

Borough of Palisades Park  
275 Broad Avenue  
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of the Mayor & Council  
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**MAYOR CHONG PAUL KIM WILL CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

**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 WAS CONDUCTED BY COUNCILMAN VIETRI.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Kim	Present
Councilman Kim	Present
Councilwoman Lee	Absent but will join Zoom
Councilman Min	Present
Councilman Shin	Present
Councilman Vietri	Present
Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz	Present
Borough Administrator Roberta Stern	Present

**PRESENTATION OF 2025 MAYOR'S SCHOLARSHIPS**

Mayor Kim stated that the presentation of the 2025 Mayor's Scholarship will happen in the Regular Session.

**PRESENTATION OF 2025 RECYCLING SCHOLARSHIPS**

Mayor Kim added that the presentation of the 2025 Recycling Scholarship will provide six students with an amount of 500 dollars each. The Scholarship is from the grant for recycling, and we give it straight to the board of education. Mayor Kim stated that CFO Roy will give one check with the amount of 3000 dollars to the board of education. Then the Board of Education will distribute it to the students that the Board of Education, the PPBE has designated. Mayor Kim says that he believes it is already designated so the Board of Education will figure it out. Mayor Kim stated that we never give out names so the borough gives the board of education a 3000-dollar check and the board of education will handle it. Mayor Kim continued by saying that he will be giving out a scholarship of 1000 dollars each for nine students. Those students are chosen by the Board of Education members. Mayor Kim specifically requested that the Board of Education choose Mayor Kim. Mayor Kim then asked to move forward with the adoption of minutes.

Roberta Stern, the Borough Administrator, reminded Mayor Kim that the baseball team will also be there. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to repeat what she said. Roberta Stern repeated that the baseball team will be there. Mayor Kim said that he forgot about the baseball team. Roberta Stern reminded him that the baseball team is coming for the regular meeting too. Mayor Kim said that we must include the presentation of baseball. Roberta Stern included it is acknowledging them. Borough Attorney Scott interjected that it is for their championship. Mayor Kim repeated that it is for acknowledging their championship. Mayor Kim then stated that it is not just Palisades Park. Mayor Kim asked if it is either Ridgefield or Ridgefield Park.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that it is Ridgefield. Mayor Kim confirmed that it is Ridgefield. Councilwoman Won-Yoon mentioned that same day, the baseball team is invited to the Ridgefield Regular Meeting and that is why the baseball team will probably go to Ridgefield first then to Palisades Park. Mayor Kim stated that it is fine, and the conversation will be discussed later. He then asked if the baseball team was aware they were going to come. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that she thinks so but did not receive a confirmation. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that she knows councilwoman lee has been communicating with Sue, the board of adjustments chair so Councilwoman Won-Yoon is sure. Mayor Kim asked because the whole purpose was to acknowledge the baseball team, if he should create a certificate of appreciation or something for the baseball team. Roberta Stern responded that the baseball team has a league and that the certificate should go to the league. She clarified that the team is a group, and the

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certificate should go to the group and not the individual. She continued to say that usually the certificate is presented to the group. Mayor Kim asked for clarification that a single certificate of congratulatory appreciation is needed. Mayor Kim then stated that he will be making one certificate but corrected himself by saying that both Mayor Kim and Borough Clerk Sophia Jang will be making the certificate. Mayor Kim then stated that the meeting will be moving on to the adoption of minutes.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

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Mayor Kim asked where the minutes are. Sophia Jang responded that she gave the minutes to Mayor Kim. Mayor Kim found the minutes in his bag and apologized for the confusion. Mayor Kim then asked the council members if they have any inquiries or concerns about the minutes. Mayor Kim followed up by saying that the council members have a week to review the minutes and make sure they are in order. Mayor Kim moved the meeting forward

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING/HEARING**

**ORDINANCE 2025-16      Amending of Creating Chapter 141, Entitled “Filming and Photography”**

Mayor Kim asked the council to explain why there is a second reading of this ordinance. Mayor Kim stated that the council already knew of this ordinance. There was discussion about increasing aspects and Mayor Kim asked if everything was okay. Borough Attorney, Scott mentioned that he had not heard anything from anybody. Since the penalty division was added, Scott has not received anything. Mayor Kim thought that was it. Councilman Min asked what days the ordinance mentions. Mayor Kim and Sophia Jang responded that it was Sundays. Scott confirmed that it has been changed. Scott continued to say that it says Monday to Sunday. Councilman Min stated that there were two things to look over. Roberta Stern said that it was the day and the fines and penalties. Scott stated that Monday through Sunday was in section 141-9. Mayor Kim included that it states filming shall be permitted only between that time frame. Mayor Kim then asked where the other change was. Scott looked for the section in which the penalties are. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that they are in section 141-16. Scott said that is where it is. Mayor Kim agreed and read aloud that the fine shall not exceed 2000 dollars per day or imprisonment to not exceed 90 days. Mayor Kim then asked if there are any questions about ordinance 2025-16 to the council members. He stated that he believes this ordinance is in order and moved forward the meeting.

**ORDINANCE 2025-17      Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Various Capital Improvements**

Mayor Kim stated that this was the second ordinance to go over and that it needed to be explained. The second page of the packet explained what the council needed to do and what the town is trying to use this bond for. Mayor Kim then asked if there were any questions on where it is being used and any questions about the ordinance. Councilman Min said it is a good idea to share the purpose of each bond. For example, he stated purpose E, purpose F, purpose G. Mayor Kim acknowledged the idea and asked Roberta Stern to give a breakdown to Sophia Jang. Roberta Stern complied and stated that the bond covered three items. One of them being 141,000 dollars plus or minus a few dollars. Mayor Kim interjected and clarified that Councilman Min was talking about location and such. Councilman Min confirmed the statement. Roberta Stern acknowledged the clarification and continued to explain that one of the bonds is for a design fee for the work to do with the Tap Grant for Broad Avenue. Mayor Kim stated it was for LBF. Roberta Stern apologized and said that she does not have the papers but knows it off the top of her head. Mayor Kim asked to take a lot at that. Scott stated that it is 141-5. Mayor Kim said that it was at the bottom where it said 2025 – 17. Roberta Stern asked for a moment as she looked over it. Roberta Stern continued to state that purpose E was for various improvements to borough owned buildings. The second one mentioned is the design expenses related to the Tap Grant for

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Broad Avenue. The last one is for the road improvements for Commercial Avenue in case the money is not received from community development which started as a community development grant.

Councilman Min asked for confirmation that it was the 65,000-dollar grant that the town is looking to. Roberta interjected to say that it was out of 300,000 dollars. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked in terms of purpose F, that it was between Brinkerhoff and Central Avenue. Mayor Kim stated that it was from Central all the way to possibly even further than Brinkerhoff. This was because the town got even more than the prior grants. The town applied for the grant, but no one followed through. Mayor Kim said that the borough administrator is going through all the records and found that the town had approved 12.4 million dollars and that is for the beautification of Broad Avenue, similar to Main Street in Fort Lee. Roberta Stern included that it was for roadway improvements, beautification, sidewalks and of sorts. Mayor Kim confirmed Roberta Stern's Statement. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the 141,500 dollars was just for design and the actual construction will come from another bond. Mayor Kim confirmed Councilwoman Won-Yoon's question. Roberta Stern included that in order to proceed with the grant application, the company requires to see the design, which the state has to approve. Mayor Kim says that the town has to create the design. There was a design from the former engineer, but it needs to be found. However, the town will probably have to reassess the old design and use the original to make a better design because there is a lot more money now. The design must be amended. Roberta Stern said the other design was a different application. Mayor Kim stated that the previous engineer made the design for redevelopment and beautification with the press button cross walk, lights which include the decorative streetlights, electrical grids going down to Broad Ave, flood lights and re-pavement of the sidewalks so it looks good so people can actually put tables there, like Fort Lee. Curbs, handicaps, lights, even pottery. All that is part of the design. Councilman Min asked Mayor Kim if it is fair to say that one of the resolutions looking to be passed about the proposal about Broad Avenue is part of the design. Roberta Stern stated that it goes hand in hand. Mayor Kim also confirmed Councilman Min's statement. Councilman Vietri stated that the ordinance is not being passed that day but the following week. Mayor Kim responded that the council will be passing it next week. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked that in terms of Commercial Avenue, from where to where it is happening. Roberta Stern answered that it is from Commercial Avenue to the dead-end north. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this is paved. Mayor Kim clarified that Roberta Stern's mention of the north end represents the area that connects to the road that goes to the Overpeck area. Mayor Kim asked the council to remember when the County used a lot of trucks for many years. The County ruined the whole place. The attorney tried to get some money covered for it but the town passed the statutory time to apply for it and the attorney said forget about it. So, the town had no choice but to do it themselves. Mayor Kim then clarifies that they are talking about from Central Avenue all the way to the end of Commercial. Mayor Kim told the council members that they have to understand that they have been through Commercial Ave. Besides this, the rest of the area is horrible. There are pebbles and debris all over the place. It is a mess. Roberta and Mayor Kim are going to see what they can do. They have spent a lot of money on road work this year. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern roughly how much they have spent. Roberta Stern answered that with Broad Avenue, it will be over 2 million dollars. Mayor Kim repeated that it would be 2 million dollars and that the town is bonding it. The reason why they are doing this abnormally is because the prior administration didn't really take care of roads that didn't comply with grants. The prior administration also didn't really apply for such grants. Now, the town has almost doubled the grant applications, even more than that, and the town is trying to catch up. If the town can't do it this year because of budget constraints, they can do it next year too so they can alleviate the bond maturity in ten years. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked in terms of various improvements to municipal facilities, what are some examples. Does it include bathrooms? Roberta Stern stated that these improvements are specifically about the building the town owns: the old ambulance court building. Then she asked for confirmation on her statement. Councilman Min asked if Roberta Stern was talking about the EMS building. Roberta Stern confirmed that she is talking about the EMS building on Second Street. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern what the town did with the EMS building. Roberta Stern said they worked on the roof. Councilman Shin stated that it is the Board of Education building. Mayor Kim asked if anyone else had anything for Ordinance 2025-17. No one answered and then the mayor moved forward the meeting.

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Scott said that both 2025-18 and 2025-19 are pursuant to the build-a-remedy lawsuit and settlements to these two developers. The plan for 21 Grand Avenue was presented at the last meeting and it hasn't changed. It is the same plan. Scott told Sophia Jang that he will make sure Sophia Jang has the correct plans for 18. Sophia Jang asked if Scott meant 21 Grand Avenue. Scott confirmed Sophia Jang's question. Scott also mentioned that the ones attached for 2025-19, he wanted to check because there were some revisions made. Sophia Jang stated that the one in the packet is the revised version. Scott said that there are some minimal modifications that were made in discussions with the builder and builder's attorney.

Mayor Kim asked why this was not prepared before the work session. Scott asked the mayor to repeat what he said. Mayor Kim repeated why this revision was not prepared before the work session. Scott answered that he did not know. For ordinance 2025-18, that was at the May regular meeting. Mayor Kim said that he understood that but there were modifications. Scott said that there were no modifications for 2025-18. Mayor Kim asked for clarification that 2025-19 is the one with modifications. Scott confirms that 2025-19 was the one with modifications. Scott also stated that he will make sure everything is prepared for the meeting. Mayor Kim asked Scott to have 2025-19 to be prepared before the regular meeting but also done as soon as possible.

Sophia showed the mayor the revised version in the packet. Scott stated that he asked the borough planner to provide a copy of the red line version so the council can see what has changed. The borough planner did it that morning and sent it over. Sophia Jang continued to show the mayor the revised version of 2025-19. Roberta Stern stated that 15 Grand Avenue is in the packet. Mayor Kim apologized. Scott said that the one for 21 Grand Avenue is the same and that there are no changes. In order to save paper, Scott did not feel it necessary to attach it.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked that since the council has the red line modification, shouldn't it go back to the first reading. Scott answered that they cannot because it is under a court order and has to be approved and also because the changes are. Mayor Kim interjected to mention that the changes are miniscule. Scott continued that for the most part, it is taking out specific requirements just referring to the underlined regulations that the builder has to comply with. If anyone has any questions, Scott said to feel free to reach out to him.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the submission to the court June 30th is. Scott clarified that June 30<sup>th</sup> is for the housing element and fair share housing for the fourth round. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that there was mention of a time constraint. Scott stated that the settlement agreement with the two builders require these plans to be presented for first reading at the may meeting, which they were, and adopted at the second reading this month. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was the settlement. Scott confirms Councilwoman Won-Yoon's statement. Scott included that the changes to the ordinance 2025-18 which are for the development of 21 Grand Avenue, there were no changes. That document was not provided today because it was provided in May, and it is quite a thick piece of paper. To save paper for the environment, it was decided to just refer to.

It is not new, but if you want to see the document again, the council members can either review the packet from May or request it from the clerk's office. Scott stated that Sophia would be glad to circulate the document digitally. However, the redevelopment plan that is ordinance 2025-19 that was presented in May also, but the attorney for the developer requested some minor semantic changes which were made and a copy of the revised document redlining the changes was sent to the counsel the morning of the work session. Sophia Jang stated that the copy is on page 9 of the packet. Scott said that if there are any questions on either ordinance, to reach out to him. Mayor Kim stated that he has a question for the counsel. Mayor Kim asked that through an ordinance, if the first meeting happens, does there have to be a second meeting. Scott stated that there must be a second meeting. Mayor Kim asked if they have to be back-to-back. Scott said yes. Mayor Kim continued to say that you cannot skip a month and come back to the second reading. Scott said that you cannot do that for good reason. Mayor Kim then said that he will not recommend the administrative to print out another deck. Let us save the environment. Scott stated that it was his thoughts as well.

Councilman Min asked a question. He stated that he has the packet from the previous month's session regarding 21 Grand Avenue. Referring to the changes of 15 Grand Avenue packet. Mayor Kim stated that 15 Grand Avenue is Ordinance 2025-19. Councilman Min continued to say that going by each page, basically the reason why Scott said the 2025-18 ordinance was no change and it has been the same copy from the May meeting. With that said, Councilman Min saw on page 9 which has all the red strikes for 15 Grand Avenue. It is the same exact copy of the 21 Grand Avenue packet. Mayor Kim asked what is going on and that there must be a mistake. Scott claimed that there is no mistake and asked to clarify if Councilman Min is talking about the landscaping. Councilman Min stated that there are multiple pages and that he will go back to check. Mayor Kim said that the packet is wrong. Scott said to not assume anything is wrong and to get the question first. Councilman Min stated that

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for example on page 14. Mayor Kim included that on page 4, it says it is about block 505 lot 4 fan associate. Mayor Kim asked if the fan associates are 15. Councilman Min stated that page 4 is for fan associates, but on page 14, you cross out the total number of affordable housings from 102 to 335 for the grant. Now with that said, 21 Grand Avenue, the numbers stayed the same. Scott stated that Councilman Min's statement is correct. Councilman Min continued to say that and now the next sentence says these units shall be provided in accordance with the New Jersey Fair Housing Act. And the applicable uniform housing affordability control. Councilman Min then asked if Scott needed to change the words saying it has to be applicable. Scott replied that is what the builder's attorney has asked for and that is why there are just semantic changes the attorney wanted and there is no reason to. Mayor Kim interjected to mention that this is from the other attorney. Councilman Min then asked if we have to include this wording. Mayor Kim confirms that we have to keep the wording. Scott said no and stated that Councilman Mins question has to do with each individual building development plan was prepared with the consultation of negotiation with the attorney for the developer. So, the plan for 21 grand, which is ordinance 2025-18 was agreed upon in total so the entire plan is fine. There were no issues with it. Councilman Min asked that the other attorney had no objection on changing any of the wording. Scott confirmed that Councilman Min's statement was correct. However, the attorney for Fan Associates which is for 15 Grand Avenue, which is Ordinance 2025-19 requested some of the semantic changes like adding the language "be applicable" before uniform housing. Scott did not think it mattered but that attorney wanted it. Mayor Kim said that they can go for. Scott agreed and continued to say that the change in the number of units, that was a question raised by councilwoman Won-Yoon which Scott pointed out to the planner, and he realized there was a mistake so that is why that was changed. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that there was a typo. Scott said that it was a typo. Mayor Kim also said that it was a typo. Councilman Min asked if it was a typo. Scott answered that it was a typo. Councilman Min stated that he thought it was a copy and paste, sharing the same packet. Scott clarified that the planner was doing both plans at the same time and he didn't change the number of units for one plan. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min if everything was fine. Councilman Min said that he was fine. Mayor Kim then asked if anybody else had any issues. Councilman Vietri said he does. Councilman Vietri stated that basically the council is saying that they do not have a choice and must vote yes on this ordinance. They cannot vote no. Mayor Kim stated that Councilman Vietri voted no last time. Councilman Vietri said that he knows and then that he changed it to yes. Scott said that he would hate to say that Councilman Vietri cannot vote no and put it another way. If for whatever reason the council voted the plan down, the council would probably have to appear before the judge and explain why. Councilman Vietri stated that that is his question. He is being told that he should vote yes. Scott replied that he does think so. Councilman Vietri said it is because Scott just said they must stand in front of a judge. The judge is the one that said it. Last time Vietri said no, he changed it to yes. Scott confirmed that is what Councilman Vietri did. Mayor Kim requested to move forward with the second reading. Sophia Jang said that she believes everything was explained in 2025-18 and 2025-19 so she will continue to the Introduction of Ordinance

Scott interjected and asked if they could go back for a moment because it is the second reading of the ordinances. Both Mayor Kim and Sophia Jang stated that it is currently the work session. Scott stated that he understood but wanted to be safe and to open up any conversation regarding the first or second reading ordinances to the public. Mayor Kim then asked Scott a question. Introduction ordinance or second reading ordinance, during a work session does it open up to the public? Scott stated that for first reading it is a no. Mayor Kim then asked if it is the same case for a second reading. On the second reading, the council has to open up in the regular meeting. However, Scott wanted to open up for the workshop meeting. Scott said that that is correct. Mayor Kim asked Scott which is correct and if the council should just find it in the process of opening it up always. Scott stated it should only be for second readings and especially for instances like these. There is no harm, no foul. Mayor Kim said that it is not a problem, but he does not want to do just one because it is a special thing. Scott claimed that it is not a special thing. Mayor Kim said good and that from now on during the work session, the second reading will be opened up to the public. Then Mayor Kim asked if that is alright with the council with the recommendation from the Borough Attorney. Mayor Kim then stated that if that is okay, he would like a motion to close and open up to the public. Mayor Kim then mentioned that they would have to do it individually. Scott responded no and that for the work session, they can do it all together. Mayor Kim then stated that he does not want to change it. He does not want the possibility of putting everything into one group during the work session as it would be more confusing. Scott stated if Mayor Kim wanted to do

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it individually then he could open it. Mayor Kim agreed and opened Ordinance 2025-16 and asked for a motion. After asking for the motion, Mayor Kim asked if that would mean that they would have to close it again and come back again and do it again. Then he asked if at that moment he is opening it up to talk about all four ordinances. Scott said that the four ordinances will be done all at once and recommended they start at ordinance 16. Mayor Kim asked that normally they would have to do them separately in the regular session. Sophia Jang confirmed that during a regular session, they would be done separately. Councilman Min asked for the work session, if they could open to the public all four of the ordinances. Mayor Kim stated that that is what they are doing at the moment, but they are trying to figure it out. Scott said that they can do it one at a time. Mayor Kim stated that during a regular session they would have to do it one at a time which means they would have to vote on an ordinance, for example, ordinance 16, close and then open to the public, come back, vote, and then do 15 and then vote, and then do 17, and vote. This would be outrageous. Roberta Stern included that since there is no voting, it is okay to just open up. Scott also stated that since it is the work session, there is no voting so they could open it up for 16,17,18,19 in order without having to open and close constantly. Mayor Kim apologized to the council members for the confusion. Then he asked if he could have a motion to close the work session to open to the public to discuss ordinances 2025 – 16 through 19 for the public. Motion started by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Motion seconded by Councilman Shin. All were in favor. Mayor Kim told the public that they have three minutes to talk about ordinance 2025-16 through 19. Mayor Kim asked for a motion to close and open it back up to the work session. Councilwoman Won-Yoon started the motion. The motion was seconded. Mayor Kim asked all in favor

**ORDINANCE 2025-19                      Adopting Redevelopment Plan for 15 Grand Avenue**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANE:**

**ORDINANCE 2025-20                      General Capital Bond Ordinance for Supply and installation Multi- Space Parking Pay Station.**

Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min to explain this ordinance one more time and stated that this was an introduction. Councilman Min explained that this was the bond that. Mayor Kim asked to wait a minute because this was talked about, so they are actually going to strike. He then asked to hold on a second. Sophia Jang replied no to Mayor Kim’s statement. Mayor Kim apologized after stating he was looking at the old one and stated that it was the bond ordinance. Councilman Min asked if he could continue his explanation on the ordinance. Mayor Kim asked him to go ahead and continue. Councilman Min explained that this is the introduction of the bond for the parking meter that the town is looking to install for the brand-new ones. Also, this then requires a lot of different. Roberta Stern said it requires a lot of moving parts. Councilman Min continued to say it requires a lot of parts. Therefore, it requires a lot of money the town has to actually spend and not from the budget but as a bond ordinance. The town is looking to spend about 300,000 dollars to get this parking meter installed on time. Councilman Min asked if he could ask a question before the council moved forward. He asked if they ever got to find out about the money they put aside for the parking meter. 70,000 dollars. Roberta Stern stated Roy did not tell her. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it is 50,000 dollars and that she checked the numbers in the budget. Councilman Min asked, if that was the case, he knows the town would have to put down some money there to pay for the bond. However, if the town already has money set aside, it will have to be subtracted from the total. Roberta Stern stated that she would not minus anything. Roy, the Chief Financial Officer, was sick the previous week and Roberta and Roy missed each other’s phone calls, but he does not like to change a bond. They have reasons for including what they did, both the soft and the hard cost and the money in the budget would leave a separate issue. Mayor Kim asked how to calculate the 50,000-dollar budget made to be used for this instance. Roberta Stern said that going forward, they will see how it is used and if it isn’t... Mayor Kim stated that then it would be appropriated to somewhere else and mentioned that it is a budget. But the governing body would like to use the budget of 50,000 dollars for the parking meter because it was budgeted. Councilman Min asked if there is a reason why the money got put to the side. Roberta Stern responded that Roy did not get back to her to clarify. Mayor Kim told Roberta Stern that they should talk with Roy after. Councilman Min said that the way the bond is written is that it is specific in terms of uses and all that stuff. Mayor Kim stated that there is a budget, and the budget is 50,000 dollars. If the budget isn’t used, it can be appropriated

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somewhere else, but the budget should be used for its purpose, for the parking meter. Councilman Min responded that the budget is already appropriated for that specific purpose. Mayor Kim stated that he got it but that Councilman Min may not understand that if the town does not use the budget, for example the town forgets about it and at the end of the year it is audited and the town realizes that there is this budget that was not used, it can be carried over to the next year. Roberta Stern stated that that is what you do when you transfer to cover for something that was overspent. Mayor Kim included that the town wants to use the budget for that service top that they are worrying about. Mayor Kim then asked Councilman Min if that was okay. Councilman Shin then asked if they pass this ordinance this month, when can the parking machine be installed and when can it start being used. There are constant complaints about the current machines. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min to explain in further detail. Councilman Min stated that right now the timeline of the parking meter system is within 3 weeks we should ably put the machines in the Ems building because we want to save trips for the headquarters and their warehouse. Mayor Kim said that it is for a storage facility. Councilman Min continued that the machines would be brought down to our building, so it is easily transferred. Meanwhile, in those three weeks, the company who actually has a contract with us will come out and do the assessment of where they are going to put all the meters and decide where they are facing so it works. Mayor Kim told Sang Lee through the phone that they were on speaker and apologized. He acknowledged to everyone that Sang Lee is now there. Sang Lee said no. Mayor Kim asked if she is not able to make it. Sang Lee stated that she emailed the mayor and Miss Jack that she could not make it to the meeting. Mayor Kim asked oh really. Councilman Min continued that the machine will be arriving within 3 weeks. That will be hopefully before July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. During that time frame, the company will come out and do the assessment installation. Councilman Min is sure that they are going to need something from the town to get the construction done. It is important that the town actually passes the bond ordinance this month. The reason being the council has to read this ordinance twice. In order to get the passing and the money ready, it will be in late July. So the town should be able to pay the people who actually have the work done to install this system. That is the current time frame. Mayor Kim asked how long it takes through the second reading and approval paying them. He then asked how long it takes for the company to establish fully functional systems. Councilman Min replied that the company is going to start working based on the resolution or ordinance that the town is looking to do. So, they are going to start on the work, and Councilman Min stated that he believes the construction will take around three weeks to a month. If the company have a head start, it will most likely be early august or maybe second week of August. That is the time when it is going to be completed, and the borough can start utilizing the machine. Mayor Kim acknowledged Councilman Min's statements and mentioned that as long as the system works. Councilman Vietri mentioned that he has a question. Mayor Kim told him to go ahead. Councilman Vietri asked how many meters they are talking about getting. Councilman Min replied that they are getting 36 meters. Councilman Vietri then asked if they are double or single. Mayor Kim clarified to Councilman Vietri that they are going to be kiosks. Councilman Vietri continued to say that the machines are being delivered but asked where they are going to be kept. Mayor Kim responded that they are going to be kept in the EMS building for storage. Councilman Min stated that it is because they are trying to save a trip. Otherwise, the town has to schedule another time to get the machines delivered to the town which is possibly going to cause a delay. Therefore, the town asked the machine company to transfer it to the EMS building. Mayor Kim stated that it will take about a month after that to get that fully functional. Councilman Vietri asked how much money the town has to give the company to start the project. Councilman Min responded that it is within the plot. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it is 85 percent of 319 thousand. Mayor Kim added that because no one is there, if the council would be interested in the regular session, they could talk about why they chose this company out of all the candidates. The police department and governors committee have worked really hard, including Roberta, to decide on the best candidate and Mayor Kim believes this is the best candidate. There are a lot of benefits to why the town has chosen the company and it was went through many layers of borough administrators, council members and the mayor himself. Councilman Min stated that one of the candidates turned down the quotes stating that they can't give a quote and did not want to work. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Min. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had a question. She mentioned the 320-thousand-dollar bond and asked if the town has to pay five percent of it. She then asked where the five percent is coming from. She stated that this is around 15 thousand dollars. Roberta Stern stated that this is from the money the town has set aside from the bond anticipation notes. Roberta Stern then stated that whenever there is a deposit, Mayor Kim told Councilwoman Won-Yoon to go ahead and continue. Councilwoman Won-Yoon continued to

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ask if this is coming from a current fund or from council. Roberta Stern stated that maybe part of it will come from the 50 thousand that the town needs. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that is for sure and she can tell this is coming out from the 50 thousand dollars. This means that if the town ends up using all of the 50 thousand dollars, then the town probably has to use the rest of the 35 thousand out of bond. Roberta Stern stated that is why the town usually doesn't touch bond money once it has been authorized. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions and received no more questions. Mayor Kim stated that he is not going over to the public and that they will be moving on to the next ordinance

**ORDINANCE 2025-21      Amending Ordinance Chapter 282, Vehicle and Traffic,  
Article V. Parking Meter, Section 31. Parking Fees**

Mayor Kim stated that they will be changing or amending the ordinance. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that they need to make sure they can charge processing fee to the guests. Mayor Kim stated that is what it is. Scott asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon can see the language underlined. Mayor Kim said yes.

Scott asked if the language is acceptable to Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it is fine but is wondering if IPS will actually send a message to the people using the meters saying that this is the processing fee. Scott responded that he does not know how it works but they can check with IPS. Scott could imagine that at the actual kiosk, when the person is paying, they are going to see the total and it should include processing fees so the users will know what they are paying. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that she would like to know because she hardly sees any kind of such. Scott stated that they will make sure it is something that is done. Councilman Shin mentioned that in Fort Lee it is 25 cents for 15 minutes, then when it is calculated and paid, there is some service fee of some cents. So, you are not only paying 25 cents, but you are also paying 26 or 27 cents including the service fee. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she understands regarding the service fee when using a credit card. However, she was trying to say that when she uses the pay station for different towns, she never saw that there was a processing fee. That is why she is wondering. Roberta injected that it is not in the kiosk. Roberta Stern asked if it says the on kiosk there is a processing fee or only when you get the bill and you see it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that is why she is curious.

Councilwoman Min asked if he could respond. Mayor Kim told Councilman Min to go ahead. Councilman Min stated that the town has four different functions of the payment. One would be coins, and they would still have that. The second would be credit cards. And the third would be apple pay. The fourth would be Samsung pay or something of sorts. Now in terms of service charge, the credit card transaction will have separate contract terms. Apple pay will have a separate term too. In that case, you are going to have different fees occur. The IPS machine does not associate with any of those fees. It is the merchant that gives the right fee. Now with that said, if you are using the app to pay with apple pay, it is going to have the plus saying that the fee will be on your end, not the town. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked Councilman Min if he is sure. Councilman Min stated that he is sure. Councilwoman Won-Yoon continued to mention that in different towns, nobody gives her any idea on what the processing fee is. Mayor Kim stated that what he is going to do is that he would like the Borough Administrator Roberta Stern to call the company and that surely, she can get the information from the council members and ask what their fees are. Roberta Stern stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon wants to know if the kiosk is going to tell people there is a fee for using the kiosk. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that is right. Mayor Kim asked for confirmation that Councilwoman Won-Yoon did not care about the rate but just wants to know about the disclosure. An example being that they are going to take it out from the user's credit card. Roberta Stern clarified that it is not we the town. Mayor Kim corrected himself saying that it is whoever the four merchants are. Roberta Stern stated that it is right and that she will find out but is not sure what the software will do. But certainly, the town will let people know in its own way, whether it is on the website, whether it is wherever it is, once this is passed, please be advised, the town has new parking meters. As many times we can let people know, that is all our responsibility, to let people know. And we will...

Mayor Kim said that even though the town is making no money, they have to let the people know. Mayor Kim stated that they should figure that out. Councilman Min stated that he just checked the Fort Lee application, and it tells him that an additional fee will be applied and gives the information. Mayor Kim said that it is within the software. Councilman Min confirmed that it is within the software. Mayor Kim said that still, Councilwoman Won-Yoon wants the answer and Roberta Stern will get the answer for her. Mayor Kim then thanked Councilman Min. Mayor

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Kim then asked if everybody else was okay with the ordinance. He continued to ask if he can move forward. Mayor Kim stated to go to the next ordinance.

**ORDINANCE 2025-22                      Amending Chapter 84 of the Code of the Borough of Palisades Park Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” to Modify the Permissible Hours for Sales, Delivery, and Service of Alcoholic Beverages within the Borough.**

Mayor Kim stated that this was something that he worked with Council Sang Lee, Charlie Shin, John Min and that he may have spoken with Christine but maybe not. Two separate things have happened. First is off premise. Off premise and on premise are combined in this ordinance. Off premise is that because last year there were too many daytime drunks and a lot of issues at hand, we vote to change the ordinance off premise from 7 to 10am and closing so that is 10am to 10pm. The owners complained that they are going to lose business, but the town held its ground and said no there are bigger issues at hand, which is public safety, and they are going to do this. If it improves a little bit, the town will let the owners know. Mayor Kim spoke with the five police officers, heads and directors of the police department. They all concur with the fact that moving from 7 to 10am really reduced the public intoxication. But they do not agree and since it is working right now and is still in the process of making it better, they feel like 30% has improved. They need more time to have less drunks in the daytime. They all disagreed that it is not a good idea. Things are working to change it back to earlier. Therefore, Mayor Kim asked if they could do something else for the off-premises restaurant and store owners so that they are considering it. Because of it, Mayor Kim asked what if we could extend the closing time from 10pm to 11pm. Every single manager and police department said that it is perfectly fine. Majority of drunk incidents happen during the daytime, right before lunch because they line up before 7am to start drinking. That is why they get drunk. They are absolutely fine with extending it and showing them some courtesy to extend it to 11pm when they close. That is the off-premises ordinance that Mayor Kim wanted to change. Roberta started to talk but Mayor Kim stated that he is not finished yet. Mayor Kim continued with the second point being on premise. It was his understanding and probably some other council members too, but it wasn't in the direction they changed. The ordinance of on premise they changed was the times. They changed the times from 3am to 2am. Mayor Kim then asked if the council members remembered that. It used to be 3am. Mayor Kim stated that you are supposed to close at 3am and stop serving at 3am. Every single restaurant that sells liquor, some of them stay until 3am and the town allows that to happen. What happened was, when the time was changed from 3am to 2am, if you read carefully, there was an ordinance that we haven't changed. It said served or delivered or consumed. Now there is a little problem with that and so does the off-premises restaurants and Mayor Kim agrees with them and is sure the council members agree as well. The conflict is this, at 2am based off the ordinance made last year, it didn't change consumed. The ABC officers would go check up on the restaurants that serve alcohol and if it is at 2am and there is any alcohol on the table, they start giving out tickets. On the ordinance it specifically said "consumed". Mayor Kim stated that everyone is complaining because it doesn't make sense. They are supposed to close at three, but they can't have any alcohol on the table at 2. Mayor Kim asked to prove him if he was wrong, but the town's intention was this, at 2am you cannot sell anymore. From 2 to 3am make sure the alcohol is all consumed or taken care of. People are sober from 2 to 3am and then you can go. That makes sense for everybody. That is the request that Mayor Kim made on this ordinance. Mayor Kim then urged Councilwoman Won-Yoon to speak. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that in terms of the off-premise changes from 10pm to 11pm, she thinks that it is a great idea. Mayor Kim repeated his point that he is trying to give the owners a break because they are hurt. Mayor Kim then asked regarding the on-premise changes and if they are okay. If the ordinance is kept at 2am, they have to clear the table and do no business for 1 hour which just does not make sense. Mayor Kim believed they made a mistake not clearly read the ordinance. That is why council Scott said to take out, plain and simple, "consumed". Because you can't consume after 2am anymore when they close at 3am. That just does not make any sense. Mayor Kim then asked if anyone has any questions about this. Councilman Shin said generally serving time and eating time there is a time lag always. Even some eateries too. Mayor Kim said that is right. Councilman Shin continued. The out by 2 o'clock and the 2am the one more hour for consuming is good. Roberta Stern said that the last call is at 2am and that is it. Mayor Kim repeated that basically the last call is at 2am. You cannot sell alcohol after 2am. Mayor Kim stated that he agrees with Councilman Shin because when

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people do restaurants, even though they close at three o'clock, last call is around 2:30. Therefore Mayor Kim said that he understood that. Councilman Min said that like they discussed during the agenda meeting, Mayor Kim has a 30-year drinking experience in Palisades Park and Councilman Min has 15. He continued to say that that is how it always has been in Palisades Park. It is not always just about the merchants who have the license, but it has to be fair to the people too. Mayor Kim stated that everyone is in agreeance and moved forward to the meeting. Sophia Jang asked Councilman Shin if he had something to say. Councilman Shin asked if they are passing two. Mayor Kim said he is right. Councilman Shin said that it is the 10pm to 11pm change. Mayor Kim stated that they are removing "consume" and that one word would correct everything. You cannot sell or serve but you can consume after 2am to 3am. Scott stated that to answer Councilman Shin's question, both the off-premise's change to 11pm that is being changed, and the on-premise change to remove consumption is being changed as well. Councilman Shin stated that as the council knows, there was an appeal from the business owners the previous year for the business hours. So, we tried to help them, so we are extending the hours from 10 to 11. Also, there was some appeal or want to extend the sales even in the morning. Councilman Shin stated that he interviewed and checked neighboring towns, but they are still selling starting 10 o'clock. Mayor Kim stated that some towns have 7 o'clock. Ridgefield has 7 o'clock, fort lee has 10 o'clock, and it is all different. Councilman Shin acknowledged that it is all different but after checking with fort lee there are many wants but the town can't satisfy every single want. However, Councilman Shin stated that starting sales at 10 makes more sense for us. Mayor Kim said that the starting time won't be changed because the police thought that was effective. It is currently working but then we will give them an extra hour to 11pm. Councilman Shin said that when he was a board of education member, even some drunk guys in the morning in front of the ECC were sleeping and were lying down there. Mayor Kim stated that they were sleeping on the statue. The bell on ECC. Councilman Shin said again that a 10am start would make more sense. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin. Mayor Kim stated that if no one else had anything to say, then they will move on to off consent.

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION 2025-188 Authorization Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Mayor Scholarship Trust Fund**

Mayor Kim thanked Clerk Sophia Jang. Mayor Kim then requested the council members to make a vote, knowing that it is abnormal. This was because the Monday of the regular session, Mayor Kim planned to provide scholarships of 1000 dollars each to nine students, and the resolution has to be passed to get that going. Mayor Kim stated that it is perfect timing and admitted that he was a little bit late and apologized. He then said that this will not happen the following year. For some of the scholarships, Mayor Kim did not even know they would need permission for his own money. The previous year, they did not do this. Because there was a new administration and new attorney, just to make sure they are doing it properly, Mayor Kim is asking to get this resolution passed today. It is a dedication from Mayor Kim to donate 9000 dollars from his wedding and to give it to the students through the borough so he could at least get a tax deductible. He joked with the council to not letting him pay his taxes. Mayor Kim then stated that if they can bring a motion. Mayor Kim thanked the two and started the roll call.

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

Mayor Kim thanked the council and said that he appreciated it. Scott told Mayor Kim that Councilman Shin had another resolution to propose as a walk on for the off consent. Councilman Shin stated that it was the recycling scholarship. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin and recognized that the recycling scholarship was the second thing. Mayor Kim said that he does not know what resolution number it is but what happened was, last year the Borough Administrator would make a phone call and the town would get grant money for complying with recyclable, 3000 dollars, and through the kindness of their hearts, the town decided to give it to the

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scholarship program the town provides the high school at the end of the year. This happened around a month prior at the high school auditorium. Unfortunately, due to the lack of communication and something else happening, it fell through the cracks. The town has the money, but they need the resolution to be voted on today for the same situation, to be awarded next Monday. What they do is usually, the PPPA or the Board of Education will ask the town to give the scholarships they have to give to out. We do not choose who it is, we give them 6000 dollars. Roberta Stern corrected Mayor Kim stating that it was 3000 dollars. Mayor Kim apologized and corrected himself. He continued to say that the Board of Education will designate 500 dollars per student for 6 students equaling 3000 dollars. The Board of Education will choose it. All the town has to do is provide a check that we earn grants. Directly 3000 dollars in one check to the Board of Education. Roberta Stern corrected Mayor Kim that it is recycling trust. Mayor Kim acknowledged that it is the recycling trust. Mayor Kim then added that if the council does not mind, he would like for it to be voted on. Mayor Kim asked to start a motion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked where the resolution is. Mayor Kim told her that it is not in the packet. Scott stated that he will prepare the resolution after the meeting and that a motion can be introduced at a meeting by a council member and it can be discussed and voted on. Mayor Kim stated that it is very easy. Scott then stated that if it is approved, then he will prepare a resolution for everyone to review. Councilwoman Won-Yoon started to ask Scott what he was saying. Mayor Kim stated that the year prior, they did not even do this. The year prior they just gave the scholarship away. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she understands. Mayor Kim said that they have to do it properly. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that she has no objection in terms of contents. However, for procedure wise, the council is being asked to vote without a resolution which is what concerns her. Mayor Kim stated that it is a verbal resolution and whatever happens, Scott will write it down. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked Scott if he can write it down. Scott told her that it will be written down after the meeting. Mayor Kim stated that he doesn't have to do that. Scott continued that it will be circulated to the council. Anybody that has an objection to the form of the resolution can raise an objection and then it will be certified. Scott stated that he will give however many days the council members need to review it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon then asked when they will vote and when they will get the resolution. Roberta Stern said that they will vote tonight. Scott answered that they will vote right now. A council member needs to bring a motion with the specific details of the resolution to be approved and then it gets voted on. If it is approved, Scott will draw up the resolution and circulate it for everybody to see. Mayor Kim responded that it is very simple and that this procedure does happen once in a blue moon. In an impromptu request from Councilman Shin and Mayor Kim, they should have done this a long time ago. A resolution should always be made. However, the new attorney said speak prudent and let us create a resolution. They planned to give this next week but how do we get this done. They have to ask the council members for an early vote in the work session. Mayor Kim stated that this was supposed to happen next week anyways but in order to give the scholarships next week, which is their last day, they are all going to come and say thank you. Mayor Kim was about to just do it. They were going to just give it up. But then the borough administrator and council said it would be better to just create a resolution and to pass that. Scott mentioned that the council members know this is legal. Mayor Kim interjected to say that they do not have to look at them but at himself and Scott and that it is perfectly fine. Scott that it is pursuant to Roberts Rules of Procedures. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she does not feel comfortable. Scott told her that she does not have to vote and that is her obligation. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that the intention is appreciated but in terms of procedure. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon what procedure she does not understand. Mayor Kim continued to ask if she knows that they are voting for the work session. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that she wants to see the resolution and that is it. Scott said that she does not have to vote and can abstain. That is her prerogative. Roberta Stern mentioned that they still need a motion to get the vote started. Scott asked Councilman Shin if Shin can make the resolution. Councilman Shin confirmed that he can do so. Scott then asked if Councilman Shin can specifically detail what it is. Councilman Shin said that there is a 3000-dollar scholarship from the recycling fund. Scott continued on to say that this motion is to authorize the payment of 3000 dollars from the recycling trust fund to be paid to the board of education for scholarships designated by the board of education. Mayor Kim said that this was automatic by the way. Mayor Kim told Roberta Stern that this was her first year here, so she got a free pass. Every single year, the borough administrator would handle it. The borough administrator would call the DPW and ask Roy if they have the funds in the recyclable fund, Roy will respond that they do, then the borough administrator would ask for a check because they want it. And it would simply pass like that.

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They did not even go through a resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon then asked why. Mayor Kim interjected to say that it is because they want to do it properly because no matter what, it is in a fund and in order to take it out they would have to get a resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that they then have to have a resolution to vote. Mayor Kim responded that Roberta Stern just told Councilwoman Won-Yoon that Won-Yoon does not have to say, "we have to". It is her choice. Councilwoman Won-Yoon then said that they don't want to create an example saying that they can vote without a resolution. Scott stated that there is no example, but it is law. The law is that the council has the right, any council member has the right, to bring a motion to the floor as long as that council member has the floor at the time. The remainder of the council can vote to either consider the motion or not consider the motion. If the motion is agreed to be considered, then the motion can be approved or defeated depending on the vote of the council. That is procedure and all legal. Scott stated that councilwoman Won-Yoon can vote however she wants. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Kim what he has to say. Councilman Kim stated that he agrees with the mayor, but it is legal and has been done like this many times, they do not like it. But if it is necessary and it is up to the individual voters. Councilman Vietri asked when this has happened before and that he has never seen it for as long as he was a councilman. Mayor Kim stated that this never was done. The borough administrator would ask the chief financial officer Roy for a check, call and verify with the DPW that they have the funds in the recyclable fund grant. If they had the funds, then then they would bring that over and give a check to the CFO to give to the borough administrator. That is why the mayor questioned why they had to make a resolution. It is a proper way to do it.

Roberta Stern stated that the timing just happened to be off. There was confusion with the board of education. There are things going on over there and not just here. In any event this is where we're at. Mayor Kim said that he got an email in May and never got a response after that. Councilman Kim stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon has a point about not wanting to make an example out of this. Roberta Stern argued that this was not an example but a proper use. Councilman Kim stated that it is her concern. Mayor Kim agreed that it is her concern. Councilman Kim said that Councilwoman Won-Yoon can say no. Roberta Stern agreed that Councilwoman Won-Yoon can say no. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Kim. Then Mayor Kim asked for a second to the motion made by Councilman Shin. Councilman Kim seconded the vote. Mayor Kim thanked the council and proceeded with the voting process. He then stated that the kids would love this gift of getting 500 dollars each

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Absent
Councilman Min	Abstain
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	No because he would like to see the resolution on paper
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	No because she would like to see the resolution

Sophia Jang stated that the resolution has been defeated. Mayor Kim stated that they should tell the students that it got defeated. Sophia Jang claimed that the resolution was defeated two to two. Mayor Kim said that it is so insane. He then asked if that is correct and started to count who voted yes. Sophia Jang stated that there were two yes votes, two no votes, one abstain, and one absent. Mayor Kim said that he would vote then. Scott replied no but then asked if it was a tie. Mayor Kim asked to wait a minute. Sophia Jang stated that there were two yes, two no, one abstains and one absent. Mayor Kim stated that it is his vote. Scott said that it is right, and the mayor gets to do a tie breaker. Councilman Vietri stated that one is an abstain and that he has a question. If Mayor Kim knew about this. Mayor Kim stated that he did not know about this. Councilman Vietri continued to say that the mayor knew about it before the meeting. Mayor Kim clarified that he knew about it way before. He knew about it when he went to the annual event at the Highschool auditorium. They have a whole list of grants that they give out such as the donna Hugh grant. Scholarships. Usually there is a community recycling grant, but it wasn't listed on the flyer. So, Mayor Kim asked the guy leading it, he believes it was the principal, where it is, and Melissa Donovan told the mayor that they called and emailed the mayor and did not get a response, so they took it out. Mayor Kim asked when we ever said no to you. We always give it to you. Councilman Vietri said that he understands what the mayor is saying, but before they came into the work session, wouldn't the mayor have made Sophia, or the council make a resolution and just put it in. Mayor Kim stated that they never did and that the former borough administrator never did that. Councilman Vietri stated that the mayor wants the council to vote without looking at a resolution. Mayor Kim said that the resolution is verbally. Councilman

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Vietri continued to say that they are not saying no against the kids. Mayor Kim stated that they just did. Councilman Vietri stated that they are saying no against the resolution to the fact that he is not seeing it. Mayor Kim said that they just made the resolution, and they said no on a resolution that they were about to make. Councilman Vietri said absolutely because he did not see the resolution in front of him. Sophia Jang stated that Scott will clarify. Scott said that the motion that was brought was a motion to allocate 3000 dollars from the recycling trust fund to be paid to the Board of Education to be paid for scholarships. Mayor Kim said that the council said no to that. Councilman Vietri confirmed that he did. Scott told them to hold on for a second. Mayor Kim told him to go ahead. Scott continued to say that he will reduce it to a written resolution which will be circulated to everyone on the council for approval before it is certified. So if there is something in the resolution either it wasn't part of what he just mentioned. Mayor Kim mentioned that it is recorded. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they can actually have a resolution vote at the regular meeting before they give out the scholarship. Mayor Kim stated that he has to give his money. That is why he wanted it done today. Scott mentioned that the money cannot be given without the resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that they can give the pledge. Mayor Kim said please and repeated the fact that Councilwoman Won-Yoon said no. Mayor Kim then said thank you very much and that he will say yes and to move on. Scott said that the mayor is the tie breaker. Sophia Jang asked for a moment for her to figure it out. Sophia said that there are two yes with councilmen Kim and Shin. Mayor Kim included that it is about fixing the problem. Sophia Jang continued to say that there are two no's with Vietri and Won-Yoon and one abstain. Mayor Kim interjected, saying that is why he counted it that way. Two to two. Sophia Jang continued that according to the borough attorney, abstain is not considered as a vote. That is a tie vote, two and two. So, it is the mayor's call. Mayor Kim stated that is what he thought too. If he didn't count that, the council could have just passed that. Mayor Kim stated that he wanted the clerk to make sure that it was two to two and said yes. Sophia Jang stated that the off-consent agenda was carried out. Mayor Kim thanked those who said yes. Councilwoman Won-Yoon also requested the clerk to make sure that when the minutes are written, to please make sure that those who said no are not against the content of the resolution. Mayor Kim exclaimed that they were against the content resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated no and that they said it very clear. Councilman Vietri said that it was because there was no resolution in front of them in writing. Scott then stated then they would have abstained. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Vietri to please listen to Scott. Councilman Vietri stated that he knew what Scott was saying but reaffirmed that he will not do something without a paper in front of him, a resolution. Scott stated that a proper vote would have been an abstention, but Councilman Vietri voted no, which means he voted against the allocation. Councilman Vietri said that he knows what he voted and that he voted no. Mayor Kim stated that Councilman Vietri said no. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that for the meeting minutes, she said very clearly, that she did not want to make this as an example. Scott said that instead of voting to abstain she voted against. Mayor Kim repeated that she said no but should have said abstained. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that without seeing the resolution, how can she know. Mayor Kim stated that the resolution was there. It is a verbal resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon then said that the mayor did not show it to her. Mayor Kim stated that the council is all there. It is not like they are hiding it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she already said what she wanted to say. Mayor Kim stated that they should move forward.

**DISCUSSION (ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA)**

- RESOLUTION 2025-189 Claims
- RESOLUTION 2025-190 Hiring Swimming Pool Employee
- RESOLUTION 2025-191 Authorization of Raffle License (Re: Palisades Park/ Fort Lee Elks #2475, #RL- 677)
- RESOLUTION 2025-192 Authorization of Raffle License (Re: St. Nicholas Church, #RL-678)
- RESOLUTION 2025-193 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Projects
- RESOLUTION 2025-194 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Edsall Blvd Improvements Projects
- RESOLUTION 2025-195 Authorization of Award Contract for Special Planning Board Attorney
- RESOLUTION 2025-196 Authorization of Liquor License Renewals Year of 2025 through 2026.
- RESOLUTION 2025-197 Authorization of Refund for Duplicate Tax Payment in the Amount of \$7,840.06

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- (Re:520 6<sup>TH</sup> Street)
- RESOLUTION 2025-198 Acceptance of Resignation (Re: M. Fernandez)  
RESOLUTION 2025-199 Acceptance of Resignation (Re: J. Oviedo)  
RESOLUTION 2025-200 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Street & Highland Avenue  
RESOLUTION 2025-201 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for Broad Avenue  
RESOLUTION 2025-202 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for Lincoln Street  
RESOLUTION 2025-203 Authorization of Advertisement for Full- Time DPW Laborers  
RESOLUTION 2025-204 Award Contract for Employee Timekeeping Software and Hardware (Re: Timetrak Systems, Inc)  
RESOLUTION 2025-205 Awarding Contract for Crack Repairs to the Main Municipal Pool (Re: Grand New Jersey Construction Co)  
RESOLUTION 2025-206 Awarding Contract for Crack Repairs to the Intermediate Municipal Pool (Re: Grand NJ Contraction LLC)  
RESOLUTION 2025-207 Awarding Contract for Landscaping Services to the Municipal Pool (Re: AI D Landscaping and Tree Service)  
RESOLUTION 2025-208 Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing Road Repairs in the Vicinity of Brinkerhoff Avenue and 5th Street  
RESOLUTION 2025-209 Appointment of Rent Control Home- Owner Class (Re: J. Kang)  
RESOLUTION 2025-210 Appointment of Rent Control Home- Owner Class (Re: A. Kim)  
RESOLUTION 2025-211 Authorization of Municipality Apply to DCA for the NJ Program Affordable Housing  
RESOLUTION 2025-212 Amending Resolution 2025-31, Appointing Administrative Agent for Affordable Housing  
RESOLUTION 2025-213 Appointing DPW Deputy Superintendent (Re: C. Chung)  
RESOLUTION 2025-214 Authorization to Auction Surplus Equipment (Re: Police Department)  
RESOLUTION 2025-215 Authorizing Extension of Contract with Top Floor Elevated Solution LLC for Elevator Inspection Services LLC  
RESOLUTION 2025-216 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for Central Blvd  
RESOLUTION 2025-217 Amending Resolution 2025-30 for the Contract Between the Borough of Palisades Park and Pennoni

Scott stated that the council should note that Resolution 2025-190 is being strike. Mayor Kim interjected and apologized. Sophia Jang asked if they wanted to change all the numbers. Mayor Kim stated that he will strike out Resolution 2025-190. It has not been prepared yet. The attorney will prepare that as soon as possible. Scott added that he will do it if needed. Scott stated that he will consult with the Chief Financial Officer. Mayor Kim repeated that Scott will consult with the Chief Financial Officer. But if the resolution has to be amended, the council will see the amendment as soon as possible. Not Friday, not Thursday, but Wednesday. Scott confirmed Mayor Kim's statement. Mayor Kim asked if there is anything else to add. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she has a question about several resolutions. Mayor Kim told her to go ahead.

**RESOLUTION 2025-189 Claims**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that Claims Resolution 189 on page 3. She stated that they already paid for swimming pool folks. Lifeguards, Mayor Kim interjected to ask which claims Councilwoman Won-Yoon is in. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she is on page 3. Councilman Shin asked what the resolution number is. Sophia Jang said it was 189 in claims on page 3. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked when the swimming pool will open. Mayor Kim asked again what page Councilwoman Won-Yoon is referring to. Sophia Jang said page 3. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that it was on page 3 in the middle. She stated that it seems that they are already paying swimming pool employees. Mayor Kim asked where and which number. He then clarified he is asking for the price. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it is \$526.50 and \$704.00. Mayor Kim stated that right now it is a work session and if there are any questions during the work session before Friday, Sophia can finally print the final version out. Mayor Kim then repeated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon has a question on \$526.50. Councilwoman Won-Yoon included the \$704.00 as well. Mayor Kim acknowledged the \$704.00 as well. Mayor Kim then asked what the question is.

Roberta Stern stated that this came up the last time. Mayor Kim confirmed that it came up last time. Roberta said that they were talking about checkers and that it was just what they used. Not the checkers, these are other employees that come in but somehow the verbiage is checkers.

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Roberta then stated that they are looking into changing it. These are all people that do maintenance, clean up, or anything else for the last four or five weeks since they have been working on the pool. Mayor Kim restates that they had this discussion last time. Mayor Kim then said that he is glad that this was brought up during the work session and that he appreciates that it was not during the regular session. Mayor Kim continued that what they can do is this: Mayor Kim asked that the checkers question that Roberta just answered, and does Councilwoman Won-Yoon want to see who they were paid to. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she does. Mayor Kim and Roberta Stern said okay. Councilwoman Won-Yoon continued to say that the people are not employees. Roberta Stern clarified that they are employees, but checkers are the people that when people go to the pool they either go to one side and check in when they want to borrow equipment or do something. Mayor Kim added that it could be in the front. Roberta Stern stated that it is just the name used in payroll but the people who are doing that now are not taking people in. Some of them are the same people but they are doing other jobs. They might be cleaning, they might be helping the lifeguards, the lifeguards are cleaning the pool or working around the property. Mayor Kim stated that the lifeguards are cleaning the pool and that is why it is \$526.50. Roberta Stern said that there are four guys that have been working. Roberta continues on saying that she will find out exactly who they are. But the checkers are trying to remove that name from the system. It hasn't been removed because it is not the most important thing they are working on. But as a reminder, they just moved from UNIDEX to Edmonds. Mayor Kim listed that they check equipment, check tickets, check memberships. Roberta Stern is reassured that she will find out who they are. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said okay. She then asked that on page 6, FEDEX, they have to submit the payment. This was one of the concerns. Mayor Kim asked where the list that was created the previous month was. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that they always end up paying late fees. Roberta Stern said that they are not paying any late fees. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that the late fees are included. Roberta said that it had to be changed

Mayor Kim said that it was in the list from the previous month. Councilwoman Won-Yoon acknowledges Mayor Kim's statement but stated that she does not see the payment. Mayor Kim asks if she is talking about page 6. Roberta Stern confirmed that it was page 6 regarding FEDEX. She then read that it was \$219.99. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that if they checked the paid date, there is no date. This then means the check has not been mailed out. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon if she is talking about the check void date. Councilwoman Won-Yoon confirmed that is what she is talking about. If that check has been cut, the date would be there. Roberta Stern stated that she would find out.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that her last point would be on the last page. Mayor Kim asked if the check void date is. Councilman Min stated that on the first column, there is going to be a date where it said FedEx received. He then said that on the third column, when a check has been issued, whether it was mailed out or issued and is sitting in the office, there has to be a date on the right. Mayor Kim said that he understood but is also trying to figure out if check void date means when the town sent out the check. The tax collector told the mayor that if there was an amount cut in the system and it was done improperly, they may see a replicated or a void and may see a redone. Or if they put a check amount in and it did include a penalty amount that is not supposed to be there, they would void it and redo it. It is not finalized. Mayor Kim stated that it does not necessarily mean the finance department did not send the check yet. Councilwoman Won-Yoon confirmed Mayor Kim's statement. Mayor Kim asks that one more time stated that a void could be they entered a check. Those at FedEx may have realized they were making a purchase order with a penalty and realized they were not supposed to do that. Then it may be voided out. Mayor Kim said that is what it was. It does not mean that is when they sent it. Mayor Kim then asked if the finance department could ask during the regular session when the Chief Financial Officer, or Mary, or whoever is here. It is in the interest of the government body to put a little column that states when it was sent. The Tax collector said that after it is cut, the date is still there. Mayor Kim asked to clarify that check void date is a location where there could be void checks. The tax collector stated that it could be void or it could be a correction. Mayor Kim continued to ask if there is another date over there that is not void, that is the date they sent the check. The tax collector said that when the checks are done, the system fills in the dates. Mayor Kim then stated that it is a little bit confusing. Mayor Kim asked if it is possible that the finance department could put another column that says check void date and check sent date. The tax collector said they may be able to run it differently. Mayor Kim thanked the tax collector. Then Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon if that satisfied her. Roberta Stern stated that she would find out anyhow. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that the last point is on page 13 for wright express. It is

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June 2025 for 12701.74. Next is May 2025 for 12701.74. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it is the exact same number. Mayor Kim asked what page it is on.

Scott stated that it is the last page. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she believes these numbers are a mistake. Those are probably the same and Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that she even checked the invoice. Roberta Stern said that one is May, and one is June. Mayor Kim said that Wright express is for gasoline. He read off the paper that it says on June 1<sup>st</sup>, there was a payment of \$12,701.74. Then he read that it says May 1<sup>st</sup>, gas and fuel. Mayor Kim asked why they are designated separately and what is gas and what is fuel. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that they are the same thing. Mayor Kim claimed that it is not and that it complicates everything. Mayor Kim then asked why there are two different definitions of the same thing. Roberta Stern stated that it is possible that one of them is diesel. Mayor Kim said that they have to find that out. Mayor Kim stated that they should first of all identify what gas and fuel is. Then what Councilwoman Won-Yoon is saying, is that this may be a mistake because how could it be the exact same amount. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she checked the invoice and that it is the May invoice. That May invoice has a late fee included which is \$1880.00. However, the town has no choice but to pay that late fee. But for June, Councilwoman Won-Yoon hopes that they can just submit the check. Mayor Kim asked for clarification stating that there was a late fee for the fuel. \$1800 of late fees. He then asked if fuel and gas were part of the list they approved of last month. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it was not. Councilman Min stated that it was. Councilwoman Won-Yoon clarified they approved Wright Express. Mayor Kim confirmed that they approved Express. Then Mayor Kim asked why there is a late fee. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it is because it is for May. Mayor Kim understood that it was for the late April fee. Councilman Min stated that they would have to wait until the next month to see if there is a late fee. As long as the town pays on time for their invoice, the next bill should be kicked in as a regular usage of the charge, not with the late fee.

Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to verify what gas and fuel represent and also find out if the prices are duplicate. Roberta Stern agreed to Mayor Kim's request. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to send an email once she got her answer. Mayor Kim then asked Councilman Shin to go ahead with claims

Councilman Shin stated that every work session and regular meeting, he checks a critical finding to do. In conclusion, the council spends thirty minutes, and even the month prior they spent one hour doing that. In Board of Education, they have prior finance meetings. Councilman Shin then stated that he does not know if this is the correct procedure or not but to save time, here is ten to twenty ordinances. They don't know what they are exactly, but they vote and spend time like that. Therefore, to save time, why don't they have a finance meeting in advance. They can do critical findings to save time. If there is any wrong use of money or mistakes, it can be done here. Councilman Shin stated that he can do that to, but he would like to save his time. He does not know what the check is, but he wants to save his time. He then suggested that they have some prior meeting to work out the miscellaneous findings rather than doing this for every ordinance all the time. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that they will try. Mayor Kim stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon is the community chair for finance. Mayor Kim clarified that Councilwoman Won-Yoon does not have to come to the council for her own questions. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it is not easy because the invoices are coming every day. Mayor Kim stated that they just got it before the work session and that she has one week and that she has by Friday to go talk to them. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that for the regular session, this will be updated. More invoices will be coming in and they have payroll... Mayor Kim interjected to say no updates during the regular session. On the work session, he specifically said for the claims that there is a list that they made that is allowed without the council's authority to go bypass so there are no late fees. He continued to say that as of that moment, whatever is there right now stays there and anything that comes after, he will reject unless it is extraordinary circumstances. That is what he said. If people don't follow through during the finance, the borough administrator will have to talk to them, and they need to listen to her. Councilman Min asked if the bills that come in starting today. Mayor Kim stated that those are the bills they had on the list. Councilman Min clarified that he means those that are not included right away in the payment. Mayor Kim then said those should not be in the right-away payment then. Roberta Stern included that it is possible they will get more invoices that week and that they can be added to the claims list for the regular meeting. Councilman Min stated that was Councilwoman Won-Yoon's point. Even if there is a meeting, if those bills are coming in. Mayor Kim stated that he understands that but what Charlie Shin is saying is that instead of bringing it to the council, because Councilwoman Won-Yoon is the finance chair, there are somethings that are coming out late. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she got the point, but she has to discuss with Roberta and

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finance folks on what is the best way to do it. Mayor Kim requested that they talk to finance this week and stated that they are not going to allow any additional claims because it confuses and hurts everybody there. It is very difficult to make new sets on the last day. If comes tomorrow, then tough luck. Councilman Min asked that if it is fair to say that the current fund stated for the current meeting is not going to get changed unless it is right away payment. Mayor Kim confirmed Councilman Min's statement. Councilman Won-Yoon stated that one more payroll does have to be added. Councilman Min stated that he is talking about the right-away payment. There are nine different sections they approved of last month to pay right away so they do not hold up any bills. This was to make sure there aren't any late fees or problems. Anything besides those nine criteria, the council is not expecting any of them at the regular session. Mayor Kim included that it is because they were given the opportunity to say what they needed to get approved because it has to be approved before the regular session. Mayor Kim stated that it better be on the list or that it is her fault. They were given the opportunity. Mayor Kim then asked for clarification on another payment they have to make and to make sure to include it inside the packet and there is no reason to wait till the regular session to include it. Mayor Kim then asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon agreed. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions about the claims. He then asked to move forward. Mayor Kim then asked if there were any more questions about the consent agenda.

**RESOLUTION 2025-205      Awarding Contract for Crack Repairs to the Main Municipal Pool  
(Re: Grand New Jersey Construction Co)**

Councilman Min stated that he has one question regarding resolution 205. He asked if the crack they are fixing is in or outside the pool. Roberta Stern clarified that it is concrete around the pool. Councilman Min stated that he just wanted to make sure. Mayor Kim stated that one of the old guys that used to take care of it never followed through. Now they are going to get it done. The cracks have to get remedied before they get worse.

**RESOLUTION 2025-206      Awarding Contract for Crack Repairs to the Intermediate Municipal Pool  
(Re: Grand NJ Contraction LLC)**

Councilman Vietri stated that he had a question similar but for resolution 206. Roberta Stern stated that it is for the intermediate pool. The intermediate pool came after because there were larger areas that were not cracked but pieces of the pathway that had lifted and were missing. Those had to be replaced. It was something that the insurance carrier would be upset about if they didn't fix it. Councilman Min asked if the resolution 205 and 206 could be put together. Scott stated that there are two separate issues. Councilman Min asked why. Scott said that there are two different repair jobs and that one is to one pool, and one is to the other. Councilman Min stated that 205 is quoted back to May and 206 is quoted only to about a week ago but the same company is doing it. They haven't started the work yet. Originally back in May they quoted for 205 but now the council is going back to the same company, and they are actually doing the same intermediate pool. Councilman Min if they could be requested to get a quote for the entire thing instead. Roberta Stern stated that it is not how it worked. She originally was going to do everything in the pool but as things progressed, she only wanted the main pool done. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked to raise a question about resolution 201. She asked if this resolution should go after 217 because the amount is exceeding the cap limit. Roberta Stern stated that is what she originally had put in there, but it is possible it got out of order. During the agenda meeting that is how it was set. Scott stated that increasing the cap should have been first but included that they all get approved at the same time, so it does not matter as much. Mayor Kim asked if everything is okay with resolution 201. Then he asked if there were any other questions. Mayor Kim stated that he knows that they just got it today and that is why he asked them to read it through Thursday and ask questions until Thursday so that by Friday, Sophia Jang can finalize by then.

**RESOLUTION 2025-204      Award Contract for Employee Timekeeping Software and Hardware  
(Re: Timetrak Systems, Inc)**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had one more question about resolution 204. She stated that this is a time track and asked where this will be funded from. Roberta Stern said that it would be from ordinary current funds. But they would have to find out. Mayor Kim said that if Roy approved this already it would not be over there. Roy also told the mayor that it would be budgeted and not bonded. Mayor Kim continued to say that \$15,040 must be budgeted for and that he does not remember a bond.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this would be coming from a capital budget or current fund.

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Mayor Kim stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon is asking where this is coming from. Is it coming from the general fund or capital fund. Councilwoman Won-Yoon confirmed that statement. Mayor Kim stated that they would find out where it came from and asked Roberta to put it in her notes to not forget it.

**RESOLUTION 2025-212 Amending Resolution 2025-31, Appointing Administrative Agent for Affordable Housing**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon then said that her next question is for resolution 212. First of all, it is amending resolution 2025-31 instead of 30. The municipal housing liaison and the affordable housing agents which is actually served by one person. Now they need the proper person to be the municipal housing liaison only. Then they are changing the affordable housing agency to elite realty associates LLC. However, Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they are the same person. Scott said yes and that it is being done for the administrative agents as they are having some personal issues that are not to be discussed here, and it has to do with the method of her receiving payment. As a municipal housing liaison, she is an employee, and she will make 1000 dollars a year. As the administrative agent, her company will receive 44,000 dollars a year instead of her personally which is the same person. Mayor Kim clarified that they are still paying the same amount, but they just have to change it now. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that last time they approved to give her the municipal housing liaison to have a salary of 45,000 dollars and asked if they should change that. Scott stated that it is still 45,000 dollars. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she understands. Mayor Kim clarified that they are changing it right now. Mayor Kim included that she is doing a great job. Scott told Councilwoman Won-Yoon that they should discuss these afterwards and if she has any questions, she can contact them. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said she understood but asked what exactly a municipal housing liaison is supposed to do. Scott stated that a municipal housing liaison is more like an administrative assistant. That person is responsible for certain typing, answering phones, dealing with residents. The administrative agent deals with more technical compliance of the borough with all the statutory and regulatory obligations for affordable housing. Councilwoman Won-Yoon then asked if she was applying for affordable housing, if she would go to the liaison. Scott stated that she would call the housing liaison and if it gets to a technical point, it would be referred to by the administrative agent. In this case it would be the one and the same. Mayor Kim asked if there was anything else.

**RESOLUTION 2025-217 Amending Resolution 2025-30 for the Contract Between the Borough of Palisades Park and Pennoni**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she does have one more thing regarding 217. She stated that they may have meant to say resolution 225-20 in the description. Mayor Kim asked if that is correct. Scott asked which was the original resolution. Roberta Stern stated that she believed it was 20. Sophia Jang stated that it had to be 20 as the borough engineer wrote it down as that in the reorganization meeting. Sophia Jang then clarified that it is amending the resolution. Councilman Min asked to clarify if resolution 212 is amending resolution 30 or 31. Sophia Jang clarified that it is 31 and that she double checked with the reorganization meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that the agenda title is fine. Mayor Kim joked that maybe Councilwoman Won-Yoon should work for the clerk's office. Councilman Min said that if they looked at the actual resolution, it says 30 instead of 31. Scott said that it should say 31. Mayor Kim asked if they only had to change it in that one spot. Sophia Jang stated that it is correct. Mayor Kim asked to clarify if it is 30 or 31. Sophia Jang stated that 31 is correct. Mayor Kim said that is the problem as the title and the first sentence are incorrect. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that resolution 212 says that it is 31 on the agenda. Mayor Kim stated that they are talking about how resolution 212 should say amending resolution 2025-31 instead of 30 but if they were to go down, it also says in the writing that it is also 30 instead of 31. Mayor Kim then asked if there is anything else.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Kim asked if the council would rather do the reports during the regular meeting or now. Most council members stated they would rather wait till the regular meeting for their reports. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she does have a report she would like to share. The borough has been working and helping the city of dongducheon in Korea for several months. The borough has decided to enter into a sisterhood agreement. Basically, they would like to get to know each other and work with each other. Councilman Kim and Councilwoman Won-Yoon will be the main points of contact and signing ceremony is scheduled for 10 o'clock on Thursday

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June 19<sup>th</sup> in the court room. Mayor Kim then asked if the room is available. Sophia Jang said it should be fine, but she will double check.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mayor Kim asked if there was anything for the attorney report. Scott answered that there is none

**BA REPORT**

Roberta Stern stated there is nothing for her report

**POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Kim stated that there were no police at the meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Kim asked if he could be close and open to the public. Councilman Shin started the motion Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion. Mayor Kim stated that the public has 3 minutes to talk about all the resolutions but clarified that they can talk about anything they want. Peter Lago from 60 East Central Blvd stated that the next day there is a board meeting at 6:30pm and that they are very concerned about what is going on in the town. In addition to teachers finalizing their contracts, the principal and vice-principal at the high school has resigned. There is a rumor on Facebook as well that the Lindbergh school and ECC principal are resigning but there is no confirmation that they have done so yet. The superintendent has also resigned. There is either no nurse at Lindbergh, or the nurse is leaving. The secretary at ECC is leaving and they don't have enough nurses in the district for each school. Two speech therapists have resigned. They did not rehire the athletic director, they did not hire the behaviorist in the nurse school, and from her basic contacts, there are other teachers that are seriously interviewing and if given the job will be resigning. Peter stated that they are really concerned about this and would hope that tomorrow some representatives would come to the meeting with the council. Mayor Kim stated that he is going to the meeting. He then stated that he had spoken with the board of education. Charlie Shin and councilman Min met with them regarding the concerns. They recommended certain things, but the board of education did not listen to them. Secondly, there is a rumor going around. The only reason the mayor wants to go there is to clear his name. The rumor is that the mayor controls the chair of the board of education. He also included that the board of education is their own entity and that the mayor can only advise them. If they do not listen, they do not listen. Mayor Kim recommended that they change the description of the superintendent to not restricted to only three years but to any number of years so you could bring everyone in then screen them. There are people who know how to get things done but don't have the experience. He tried to explain this with the two council members to the board of education, but they would not listen, and he respects them for that. Peter stated that they had been going to the meetings but due to the 3-minute limits they had been cut short. They were concerned about the process. To avoid nepotism, to avoid politics for these jobs, they were hoping that there could be a search committee and that the superintendent needs to be hired first in order to lead the school. Mayor Kim asked who the search committee would involve. Peter stated that they hoped it would be those from the board of education, but they didn't have a chance to mention it because they were cut off. It is upsetting Peter because it is said that the board of education has started interviewing. Some board members should be on the committee, certain parents, teachers, and even students could be part of the committee. They would only be a committee as they would not be the ones hiring but they could be part of the screening. Mayor Kim stated that he thinks it is a good idea but emphasized again that the board of education is a separate entity. They do not listen to the mayor, and he has no power like previous mayors. Mayor Kim made sure to make it autonomous. Having said that, it is a good idea but unfortunately, she is in the wrong venue. Peter stated that they would like to see people at this meeting at the board meeting to make comments about it. Mayor Kim stated that he will go and mention it but then the point is that he did tell them that there is a committee member and that the chair and vice-chair should not do it alone. This concerns personnel so they should bring in the committee members to make it four people instead of two. Peter stated that they have many concerns. Mayor Kim said that it is going to blow up and stay away. Peter said that they know and stated that even veteran teachers are looking for jobs, not just new ones. Councilman Shin stated that Peter is one of the best who knows the Board of Education and the system. Councilman Shin asked what Peter's suggestion is. Mayor Kim stated that in order to speed things up, peter is suggestion that they add more people such as, teachers, parents, PPA members, and even students to make it a more collective means. Mayor Kim stated that it is not the council's decision but the Board of Education. He


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repeated that he will go to the meeting tomorrow and will add that. Peter stated that the board of education is the one who makes the final decision. Sometimes there are rumors on who will be the next superintendent before they are interviewed so it may not even be true. But it should not be that way. It is an important job, and Peter believes that it is the heart of the community, and they need to make sure things are done right. Councilman Shin asked Peter what they think the reason for all the people leaving is. Peter stated that they believe people are very dissatisfied with the contracts and they feel the future doesn't look too good for them. Peter does not know what the principal feels and they cannot say that they have spoken to him. But, when the principal resigned, there was a letter. Mayor Kim assumed the reason is that the principal did not have an opportunity. The principal was working to become a superintendent or director. However, because the board of education decided to pursue a limit of experience of three years, it knocks out half the people that want to get a job here. Peter said that he does not know if the principal wanted to become superintendent, but that he knows the principal got another principal job at another school. Mayor Kim stated that they will continue talking about it at another time and that he will be there at the meeting the next day. Mayor Kim thanked Peter. Mayor Kim asked for a motion to close and resume the work session. There was a first and second for the motion

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Kim asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting was adjourned

Attest:



Sophia H. Jang, RMC  
Borough Clerk