state his name and position. Captain Rotundo explained that it would be either the applicants placard number or plate number. Councilman Vietri asked if the space would be strictly for the applicant. Captain Rotundo stated he was correct. Councilman Vietri asked if another person parked in the space that had a handicap placard would be ticketed and towed. Captain Rotundo stated they would get a borough ordinance summons. Councilman Vietri stated he didn't think that was fair because it was bad enough the person was handicapped. Mayor Kim explained the amendment to the ordinance would designate the closest parking space of the handicap residents' home to only them. Mayor Kim stated that was the whole point why applicants came before the mayor and council was to ask for permission for their own space. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Following the public participation portion, Councilwoman Lee stated that she understood the intent was to have the ordinance reflect that the handicaps space was given to designated people but the way the ordinance read, it did not reflect that. Councilwoman Lee continued that the new verbiage of the ordinance only strengthened the application process, so she proposed that they pass the ordinance because of the fact that it only strengthened the application process. Councilwoman Lee stated this didn't limit the general public from parking in handicapped parking spaces. Mayor Kim stated that in paragraph C it stated, "shall be eligible to apply for a designated handicapped parking space". Councilwoman Lee stated in paragraph A which enforced the ordinance read "All the streets that are hereby designated as restricted parking spaces for use by persons that have been issued a special identification". Mayor Kim stated that the word persons in his interpretation meant the persons which the identification had been issued. Councilwoman Lee stated that was correct, and she believed it meant a group of people who had the identification. Councilman Min stated that it read "persons who have been issued a special identification card from the DMV" which was not something that the borough issued. Councilman Min stated that the blue handicap placards that hang on people's car mirrors are issued by the DMV, therefore persons could be referring to the group of people who hold these identification cards. Councilwoman Lee stated she agreed, and the ordinance was just missing the town specific enforcement measure of these handicapped parking spaces so passing this ordinance wouldn't change the way that the town could enforce it. Since they had applicants waiting, Councilwoman Lee proposed that they pass the ordinance since the current verbiage didn't have anything to do with the enforcement. Mayor Kim stated he understood, and he didn't mind bypassing the discretion of designated, but this would come back to bite them if someone asked if it meant only one person could park in a specific handicapped parking space. Mayor Kim stated that the police had to figure this out too, and the governing body had to make a

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decision on it. Mayor Kim stated Scott Krumholz could change the wording right in front of them. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if that was okay and he advised that it was. Mayor Kim stated that the true meaning of the ordinance would stay the same, but they had to decide who was for or against it. Mayor Kim asked if they would have to start all over. Scott Krumholz stated that with a motion they could modify the language, but the question was if they wanted to language for a designated person or not. Scott Krumholz stated they could modify that right away. Mayor Kim stated that they had to make a decision. Councilman Min asked if they weren't going to put the wording in then what was the point of the ordinance. Mayor Kim stated besides that it was for the proper way of providing the application, and documents necessary to be considered for a parking space for an individual, and if it was for the public or applicant only use. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there were many public handicapped parking spaces used by people and asked if there could be two different processes to allow people to choose if they wanted an individual spot or a handicap space that anyone could park in so both can be allowed. Mayor Kim asked how both could be allowed. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated for example if there was a handicapped parking space in front of her house, she would assume that it was for a handicapped resident but there were resident areas that had apartment buildings so if there were multiple handicapped people living in the complex then the handicapped parking spaces should be designated for use by multiple people. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they could distinguish the two. Mayor Kim responded that they could only distinguish if the wording was clarified that the space was only for the applicant. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the original content was for one person. Mayor Kim stated that it was right even thinking of other towns that had designated handicapped parking spaces in residential areas. Mayor Kim apologized to a member of the public because they had missed the public participation portion. Mayor Kim began to speak and then asked the police officer present to remove Mr. Fallazo if he didn't stop speaking out. Mr. Fallazo stated that he was leaving since Mayor Kim didn't give a shit about handicapped people. Mayor Kim asked Mr. Fallazo to watch his language and to have a nice day. Mr. Fallazo stated shit was a common word, just as Mayor Kim was common. Councilman Min stated if he was the applicant looking for a handicapped parking space in front of his house and there was another handicapped person on the block, and they took over the parking space 24/7 what would they do. Mayor Kim stated they would get fined. Councilman Min stated what would the other handicapped person do in that situation. Mayor Kim stated it was unfair. Councilman Min stated he understood and if he had to park in a commercial area then the handicap spaces were fair game to the public. Councilman Min stated in residential areas these spaces were for assigned people and if other residents had visitor that needed to use a handicap space, then they could use the driveway. Councilman Shin stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon was right they would have to make some sort of designated handicapped parking spaces for areas like these. Mayor Kim stated they didn't have to design anything unless there was a handicapped parking space application. Mayor Kim stated that they were straying too far away and asked for councilmembers to bring it back to the main discussion. Mayor Kim asked council members to decide if they wanted to designate these parking spaces to the applicant only or if anyone would be allowed to park in the spaces after an applicant applied. Mayor Kim stated applicants were coming in for their own needs, and at that time they were thinking about the public. Mayor Kim stated the application process had different steps and there was a reason for that. Mayor Kim stated if it was okay he would like to make the verbiage for designated people because it wouldn't be fair and would invoke fights. Councilman Min stated his opinion was to move forward with designated parking spaces for the applicant since the applicant had to wait to be approved. Councilman Min asked if they had to change or strengthen the enforcement part of the ordinance could they do it at that time or did they have to wait for a later time. Mayor Kim stated that the governing body had already met to make the verbiage for designated, but Councilwoman Lee had previously stated that the verbiage was ambiguous. Scott Krumholz stated that Councilwoman Lee had stated that it was not specific in paragraph A therefore they could just add the language to paragraph A for a restricted parking space. Roberta Stern stated



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discuss. Councilman Vietri stated Councilman Shin was sticking up for Mayor Kim. Mayor Kim stated there was no sticking up.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon                      Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that there were three yes votes, and three no votes so they needed a tie breaker vote from the mayor. Mayor Kim stated that he understood point of view. The public should have available spaces to park in that shouldn't be designated but Mayor Kim believed that should only apply for commercial areas. Because of legitimate need for handicapped individuals in residential areas, they came before the mayor and council for help. Mayor Kim also mentioned it wouldn't be fair if the applicant went through the process and asked the governing body to help with their needs and someone else came and parked in their spot for hours it defeated the whole purpose. Mayor Kim stated in a residential area if another person happened to be handicapped then they could come before the governing body and go through the same application. Mayor Kim voted yes.

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-9 "Amending Chapter 282, Vehicles and Parking, Relating to Handicap Parking" was passed with modifications at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 28, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**Public Participation for Ordinance 2025-9**

Joseph Fallazzo stated that the ordinance sounded very wrong. Mr. Fallazzo explained that he had a handicapped parking permit. Mr. Fallazzo asked if this meant if he went to visit a neighbor and parked in a handicap space on the street he would be in violation. Mr. Palazzo commented that there wasn't really a parking issue in Palisades Park on the residents' streets, and he could also understand putting more space on the roads. Mr. Fallazzo stated that he had his own driveway that he parked in, so he didn't care but it seemed like the town was going to be giving out tickets to people that were handicapped. Mr. Fallazzo stated that to his knowledge, it was like this anywhere else in New Jersey so it would create a problem. Mr. Fallazzo went to return to his seat, but Mayor Kim asked if he remained at the dais for a response from the borough attorney. Mayor Kim asked if they were following the law. Scott Krumholtz stated they were, and the ordinance amendment was only enhancing the background requirements and specifying specific documents and proof that are required by the applicants to obtain the permit. Mayor Kim stated in other words; they were editing an already long existing ordinance. Mr. Fallazzo asked if it had always been person specific. Scott Krumholz stated he was correct. Mr. Fallazzo asked if a handicapped neighbor had moved in if they would be given a parking space. Scott Krumholz responded yes. Roberta Stern responded no. Mr. Fallazzo clarified he meant if they had applied. Mayor Kim stated he knew where Mr. Fallazzo was going. Mr. Fallazzo stated he wasn't going there, but he was already there. Mayor Kim stated it was at the discretion of the governing body to approve or deny a handicapped space.

Neris Papoters stated she agreed with Mr. Fallazzo, and stated it wasn't correct. Neris Papoters mentioned that she knew there was only one handicapped spot in front of Lindbergh school, and it wouldn't be fair to assign that to one specific person. Additionally, Mrs. Papoters stated she believed this would cause a huge disadvantage for handicapped people. Mayor Kim stated there was a process to obtain permission from the governing body which required effort. Mayor Kim explained this included visit to the DMV, medical doctors, and more. They were only trying to make the existing ordinance more clarified. Mayor Kim stated if they all agreed that this was an unfair ordinance then they would potentially think of doing something else. Mayor Kim stated that this ordinance made the ordinance more defined. Mayor Kim acknowledged that he

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understood that Mrs. Papoters thought it wouldn't be fair and thought anyone who applied for a handicapped space should be able to park there. Mrs. Papoters stated that was correct and she believed the spaces shouldn't be assigned to individual people. Mayor Kim responded it was the law. Scott Krumholz went to speak but Mayor Kim stated it wasn't the town's law but the rules of obtaining a handicapped permit. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if it was true that if someone applied for a handicapped parking space, that space would be assigned only to them. Scott Krumholz responded that was the way the ordinance was now drafted. Councilman Vietri stated if he had been a part of the police force, they had handicapped parking. Councilman Vietri stated the police department had never assigned handicapped spaces to individuals, and this would be the first time that the town had ever assigned handicapped parking spaces to individual people. Councilman Vietri added that he spoke from experience and time on the job. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other council members that wanted to speak. Councilman Kim stated that there was a law, and a different way of activating and using this law. Councilman Kim stated considering there were many concerns with the ordinance, it may have been better for the council to decide to table the ordinance to have more discussion. Councilman Kim added that according to Scott Krumholz the law had never been changed but had not been exercised by the borough in the past. Councilman Kim stated they should be looking into the cause of the reason behind not providing individual handicapped parking spaces in the past. Councilman Kim questioned if it was the police department's fault, or even lawmakers fault because the law had been instilled for such a long time. Mayor Kim asked the police department how they concluded that the parking spaces should be assigned individually. Captain Rotundo stated two meetings ago that the police department had proposed an ordinance that did not include individual parking spaces and there were councilmembers who stated they believed that there should be individual parking spaces assigned. The ordinance was previously tabled, changes were made, and it was brought back before the governing body. Mayor Kim stated he agreed it should be, and before it wasn't. Captain Rotundo responded at the end of the day, the previously proposed ordinance was a problem, and now the newly proposed ordinance was a problem as well. Roberta Stern stated one of the main changes they made to the ordinance was the penalty that they would be given to the owner of the space for not reporting to the borough that they were no longer using the parking space. Roberta Stern explained people were not letting the borough know and there were just parking spaces not being used. Captain Rotundo stated the ordinance was multi-level, meaning it allowed the governing body to deny people for handicapped parking space for several reasons listed in the ordinance. This ordinance also allowed the governing body to approve or even take a parking space away when notified at least 30 days before or after that individual assigned either moves, become deceased, or is no longer needed. Captain Rotundo added that they had multiple spaces in town that no one was parking in. Mayor Kim stated he remembered, and it seemed like some councilmembers had a bit on amnesia. Mayor Kim stated this was the second reading of this ordinance. Councilwoman Lee stated she had a question for the borough attorney, Councilwoman Lee asked if Scott Krumholz was saying that the provision they had originally stated that handicapped spaces were always assigned to individuals. Scott Krumholz stated he took it back, and the designated spaces were added into the ordinance by Captain Rotundo. Scott Krumholz stated that Captain Rotundo had just refreshed his memory. Councilwoman Lee asked where this provision was added. Scott Krumholz stated the provision was made in paragraph C, on the third line down. Councilwoman Lee stated that section spoke of applications. Scott Krumholz responded that it read "should be able to apply for a designated handicapped parking space in front of their residence." Councilwoman Lee stated it was paragraph A that stated, "pursuant to the authority granted by the state statute, the streets that are designated as restricted parking spaces for use by person who have been issued special identification cards by the DMW". Councilwoman Lee stated she didn't read that provision to say that designated parking spaces would be given to individually people. Scott Krumholz stated it didn't say that. Councilwoman Lee asked where in the ordinance Scott Krumholz read that each handicapped parking space was assigned to one individual. Scott Krumholz stated in paragraph C.

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Councilwoman Lee asked where it could be located. Scott Krumholz responded in the third line down, N.J.S.A 394-205 designated parking space. Councilwoman Lee stated that section spoke of the application and eligibility to apply. In fact, it was in paragraph A where it spoke of enforcing the ordinance. Councilman Vietri asked what the state statute said because what they were given was the borough ordinance. Councilwoman Lee stated that she believed the state statute gave the governing body authority to pass more specific ordinances but the paragraph they were reading could be subject to different interpretation and she thought they had to make clear that once a parking space was given, that applicant only could park there. Councilwoman Lee stated she didn't see it on the face of the ordinance. Scott Krumholz stated the way that Councilwoman Lee had interpreted the ordinance was that paragraph A set forth what applicants could apply for, and paragraph C was specifically about the application. Scott Krumholz stated he disagreed with that interpretation, but he could see how she interpreted it that way. Councilwoman Lee responded that the mayor had been saying that the borough hadn't changed the enforcement part of the ordinance, but the provisions only tried to strengthen the application process which was what they agreed to do. Councilwoman Lee stated if he was saying that the enforcement changed then they had to make it clear that it doesn't because that was not the intent of the council. Mayor Kim responded that it wasn't. Councilwoman Lee stated that the intent was to strengthen the application process. Mayor Kim added that it also was to designate the spot to the person that applied. Councilwoman Lee stated but not to just that applicant. Mayor Kim stated it was just to designate it to one person, which would be the applicant. Councilwoman Lee stated it would be to anyone who applied that had the handicapped license plate. Mayor Kim stated that was why other council members weren't agreeing with the ordinance. Mayor Kim stated the ordinance defined that the applicant who followed the process and provided all necessary documentation would be designated to the individuals. These people would be issued a license of some sort or permit that would state the parking space was assigned. Mayor Kim stated after that he heard complaints stating the ordinance was unfair. Mayor Kim stated this was not part of the original ordinance. Councilwoman Lee agreed it wasn't. Mayor Kim stated it wasn't, but they already had a discussion, and the ordinance didn't just come from nowhere. Mayor Kim stated this was an evolving conversation where councilmembers proposed to assign the spaces to individual people because they came to apply and showed the effort. Mayor Kim stated that if applicants went through the whole process and someone else parked in the space then it wasn't fair. Mayor Kim stated it wouldn't be fair for the person that didn't come to the governing body and ask for permission. Mayor Kim stated they had to decide. Councilman Vietri stated that Mayor Kim was saying that if another handicapped person parked in an assigned handicapped space they would be ticketed and have to appear in court. Councilman Vietri stated any kind of handicapped tickets had to be heard in court. Councilman Vietri stated that handicapped people couldn't pay these tickets online but had to go before a judge. Mayor Kim responded that these people were driving. Councilman Vietri stated he understood that, but they were still handicapped. Mayor Kim stated they weren't talking about people in wheelchairs. Councilman Vietri responded that there were people in wheelchairs that drove. Mayor Kim stated that he was trying to say that he was sure individuals who needed the parking space could come to the borough hall to provide the documents. Councilman Vietri stated that his point was that it was unfair. Mayor Kim asked for councilmembers not to turn it into another issue, and stated that respectfully the councilmembers had to make a decision. Mayor Kim asked for councilmembers to decide if they were going to provide individuals who applied with a handicapped parking space or if they were going to make people apply and not be promised the handicapped spot that they went through the process to have installed. Councilman Vietri stated there were handicapped signs at the schools, and at ShopRite, and asked if that would be specific. Council members responded that it was different. Councilman Vietri stated that the school was in a residential area. Mayor Kim stated it was fine for council members to vote on this. Mayor Kim stated council members could either request a table or provide a vote. Mayor Kim asked if councilmembers wanted to table the ordinance or if he could call for a roll call

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vote. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she wanted to table the ordinance. Someone in the public stated they had a question, but Mayor Kim advised that he had to wait. Mayor Kim stated that this individual reminded him he had to close and open to the public. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim.

Mayor Kim invited the member of the public who spoke out beforehand. Chris Dempsey stated that he had currently requested a handicapped parking space, and the ordinance had been tabled at the last meeting. Because this ordinance was tabled, this postponed Mr. Dempsey's chance to obtain a handicapped space. Chris Dempsey stated that now the governing body was going to postpone the ordinance again. Mr. Dempsey stated that it was outstanding that these parking spaces would be for a designated person, and suggested they checked the state statutes because it specified the spaces were designated for people. Mr. Dempsey stated his point was, if the process for his application was held up because of the individuality of the spot itself he'd like to have reasonable accommodation for himself. Mr. Dempsey stated that they could continue to push this out due to a silly interpretation. Mr. Dempsey stated that he wasn't sure if the governing body could actually enforce the ordinance if it went to an individual person but to people in need of parking spaces. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to check on the state statutes. Scott Krumholz stated that as Councilwoman Lee had mentioned it does provide municipalities with broad discretion to enforce handicapped parking spaces but also advised Mr. Dempsey that his position was well noted. Mayor Kim asked if he was the applicant. Mr. Dempsey stated that he was. Mayor Kim responded that he understood but at that point in time they were trying to figure things out. Chris Dempsey stated that from the prior meeting to the next meeting, the council was going to table the ordinance again and it was going to delay the process. Mr. Dempsey stated that legislation could take months. Mayor Kim stated that they were looking to take months, and their decision at that point in time was critical for his position. Mayor Kim stated that they had to see through Mr. Dempsey that proper practices were followed, and they could designate him a spot and then later on decide they would designate another person. Mayor Kim acknowledged that this was a pivotal moment for Mr. Dempsey. Chris Dempsey responded with all due respect to Mayor Kim, it was reasonable accommodation, and they could always retract whatever it was that they gave to him. Mayor Kim stated he understood. Mr. Dempsey stated that this ordinance could take six to eight months or even a year. Mayor Kim thanked him and asked if he was finished. Mr. Dempsey stated he was as long as he was being considered.

Eric Spieley stated that he was a car driver and all of his life whenever he saw a handicapped sign outside someone's home, he automatically assumed that it was designated for the handicapped person inside of the home. Eric Spieley stated that he understood that it could be a conflict but all his life whenever he saw a handicapped sign it meant for the person who lived there. Mayor Kim asked if he was talking about residential purposes. Mr. Spieley indicated he was. Mr. Spieley stated that if he remembered correctly when you go to school to learn how to drive, they explained that to you that you don't park in a handicapped spot because it was designated for the person that lived there. Mayor Kim thanked him and asked if there was anyone else.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and return to the regular session. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor, none opposed.

**ORDINANCE 2025-10      Amending Chapter 116-3, Construction Code Fees**

Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions from council members. Mayor Kim stated he appreciated everyone's prior input, but they had to decide. Mayor Kim asked again if there were any questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Min

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made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Following the public participation session, Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-10. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-10 “Amending Chapter 116-3, Construction Code Fees” was passed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 28, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**Public Participation for Ordinance 2025-10**

Mayor Kim reminded the public that they had three minutes each to talk about ordinance 2025-10. Neris Papoters asked for a bit more detail as to what this ordinance meant. Borough clerk Sophia Jang stated that a copy of the ordinance was hung up on the bulletin board. Mayor Kim stated that the ordinance had way too much in it so they would provide her with a copy. Mayor Kim stated that there was so much that they increased and it wasn’t just one fine but about 40 to 50. Neris Papoters asked if this was more money for the residents. Mayor Kim agreed it was more money for the residents, but it was also to serve the residents. Sophia Jang stated that residents could view a copy of the ordinance that was already on display on the bulletin board. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and go back to the regular session. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor, none opposed.

**ORDINANCE 2025-11      Amending Chapter 167-30(A)(4), Escrows**

Councilman Min stated at the top of the second page, number 4 it read that for the “C” Variance the fee was raised from 2,000 to 3,000. The “D” Variance had been raised to \$7,500 from \$3,000. Councilman Min stated the percentage that was increased was much more than the “C” Variance. Scott Krumholz stated that the amount of work from the engineer involved in the “D” Variance was much more entailed. Scott Krumholz explained that the problem the building department was having was that the builders put money into the escrow which the borough used to pay their fees. Councilman Min asked which professionals. Scott Krumholz responded to the borough professionals. Scott Krumholz continued that this money was running out too quickly and they were having to chase the applicants for more money, which slowed down the process. Scott Krumholz continued that the builders came up with the number based upon what they thought. Mayor Kim stated that these amounts were also discussed with construction code official Tom O’Malley. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Following the public participation portion, Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass ordinance 2025-11. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

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Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Abstained due to lack of knowledge regarding the ordinance
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-11 “Amending Chapter 167-30(A)(4), Escrows” was passed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 28, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**Public Participation for Ordinance 2025-11**

When no questions arose, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public participation session and return to the regular meeting. Councilman Min a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor, none opposed.

**ORDINANCE 2025-12      Creating Chapter 141, Entitled “Filming and Photography”**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked everyone to look on page two under 141-2. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she would need a permit if she was filming on her property. Scott Krumholz responded no. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked everyone to look at 141-9 days and hours. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what about weekends and asked if the ordinance meant on weekends permits weren’t needed. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked again if a permit was still needed. Roberta Stern responded that a lot of people didn’t want to have filming going on Saturdays and Sundays, so she thought it was fair to keep it for the week. Roberta Stern continued that on the weekends, residents were home and trying to take care of their own affairs. Roberta Stern stated that she thought it was a good idea to limit it. Roberta Stern added that if a big motion picture company applied to film in town and needed some sort of relief from the ordinance, they could always grant it if there was no detriment to the residents. Scott Krumholz stated they could always add to the ordinance a provision that said Monday through Friday 8AM-7PM but in exceptional circumstances these days and times could be varied. Mayor Kim stated that he didn’t mind just putting in Monday through Sunday from 8AM-7PM because it didn’t matter. Mayor Kim added that if Scott Krumholz was to change it right then and there it still wouldn’t change the meeting of the ordinance. Mayor Kim stated as Councilwoman Won-Yoon had mentioned before, why don’t they just do Monday through Sunday. Scott Krumholz agreed to do so. Mayor Kim stated as long as it was okay with everyone else. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that on the last page under 141-16 titled violations and penalties, it stated providing the general code. Mayor Kim read “any person violating chapter rules are herein chosen to upon conviction of penalty provided as a general code.”. Scott Krumholz stated that he discussed this with Councilwoman Lee, and she was right that it wasn’t fully clear what the violations were. Scott Krumholz continued that they could either pass it although it shouldn’t be something just thrown into an ordinance but something that needed to be thought out. Scott Krumholz suggested that if the ordinance was passed, then they should leave the issue to be discussed. Also, they could either amend the code to a specific violation or there could be another ordinance in the boroughs chapter. Mayor Kim stated in other words; the ordinance didn’t have a fee schedule. Scott Krumholz responded no. Roberta Stern stated they didn’t have a general code in the fee schedule. Mayor Kim stated they should’ve done this together, but they must have missed it. Scott Krumholz stated another option instead of saying in the general code, they could put in the schedule and just come up with a fee schedule to be added by a separate ordinance. Mayor Kim agreed. Scott Krumholz stated they could do this at a later time when they

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came up with the fees. Mayor Kim stated again that they should have completed this together and should have had the fee schedules put into the ordinance. Mayor Kim stated that he agreed with Scott Krumholz that instead of the ordinance reading provided by the general code, it should read provided in the fee schedule. Mayor Kim stated that the fee schedule should have been announced at the meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it should be \$1,000 a day. Scott Krumholz stated that he was unsure about the amount of the fee, and if it was Warner Brothers they would have laughed at that fee. Mayor Kim stated to leave the fee schedule, and they would decide later. Mayor Kim asked if that was possible to wait to disclose the amounts. Scott Krumholz stated that they could always add it into the ordinance later on. Mayor Kim stated that they would leave it as a fee schedule. Councilman Vietri asked if they could table the ordinance and read it off later. Mayor Kim responded that they should establish this first and then the fee schedule. If they tabled, the ordinance for two reading it came to a mute. They still needed the ordinance but just had to add the fee schedule. Mayor Kim requested a motion with the stipulation that there was a provided fee schedule. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion. Mayor Kim apologized and was reminded that they needed to open to the public. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilwoman Won-Yoon Made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Following the public participation portion, Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass ordinance 2025-12. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion with the stipulation of adding a fee schedule and altering the days and hours from Sunday through Monday from 8AM-7PM. Mayor Kim stated they would revisit the fee schedule. Councilman Min seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-12 “Creating Chapter 141, Entitled “Filming and Photography”” with stipulations was passed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 28, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**Public Participation for Ordinance 2025-12**

Mayor Kim invited members of the public to the front to speak about Ordinance 2025-12. No questions or comments arose, so Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and return to the regular session. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor, none opposed.

**ORDINANCE 2024-12      Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Improvement of Palisades Boulevard Phase II (Re-Introduction)**

Mayor Kim asked if councilmembers had any questions regarding ordinance 2024-12. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that on the second page in the fourth section it read “the chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting, next succeeding the date when they any sale, or deliver of anticipation note and so on.” Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she guessed this meant that they would be informed about the purchase activity. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she was correct because she had never

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seen the report before. Mayor Kim called for chief financial officer Roy Riggitano to explain. Roy Riggitano stated that the notes were always given to bond counsel which they usually did in August. Roy Riggitano stated that the council had to approve them, and it had always been that way. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that the ordinance read when there was sales activity going on including the name of the purchaser, the amount, etc. Roy Riggitano responded she was correct, that was when they did a general seal bond which happened every five to seven years, not annually. The notes were made every year. Roberta Stern stated that this ordinance was from 2024, and it was just the vote that had to be corrected. Mayor Kim asked for any other questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor, none opposed.

**Public Participation for Ordinance 2024-12**

Mayor Kim reminded everyone that they had three minutes each to speak about the ordinance. Mayor Kim stated that previously, the public wondered where the location was, and asked Roberta Stern to specify. Roberta Stern stated that she was confused about this because this was not the improvement she had previously mentioned. Mayor Kim asked which streets they were talking about in this ordinance. Roberta Stern stated that she had been previously speaking of the Improvements to Broad Avenue although the ordinance presented was Palisades Boulevard. Roberta Stern stated that she had not been able to obtain a copy and had requested from Steve Collazuol several times to provide the backup for this. Roberta Stern stated she would have to let everyone know about the location but stated it was Palisades Boulevard. Mayor Kim stated it was from Broad Avenue to Grand Avenue. Councilman Min asked if they were going over the reintroduction ordinance. Mayor Kim confirmed they were. Roberta Stern explained previously, it was only the vote that was improper and not recorded. Mayor Kim stated he remembered that the vote had not been recorded properly. Mayor Kim stated they were reintroducing the ordinance so that it was acceptable. Roberta Stern stated it was not new. Scott Krumholz stated that it was procedural. Mayor Kim stated that this was already voted on, but the actual vote was never properly recorded. Councilman Min asked if the bond ordinance was the correct ordinance. Mayor Kim stated it was, and they just had to reintroduce because the vote wasn't recorded properly. Mayor Kim stated the bond ordinance was for Palisades Boulevard from Broad Avenue to Grand Avenue which the borough needed. Councilman Min questioned where this was for. Mayor Kim stated it was Palisades Boulevard from Broad Avenue to the East, to Grand Avenue. Councilman Vietri asked if Palisades Boulevard was already redone. Mayor Kim explained only the top half of Palisades Boulevard was only redone. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. Councilman Kim stated they needed to open to the public, but Mayor Kim reminded him that they already did. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2024-12 "Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Improvements for Palisades Boulevard Phase Two" was passed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 28, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- RESOLUTION 2025-122 Approving First Amendment to Settlement Agreement with Leem's Corporation – Action taken at the work session
- RESOLUTION 2025-123 Approving First Amendment to Settlement Agreement with Fan Associates, LL – Action taken at the work session
- RESOLUTION 2025-124 Introduction of 2025 Municipal Budget
- RESOLUTION 2025-125 Authorization for the Approval of the Director of Local Government Services to Defer School Taxes
- RESOLUTION 2025-126 Authorization of the Budget Extension
- RESOLUTION 2025-149 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise an Auction to Sell Equipment belonging to the Department of Public Works – Moved from Consent Agenda to Off Consent Agenda

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- RESOLUTION 2025-127 Claims
- RESOLUTION 2025-128 Authorization of Refund for Duplicate Tax Payment in the Amount of \$ 12,744.00 (Re: 267B 11<sup>TH</sup> Street)
- RESOLUTION 2025-129 Cancellation of Stale Checks
- RESOLUTION 2025-130 Acceptance of Retirement (Re: M. Leto)
- RESOLUTION 2025-131 Appointing Special Engineer (Re: Colliers Engineering & Design)
- RESOLUTION 2025-132 Authorization to Auction Surplus Equipment
- RESOLUTION 2025-133 Amending a Professional Services Contract with Website Administrator and Graphic Designer (Re: D. Kang)
- RESOLUTION 2025-134 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for 12 Bellview Place Parking Lot Improvements
- RESOLUTION 2025-135 Authorization the Borough Clerk Advertise of Bids for 12Bellview Place Parking Lot Improvement
- RESOLUTION 2025-136 Authorization the Borough Clerk Advertise of Bids for 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Highland Avenue
- RESOLUTION 2025-137 Authorization the Borough Clerk Advertise of Bids for Columbus Park Project
- RESOLUTION 2025-138 Authorization the Borough Clerk Advertise of Bids for Lawn Avenue and Temple Terrace Project
- RESOLUTION 2025-139 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for Lawn Avenue and Temple Terrace Project
- RESOLUTION 2025-140 Authorization of Change Order for Fire Alarm and Suppression Project at Borough Hall
- RESOLUTION 2025-141 Adoption of the designating Certain Property as an Area In Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et Seq
- RESOLUTION 2025-142 Directing the Planning Board to Prepare a Redevelopment Plan for Block 504, Lots 1,2,3,4,5 and 10, Previously Designated as an Area In Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law
- RESOLUTION 2025-143 Authorizing Advertise for the Hiring of Full- Time Finance Clerk
- RESOLUTION 2025-144 Authorizing Advertise for the Hiring Part- Time Finance Employee
- RESOLUTION 2025-145 Designating Block 505, Lots 3 and 4 (15 Grand Avenue) as an Area In Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1 et Seq.
- RESOLUTION 2025-146 Directing the Planning Board to Prepare a Redevelopment Plan for Block 505, Lots 3 and 4 (15 Grand Avenue), Previously Designated as an Area In Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law
- RESOLUTION 2025-147 Designating Block 505, Lot 1 (21 Grand Avenue) as an Area In Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1 et Seq.
- RESOLUTION 2025-148 Directing the Planning Board to Prepare a Redevelopment Plan for Block 505, Lot 1 (21 Grand Avenue), Previously Designated as an Area

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	In Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law
RESOLUTION 2025-149	MOVED TO THE OFF- CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION 2025-150	Awarding Contract to Severino Heating Cooling, Inc for HVAC Work
RESOLUTION 2025-151	Awarding Contract to Aquatic Pool Management LLC for Filtration Repairs at the Municipal Pool
RESOLUTION 2025-152	Awarding Contract for Improvements to the Library Roof
RESOLUTION 2025-153	Awarding Contract to Advanced Welding for Mechanical Repairs at the Municipal Pool

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang explained that action was already taken at the work session for Resolution 2025-122 and Resolution 2025-123.

**RESOLUTION 2025-122    Approving First Amendment to Settlement Agreement with Leem’s Corporation – Action taken at the work session**

Mayor Kim stated they were just going through proper procedures, and asked Scott Krumholz if this had already been passed. Sophia Jang confirmed that this was passed at the work session. Mayor Kim stated that this resolution was passed at the work session with the recommendation from Scott Krumholz. Mayor Kim stated even though this was already passed, it was proper procedure to read it again at the regular session. Mayor Kim stated that it was rare to pass a resolution at the work session, but time was of the essence and Scott Krumholz needed the documentation for the courts. Mayor Kim stated this was approved but everyone was free to still ask any questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the resolution. Sophia Jang reminded Mayor Kim that she had only read Resolution 2025-124. Mayor Kim asked why she wasn't starting from Resolution 2025-122. Councilman Min and Sophia Jang stated that action had already been taken at the work session. Mayor Kim asked if they still had to open it up to the public. Scott Krumholz stated that they did not because they had already done so at the work session, and it was passed. Mayor Kim asked if they had opened it up to the public. Scott Krumholz confirmed they did.

**RESOLUTION 2025-123    Approving First Amendment to Settlement Agreement with Fan Associates, LLC – Action taken at the work session**

**RESOLUTION 2025-124    Introduction of 2025 Municipal Budget**

Mayor Kim stated this was the big resolution and asked Roy Riggitano to explain the budget. Roy Riggitano stated procedurally this was the official introduction to the 2025 budget. All council members had been provided with detailed information on the budget, and the public would be able to have a public say on May 27, 2025, regular meeting of the mayor and council. Roy Riggitano stated at that time they would take questions from the public on the resolution. The budget would be published and would be available on the borough website and the bulletin board located at the borough hall. Roy Riggitano stated briefly that the budget was up one million four hundred thousand which was no reflection of the township whatsoever just a state mandate. Roy Riggitano also mentioned that the pensions were up, as well as the garbage and insurance contracts. The borough had contractual obligations. Mayor Kim asked for the percentage. Roy Riggitano stated the health benefits were up 21%, group insurance was up 21%, pension was up 12%, and garbage was up 15%. At that time the borough was coming in at \$335 a house. Roy Riggitano mentioned for the public that the Record was going to be posting in the upcoming weeks, so they had begun gathering data. Roy Riggitano stated that it looked like the borough was on the middle to upper ranked increase in Bergen County. Roy Riggitano stated that it wasn't a good year for municipal dumping as far as tax increases but unfortunately as a borough they didn't have a say on these issues because they had to provide health insurance, pension, etc. Mayor Kim stated that they had already spoken about Roy Riggitano looking into other options to save money like partnering with neighboring towns for services. Mayor Kim added on exploring options for private insurance. Roy Riggitano explained to do so. Councilman

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Vietri asked how much money the borough had in escrow. Roy Riggitano asked if he wanted the balance. Councilman Vietri stated he did. Roy Riggitano stated he'd have to look for it. Councilman Vietri stated if he didn't have the information he could get back to him. Roy Riggitano stated he would get back to him. Mayor Kim advised councilmembers to take their time reading through the budget. Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano compared to other towns with the state mandated increases, if the borough was average. Roy Riggitano confirmed the borough was average. Roy Riggitano stated this would all be brought up at the hearing, but the borough was up 1.4 million, and out of that health insurance was \$430,000 out of that 1.4 million. Other expenses were \$130,000, the utility authority was up 132,000, and the library was up \$150,000. Roy Riggitano explained that the governing body had no control over these numbers. Salary and wages were up \$186,000, and the boroughs contractual obligations were up \$84,000. Councilman Vietri asked Roy Riggitano to repeat the borough taxes. Roy Riggitano stated \$335 per house, average. Councilman Vietri asked if this included county. Roy Riggitano stated it did not, and they did not know where the county was coming in, or anything regarding the schools in which they were awaiting documentation from. Councilman Vietri asked when the school budget came in. Roy Riggitano stated the school budget usually came in around May 15th which was an A4F certification that they had to provide. Councilman Vietri asked what about county. Roy Riggitano stated that county could be as late as June. Councilman Vietri asked how much. Roy Riggitano stated they didn't know but for the municipal rate they were going to see the synopsis where they were differing levels of the rate. Roy Riggitano stated that the borough was not the highest by far with some municipalities seeing a \$500 to \$600 increase. Councilman Vietri laughed. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions, none arose. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the ordinance. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang announced off consent agenda Resolution 2025-124 was carried.

Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano to stay to explain the budget extension. Roy Riggitano stated he would stay.

**RESOLUTION 2025-125    Authorization for the Approval of the Director of Local Government Services to Defer School Taxes**

Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano to briefly explain the resolution. Roy Riggitano explained that Palisades Park before he came had a deferred school tax. The schools were going to get their money, and whatever certification was required the borough had to follow through with raising the taxes to pay the school. However, because of the deferment, approximately one month of the payments that were due through December 31st were deferred to January which helped with the borough budget. This also didn't hurt the school fiscal year July 1st to June 30th. Mayor Kim asked how this helped the borough budget. Roy Riggitano explained the borough didn't have to pay out the additional cost in the budget for the borough. Councilman Shin stated in the work session he had pointed out the typo in the amount and it was not corrected yet. Roy Riggitano stated that it should have been corrected and if it wasn't then he would send an email and explained the error was a comma versus a period. Mayor Kim stated that they weren't changed. Roy Riggitano stated that it was a million. Mayor Kim stated that it read 1.3 million and asked to get this clarified at that point in time. Mayor Kim stated for the record; the first error should have read 13,185,556. The second error read \$26,371.112 but should have read \$26,371,112. Mayor Kim stated that the correction should have been reflected in the resolution since they asked for it to be corrected at the work session. Mayor Kim stated that it was unacceptable, and they had to focus. Mayor Kim continued that he wasn't sure who it was that was making the errors, but he was fed up with it because it should have been fixed. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to show that the resolution should reflect a change, and they would correct the amounts at that point in time. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion.

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Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang announced off consent agenda resolution 2025-125 with a correction had been carried.

**RESOLUTION 2025-126 Authorization of the Budget Extension**

Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions about the budget extension. Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano if he could quickly explain the resolution. Mayor Kim stated Roy Riggitano didn't have to keep getting up and down to explain but could explain from his seat. Roy Riggitano explained that budgets were supposed to be introduced no later and adopted by April 30th. Multiple towns in New Jersey were not able to come to that decision therefore everything was being extended, and the borough was formally extending it through the division. Roy Riggitano assured that there were no issues. Mayor Kim reiterated the divisions were late, so the state was extending. Roy Riggitano stated that was correct being the reason to adopt the resolution. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang announced off consent agenda Resolution 2025-126 was carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions from council members.

**RESOLUTION 2025-127 Claims**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if it was possible when the governing body was presented with the claims list if they could put the aggregated amount for each vendor. For example, for Verizon the borough had paid January, February, and March so instead of giving April's bill, would they be able to see the total number of money spent. Mayor Kim asked if they had previously requested more information from the finance department to provide for everyone. Roberta Stern stated that the finance department did spread it out more and added more information but what Councilwoman Won-Yoon was saying was different. Roberta Stern stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon wanted to see previous amount paid aside from what needed to be paid. Mayor Kim asked if Roy Riggitano if this was possible. Roy Riggitano stated that it was although it wouldn't be on the bills claims list because the state regulated what they could present to the public. However, for the township committee, Roy Riggitano stated that the finance department would provide whatever was requested. Roy Riggitano stated it would be a voluminous hundreds of pages worth of vendor history that they did every month which he didn't think was advantageous to anyone present except the governing body. Mayor Kim stated he understood and reiterated that council members could privately request the information. Roy Riggitano confirmed that was correct. Mayor Kim reiterated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon wanted to see the individual

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expenditures for each vendor. Roy Riggitano stated that was possible. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated he'd have to add one more line for each vendor. Roy Riggitano stated again that this wasn't going to be displayed on the bills list, and she could privately come and see him. Mayor Kim stated when the finance department completed this they could send it via email. Roy Riggitano confirmed that everyone would get it through email. Councilwoman Won-Yoon thanked him and stated it would be helpful. Mayor Kim asked for any other questions. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated at the work session she thought she had raised the question regarding MRA Internation which was found on page 15 of the claims. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the first cost was the hardware cost and the second was the software cost. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated regarding the hardware cost, they had approved at the December meeting \$21,088 but what they had spent was \$26,050.92. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there was an increase of \$5,002 which was over 15%. Mayor Kim stated they needed another amended resolution, and asked Scott Krumholz if they needed another resolution since the amount had increased. Scott Krumholz stated that they could make a resolution authorizing the additional amount. Roberta Stern stated the difference was because it was a year ago or so. Mayor Kim stated that they already spoke about this at the work session and asked everyone to get with the program. Mayor Kim stated he didn't understand, and wanted a resolution made by the next day and sent it to him. Mayor Kim asked if there was anyone else.

**RESOLUTION 2025-131 Appointing Special Engineer (Re: Colliers Engineering & Design)**

Councilman Min stated he didn't think they needed this resolution. Roberta Stern responded they did. Mayor Kim stated that it was different and asked if they could finish the stipulation regarding the process. Roberta Stern stated that they needed the resolution to do certain projects that they couldn't use the same engineer because they didn't meet the requirements. Mayor Kim asked her to explain now. Roberta Stern explained in 2022 a grant was given by the department of transportation alternatives from the DOT. Nothing had been done with this grant so luckily, she spoke with some people from the state and found the parameters for consulting which was roughly 1.4 million for the signalization of crosswalks and sidewalks. This was for the safety of the pedestrians and stated that they would be paving from Edsall Avenue to another road she forgot the name of. Roberta Stern stated they saved that 1.4 million and the only issue was she was waiting for Pennoni to submit his proposal for the design which she had received that same day. Roberta Stern stated that this was the first step which was then brought to DOT, and they reviewed the design parameters. Roberta Stern stated that the DOT could design it but then the borough would have no say in it. Considering they wanted to design it themselves they had a say in how it was designed which they paid for. Roberta Stern continued after the design was reviewed, they had to go out to bid and it could not be the same engineer who did the design documents to be the one constructing. Therefore, they had to appoint a separate engineer with expertise in that, so they had someone to go to. Roberta Stern stated again this was not to say they needed a special meeting but there was no harm in putting colleges on when there might be other things were there was a conflict and Pennoni couldn't do everything. Councilman Min asked how they came up with the \$50,000 a year for Colliers Engineering. Roberta Stern stated every resolution for special attorneys, or anything, was just given a number and they weren't going to put \$100,000 so they started with 50,000 but could be reduced. Councilman Min stated they had appointed a special engineer in October and spent less than \$8,000 for five different phases of work. Roberta Stern stated that Pennoni had done work for the borough relating to the lawsuits. Councilman Min stated he thought \$50,000 was too much especially if they were using Pennoni for \$140,000 as a special engineer. Councilman Min stated he wanted to reduce the price to \$12,500. Mayor Kim stated he understood but the fact was that Colliers had to show the governing body the reason for his price request. If Colliers spent \$10,000 then they had to show that they spent \$10,000. Mayor Kim stated if they wanted to reduce the limit they would have to come back, and he didn't want to do that. Mayor Kim reiterated that Roberta Stern had mentioned the need for another special engineer was because they needed it for the grant and they couldn't use Pennoni. Roberta Stern stated they could but then they would have to get someone else to complete the design. Mayor Kim asked to just leave it and make sure the engineer was getting paid for what he earned. Roberta Stern stated they were talking about a project for over a million dollars. Mayor Kim commented that they had to get 12 Bellview done

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and asked Scott Krumholz to make sure that they were getting charged correctly and not being ripped off. Mayor Kim asked to leave it alone or they would have to reread it at another meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2025-132 Authorization to Auction Surplus Equipment**

Councilman Min stated they were authorizing to sell the equipment and have it posted to the surplus website and asked if they were doing the same with the DPW. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was correct, and the website was a designated site used to sell therefore they didn't need that resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2025-133 Amending a Professional Services Contract with Website Administrator and Graphic Designer (Re: D. Kang)**

Councilman Min asked where the contract was. Mayor Kim asked how they were going to pass the resolution without the governing body seeing the contract. Councilman Min stated they were in the middle of the year and seemed to be still having the issue that the governing body wasn't being fully provided with the details. Councilman Min asked how he was supposed to work like that as par to the governing body on behalf of the residents. Mayor Kim stated he agreed and asked what else Councilman Min needed to bring up.

Councilman Min asked if the contract was present. Mayor Kim asked if they had the contract and asked where it was. Mayor Ki stated when they had originally hired the website administrator they didn't have a contract only a resolution. Councilman Min stated the resolution specifically read a professional services contract. Mayor Kim stated that a contract should be created anyways and asked to strike this out until the May meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2025-134 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for 12 Bellview Place Parking Lot Improvements**

Councilman Min stated that the proposal was for improvements to Belleview Place for \$27,000 and resolution 2025-139 was the same proposal from Pennoni for Lawn Avenue and Temple Terrace projects. Meanwhile, Resolution 2025-140 was a change order for the fire alarm and suppression project. Councilman Min asked what the change order was for and what the details of this was. Mayor Kim asked which resolution Councilman Min wanted to start with.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that resolution 2025-134, 139, and 140 were all resolutions of Pennoni. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they passed resolutions at the reorganization meeting in January making Pennoni the borough engineer. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that this allowed up to \$140,000 to be spent. Mayor Kim stated that it was correct. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they really needed these resolutions. Scott Krumholz began to explain but Roberta Stern also explained. Roberta Stern stated that every time there was a separate proposal for specific work that had to be separated and didn't have anything to do with the amount authorized as a total. If they went close to the total like they did with Jalloh & Jalloh where one resolution stated up to \$20,000. The borough had been at \$25,000 so they had to pass another ordinance for the change. Roberta Stern stated this situation was the same, and the only time they would have to change the \$140,000 was if they got to a point where the total was more than \$140,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that wasn't the way things were done before. Roberta Stern responded that was the way they were supposed to do it, and when there was a specific project, the borough was paying Pennoni for the separate project. \$140,000 included \$2,500 a month and probably some of the other money but at that time they were not close to \$140,000. Roberta Stern continued that for separate projects; they wouldn't go ahead with the project until the borough approved the amount. Roberta Stern stated that every engineer she had worked with presented a proposal for a project and the governing body voted on it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that previously the governing body would set a limit and then as long as the professions provided services, they would present an invoice. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated as long as they were within the limit they ended up paying. Scott Krumholz stated that there were a few

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differences. The first difference was that Roberta was able to negotiate a special arrangement for Pennoni where certain things were going to be included as normal monthly billing, and other things would be added on that they would specifically let the projects presented on a resolution to be independently quoted. Scott Krumholz continued that it would be in addition to the monthly amount. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated all of this would be included in the \$140,000. Roberta Stern stated at the end of the day it would. Scott Krumholz stated that this was the correct way to do things, procedurally. Councilman Min asked if the borough ever executed the certified contract to Pennoni. Scott Krumholz stated yes and commented that the mayor had signed it. Roberta Stern stated that they had been trying to find the signed copy of the contract. Councilman Min stated Pennoni was not aware of the final contract that they received. Mayor Kim stated that Pennoni was verified. Roberta Stern stated that they had drawn up the contract and agreed to it, so Pennoni had it and for their purposes. Councilman Min stated that Pennoni was not aware of the resolution that set the \$140,000 limit. Mayor Kim stated Pennoni knew about it, but they never received the contract. Councilman Min stated that Pennoni had questioned where the number \$140,000 came from. Councilman Min asked which contract they had worked on. Mayor Kim stated it was probably from the former engineer that was around \$140,000. Roberta Stern stated the original authorization was the one in January and was the one that had that language. It was taken from what the former engineer had received. Councilman Min stated that they had worked on a resolution but didn't get to the contract part. Roberta Stern responded no. Councilman Min asked if the resolution was normally drafter first to get it passed. Roberta Stern stated they were authorizing the contract to be signed. Councilman Min stated no, they had received bids at the end of the year for the professional services. Scott Krumholz stated that the bids didn't include numbers. Councilman Min stated that he knew that, but he was saying that they had to get down to the number and then draft the resolution. Councilman Min stated if they were just going to authorize \$140,000 based on what they previously did. Roberta Stern stated if Councilman Min had the original. Councilman Mins stated he did. Roberta Stern asked to see it. Councilman Min stated was the borough working based off of their contract with their condition or were they just giving anybody a limit. Mayor Kim stated that they provided the borough with an agreement, the attorney reviewed it and then would create a resolution based upon that contract. The contract should have been there while they were passing it, but it wasn't. The details of the contract and general format of the resolution should have been a cap of \$140,000 and the details of this should have been with the contract submitted but it wasn't. Councilman Min asked if the borough engineer was Pennoni or not. Scott Krumholz responded they were. Mayor Kim stated they were because he had signed the contract, but Pennoni didn't have the contract. Councilman Min asked Roy Riggitano if they had paid out any invoices to Pennoni starting that year. Roy Riggitano stated he didn't know. Roberta Stern stated she hadn't received any invoices from Pennoni and had asked Stephen Hoyt to send invoices to her. Councilman Min stated that the last time he checked, Pennoni was paid December 6th as the past payment. Councilman Min stated starting 2025 they hadn't paid Pennoni anything. Roy Riggitano stated he didn't think they did, but he would check the bills. Councilman Min stated that Pennoni did work, and they were in May still unpaid. Roy Riggitano stated that the borough had an RFQ process and it was just the way they were coming to the amount of \$140,000. Mayor Kim asked to start from scratch and stated that he understood Councilman Mins point of view. Mayor Kim asked where the contract was and who had it with his signature. Roberta Stern stated she hadn't been able to locate it. Mayor Kim asked why the signed copy wasn't with the record keeper of the borough, Borough Clerk Sophia Jang. Roberta Stern stated she didn't know. Mayor Kim stated at the end of the day someone had it, Pennoni didn't have it, and he didn't have a copy. Roy Riggitano asked Mayor Kim what he wanted him to tell him as a CFO considering it wasn't his obligation. Roberta Stern stated that was true. Roberta Stern stated that she had a copy she was happy to share with everyone. She was unsure why it wasn't signed when it was discussed. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to retrieve the copy of the contract to see if it had his signature. Roberta Stern stated that it wasn't, and she had an unsigned copy. Mayor Kim asked

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why she had an unsigned copy. Roberta Stern responded because she wasn't the one signing the document on the mayor was going to sign it when they had the meeting with Pennoni. Mayor Kim asked why he was never asked to sign off on the resolution. Roberta Stern asked if he wanted to see the unsigned copy, and she was happy to get it. Mayor Kim asked her to get it so he could sign it. Mayor Kim stated on Pennoni side, they didn't have an official contract even though the borough had on record they were hired for \$140,000. Mayor Kim stated that since Pennoni didn't have an executed contract, it technically didn't exist which meant the only thing that did exist was a cap of \$140,000. Councilman Min stated on top of that; Resolution 2025-131 was not clear with Pennoni when they had hired them with no clear scope of work. Scott Krumholz stated there was no scope of work because Pennoni was the backup engineer which was why they were offered competitive pricing. There were certain things included in Pennoni monthly bills that were included, and then extras. Councilman Min stated he understood. Prior October the governing body had appointed Pennoni as the special engineer. The borough had not given Pennoni the 50,000 limits on their contract, and if he remembered correctly the borough authorized the borough to give \$12,000 to \$13,000. Councilman Min asked where did the \$50,000 from the special engineer come from considering there was no contract present, only the borough contract with their wording. Councilman Min asked if Pennoni was aware that they were getting \$50,000. Scott Krumholz stated they were aware, but they weren't getting \$50,000. Councilman Min stated he understood that their limit was \$50,000 and asked why the borough was setting it at \$50,000 when they didn't know what projects needed to be done. Councilman Min asked where the detail was. If they were going to put Pennoni as a backup engineer, then they should have capped them at a \$13,000 limit. Mayor Kim stated that he recalled signing a contract that had been modified with the negotiations that occurred between Roberta Stern and Pennoni.

Mayor Kim asked if they had the documents for resolution 2025-134. Scott Krumholz asked if he was talking about the proposal and stated it should have been attached. Councilwoman Won-Yoon questioned their proposal. Mayor Kim stated the documents were attached to the resolution.

Mayor Kim asked if they had the attachments which they did. Councilman Min asked since the amount was \$27,000 did, they have to dispense the amount from the appointed limit amount of \$140,000 or was this going to be separate. Mayor Kim stated it could not be separate since it was under the cap. Councilman Min asked if anything that involved Pennoni proposals they had to make sure they had clear what the contract was as well as what would happen if they went over the limit. Pennoni would have to come back before the governing body to vote on the extension of the amount. Roberta Stern stated that was correct. Mayor Kim stated they were given specific instructions from the mayor and asked if they could get it done. Mayor Kim asked not to put resolutions together as it created too much confusion. Councilwoman Lee asked for all resolutions related to Pennoni to have a stipulation that the borough would get the contract signed and executed first as a condition. Councilwoman Lee asked if they also could reserve the right to review the bid specs in relation to 135. Mayor Kim stated when the bid was ready. Councilwoman Lee stated she understood and asked if they could just reserve the right. Mayor Kim stated in other words he wanted to make clear with a stipulation that even though they provided the chicken first the egg had to come through. This meant they approved to create the bid and advertise however both of those processes have to come before the governing body for approval. Roberta Stern asked if he was the engineer who would check to make sure he was doing the bid specs correctly. Roberta Stern stated she wasn't an engineer. Mayor Kim stated the engineers work was verified by a purchasing agent which was Roy Riggitano. Mayor Kim continued that Roy would make sure all the elements of a bid packet were present and then it went to Scott Krumholz who would review the legality of it. Mayor Kim explained that Roberta stern was the overseer of everything and responsible for double checking. Councilwoman Lee stated they didn't know what they were doing with 12 Bellview and just wanted to understand the general concept of the work no to check if it was correct. Mayor Kim stated because time was of the essence they needed to see the documents 6to approve it was okay to advertise to bid.

**RESOLUTION 2025-135 Authorization the Borough Clerk Advertise of Bids for  
12 Bellview Place Parking Lot Improvement**

Councilman Min stated he had a question regarding resolutions 2025-135, 136, 137, and 138. Councilman Min stated that these were advertisements for the projects and asked what bid they were using to create the specs for Bellview place parking lot improvements. Scott Krumholz stated that Pennoni was making the specs. Councilman Min asked what they were doing. Scott Krumholz asked if he could wait for the borough administrator to return, considering she knew all of the details. Councilman Min stated they couldn't just say improvements without providing any details. Mayor Kim stated it was to advertise for bids for 12 Bellview Place which meant he expected a fully disseminated bid packet. Mayor Kim asked if they had that. Mayor Kim read "authorization of the borough clerk to advertise for bids". Scott Krumholz responded that he wasn't sure if the bids had been received yet but what they had done with some of these was create a resolution authorizing Pennoni to work on the bid and pay them for that. At the same time, they would advertise the project. Scott Krumholz stated that they expected their bids to be to the borough before the May meeting so that way they weren't held up in May on advertising. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that meant Pennoni was going to charge to borough to work on the bid specs. Scott Krumholz stated that it was correct and that was what the resolution was for. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if Pennoni was going to send another proposal for the additional work or if they were just going to complete the work and send to the borough an invoice. Scott Krumholz stated he was confused. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that this was what she was confused about because they had a resolution that they were going to be used for professional services with a cap of \$240,000, and then they would send a proposal charging \$27,000. Now there were other resolutions stating they were going to be paid to work on the specs, but no cost was listed. Scott Krumholz explained that the resolution for Pennoni regarding 12 Bellview Place was for them to complete the bid specs which the borough would then advertise. Scott Krumholz stated they were authorizing payment to Pennoni to do the bid spaces for that project, then once the bid specs were done, they would advertise. Mayor Kim stated it didn't say that it just stated it authorized the borough clerk to advertise for the bids. Scott Krumholz stated that it was separate, and they couldn't put two resolutions together. The first resolution would authorize Pennoni to do the bids, and another would authorize the clerk to advertise for the bids. Scott Krumholz stated they were doing them together in one instead of having to wait to get them done. Roberta Stern stated they figured they wanted to get a few of the projects going. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked how Pennoni charged in terms of the hours they spend creating the bid packet. Scott Krumholz stated that it was already packaged. Roberta Stern explained usually they didn't break down a proposal. The proposal was what it stated and what Pennoni was doing but was not broken down by hours. Mayor Kim stated he understood but they used to do the bid packet and once it was completed councilmembers had the chance to look over it. The purchasing officer needed it, as well as the borough administrator and Scott Krumholz to determine if everything was okay. Following that they would decide to put the project out to bid. Before this the bids are created, in this case by Pennoni, with authorization through a resolution. Mayor Kim explained what Scott Krumholz and Roberta Stern was doing was putting the two together which they had never done before that's why it was confusing. Mayor Kim stated as long as it was legal it was fine. Scott Krumholz stated they still got to review the bid packet to make sure it was perfect for advertising, but these resolutions took care of the procedural requirements that could hold them up. Mayor Kim asked if everyone understood the difference between the procedure before and the procedure at that time. They were stating that Pennoni was going to get the bid packet ready and once everything was ready, they would make another resolution to open the bid. Scott Krumholz and Roberta Stern were saying to put them into one to save time. Mayor Kim reiterated as long as this was legal, he was fine with it. Scott Krumholz responded that there were two different resolutions, but they were doing them together on the agenda. Scott Krumholz assured us that this was perfectly legal. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she understood but she didn't understand how Pennoni distributed invoices. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if resolution 2025-134 was just for one project and then resolution 2025-135 was for another. Councilwoman Wonyoon asked how they would charge for the hours they worked on the bid. Roberta Stern stated when she received the first invoice, she would present it, but she hadn't received any at that time from Pennoni for any work that year. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this meant they were going to be doing two different type of work, one benign professional service charged hourly depending on the scope of work, and the other was for additional proposals for specific work. Mayor Kim stated that it was fine. Sophia Jang stated that Pennoni had sent over invoices, and she had put them in Roberta Sterns'

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mailbox. Roberta Stern asked if she had just received them. Sophia Jang responded no, it was before. Roberta Stern stated if she did have them, she would have brought them to finance. Mayor Kim stated they just needed some clarification. Roberta Stern explained that she had spoken with Stephen Hoyt twice who was asking about payment, and she had advised him to send her the invoices. Councilman Min stated if the contract wasn't executed how could Pennoni be paid. Roberta Stern explained because they authorized it and appointed them in the resolution. Roberta Stern stated all professionals needed the resolution from the reorganization meeting. Roberta Stern continued that there had been about three or four who never received it and had asked her if they were appointed in February and March. Roberta Stern continued that they went by the reorganization resolutions. Mayor Kim stated that it was fine for Pennoni to go by that but usually the borough asked the vendor for the contract, the mayor would sign off on it and send it over. At that point in time, Pennoni didn't have the contract and neither did Mayor Kim. Mayor Kim stated they were authorizing Pennoni to do work when they didn't even have a signed contract which was missing. Councilman Min stated the correct procedure was when they used a professional service no matter if it was a special service appointed, they worked off of the contract of what the company was offering and what the borough negotiated. Councilman Min stated once that had been agreed on, the borough would draft a resolution based on that contract. Once the resolution is voted on by the governing body then the contract will be signed by the mayor, certified by the clerk, and sent out to the company. Mayor Kim stated the clerk did have to certify them. Councilman Min stated they already had the professionals at the end of the year that wanted to get appointed to work for the borough. Based on this, they sent in their proposals and the governing body would speak with the company to see what their proposal was, and the conditions which were up for negotiation. Once this had been agreed upon, the governing body would draft a resolution that they would vote on, pass, certify, and send out for execution. Mayor Kim stated that it was a proper procedure. Mayor Kim stated he was going to assume that Pennoni didn't ask for anything more until then because they had been given a contract just a resolution that was passed in January. Mayor Kim stated that the borough administrator had provided him with an old contract from March 3<sup>rd</sup> in which he recalled the borough administrator sitting down with Pennoni to work out a better deal and finalized it. Mayor Kim stated he recalled signing off on it and asked where the contract went. Roberta Stern stated that she would have to go through her emails to locate the finalized one. Mayor Kim stated this wasn't not the finalized one but the one from March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Roberta Stern stated that she understood what the terms were. It was \$2,800, which was now \$2,500. Roberta Stern stated she could present the old one she had in her office with all of the conditions they removed. Mayor Kim stated he felt like there were a lot of problems that would be addressed after the meeting. Mayor Kim stated whether or not this was the proper procedure they would figure out. Mayor Kim commented that they needed to see if the presentation provided for resolution 2025-134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 151, and 153 was acceptable for just one resolution. Mayor Kim questioned if the governing body had the supporting documents to make a decision. Mayor Kim asked to go one by one.

Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if they needed any other supporting documents besides the resolution. Scott Krumholz stated that it was correct, and the resolution was for the advertising. Mayor Kim asked if they had drawings for this project. Roberta Stern stated they had to proposal in the packet. Mayor Kim stated because the engineer didn't include the drawing, and it was incomplete they were doing the same thing as the other resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2025-136    Authorization the Borough Clerk Advertise of Bids for 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Highland Avenue**

Scott Krumholz stated this was for the advertisement and no other supporting documents were needed. Councilman Min asked for the details of the bid and asked what they were looking to do. Scott Krumholz stated to advertise the bid once they received it. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Min remembered that they were trying to advertise and authorize to begin the bid at the same time. Mayor Kim reiterated the reason was because it would save time and it was legal to authorize the bid and advertising without having the bid. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it read certain improvement and asked what this was. Councilman Min stated when they looked to put a bid out, it was because the threshold of \$44,000 had been exceeded. Roy Riggitano confirmed. Councilman Min stated if they were looking to put out a bid, who was

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making the bid packet. Roy Riggitano stated the engineer. Scott Krumholz stated there were two resolutions for each project. One was for Pennoni to create the bid specs with the proposal attached, and the second was to advertise when the bid was done, hence the verbiage that Pennoni was in the process of preparing the bid specs. Scott Krumholz repeated one resolution that allowed Pennoni to create the bids, and the second authorized for the borough to advertise one they received the bid from then. Councilman Min asked if Pennoni had been involved in the advertisement. Scott Krumholz stated there hadn't been an advertisement. Mayor Kim repeated the process of the engineer creating a bid packet first, then would present to the governing body. Once this was ready, the borough would advertise immediately instead of waiting for a new resolution. Councilman Min stated the resolution read that Pennoni was in the process of preparing the bid specifications and drawings. Pennoni had been involved in resolutions 135, 136, and 137. Councilman Min asked how long they were going to use Pennoni if the contract hadn't been clear. Mayor Kim stated he was still talking about the same thing when there were internal situations that had to be addressed. However, they were being presented with a proper resolution with only some documentation attached. Mayor Kim stated he had just been handed something by the borough administrator and commented that this was very improper getting the documents at the last moment. Mayor Kim stated that they had all supporting documents for resolution 2025-153 along with the three proposals.

Mayor Kim stated this was another two for one. Mayor Kim asked what the improvement was. Roberta Stern stated this was the bond ordinance that they had introduced for various streets, and this resolution was presented to save time. Mayor Kim stated he understood but the details of the work were not resent in the resolution detailing that it was for paving or sewage work. Mayor Kim stated that the borough administrator may have known but the borough clerk didn't, and the language had to be in the resolution. Roberta Stern stated it was in the bond ordinance. Mayor Kim stated that it was fine and advised councilmembers to look at ordinance 2025-13 for the details of the bond. Mayor Kim explained they could see the details of the work in first street, second street, fourth street, and highland avenue. Mayor Kim stated they knew now what the bids were for. Mayor Kim stated they had the documents for first street, second street, fourth street, and highland avenue. Mayor Kim stated this resolution was now okay.

**RESOLUTION 2025-137    Authorization the Borough Clerk Advertise of Bids for Columbus Park Project**

Mayor Kim stated this was the same, a two for one special. Roberta Stern stated this one probably wouldn't happen, but they just had to add it onto the agenda. Mayor Kim asked if they were supposed to be creating a doggy park in Columbus Park. Roberta Stern added on a pickleball court as well which they were not doing. Mayor Kim asked for details of what was going to be done. Mayor Kim stated that the borough administrator and himself were familiar with the process, but the rest of the governing body didn't know enough details of the project by the presentation. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to explain the details verbally. Roberta Stern stated they were making a doggy park, and a pickleball court although it would be moved to a different site because of the noise volume. Roberta Stern stated that they were proceeding with the dog park only and advertisement wasn't needed because they physically were not going to do this. Roberta Stern stated that the clerk didn't have anything to advertise yet, so it was just an authorization to save time. Roberta Stern continued, whether they did the project or not she would speak with the clerk. Roberta Stern stated that there was no proposal because the contractor was not charging Columbus Park. Mayor Kim stated it was the same thing as resolution 2025-104 and 105. Roberta Stern stated the clerk would not advertise although the resolution would give her the authority to advertise. Roberta Stern stated that the clerk would advertise once the specs were done. Mayor Kim stated he understood but traditionally councilmembers were used to seeing everything step by step which did take longer. Mayor Kim

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stated they would pass the resolution for Pennoni to create the doggy park and asked if it was done. Roberta Stern stated that it wasn't on the agenda, only the advertisement. Mayor Kim stated this authorized Pennoni to draw and advertise which was the same. Mayor Kim asked when Pennoni had this prepared. Roberta Stern responded that he was working on it. Mayor Kim asked for the viewpoint of the other council members, and asked if they should pass it first without the specs being ready or if they should wait until Pennoni was ready and then create a resolution to advertise that. Mayor Kim stated the process was weird. Councilman Min stated because they were doing the process the other way around. Councilwoman Lee asked if they should receive the bid specs and then authorize for advertisement based off of what they received. Roberta Stern stated that they had Pennoni proposal to do it, which was what they were authorizing that night allowing him to construct and inspect. Councilwoman Lee asked for the reason they weren't provided with a copy of the specs. Mayor Kim stated because they weren't ready yet. Councilwoman Lee stated that Roberta Stern had confirmed they were. Roberta Stern stated 12 Bellview was in her packet, so she assumed it was in Councilwoman Lee's. Lawn and Temple Terrace was in Councilwoman Lee's packet as well. Roberta Stern stated that Columbus Park was just an authorization. Councilwoman Lee stated that she was talking about the bid specs. Roberta Stern responded they weren't going to see the bid specs because they were just authoring. Councilman Min asked for the mayor to correct him if he was wrong. Councilman Min stated they could have asked the borough engineer to get the bid specs and once they were ready the governing body would review and advertise. At that point in time Pennoni was the engineer but they didn't have a contract. Councilman Min asked if they could even ask Pennoni to do the bid specs without a resolution. Scott Krumholz responded yes but then redacted his response. Roberta Stern stated they were making these resolutions as accommodation so they could get things moving considering things had not been getting done and this was the best way to do it. Councilwoman Lee stated that her question was regarding if they had to authorize the advertisement of the bid specs. Roberta Stern stated that was what the resolution did. Scott Krumholz stated that the resolution authorizing the advertisement was the same and the bids they received back were going to be the same. Councilwoman Lee asked why they wouldn't pass a resolution to authorize the bid specs. Scott Krumholz stated it was because it took three months to do that, and they were expediting the process. They weren't going to advertise for a bid, still they were approved by the council. Roberta Stern stated they couldn't advertise them until they had them. Scott Krumholz stated that they were taking care of the procedural requirements that the resolution authorized the advertisement already in place. Scott Krumholz stated this happened in due time after the council made sure they were accurate and then when they were ready for advertising it would be ready instead of having to wait for the next meeting to advertise. Councilwoman Lee asked if the bid specs had to be presented for three to four weeks and asked if it could go effective immediately. Scott Krumholz stated that they could only do it at a council meeting unless they called a special meeting. Roberta Stern stated that they were trying to avoid special meetings. Mayor Kim stated he understood but this way very abnormal. Roy Riggitano stated that the bond ordinances that the governing body passed that Roy had written with bond counsel provided the detail on exactly what those bid specs were going to be. Everything that Roy Riggitano had been hearing had been procedurally correct. One issue was that they didn't see the change order for the \$8,855. Mayor Kim stated there were many other issues like the Pennoni contract that was missing. Roy Riggitano stated in terms of the Pennoni contract he could tell them that the councilwoman was 100% correct. In the bottom of the ordinance itself it laid out details of what the engineer was going to do. Mayor Kim stated he understood that. Roy Riggitano stated that it didn't sound that way. Mayor Kim stated he understood the point of not wanting to do a special meeting, but he was trying to determine if it was the chicken first or the egg first. Roy Riggitano stated the chicken came first because the bond ordinance was in place that he worked on with Councilman Min that they needed to do as a collective borough council. Roy Riggitano stated they could get the details as well, but that was why they had a borough administrator that did all of that work for them. Mayor Kim stated he

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understood the only advantage was that if they had wandered into a tough spot, they wouldn't have to do a special meeting. Councilwoman Lee stated that they couldn't advertise it until they reviewed it. Sophia Jang explained when she posted an advertisement she had to submit it online to the newspaper. This project had to have a bid packet ready by a specific date therefore she needed the completed bid packet for advertising. Mayor Kim stated at that time they were only authorizing and not actually doing it. Councilman Min stated then they needed to get the bid specs ready. Councilwoman Lee stated her point was that they needed to authorize the bid specs. Scott Krumholz stated the only issue he could see that she could have. Councilwoman Lee cut him off and stated there was no issue, and there was no harm in passing these resolutions although they created confusion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated previously they had done the same thing for the library room project to put the whole process in one. At that meeting, they had passed the contract for the lowest bidder, therefore Councilwoman Won-Yoon believed that they had done the same process and after that the architect put the bids back and readvertised. This whole process took one month so Councilwoman Won-Yoon did see the benefit of doing it this way. The process was the same, and although they didn't have a separate ordinance for the review of the specs, they had to rely on just the bids. Councilwoman Lee asked if they would just be able to see the bids. Mayor Kim stated if Pennoni had the bid packets ready then they had to let the governing body know they were ready for review. Mayor Kim stated that Pennoni wouldn't just advertise because the borough authorized it. Technically, since the governing body approved it, the only advantage was not to create a special meeting. Mayor Kim stated they were in a tight spot especially with 12 Bellview being delayed. Mayor Kim stated it was up to the discretion of council members, and they had the right to vote any way they wanted, and they understood the reason why they did it. Mayor Kim stated as long as documentation was provided, they could vote on it but after that he would have preferred to do the old process because it seemed like councilmembers were most confident with the old process. This process included authorizing Pennoni to make a bid packet and then once it was ready they would have to authorize the advertisement. Roberta Stern stated that it was fine and this was a one-shot thing as she was just trying to move things along especially 12 Bellview Place. Mayor Kim stated he understood that this would help in avoiding a special meeting but asked to just respect the wishes of the governing body because it caused confusion. Mayor Kim stated since they figured it out, he needed council members' consent. Mayor Kim asked for a raise of hands to see who preferred the old process. Councilman Min asked what he meant by the old process. Mayor Kim explained again that it seemed like the governing body understood the reason for doing it this new way but wasn't comfortable with it. Mayor Kim reiterated the old way and asked for a raise of hands. Mayor Kim counted five hands raised and thanked them all for the majority vote. Mayor Kim stated it wasn't incorrect or improper, but the governing body didn't want to do it this way.

**RESOLUTION 2025-138    Authorization the Borough Clerk Advertise of Bids for Lawn Avenue and Temple Terrace Project**

Mayor Kim asked for the documents corresponding to this resolution. Roberta Stern stated that they were attached to her copy. Mayor Kim stated this was the same thing to authorize the engineer to create the bid and authorize the advertisement. Scott Krumholz had previously mentioned it was okay, so Mayor Kim accepted it. Mayor Kim reiterated the resolutions that had to be made this way to save time.

**RESOLUTION 2025-139    Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for Lawn Avenue and Temple Terrace Project**

**RESOLUTION 2025-140    Authorization of Change Order for Fire Alarm and Suppression Project at Borough Hall**

Following Mayor Kim's question, Councilman Min stated he wanted to start with Resolution 2025-140. Mayor Kim asked for his question. Councilman Min asked what the change order was for. Mayor Kim stated there was nothing there, but the resolution did state that the borough was trying to perform certain improvements with regard to the fire alarm and suppression system.

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Mayor Kim stated they were done with it, and asked Scott Krumholz if they had passed this previously. Scott Krumholz stated that this was a change of order. Mayor Kim stated then there had to be a price increase in the amount of \$8,855. Mayor Kim stated that they needed a breakdown of what it was.

Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern why the documents weren't presented. Roberta Stern responded because there was additional work that was not in the documents. Mayor Kim stated he understood, but the governing body wanted to know what was changed and added which should have been explained. Mayor Kim stated the invoice for \$8,855 should have been attached to the resolution. Mayor Kim asked why they were having such a terrible time figuring this out. Roberta Stern stated she didn't know, and it seemed like there was a little problem that they can't seem to figure out. Mayor Kim stated they wanted the documents in the packets. Roberta Stern stated she would have to remember that and stated that both her and Sophia Jang had to work on it. Sophia Jang stated it wasn't her and asked Roberta Stern to not say it was her. Mayor Kim asked to allow him to finish. Mayor Kim asked if they would be able to pass this at the following months meeting. Roberta Stern stated she thought they should pass it that night. Mayor Kim stated they couldn't pass it that night because they didn't have the proper documentation for it. Roberta Stern stated she had the documents upstairs. Mayor Kim asked her to bring it down. Sophia Jang stated for the record, the attachments that were said to have been received by Sophia Jang, she had never received. Councilman Min went to ask a question, but mayor Kim stated they could speak about procedural aspects later since it wasn't unlawfully. Mayor Kim stated they had to figure this out, and once they had the documentation for everything, they could revisit how they got to this position. Councilman Min asked if they could table some of the resolutions. Mayor Kim explained they couldn't table the resolution unless they had a valid reason. Mayor Kim stated they had asked for the reason for the increase, Roberta Stern stated it was in her office, and he couldn't accept that because it should have been with the borough clerk. Mayor Kim stated this was unacceptable. Councilman Min asked Roy Riggitano if he knew the reason why Pennoni didn't get paid when they worked. Roy Riggitano stated he hadn't received any invoices, and he wasn't holding onto any invoices. Mayor Kim stated they were asking the wrong person and would get to the bottom of it, just not at that time. Mayor Kim stated the people were waiting, the governing body didn't look too good, and they would resolve it but it was a management issue. Roberta Stern returned and presented the documentation. Roberta Stern stated the items listed were at the police department. Roberta Stern stated this was sent to Scott Krumholz when he received the resolution. Mayor Kim stated resolution 2025-140 was okay now.

**RESOLUTION 2025-149    Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise an Auction to sell Equipment belonging to the Department of Public Works**

Councilman Min stated that this resolution had just come in that day. This was the auction that the borough was looking to sell DPW vehicles. Councilman Min asked for the company name. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated [Municip.com](http://Municip.com). Councilman Min where they got that website because they had been previously working with Govdeals? Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was in fact Resolution 2025-132. Councilman Min stated there was also a resolution to advertise, adna sked why they were advertising when they usually just put it up on the surplus website and sold it from there. Councilman Min stated that the company were the ones that were going to sell it from there.

Councilman Min asked if it could just be authorization to auction surplus equipment/DPW. Scott Krumholz asked if he just wanted to change the name of the resolution. Councilman Min stated the police department used Govdeals. Mayor Kim stated the borough sold the equipment to one place only. Captain Rotundo stated that the police department only used one website and if they were going to be adding DPW vehicles he would have liked to use the same website as well. Captain Beck stated that they had just sold four disabled vehicles on Govdeals and got \$16,600. Mayor Kim stated the question Councilman Min had been why they were authorizing for auction when it was being done anyways. Councilman Min stated the resolution authorized the borough clerk to advertise to sell the DPW equipment but resolution 2025-132 was auctioning surplus equipment. Councilman Min stated this could be drafted as the same resolution just with a different title. Mayor Kim asked why it was changed. Scott Krumholz stated they had their own resolution required, which was why they did a different form. Councilman Shin stated that the

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police department used Govdeals, so it was better if they used the same system. Scott Krumholz stated they would strike this resolution off and DPW would have to wait

**RESOLUTION 2025-150    Awarding Contract to Severino Heating Cooling, Inc for HVAC Work**

Councilman Min stated he had the three quotes, and the last one was dated September 25, 2024. Councilman Min asked if this quote was still valid. Mayor Kim asked what resolution Councilman Min was referring to. Councilman Min repeated Resolution 2025-150. Councilman Min stated they received three quotes, one of them came in March 20, 2025. Roberta Stern stated the other one was the first quote and it did not have an ending date which was when someone else started getting the quotes. Roberta Stern asked if they remembered there was confusion between the second-floor police and the second-floor units. Therefore, when she spoke to Mr. Riggitano, he advised that as long as there wasn't a deadline for thirty days that quote would be valid. Councilman Min stated the quote was dated September 25, 2024. Roberta Stern stated that was what she was saying when they first received quotes for that particular work. Councilman Min stated they were in May. Roberta Stern asked Roy Riggitano if she had questioned him about this. Roy Riggitano stated she did, and they stated they would give it to the lowest quote. Roberta Stern stated this was an older quote, and if the quote didn't have a date, then it was only valid for thirty days. Roy Riggitano stated if they were going to honor the quote they would take it. Scott Krumholz asked if there was a date restriction or if it had been rescinded in the meantime. Councilman Min asked if the company was okay with that because they originally weren't picked because they weren't the lowest quote. Mayor Kim stated they had the lowest quote, and named Mettler, Reiner, and stated there was one more. Roberta Stern stated that Reiner had done the other unit. Mayor Kim stated that if he remembered correctly the cost was 20 something thousand dollars. Roberta Stern stated the other quote was 23 thousand and some change, and the lowest was \$20,000.

**RESOLUTION 2025-151    Awarding Contract to Aquatic Pool Management LLC for Filtration Repairs at the Municipal Pool**

Councilman Min asked when this problem arose. Roberta Stern started five years prior. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min meant when it was brought to the attention that it needed to be fixed. Roberta Stern stated a month or so before when they brought someone there and it was brought to attention that the filtration tanks were rusted and there was major problems. Councilman Min asked why this was being talked about last minute. Roberta Stern responded because that was how long it took to get the quotes. Roberta Stern continued that Karen Nascenti and herself had been working on this for months. Mayor Kim stated that Roberta Stern was saying that this was being brought up at the last minute because the quotes were completed at the last minute. Roberta Stern stated one of the quotes she had received that same day. Mayor Kim asked which one was the one that came that day. Roberta Stern stated 151. Roberta Stern stated she couldn't produce the quotes - Mayor Kim interjected and stated he understood the reason was because she was waiting on a complete quote to open up the pool. Mayor Kim stated Pennoni gave him the contract, and he recalled that Roberta Stern had worked hard with Pennoni to negotiate a better term. Roberta Stern stated that they had then sat down together with him and then finalized it. Mayor Kim stated that the documentation read March 3rd, 2025. Mayor Kim asked where the contract was. Roberta Stern stated she would speak with Pennoni the following day.

Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern provided the three quotes for this.

**RESOLUTION 2025-152    Awarding Contract for Improvements to the Library Roof**

Councilman Vietri asked if this meant that the borough was paying for the library. Mayor Kim responded no, they were helping out the library because the borough had bidding procedures and resources that the library didn't have. Mayor Kim stated that they relied on the governing body's support for this. Mayor Kim explained that the library relied on the resources of the governing body but anything extra such as legal fees they had to pay for themselves. Councilman Vietri thanked him for his explanation.

**RESOLUTION 2025-153 Awarding Contract to Advanced Welding for Mechanical Repairs at the Municipal Pool**

Councilman Min asked where the three quotes were. Roberta Stern stated that they were sent out to everyone. Mayor Kim stated they had to be in the packet and asked where they were. Roberta Stern stated that she assumed it was in the packet because she had sent it twice. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there were no quotes. Roberta Stern stated that she saw that, and she thought they would be included since she had sent all three twice. Mayor Kim asked who she sent them to. Roberta Stern stated to Sophia Jang and to Scott Krumholz. Mayor Kim asked Sophia Jang if she had received an email from Roberta Stern with the quotes. Sophia Jang advised she did not receive any emails with the quotes. Roberta Stern stated that she had copies of the emails she sent so she could show the copies of when they were sent. Roberta Stern stated that she had sent them to Scott Krumholz twice and had spoken to Sophia Jang twice. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to go and print out the emails.

Mayor Kim stated they were reintroducing the ordinance so that it was acceptable. Roberta Stern stated it was not new. Scott Krumholz stated that it was procedural. Mayor Kim stated that this was already voted on, but the actual vote was never properly recorded. Councilman Min asked if the bond ordinance was the correct ordinance. Mayor Kim stated it was, and they just had to reintroduce because the vote was not recorded properly. Mayor Kim stated the bond ordinance was for Palisades Boulevard from Broad Avenue to Grand Avenue which the borough needed. Councilman Min questioned where this was for. Mayor Kim stated it was for Palisades Boulevard from Broad Avenue to the East, to Grand Avenue. Councilman Vietri asked if Palisades Boulevard was already redone. Mayor Kim explained only the top half of Palisades Boulevard was only redone. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. Councilman Kim stated they needed to open to the public, but Mayor Kim reminded him that they already did. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2024-12 “Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Improvements for Palisades Boulevard Phase Two” was passed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 28, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon reported that she had reviewed different receipts, and she found out that that the borough had been continuously paying late fees. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated her goal for that year was to change or modify the process to make the late fees disappear. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the late fees were really coming from the utility vendors. There were multiple vendors that always charged the borough late fees. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there were late fees received from rite express which was a gas card for over \$1,700 for one month. Mayor Kim stated that was a waste of tax payers money. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had spoken with Jack Belleza from the finance department who had reached out to the vendor to request that the late fee be waived due to the boroughs process. Councilwoman Won-Yoon explained that there was no way that the borough could pay the invoices within 25 days like the vendor requested. Mayor Kim asked why not and asked why they couldn't be flexible to the borough cycle. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she did request this and also stated she wanted to see if they could be given two different claims list. One that listed utility claims that would most likely charge late fees and one that was a regular claims list. If they

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obtained the votes to pass the utility claims at the work session it would be better. Roberta Stern stated there were certain ones that the CFO had mentioned that the borough didn't wait for the bill to be paid, which also included utilities. Roberta Stern added that utilities were paid in a timely way, so she didn't know why Jack Belleza was paying the late fees. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that Jack Belleza had called the company's and requested that their late fees be waived or pushed. Roberta Stern stated companies would if they explained things. Mayor Kim asked why they had to explain and asked why they couldn't just change the billing cycle. Roberta Stern stated they wouldn't change it for the borough, but they just had to pay it in a timely manner because they were allowed to make utility payments that weren't on the claims list such as pensions, and various utilities. Now that they had passed the resolution the bills were paid whenever they came. Mayor Kim asked how they could avoid all of the late charges and not waste the time and energy of the employees to call and request a break. Roy Riggitano asked if this was regarding sending out the checks. Mayor Kim stated avoiding late charges. Roberta Stern asked Roy Riggitano if he had remembered their conversation in the beginning of the year where they discussed certain bills that were paid as soon as they were received. Roy Riggitano stated this was the utility bills and there were five listed. Roy Riggitano stated they would do these five by resolutions. Mayor Kim stated this change would reflect the change in billing cycle. Roy Riggitano stated that it was called the ratification list and stated there would never be a check by finance that left the borough unless they all knew about it. Mayor Kim asked if there were 1500 other claims, why were they paying the late fees. Councilwoman Won-Yoon clarified they didn't and they had sent out checks without the late fees. However, if they didn't make sure the bills were paid on time the companies would continue to issue late fees. Mayor Kim stated that they couldn't do this. Mayor Kim used PSEG as an example and stated they wouldn't waive the late fee for them. Roy Riggitano added on that neither would the gasoline service. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the gasoline cards. Roy Riggitano responded that was what he just said. Mayor Kim stated it wouldn't change but if they called and asked for the break some vendors would allow it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked why these claims list couldn't be provided at the work session on a separate list to allow them to pass. Roy Riggitano explained that the computer systems Edmunds, or Munidex could only generate one bills list. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was advised that Jack Belleza could do it. Roy Riggitano stated that he didn't know what to tell her and they were looking to micromanage these accounts when they shouldn't be micromanaged. Mayor Kim stated they didn't want to micromanage. Roy Riggitano stated every bill they paid in a month was going to be on the bills list. Mayor Kim stated that micromanaging was the wrong word, and they weren't trying to do so. If there was a charge that was going to include extraordinary late fees that was taxpayers money which needed to be saved. Mayor Kim stated they needed to figure out a way to avoid them. Mayor Kim understood that there were some things that couldn't be avoided but advised if there was a larger charge for a late fee then they had to call the vendors and ask for a break. Roy Riggitano stated they would try. Mayor Kim stated they would try but if not they would change vendors. Roy Riggitano asked how they could change the vendor for certain things, and used the example of gasoline. Roy Riggitano stated there was only one source for gas. Mayor Kim asked him what he meant by this. Roy Riggitano stated that for gas they were using a coop. Councilman Min asked about enterprise and stated that they offered a gas program too. Roy Riggitano stated they were already on that. Roy Riggitano stated that no one wanted to pay a late fee and they would work on it. Councilman Min asked what the term of that was. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated 25 days. Roberta Stern stated when the bills came in it needed to be paid, and it didn't matter how many days. Mayor Kim stated the problem was they didn't know when the bill would come in. Roberta Stern stated that was what she was saying. If a bill came in on the fifth and the meeting wasn't until the 20th then it was paid on the 6th and added to the bills list at the following meeting. Mayor Kim thanked her and stated he hated the fact that they weren't doing what they were supposed to be doing. At that moment in time, they were talking about council reports and if they wanted added conversation then they could have a closed session. Mayor Kim stated to speak about this at a closed session with the governance committee and the borough administrator because it shouldn't be discussed in a council report.

Councilman Vietri reported a 45-year member of the Palisades Park Fire Department William Panzella had passed away from cancer. Councilman Vietri stated he was a great firefighter and also, a fire fighter in Teaneck. Mayor Kim stated they put up the bunting and sent a representative to his funeral accompanied by Mayor Kim.

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Councilman Kim had nothing to report.

Councilman Min stated his report as basically the same as the police departments report so he would just wait for them to report.

Councilman Shin reported from the recreation department on February 12th there was an Easter egg hunt where more than 150 kids and 100 parents attended. Councilman Shin stated the kids really enjoyed the event. Councilman Shin reported that morning they had the 125th anniversary time capsule burial ceremony at Lindbergh School. More than 100 kids and parents attended, and it was a very memorable ceremony. Councilman Shin reported whenever there was heavy traffic there were reports on Grand Avenue which he would bring a solution to the following month. Councilman Shin reported the DPW had received their new street sweeper and Vactor, but they were awaiting the vehicles to have emblems put on them. Councilman Shin assured this would only take a few days. In terms of the Vactor, they were just waiting for a few other supporting documents to come in. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Shin was talking about the floods on Grand Avenue. Councilman Shin stated the Vactor would be used on Grand Avenue. Roberta Stern stated the situation on Grand Avenue was beyond the borough's equipment so that morning they had agreed to a contract with Montana who was coming in Friday. Mayor Kim asked what the situation was. Roberta Stern stated Grand Avenue had a sewer backup issue, and they were trying to maneuver with a video camera and remove stuff therefore they were getting a professional to check out the issue. Roberta Stern added on that over time, the breaks and backups were happening at 3AM. Roberta Stern stated that Montana was a big company that Pennoni had recommended and she had also used them before. Roberta Stern stated that they had contracted with them that day for \$5,000 a day plus whatever they removed. Mayor Kim stated it was 5,000 a day for them to not know what the problem was. Roberta Stern stated that they knew there was a block when they put in a video line. Mayor Kim asked why they needed to hire a professional person. Roberta Stern stated it was because they didn't have the equipment. Mayor Kim stated that they needed the new truck. Roberta Stern stated that they did have the new truck but it still didn't have the equipment to fix that, and Montana had huge equipment for major problems. Roberta Stern continued that they would be coming in and Pennoni would be working with them. Mayor Kim asked if they knew what the problem was. Roberta Stern stated they knew it was just clogged badly. Mayor Kim asked how they resolved it. Roberta Stern stated they would know once they got the camera in and pushed everything out. Whatever the company pushed out the borough had to pay for. Mayor Kim asked if it was \$5,000 a day. Roberta Stern confirmed. Mayor Kim asked how many days it would take for them to complete. Roberta Stern stated that they hoped for no more than two days. Mayor Kim stated that this had to be a clear system. Roberta Stern clarified that it was 800 feet that they were cleaning and after they reviewed the video of the sewers they would hopefully come up with a solution. Roberta Stern stated that they also needed a letter of support from the Chamber of Commerce because they had a grant application to go to Booker and the Senator Josh Gottheimer. Mayor Kim stated they all had a meeting the following day.

Councilwoman Lee reported that there would be an update from the school board where there would be a public hearing of the budget for the 2025-2026 school year that coming Wednesday at 6:30PM located at the ECC. Councilwoman Lee stated that anyone was welcome to provide comments. Mayor Kim asked how the contract negotiations were going with the PBA. Councilwoman Lee stated they were going and stated they hoped it would come through.

Mayor Kim stated he didn't have a report.

#### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz had nothing to report.

#### **BA REPORT**

Mayor Kim responded they were doing Grand Avenue as well. Roberta Stern stated she was just saying that it was part of a grant that they received for all civilization. Mayor Kim stated it was for Broad Avenue and not for Grand Avenue so they would have to continue. Roberta Stern

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stated that they were still looking into that. Mayor Kim thanked Roberta Stern and stated this was very much needed. People had been talking about this for six to seven years and had complained that it had been too dangerous. Roberta Stern stated hopefully it would be completed within that month or so. Mayor Kim asked what else. Roberta Stern stated that they had passed the resolutions to get work done at the pool and unfortunately it had been many years that any work was done. Roberta Stern stated that Councilman Shin knew because he had been down to the pool with her and they really needed to make the improvements. Roberta Stern continued that she was also going to get the planting at the pool as they had done the planting on Broad Avenue to give the pool a nicer look. Roberta Stern stated that DPW did plantings before, but she thought that it would be nice to have someone else do it more professionally. Mayor Kim asked when the DPW was going to start power washing Broad Avenue. Roberta Stern responded that Superintendent Kenny Bruno had advised her on the phone that they would start soon. Mayor Kim asked if they would begin in May. Roberta Stern stated that Kenny Bruno told her at the end of April, but they were at the end of April, they still hadn't began, so it had to be soon. Mayor Kim stated he wanted it done and it didn't need to be continuous just a section per block at a time to clean up Broad Avenue. Roberta Stern responded that was what Kenny Bruno had said. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern if she had anything else, and she advised she didn't.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Kim invited the police to the front to give their report and stated that he believed they had some good news for them. Officer in Charge, Captain George Beck, stated they had a lot of things to discuss but he was going to streamline it because he knew it was late. First, Captain Beck reported that the crossing guard service was fully operation at that point in time and appeared to be working well. All of the crossing guards were on post and the third-party company was handling it. Captain Beck stated that everything had been going great and they were happy with it. Captain Beck reported next that they had a meeting with the JIF Chief Schwarz who visited the police department and went over a lot of things with the police officers. Captain Beck was happy to report that Chief Schwarz provided them with positive and satisfactory feedback. Next, Captain Beck reported that the police department hosted a coffee with a cop on April 18th. From this event, officers spoke with many residents and some of these residents had traffic concerns, and they were actively addressing the traffic concerns as they spoke. Captain Beck stated they were in the process of seeing what the department could do to address residents' safety concerns. Captain Beck stated that the department posted rideshare tips posters. Captain Beck explained that Palisades Park was a very popular place for people to be picked up on Broad Avenue coming to and from the restaurants and places of businesses. The signs displayed tips to alert people who were going to enter ride shares. Captain Beck stated unfortunately these signs came about after a girl was picked up by the wrong person who unfortunately was murdered. Captain Beck explained the rideshare tips signs were developed for people to know they could ask what their names were because if you booked a trip with them and they didn't know your name you shouldn't get in the car with them. Captain Beck stated another tip was also to check the license plate and proceeded to pass the sign around. Captain Beck stated these signs were all along Broad Avenue for safety. Captain Beck reported that vehicle lettering was in progress, and they had rebranded the image of the borough police cars. The patch was the same but a whole different design and each car was being replaced one by one. Captain Beck stated that they had received a new Ford Explorer, and an F-150. Captain Beck stated they were rebranding the image of the police car, and they thought it looked great. More importantly, they had received many complaints that residents didn't see police officers driving around and that was because the vehicles were not lettered. Now that they were lettered, people would know that that person traveling in that black Ford Explorer was a police officer. Captain Beck stated that was happening as they spoke and was starting to gain some momentum. Captain Beck stated they had been utilizing a new company and were getting it done faster. Captain Beck stated he already advised that the police department had made \$16,600 off of the four disabled vehicles that they sold. Captain Beck reported that the distracted driver campaign was in effect and the officers were out making the roads safer patrolling every street. Captain Beck pointed to Officer Fernando Saint Hillaire and stated he had transferred from Paterson Police Department. Three weeks prior, Officer Saint Hillaire found a guy at 3 in the morning driving around with a ski mask. It turned out that the car happened to be a stolen vehicle and he arrested the guy and returned the vehicle. Captain Beck stated officers were out there doing the work, and commended Officer Saint Hillaire. A round of applause was heard around the room. Captain

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Beck stated Officer Saint Hillaire loves patrol work and stated that he had come from Paterson Police Department working in major crimes and homicide for five years and one year in Demarest. Captain Beck stated he spoke with Officer Saint Hillaire, and he advised him that he thought Palisades Park was the best. Councilman Min asked if this arrest took place his first day after the FDO training. Councilman Min stated this meant it was Officer Saint Hillarie's first day by himself. Captain Rotundo stated this was a good representation of the police department's training. Captain Beck stated a few noteworthy things to discuss in terms of proactivity of the police officers were DWI arrests that had been taking place. Captain Beck stated officers were getting drunk drivers off the streets to make them safer. Captain Beck stated their detective bureau had been busy recently and thought Detective Sergeant DeCicco was doing a tremendous job leading his crew. Captain Beck stated the department had done two press releases that month and would see more of what was going on. Captain Beck stated officers were doing a tremendous job with their limited capacities, and Seargent DeCicco was doing a great job leading those men. Captain Beck provided an accreditation update. The department was in the process and Captain Rotundo had decided to spearhead that as it was a tremendous amount of paperwork to get all the best practices down, and a tremendous number of checks and balances. Captain Rotundo attended weekly meetings with their contact who helped them get through this. Captain Beck stated they were looking to get it done those years and stated it was the gold standard in law enforcement. They wanted to adhere to the standard and were proud to be going along with the process. Captain Beck stated they knew it was a lot, but they were getting it done and it was running on schedule. Mayor Kim stated a great job, and stated the benefits of accreditation are better insurance premiums, and liabilities. Captain Beck stated more importantly, everything was out in the open meaning everyone knew they were going to adhere to the policies and procedures. Everyone was going to know what they were and have them all up to date on their best practices in law enforcement. Captain Beck asked who didn't want to do their job to the best of their ability? Captain Beck stated when officers took the job they wanted to do the job to the best of their ability. Accreditation was checks and balance but would also allow officers to familiarize themselves with these best practices to give the department the highest quality officers for the residents of the town. Mayor Kim stated the Palisades Park Police Department had never been accredited. Captain Beck stated never before would turn into soon. Captain Beck stated he could say that confidently because he had been in the meetings also with contact from the accreditation agency and he was impressed with how far along they were. Captain Beck stated as part of the accreditation they needed a 20-yard-long-term bulk storage which they had at the EMS building. Captain Beck stated that Captain Rotundo was able to secure the department one. Mr. John Benedetto had donated \$4,000 to get this storage for the police department. Captain Beck thanked Mr. Benedetto and stated this helped with the accreditation because now they complied with the rule and requirement. Captain Beck stated Lieutenant Christopher Beck had been on the computer applying for a tremendous amount of money as Roberta Stern was aware and had worked with often. Lieutenant Beck had apple for many grants, one of those being for \$50,000 from the state for police overtime so that there could be increased safety initiatives as well as bilingual outreach programs for residents. The second grant was for \$7,000 for overtime for more police vehicle enforcements. They were hopeful the department would receive those grants and explained that they had already been denied one previous grant. Captain Beck stated this was a normal part of the process and they had to cast a wide net. Lieutenant Chris Beck was doing a lot with these grants and hopefully would have good news soon. Captain Beck stated he knew Councilwoman Won-Yoon was going to love his next report. Captain Beck reported they had been doing a deep dive into the police department's financial expenditures. Sergeant Scilingo, Captain Beck, Captain Rotundo, Lieutenant Beck, and Seargent DeCicco had been finding ways to limit waste. Captain Beck stated they had found ways to limit subscriptions that were not used or under-utilized and had been cutting them. Captain Beck stated they had been cutting a lot of stuff that they didn't use or was under use. Captain Beck stated they should have a report to them soon as to how much money the department had actually saved. Captain Beck stated he was conscientious of that and active in completing it. Captain Beck stated overall officers were doing a tremendous job and he was proud to lead them as the officer in charge. Mayor Kim stated one of the ways that officers could save money was not running the police cars for hours. Captain Beck stated they had already addressed that. Mayor Kim stated he had forgotten the most important part that the new management of the police department created a schedule that wasn't the same everyday but would visit resident's street everyday through the schedule. Mayor Kim stated that people who were going to car jack cars or rob their houses would try and clock when officers made their rounds to plan around them. Mayor Kim stated because of these differing schedules, thieves

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would be thrown off and residents would be proactively seeing officers. Mayor Kim stated the schedule was wonderful and asked Captain Beck to keep it up. Mayor Kim stated the department was also looking into a grant for LED stop signs. Captain Beck stated it another big grant for \$50,000. Roberta Stern stated they were working with Millenium Strategies, so Lieutenant Beck was producing some sort of narrative to support those grants. Captain Beck stated they also had Officer Bob Lee helping who was very good at paperwork and technical thinking. Officer Lee had been assisting Lieutenant Beck with a lot of the grant writing. Councilman Kim stated that Captain Beck had failed to mention the update to the facility including the new paintings that was done with the taxpayer's money. Mayor Kim stated it looked really nice, and officers were using their down time to do work that came from vacation, or from taking off. Officers came back to paint and fix things without taxpayers' money. Captain Beck stated Councilman Kim had went on tour that day to see the department, and most had visited the police department. Captain Beck stated they would find that the police department is very clean work environment, freshly painted, and altered with little to no expense. Captain Beck stated he was happy to report that many things the department had were purchased by officers with their own money. This showed that officers had a sense of pride and wanted to move forward. Captain Beck quoted "be the change that you always wanted" and he thought that was what was happening. Officers saw that they could be a part of the process, and they were happy to have them to move the department forward. Captain Beck invited council members to take a look. Mayor Kim stated if they wanted to go at that time, they could it was really nice. Mayor Kim stated they also went to different marketplaces and had received a lot of items for free. Mayor Kim stated the borough had received seven or eight workstations, and various other items for free. All they had to do was pay for the moving truck to move the furniture. Mayor Kim asked Sophia Jang if she had received a nice workstation. Captain Beck stated they were very generous. Roberta Stern stated they also provided the chairs. Mayor Kim stated it was all free because they went and picked them up. Councilman Min said the chairs were paid for by the clerk's office. Captain Beck stated they had also received a variety of chairs from one place that had given them away for free. Captain Beck stated they knew the department didn't need that many desks but also knew that the borough may have been in need. Officers brought the furniture in, and Captain Beck reported plenty of smiles when people received new desks. Captain Beck stated the police officers were happy to do it. Mayor Kim stated it was the moral that was up. Captain Beck stated it was a great experience to be a part of. Mayor Kim thanked Captain Rotundo as well. Councilman Min stated that the revenue had also went up. Mayor Kim stated Captain Beck had forgotten to mention the revenue for tickets and meters had picked up. Councilman Min stated compared to the year prior, the revenue was picking up. Mayor Kim stated that was why they were in a deep hole the year before. Mayor Kim thanked Captain Beck and Rotundo.

Mayor Kim stated this was the gold and rainbows after three and a half hours. Mayor Kim asked the public to give the governing body mercy during public participation. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor, none opposed.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Neris Papoters stated she had waited the full three and a half hours. Neris Papoters stated even though the meeting had taken three and a half hours she liked it because the governing body took the time to look into detail and not just approve everything. That showed Mrs. Papoters that they were working, and it was amazing, Neris Papoters thanked Councilman Shin for finding the error in the paperwork and making the correction from a period to a comma. Neris Papoters stated she loved how they went into details and didn't just approve whatever was handed to them. Mayor Kim stated he couldn't believe she was talking like this. Neris Papoters stated even the mayor stated that some things shouldn't be said in public, but she loved that Councilwoman Won-Yoon took the time to check over the documents on her own time catching the various overpayment charges. Neris Papoters thanked the governing body. Neris Papoters stated Sophia Jang was just doing her job. Neris Papoters stated she hoped to see Councilwoman Lee on Wednesday at the meeting for the board of education because it was becoming very difficult for the teachers to obtain a contract. Neris Papoters thanked her for informing the public of everything. Neris Papoters thanked the police department and stated she heard a lot of good things and was watching. Neris Papoters jokingly stated for everyone to watch out because her daughter was

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driving. Mayor Kim stated they remembered Neris Papoters going to the county crying her heart out begging for help for Palisades Park. Mayor Kim stated he was so happy he was getting chills and stated she was a different lady. Mrs. Papoters stated she wasn't different just seeing more. Mayor Kim stated it also seemed like Mrs. Papoters was getting exactly what she wanted. Neris Papoters stated there was money they could save, and they were paying Roy Riggitano to do this job to watch and check on these overpayments. Neris Papoters stated the governing body told Roy Riggitano exactly what they wanted and that was why the public voted for all of them. Neris Papoters stated the governing body was elected by the people because they trusted them to review and catch things, so the residents didn't have to. Mayor Kim stated they shouldn't even have to do this because the borough paid people to do this as well, which was why they had a problem.

Eric Speiley stated there was something mentioned about the amount of additional dollars that had to be paid because of increases in insurance costs. Eric Speiley asked with all the new buildings going up how much extra they would earn to help pay for that so the taxes didn't go up as high as they were going to. Scott Krumholz stated he would have to talk with finance to look at a lot of different components that went into it. Eric Speiley asked if it was a proper question. Scott Krumholz stated it was, he just had to figure out how to answer it in a way that's meaningful. Mayor Kim asked Mr. Speiley what kind of development he was talking about. Mr. Speiley stated any development, duplexes included. Mayor Kim stated that duplexes were pretty okay, and they were talking about bigger apartments because of affordable housing that they had to comply to. If there was going to be an agreement that was going to be done to settle, then they had to adhere to the law. Before this happened, they had to have a specialist punch in all the calculations of what the boroughs return would be. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if he had remembered when they did that previously. Scott Krumholz agreed. Mayor Kim stated it would be coming out. Eric Speiley stated maybe he should wait but he wanted to bring up the police trailers. Mayor Kim asked if Scott Krumholz had figured this out. Scott Krumholz stated the contract had some issues. Mayor Kim asked when it would expire and asked if he asked for the company to terminate it. Scott Krumholz stated it was soon, but the problem was early termination of the contract. Mayor Kim questioned early termination, and stated they were going on for two months. Mayor Kim stated they would talk about it later and stated it was being worked on. Eric Speiley stated he had a wonderful neighbor named Nelson who was a special police officer who was going to retire. Mayor Kim asked if Mr. Speiley was happy. Mr. Speiley stated Nelson had a record of giving out the most number of tickets and one month brought in over 720 tickets. Eric Speiley asked who was going to replace Nelson. Laughter was heard around the room. Mr. Speiley stated he wanted to congratulate Nelson and when the time came for him to retire - Mayor Kim called out Nelson was still going to work part time after he retired. Mr. Speiley stated down the road but still he knew there had to be a six-month void or something. Mayor Kim thanked Mr. Speiley.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and return to the regular session. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the regular meeting. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon.

Attest:



**Sophia H. Jang, RMC**  
Borough Clerk