

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

Regular Session
of the Mayor & Council
June 23, 2025

MAYOR CHONG PAUL KIM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00PM.

STATEMENT:

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

1. Notice was filed January 9, 2025 with The Record & Newark Star Ledger, both official newspapers of the Borough.
2. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board at the Borough Hall and the Borough website at <https://palisadesparknj.org/>
3. Copy is preserved in the Clerk's Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS CONDUCTED BY COUNCILWOMAN LEE.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Kim	Present
Councilman Kim	Present
Councilwoman Lee	Present
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 he charged a registration fee of \$150-\$200 for all wedding ceremonies that took place at the borough. Mayor Kim stated he allotted this money for these scholarships and was proud that the board of education had worked hard in choosing the nine candidates. Mayor Kim invited Jamie Dayoung Lee, Elson Tan, Allison Kim, Hyesun Hannah Hong, Jose Olivares Lara, Ilene Kim, Skyla Kim, Nicholas Pados, Emily Vianna to the front to be recognized. Mayor Kim asked for a Board of Education member to come to the front. Board of Education President Soo Chung came to the front. Mayor Kim stated they had nine candidates that would receive \$1,000 each and appreciated her support. He believed it was a refreshing way the Board of Education could get involved because they were more hand in hand with the students. Mayor Kim asked Soo Chung to present the rest of the scholarships to the recipients that could not be present. Soo Chung stated she was representing all the board members that night, and thanked Mayor Kim for his generosity and consideration for the students. Soo Chung stated the students all worked very hard the past four years and they deserved the recognition. Mayor Kim read, "This award is hereby presented to these five ladies and gentlemen in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and dedicated community service. Your commitment to learning and personal growth combined with your selfless contributions to our community have distinguished you as a scholar and a role model within Palisades Park. As the Mayor of Palisades Park, I send my deepest appreciation and honor for your exceptional accomplishments and encourage you to continue striving for excellence in all your futures." Mayor Kim congratulated the recipients and presented them with their checks. A round of applause was heard around the room.

PRESENTATION OF 2025 RECYCLING SCHOLARSHIPS

Mayor Kim invited Yenifer Mercado Torres, Bryan J Lee, Jacqueline Lee, Temulen Iveelt, Alexey Chernyavsky, Carol Mancilla Duarte to the front to receive their awards. Mayor Kim stated the scholarship was from the DPW Recycling Department that provided \$3,000 to find candidates who truly believed in recycling and keeping the environment clean for the future. Mayor Kim stated they all knew that there had been a ton of debris and plastic all over the ocean. Mayor Kim read, "This certificated of appreciation award is hereby presented to the three students. Your commitment to sustainability and an active role in recycling embody the spirit of leadership, responsibility, and pride in our community. By protecting the environment today, and inspiring others through education, you are laying the foundation for a cleaner, healthier tomorrow." Mayor Kim congratulated the recipients, as a round of applause was heard around

the room. Mayor Kim advised the recipients to take the checks to the Board of Education to have their scholarships processed.

PRESENTATION OF 2025 BASEBALL ACKNOWLEDGING CHAMPIONSHIP

Mayor Kim stated before they moved forward, he wanted to do something celebratory. Mayor Kim asked for the Palisades Park/Ridgefield Baseball team to step up. Mayor Kim congratulated the team. Mayor Kim stated he wasn't sure how long it had been, but the Palisades Park/Ridgefield Baseball team had become the 2025 NJIC liberty division champions. Mayor Kim exclaimed that the governing body was proudly presenting the team with a certificate of appreciation from the mayor and council. Mayor Kim commended Coach Atilla Sengul, and Assistant Coaches John Biagini, and Brandon Karlock. Mayor Kim recognized first, the students who made the incredible event happen. Mayor Kim recognized Evan Morin, Kian Testino, Alejandro Claros, Kostas Kalogeras, Robert Patrick, Mario Fernandez, Ethan Espinal, Gabe Vargas, Shane Armstrong, Ivan Santiago, Jese Kane, Justin Kane, Joseph Suttora, Jeylan Rodriguez, Joseph Espinal, Shane Morin, Frankie Walsh, Jason Marasciulo, Chris Geregory, Demetrios Bardatsos. A round of applause was heard around the room. Mayor Kim invited the coaches of the team to the front to receive a certificate. Mayor Kim read, "This award hereby presented to the Palisades Park/Ridgefield High School Baseball Team 2025 NJIC Liberty Division Champions. In recognition of your outstanding championship victory, we proudly honor the Palisades Park/Ridgefield High School Baseball Team, for exceptional performance, unwavering determination, and perfect display of team effort. Your success is a testament, to hard work, unity, and the spirit of true sportsmanship. The municipalities of Palisades Park and Ridgefield celebrate your remarkable accomplishment and share immense pride in this historic achievement." Mayor Kim congratulated the team again as a round of applause was heard around the room. Mayor Kim advised Coach Atilla Sengul that if the team needed any new supplies or clothing to let him know.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO DR. JOSEPH CIRILLO

Mayor Kim stated he first started his political career on the Board of Education, and he had known Dr. Joe Cirillo since then. Mayor Kim stated Dr. Cirillo had decided to retire from the Palisades Park Board of Education and move to his next stage in life. Mayor Kim stated for these reasons he wanted to provide Dr. Cirillo with a certificate of appreciation. Mayor Kim explained that unfortunately, Dr. Cirillo could not be present since he had to attend two games for his children. Mayor Kim read, "This award is hereby presented to Dr. Joseph Cirillo, Superintendent of Palisades Park Public Schools. In honor of his 12 years of devoted service, the Borough of Palisades Park proudly recognizes Dr. Joseph Cirillo for his outstanding leadership and enduring dedication to our schools. His commitment to student respect for educators and service to the community has left a meaningful and lasting impact. As he concludes his tenure, we express our heartfelt gratitude for his contributions to public education. His presence and the fruit of his labor will be missed." Mayor Kim thanked Dr. Joseph Cirillo. A round of applause was hear all around.

Mayor Kim thanked all councilmembers for their patience and proceeded with the regular meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Work Session of the Mayor and Council:	May 19, 2025
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	May 27, 2025
Executive Session of the Mayor and Council:	May 27, 2025

Mayor Kim asked if council members had any questions. Councilman Vietri stated he had a question regarding the consent agenda, but Mayor Kim reminded him that they weren't at that point yet. Mayor Kim requested a motion to adopt the meeting minutes. Councilman Shin made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes

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Councilman Vietri	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

2nd READING/HEARING

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

Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions regarding Ordinance 2025-16. When no questions arose, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Following the public participation portion, Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-16. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang announced Ordinance 2025-16 Amending of Creating Chapter 141, Entitled “Filming and Photography” was passed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on June 23, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and would be available at the office of the borough clerk.

Public Participation for 2025-16

Mayor Kim asked the public if they had any questions regarding the ordinance. No members of the public rose to speak, so Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and return to the regular meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. All joined in favor, none opposed.

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

Mayor Kim asked if council members had any questions. When no questions arose, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. All joined in favor.

Following the public participation portion, Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-17. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang announced Ordinance 2025-17 Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Various Capital Improvements was passed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on June 23, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and would be available at the office of the borough clerk.

Public Participation of Ordinance 2025-17

Mayor Kim invited members of the public to speak of Ordinance 2025-17. When no one rose to speak, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and return to the regular meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. All joined in favor.

ORDINANCE 2025-18 Adopting Redevelopment Plan for 21 Grand Avenue

Mayor Kim asked if council members had any questions. Councilman Min asked if the adoption of the ordinance was a part of the round three obligations. Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz confirmed he was correct. Councilman Min asked if they were using the old masterplan or the current one. Scott Krumholz responded that it was all based on the current. Mayor Kim stated the adopted masterplan that was revised. Councilman Min asked when that was dated. Scott Krumholz stated everything was in the report, and he didn't fully understand Councilman Min's question regarding the masterplan. Councilman Min stated they had been working on a new masterplan and asked if they had been talking about that new one, or the one before that. Scott Krumholz stated they were speaking about that one that was in effect at that point in time. Mayor Kim stated they had amended the master plan with Michael Kauker. Scott Krumholz stated there were some amendments to it, the most recent one being the housing element and fair share plan which was something the council was going to be voting on that day to get them to the fourth round. Councilman Min stated if that was the case, then the masterplan was prepared June 2nd, 2025. Councilman Min stated they were talking about the second reading, but this was supposed to be ready prior to the first reading. Scott Krumholz stated he still didn't understand what the masterplan had to do with the ordinance. Mayor Kim stated the ordinance read consistent with the masterplan. Councilman Min stated the Planning Board had reviewed a masterplan as well leading to his confusion as to which masterplan they were looking into. Mayor Kim stated the masterplan was the current masterplan. Scott Krumholz stated at the time that the Planning Board considered the redevelopment plan, they passed it on May 22, 2025. Councilman Min stated on May 22nd the borough council received a redevelopment plan and introduced this ordinance for its first reading on May 27th, 2025 which was a month prior. Councilman Min stated the actual masterplan was prepared June 2nd. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min how he knew that. Councilman Min stated it was dated June 2nd. Scott Krumholz replied that it wasn't the masterplan but a housing element and fair share plan which was part of the masterplan. Mayor Kim stated this all became the masterplan at the end. Scott Krumholz added that this was for the fourth round. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions. Councilman Shin asked if the redevelopment of 21 Grand Avenue would include a total of 510 units. Councilman Shin repeated if this would include the entire affordable housing total. Scott Krumholz stated that it sounded correct. Councilman Shin asked if this would include 408 units of market value and 102 units of affordable housing. Councilman Shin stated he wanted to make sure in front of the audience that the anticipated total was 510 units. Scott Krumholz confirmed that was correct. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Shin made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Following the public participation portion Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-18. Councilman Shin made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Sophia Jang announced there were four abstain votes, and two yes votes. Mayor Kim asked again for the number of abstained votes. Sophia Jang stated there were four abstain votes, and two yes votes. Mayor Kim stated that since there was a full quorum, the ordinance passed.

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Borough Clerk Sophia Jang announced the Ordinance 2025-18 Adopting Redevelopment Plan for 21 Grand Avenue was passed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on June 23, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and would be available at the office of the borough clerk.

Mayor Kim stated before they moved onto Ordinance 2025-19, Scott Krumholz was going to explain the reason the borough had to get Ordinance 2025-18, and Ordinance 2025-19 going. Scott Krumholz explained that this was part of the settlement agreement that was done in the builder's remedy lawsuits. These were part of the settlement agreement entered by the court and were required for the council to approve and adopt. Scott Krumholz stated he hadn't received any questions regarding the ordinance and was surprised that there were so many abstentions on the ordinance. Mayor Kim stated he agreed and asked for the reason council members were abstaining considering they had the work session to go over it, and it was explained thoroughly. Mayor Kim stated he thought without the proper reasoning for councilmembers to abstain, they had a duty to fulfill as elected officials. Mayor Kim asked again why council members abstained when they already knew about this. Mayor Kim asked if there was something he didn't know. Mayor Kim advised they would continue.

After thinking about it, it is unusual to have 3 for and 3 abstain. It is not technically a majority so Scott stated that he would like to have the clerk call for a tiebreak for those ordinances just to make sure. Mayor Kim stated that he does not have the right to vote unless it is a split. Scott stated that it is a split 3 to 3. Sophia Jang argued that abstaining does not count as a vote, so it does not count as 3 against 3. Scott stated that he does not know if those ordinances passed. Mayor Kim and Sophia Jang reassured that abstain does not count as a vote. Scott said that they have a problem with those two ordinances. Scott continued to say that a majority is needed and in a six person vote it ... Mayor Kim stated that an abstain is a vote and a recuse is not a vote. Mayor Kim told Sophia Jang to check it out. Sophia Jang stated that an abstain is not a vote and asked Scott to check as well as she has already checked. Mayor Kim stated that abstaining is a vote and recuse is not a vote. Roberta Stern argued that abstaining is a no-vote. Mayor Kim stated that it is still a vote. Sophia Jang said that if there were any against it would be defeated. But there is no against so just three yes would be passed. Scott explained that a vote of three on a six-member council is no a majority. Sophia Jang stated that if the majority of the votes are cast it is a pass but if majority of full membership is required, it fails. Scott reiterates that they have six members. Councilman Min stated that if there are three yes, and three abstain, which does not count as a vote, the three yes counts as the votes. Mayor Kim stated that abstain does count as a vote. Councilman Min disagreed with Mayor Kim's statement. Mayor Kim repeated that recuse is not a vote but abstain is. Councilman Vietri stated that an abstain is not a no-vote but if it is a three to three the mayor has a right to vote. Mayor Kim asked for certain clarification if an abstain is a vote. Councilman Vietri stated that it is not a vote and is more similar to present under Roberts rules. Scott reiterates that in a 3 to 3 it is a tie and that they would need the mayor's vote to carry the ordinance. Mayor Kim asked to call Allen because they still have time. Councilman Min argued that the mayor votes in a tie which is equal yes and no votes, but there are three yes and zero no's and three abstain which are neutral. So, there is no actual tied vote. Councilman Vietri argued that they still don't have a majority because the abstains go towards a total. Three is not the majority. Under Roberts rules in this setup, the mayor would be able to vote. Mayor Kim stated that he does not mind voting but just wants to make sure that the proper authority who knows the law can bank on their comments. Mayor Kim asked for a motion to take a 5-minute break. The motion was passed. Mayor Kim asked for a motion to come back to the regular session after a 20-minute recess and apologized. Mayor Kim wanted to make sure they got the proper advice and double confirmation from both attorneys. Scott stated that they are still missing one council member. Mayor Kim asked to get a motion to end the twenty-minute recess and come back to the regular session. Councilman Won-Yoon started the motion, and Councilman Shin seconded the motion. Scott stated that under New Jersey statute 40a; 60-5e, for a 6-member council, there are 4 affirmative votes needed to carry and to pass the ordinances. In this case they are talking about ordinances 2025-18 and 19. Scott stated that it is his opinion that because it is not a tie vote, the mayor cannot pass a tie breaking vote. Scott continued to say what they need and that he implores the council of the importance of these two ordinances in as much as they are required by the court in the build-a-remedy action. And the consequences of not passing either or both ordinances could be significant for the borough. Mayor Kim asked what exactly this could mean. Scott stated that the possible consequences is that they could all be

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camped court and must explain to the judge the reason for the extension and the reason for not voting in favor of the ordinance. Number two would be potential ramifications in terms of the impact on the balance of litigation that is still on going. They have still not received what is called a judgement of repose which is when the case is over which means the court could impose some type of sanctions, the court could impose other types of obligations on the borough which would be within the judge's discretion on how to enforce and what type of remedy to give to these two builders. Mayor Kim added that the whole purpose of this exercise is to get their rights back. In order to fulfill a third round and also comply with the fourth round to get their rights back so they won't have to face build-a-remedy issues come forward. If this is not done properly and they don't protect themselves as a borough, one option that could happen is that, due to the incompliance, another build-a-remedy may follow suit. That means another person that could just build three homes in a residential area could build an apartment to say go screw yourself to the council members. Forget about the ordinances because the judge did not allow that to happen. Scott reiterated that this was part of the settlement agreement that this council voted to approve. Therefore, not passing both of these two ordinances would be a breach of that settlement. There is damage that could flow out of that breach. Scott requested that a council member who voted to abstain, who would like to make a motion to change their vote, to please make a motion. Mayor Kim asked which of the two ordinances and Scott replied to start with the first one, 2025-18. Scott asked one of the three abstaining council members to start a motion. Mayor Kim asked Sophia Jang who abstained on ordinance 2025-18. Sophia Jang stated that it was Councilman Kim, Councilman Min, and Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Councilman Kim asked to talk to the counselor. Mayor Kim stated that there are three abstains for ordinance 2025-18 by Kim, Min, and Won-Yoon. Scott asked if either of those three council members wished to start a motion to amend their vote. Councilman Kim stated that he would like to amend his vote and would like to start a motion to amend his vote from an abstain to recuse his vote due to a conflict of interest. Scott asked if there was a second to that motion. The motion was seconded. Scott stated that they now have two abstentions and asked if either of the two councils would like to start a motion to amend their vote. Councilman Min stated that he would like to go back to the previous month. The ordinance was originally introduced with two packets. They decided to move forward but now they have made some changes to the packet. The week prior, on the work session, 15 were prepared with all the strike details. However, 21 was not prepared. The attorneys were still preparing the packet. Scott stated that 21 were present at the last meeting. Councilman Min clarified that the month prior's meeting, they made changes to the packet because it was the same duplicate packet, 15 and 21. So they made the change to bring the correct packet. During the work session, the council got a revised packet for 15 Grand Avenue with all the strikes. For 21, they were working on the packet so they could not have the correct packet ready during the work session. Scott stated that he believed it was already provided before the work session. Mayor Kim then stated that it was changed. Scott replied that the packet for 15 changed but not 21. Councilman Min argued that there is wording that has to be changed and that he could show Scott. With that said, the packet wasn't ready during the work session. The council was waiting to obtain the updated packet. Councilman Min then asked why they felt the need to add the packet today because the packet wasn't there at the work session. He included that they got the packet knowing the fact that there was a change. They got it at the last minute. When they are talking about both ordinances, even Scott is unsure if 15 is for 102 affordable housing or 33 affordable housing. Councilman Min asked how they should ask about the right information. Scott stated that it would be based on prior information. The information regarding the number of market units and affordable units was provided in an email to the Clerk which Scott asked to circulate to the council and those numbers were provided several weeks ago. Councilman Min continued to say that even with 15 Grand Avenue, the packet that was provided at the work session is different from what he received today. Scott stated that the numbers they received two to three weeks ago are the numbers. Councilman Min stated that he is not only talking about the numbers. Mayor Kim asked what else he is talking about then. Councilwoman Lee stated that Councilman Min's point is not necessarily this ordinance has any faulty language. The ordinance refers to the redevelopment plan and they were given copies of the plan and there were some changes proposed. They were supposed to receive the revised plan. Councilman Min's point is that they did not receive the revised plan was not provided at the work session and it was just provided today. Councilwoman Lee proposed that in order to pass this ordinance, the council needs to feel comfortable that when it refers to the redevelopment plan, it refers to the latest plan that they have approved. She continued to say that Councilman Min's worry is that the detail under the ordinance is not reliable and how he can pass this ordinance. Councilwoman Lee requested that Scott should make it clear to Council Min that the details underlying this

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ordinance are the correct details and that passing this ordinance would not subject him to passing some plan that he never approved of. Councilman Min gave the example that 15 Grand is different from what they received today than the work session. He then asked if they are going to use the work session packet or the regular session packet. Councilwoman Lee included that they are both labeled 5/22/25. Scott stated that they are going to use the correct packet. Mayor Kim asked which packet that would be. Scott stated that it is the latest but that he also reached out to the planner because when Scott looked at the plans, the planner made the correction to the plans because it went from section 1, 2, then 4. The planner renumbered the sections. When the planner sent them to Scott on Saturday, Scott then sent it to the Clerk. Scott stated that he just realized it now, but the planner may have left the number of affordable units as the old number before he corrected it. The bottom line, the plan that is adopted and that will be included with this ordinance will be the plan that was passed by the planning board, and it is the plan that will have the correct number of market rate and affordable units. For 21 grand, it was the correct one that was provided over a month ago. Councilwoman Lee said that it is not just about the units but the other changes that were proposed by the council. Scott stated that there were no other changes to 21 grand. Roberta Stern said that there are a couple words they want changed for 21 grand. Scott stated that the word changes was for 15 grand and not 21 grand. Roberta Stern reminded that there were three occasions at least when the council wanted to include the words "if applicable" added. Scott confirmed that it was for 15 Grand Avenue. Councilwoman Lee stated that the point is to let the redevelopment plan for the ordinance would be the latest and greatest draft. Scott asked if they should get the planner on the phone at that moment. Councilwoman Lee stated that it was so that statement was on record so that the council can vote with that in mind. Councilman Min thought that the plan for 15 grand that they received for the work session was fine. Scott stated that the strikes are just a red line so they can see the changes that were made. The changes that were made would then be incorporated into the plan. Councilwoman Lee stated that Councilman Min is saying that there needs to be better paperwork so they can finalize the voting. Mayor Kim stated that Councilwoman is asking Scott if they can rely on the records that were set up before this most recent version. Scott stated that he will ask Mike Kauker to generate the final plan which Scott will then circulate to the council for approval before the ordinance is published. Councilwoman Lee clarified that this ordinance that they are passing should be referred to what Scott is mentioning. Roberta Stern is stating that it is just a statement from Councilwoman Lee to leave a statement on record because they found errors with the numbers and wording. Councilwoman Lee asked Scott to confirm this on record. Scott stated that the plan is adopted for both 2025-18 and 2025-19 will reflect the correct plans and terms the council has already seen and terms that were approved by the planning board. Mayor Kim apologized for the misunderstandings and such. Mayor Kim stated that counsel Krumholz already apologized and that this will not happen again. Councilman Min stated that with all due respect, the governing body today is making a decision that are actually affecting the future of Palisades Park. They want to be very meticulous so they can make the correct decisions for the residents, so they have a right to know the correct details. Councilman Min stated that he would like to make a motion and Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion. Mayor Kim asked them to wait a second and then asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon if she would like to amend her vote. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked to read the ordinance once again in the way that they need to correct. Mayor Kim asked them to read the resolution again and they are going to add the ordinance and that it will reflect exactly what information was provided for the planning board to be approved. Mayor Kim asked if that is what Councilwoman wanted. Scott asked if that is for 21 Grand Avenue. Mayor Kim stated that in his opinion, the numbers of affordable units were not different, some warnings were different. However, he does feel the errors are miniscule errors. He does not like seeing them and it should not happen again, but believes it is miniscule, and asked Scott to add the stipulation. Mayor Kim added that it was not the problem of the numbers but that it was brought to the attention of the governing body too late. Not only that, but the preparation was also not completed properly. Mayor Kim asked if they could move forward while saying they will stick with what was given to the planning board. Scott confirmed that they are going to adopt only what the planning board has adopted. Mayor Kim then asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon and Councilman Min if they are amending their votes from abstain to something else. Councilman Min asked if he should make a motion. Mayor Kim answered that they are just asking if they are going to change their votes. Councilman Min stated that he will say yes on the ordinances. Scott stated that Councilman Min started a motion and Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion and that they need a motion to request the change first. Mayor Kim told them to go ahead. Councilman Min made a motion to request changing his vote on

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ordinance 2025-18. Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion. Mayor Kim stated that they had to redo the roll call for 2025-18.

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

Ordinance 2025-18 passed with 5 yes votes.

Public Participation for Ordinance 2025-18

Mayor Kim reminded members of the public that they had three minutes each to speak about Ordinance 2025-18. When no one volunteered to speak, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and return to the regular meeting. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor.

ORDINANCE 2025-19 Adopting Redevelopment Plan for 15 Grand Avenue

Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz explained this was the same thing as Ordinance 2025-18 just for a different location on Grand Avenue. The borough had previously asked the Planning Board to first determine whether this property was within redeveloped areas. The planning board conducted a study and found that it was within a redevelopment area. Scott Krumholz continued that the governing body then approved a resolution authorizing the planning board to undertake a study to create a redevelopment plan for this particular property. The planning board conducted this study and returned to the governing body to adopt the plan. Mayor Kim stated this also went through the court system and was all set and done. Mayor Kim stated they had to do this, and he still didn't understand why councilmembers weren't fulfilling their duty. Mayor Kim asked what happened if they didn't have enough votes and urged council members to perform their duties. Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions. Councilwoman Lee asked for Scott Krumholz to confirm to the council that this ordinance was consistent with the settlement agreement that they all signed off on. Scott Krumholz confirmed that this was part of what was all agreed upon, and the deadline to adopt was that month. Councilman Shin asked what happened if they rejected the ordinance. Scott Krumholz stated the council would most likely be brought down to the courthouse to explain to the judge why they voted against something that the court ordered the borough to do. Councilwoman Lee stated this was also agreed to as part of the settlement. Scott Krumholz repeated that it was agreed to in the settlement, and a parcel of the entire process that had been followed up until then including the various resolutions sending this to the planning board for their consideration. The planning board had considered this and sent it back to the governing body, which had resulted in the governing body sending it back to develop the plan. Scott Krumholz continued that the planning board developed the plan, and it was up to the governing body to adopt the plan. Scott Krumholz repeated that the planning board had already studied and gathered the information. Councilwoman Lee asked if they were voting to support the ordinance, just merely passing it because it was part of the court process. Scott Krumholz confirmed that it was part of the court process, and the governing body was basically going to be adopting something that the planning board submitted. Scott Krumholz stated that the planning board was given jurisdiction to do all the work. Councilman Kim asked if Scott Krumholz could tell him how many affordable housing units, and market value units would be incorporated into the property. Scott Krumholz stated to his recollection it was somewhere in the fifties, but he didn't have the exact number on hand. Mayor Kim stated again these questions were after the fact and could have been addressed before the regular meeting. Mayor Kim stated they were trying to have the regular meetings run smoothly, and councilmembers had time to communicate questions after the work session. Mayor Kim stated this was very unexpected and he didn't understand why four council members would abstain when doing so was so dangerous. As Scott Krumholz looked for the number of units, Mayor Kim stated this was again something that could have been addressed before the meeting. Scott Krumholz stated he could have had the planner there to answer. Mayor Kim stated with respect to the council members, if they didn't pass this, they would get in trouble. Mayor Kim stated to let the record stand that they had to perform their

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duties. Scott Krumholz stated for 15 Grand Avenue there would be 102 affordable units. Mayor Kim stated he understood that the details of the numbers were important, but he promised that Scott Krumholz would contact Kauker and Kauker to make sure the questions were addressed. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Councilman Vietri asked for clarification purposes, if Scott Krumholz had stated the planning board had passed this and the judge ruled that the judge ruled that the governing body should pass this as they had. Scott Krumholz stated the borough had been engaged with several builders that had filed lawsuits, and the court ordered the borough and professionals to sit several times to meet with each of the builders separately to work out and agree upon a plan properly. Once this was done, there was a settlement agreement that was put into the court, approved by the court, and had to be adopted by the council. At the time, the council had adopted that settlement agreement which had everything that was in the presented plan, in the settlement agreement which was approved in September or October of 2024. Scott Krumholz continued that since that time, there were certain properties that were going through the redevelopment plan process. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, the borough was required by a certain point to ask the planning board to investigate whether the properties were located within a redevelopment area. Scott Krumholz repeated that the planning board conducted their investigation and found that the properties were within a redevelopment area, leading the governing body to authorize a resolution authorizing the planning board to undertake a study of the area for the two properties at 15 Grand Avenue and 21 Grand Avenue. This study was done, and the planning board had adopted the plans. Scott Krumholz continued by the settlement agreement deadline, the council had to take the plan that was approved and adopted by the planning board and adopt it at the mayor and council meeting. Mayor Kim stated before that, the judge told the governing body to do this. Councilman Vietri asked if the judge demanded that this is what the planning board and governing body had to pass. Mayor Kim stated it was all part of the settlement agreement. Scott Krumholz stated that the judge had overseen overseeing the entire thing and the settlement agreement was something that the court reviewed and approved. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions. Councilman Min asked which property was going to have the 102 affordable housing units. Scott Krumholz replied 15 Grand Avenue. Councilman Shin stated 15 Grand Avenue was 175 units including 140 market value units, and 35 affordable housing units. Mayor Kim stated whether it was 157 units, or 175 units, this was set on the records created by the negotiations of the judge and the attorneys. Mayor Kim stated if they wanted to exact amount, they could obtain it after speaking with Kauker and Kauker. Councilman Shin stated he didn't care much about the exact number, but he was saying this included affordable housing units. Councilman Shin stated he was a brand-new councilman, and the rest of the council had spent two to three years without mentioning any affordable housing which was the borough could not afford to forget at that time. Councilman Shin stated it wasn't fair, and they didn't have any choice in the matter. Mayor Kim stated they didn't have a choice, and the court would come after them if they didn't pass the ordinance. Councilman Shin stated he wondered how they came to this stage. Mayor Kim replied when Councilman Shin stated two to four years affordable housing units weren't mentioned, that wasn't the case. Mayor Kim explained through the recommendation of the attorney involved, they created a committee consisting of Councilman Min, and former Councilwoman Jang. These individuals were part of the representatives to explain to the rest of the council members what was going on. Mayor Kim stated they did this to minimize the confusion and involvement and needed representatives to move forward fast. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin had been elected the year prior, so he was just getting the information. Mayor Kim stated if Councilman Shin wanted to sit down with Kauker and Kauker to get full disclosure of the information, they could do an executive meeting and if it wasn't under the sunshine law, he could have a private meeting with them to get the information with another councilmember. Mayor Kim continued until then they negotiated with the court so there was a lot of information that wasn't given until it was ready. After that, Councilwoman Won-Yoon and Councilman Min were part of the committee that was supposed to be for affordable homes, and builders remedy issues. Mayor Kim stated they did have a meeting, and he had requested the representatives to give a report to the rest of the council members. Mayor Kim stated if they didn't it was fine, but the bottom line was in the future if he wanted disclosure, they could create it and sit down with all council members who wanted to get information. Mayor Kim stated they had to get this passed because if they didn't the borough could lose their rights, get lawsuits, and they had to do it because of former administration who did not take care of this. Councilman Min stated in the packet they

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received for 15 Grand Avenue at the work session, they had a copy of the actual redevelopment plan which included certain portions being struck out so that councilmembers could visually see it. Councilman Min stated the packet read 35 affordable housing units was required for the site. Scott Krumholz commented he must have been looking at something else beforehand. Councilman Min responded that the new packet that they received was still stating 102 affordable housing units. Councilman Min stated the council represented the residents of Palisades Park, and they were being told to go off of the new packet that was not updated. Councilman Min stated the information wasn't correct that was being presented. Scott Krumholz stated that he didn't know that, and he wasn't sure what plan Councilman Min was looking at. Scott Krumholz stated he had received updated plans from the planner on Saturday and had forwarded them. Scott Krumholz stated if there was a mistake in the plans that he didn't see, then he could address it. Councilman Min stated the packet was forwarded to Scott Krumholz on Saturday, but it was currently Monday. Councilman Min stated he wasn't sure if the information presented was for 15 Grand Avenue, or the 15 Grand Avenue from the work session packet. Councilman Min stated the packet included the striking out and red markings so that the council could visually see the difference in the packet. The new packet didn't have the visual identifiers which was what Councilman Min was trying to point out. Roberta Stern stated they must have the wrong packet somehow. Scott Krumholz confirmed that the packet did say 102 units which could have been a mistake, and he would have to check with Kauker and Kauker to make sure. Scott Krumholz stated the planner may have amended an older form. Councilman Min asked when the council was voting on an ordinance at a second reading, were they voting on the right information? Scott Krumholz responded yes, there was a plan that was approved by the planning board, and the governing body was just approving that plan. Scott Krumholz stated if there was a typographical error in the plan, they would be revised to reflect what the planning board approved. Scott Krumholz stated if Councilman Min wanted, they could get Michael Kauker on the phone to clarify it. Mayor Kim stated councilmembers wanted clarification that whatever plans the planning board had passed would be the number of units, and if there was a typographical error, they wouldn't have to repass with corrections because it was being approved according to the records of the planning board. Scott Krumholz confirmed that was correct. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Following the public participation portion, Mayor Kim stated hopefully they had answered most of the questions regarding technical or miniscule errors that would be resolved by the prior records that stood in front of the governing body. Mayor Kim asked once more if there were any other questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilwoman Lee made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Abstain
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Abstain
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Yes

Councilman Vietri stated before his vote that Scott Krumholz had mentioned this all transpired because of prior administration. Councilman Vietri stated the last two years that the current mayor and council were involved in this matter, he had never been invited to any meetings or planning to do with this. Councilman Vietri stated the information was relayed by other councilmembers that were involved but it was a situation where it was given to Councilman Vietri the night of the council meeting. Mayor Kim stated it wasn't, and they were on the second reading of the ordinance. Mayor Kim stated at the last moment councilmembers were sandbagging this. Councilman Vietri responded he wasn't sandbagging this; he had voted yes. Mayor Kim thanked him.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon Abstain

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Borough Clerk Sophia Jang announced there were three abstentions, and three yes votes, therefore Ordinance 2025-19 Adopting Redevelopment Plan for 15 Grand Avenue was passed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on June 23, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and would be available at the office of the borough clerk.

Scott asked if any of the three who abstained for ordinance 2025-19 would like to start a motion to change their votes. Councilman Min started a motion to change their votes for ordinance 2025-19. Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion

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

Ordinance 2025-19 was passed with 5 yes votes. Mayor Kim thanked the council members for their consideration.

Public Participation for Ordinance 2025-19

Mayor Kim reminded members of the public that they had three minutes each to discuss Ordinance 2025-19. When no one volunteered to speak, Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Following the adoption of Ordinance 2025-19, Mayor Kim stated that he had recently sent an email to all council members, and if they claimed they didn't receive it he wanted to see it with the public present. Mayor Kim stated he had requested that all committee members after their meetings should provide a report to the rest of the council members because he, as a mayor, had the ability to jump from committee to committee wherever and however he wanted. Mayor Kim stated it wasn't his responsibility to do that, and he hoped that council members could come together and work things out before the second reading of each agenda item and then address any questions beforehand that could have been answered. Mayor Kim asked again why they were doing these things at the last minute.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

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

Mayor Kim asked councilmembers if they had any questions regarding the introduction of Ordinance 2025-20. When no questions arose, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. All joined in favor.

Public Participation for Ordinance 2025-20

Mayor Kim reminded members of the public that they had three minutes each to speak of Ordinance 2025-20. Mayor Kim stated he had spoken to the governance committee about extending the parking meter system to commercial Avenue which was overly crowded and was abused. Mayor Kim stated in the meantime, they had to repave that road as well, although because of the number of roads paved that year, they would have to wait for the following year. Mayor Kim stated ultimately, the governance committee agreed that it was a good idea to put kiosks on Commercial Avenue so that it could be more regulated. There were people parking along this street all night, and private businesses were using public grounds as if it were their own. Mayor Kim stated they had to organize this. Mayor Kim continued, the governance did explain this numerous times in the public, including Councilman Min. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the first reading of Ordinance 2025-20. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-20 General Capital Bond Ordinance for Supply and installation Multi- Space Parking Pay Station was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on June 23rd, 2025, and published in accordance with the law. Said ordinance would be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on July 28th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested could have appeared for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Mayor Kim stated they would be introducing each of the ordinances one by one, but the public would have a chance to speak about all four introductions at once.

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

Mayor Kim stated this was a request of modification from Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Mayor Kim stated they made sure that they made the disclosure that the company would pay for it. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	No

Councilman Vietri explained that he voted no because he believed that it was too much money. Mayor Kim asked what money and asked if Councilman Vietri thought it was a better idea to just leave the system the way it was and let it be run to the ground. Councilman Vietri stated there wasn't anyone writing tickets. Mayor Kim responded it was because it was broken and asked for Councilman Vietri to reconsider his vote because they needed a system. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Vietri's reasoning didn't make sense because Councilman Vietri was saying the borough was spending too much money but then mentioned how the borough couldn't give out tickets and make money because the systems were broken.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes
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Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-21 Amending Ordinance Chapter 282, Vehicle and Traffic, Article V. Parking Meter, Section 31. Parking Fees was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on June 23rd, 2025, and published in accordance with the law. Said ordinance would be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on July 28th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested could have appeared for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ORDINANCE 2025-22 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 asked if council members had any questions. When none arose, Mayor Kim requested

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A motion to pass the first reading of Ordinance 2025-22. When a motion wasn't made, Mayor Kim explained some of the details. Mayor Kim stated he spoke with most of the governance committee, and the police committee. The year prior, when the borough had reduced the hours of serving from 7:00AM to 10:00AM there was a thirty percent decrease during the morning hours of public intoxication. Mayor Kim stated public intoxication in the morning was more of a concern rather than the nighttime hours. Mayor Kim stated the committees insisted that they wanted to keep the time and the liquor store owners agreed that they wanted to support the community and see if there were any improvements and if they could potentially increase the morning hours a bit more. Mayor Kim stated the director and everyone else involved agreed it wasn't a good idea, so they agreed not to do it. Mayor Kim stated they had also agreed that they should alleviate the stress that owners were having by losing hours of operation therefore they extended the closing time from 10:00PM to 11:00PM. Mayor Kim stated this was a courteous thanking store owners for their consideration, but the borough wasn't there yet, and they would only allow one hour of late closing. Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that 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 was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on June 23rd, 2025 and published in accordance with the law. Said ordinance would be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on July 28th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested could have appeared for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ORDINANCE 2025-23 Amending Ordinance 2025-15, Establishment of Salaries for Year 2025

Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz explained that there were a few changes based upon some of the employees hired for the municipal pool. There were adjustments to the range of salary for that position, and an adjustment for the range of salary for the municipal housing liaison which was under the senior classification. Mayor Kim asked council members if they had any questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilwoman Lee started the motion. Councilman Shin seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-23 Amending Ordinance 2025-15, Establishment of Salaries for Year 2025 was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on June 23rd, 2025, and published in accordance with the law. Said ordinance would be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on July 28th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested could have appeared for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public for discussion regarding Ordinance 2025-20 through Ordinance 2025-23. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor.

Public Participation for Ordinance 2025-20 through Ordinance 2025-23

Mayor Kim stated he would allow members of the public to speak for three minutes on each ordinance instead of three minutes for all three. Mayor Kim asked if anyone had any questions. When no one volunteered, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and return to the regular session. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. All joined in favor.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA

- RESOLUTION 2025-188 Authorization Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Mayor Scholarship Trust Fund
- RESOLUTION 2025-189 Authorization to remit Scholarships from the Department of Public Works Recycling Trust Fund to the Palisades Park Board of Education

CONSENT AGENDA

- RESOLUTION 2025-190 Claims
- RESOLUTION 2025-191 Hiring Swimming Pool Employee
- RESOLUTION 2025-192 Authorization of Raffle License (Re: Palisades Park/ Fort Lee Elks #2475, #RL- 677)
- RESOLUTION 2025-193 Authorization of Raffle License (Re: St. Nicholas Church, #RL-678)
- RESOLUTION 2025-194 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 12th Street Improvements Projects
- RESOLUTION 2025-195 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 2025-196 Authorization of Award Contract for Special Planning Board Attorney
- RESOLUTION 2025-197 Authorization of Liquor License Renewals Year of 2025 through 2026.
- RESOLUTION 2025-198 Authorization of Refund for Duplicate Tax Payment in the Amount of \$7,840.06 (Re:520 6TH Street)
- RESOLUTION 2025-199 Acceptance of Resignation (Re: M. Fernandez)
- RESOLUTION 2025-200 Acceptance of Resignation (Re: J. Oviedo)
- RESOLUTION 2025-201 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for 1st, 2nd, 4th Street & Highland Avenue
- RESOLUTION 2025-202 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for Broad Avenue
- RESOLUTION 2025-203 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for Lincoln Street
- RESOLUTION 2025-204 Authorization of Advertisement for Full- Time DPW Laborers
- RESOLUTION 2025-205 Award Contract for Employee Timekeeping Software and Hardware (Re: Timetrak Systems, Inc)
- RESOLUTION 2025-206 Awarding Contract for Crack Repairs to the Main Municipal Pool (Re: Grand New Jersey Construction Co)
- RESOLUTION 2025-207 Awarding Contract for Crack Repairs to the Intermediate Municipal Pool (Re: Grand NJ Contraction LLC)
- RESOLUTION 2025-208 Awarding Contract for Landscaping Services to the Municipal Pool (Re: AI D Landscaping and Tree Service)
- RESOLUTION 2025-209 Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing Road Repairs in the Vicinity of Brinkerhoff Avenue and 5th Street
- RESOLUTION 2025-210 Appointment of Rent Control Landlord Class 1 (Re: J. Kang)
- RESOLUTION 2025-211 Appointment of Rent Control Home- Owner Class (Re: A. Kim)
- RESOLUTION 2025-212 Authorization of Municipality Apply to DCA for the NJ Program Affordable Housing
- RESOLUTION 2025-213 Authorization of Medicare Part B Coverage Reimbursement
- RESOLUTION 2025-214 Appointing DPW Deputy Superintendent (Re: C. Chung)
- RESOLUTION 2025-215 Authorization to Auction Surplus Equipment (Re: Police Department)
- RESOLUTION 2025-216 Authorizing Extension of Contract with Top Floor Elevated Solution LLC for Elevator Inspection Services LLC
- RESOLUTION 2025-217 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for Central Blvd
- RESOLUTION 2025-218 Amending Resolution 2025-20 for the Contract Between the Borough of Palisades Park and Pennoni
- RESOLUTION 2025-219 Acceptance of Resignation (Re: G. Lee)
- RESOLUTION 2025-220 Acceptance of Resignation (Re: H Sarah Kim, Esq)

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- RESOLUTION 2025-221 Authorization of Appointing Special Attorney (Re: Scarinci & Hollenbeck)
- RESOLUTION 2025-222 Designating Fan Associates, LLC as Redeveloper, and Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with the Same as it Pertains to 15 Grand Avenue, Block 505, Lots 3 and 4
- RESOLUTION 2025-223 Designating Leems Corporation as Redeveloper, and Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with the Same as it Pertains to 21 Grand Avenue, Block 505, Lot 1
- RESOLUTION 2025-224 The Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen, New Jersey, Endorsing the Borough's Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
- RESOLUTION 2025-225 Authorization of Appoint a Rent Leveling Board Attorney (Re: Marotta & Garvey)

Councilman Vietri stated he wanted to take a few consent agenda items and move them to off consent. Scott Krumholz explained that he would have to make a motion. Councilman Vietri made a motion. Mayor Kim asked what consent agenda resolutions Councilman Vietri wanted to move. Councilman Vietri stated he wanted to move Resolution 2025-196, 2025-201, 2025-205, 2025-206, 2025-207, 2025-208, 2025-218, 2025-219, 2025-221, and 2025-225. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Vietri to repeat himself, and Councilman Vietri did. Scott Krumholz asked for the reason Councilman Vietri had for transferring the items to the off-consent agenda. Councilman Vietri stated it was because he had questions. Mayor Kim and Scott Krumholz explained that he could still ask questions at the meeting and didn't have to move it. Scott Krumholz explained that if they moved each item to the off-consent agenda, they would have to vote individually on each which would take an immense amount of time. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Vietri could ask his questions and started with Resolution 2025-196.

RESOLUTION 2025-191 Hiring Swimming Pool Employee

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if there was an increase in salary from the year prior because she couldn't understand from the documentation provided. Scott Krumholz explained that at the work session, Councilwoman Won-Yoon had raised questions regarding the salary of the employees. Scott Krumholz continued that they reached out to the pool manager to provide a list with the pool employees and their salaries. The pool manager was asked to stay within the range of the salary ordinance as it was adopted at the beginning of the year. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that wasn't her question and repeated if there was an increase in salary from the year prior. Roberta Stern stated she could provide Councilwoman Won-Yoon with that documentation the following morning, as it was in her office. Councilman Shin stated there was a one dollar increase per hour from the previous year. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the increase was for all pool employees and Councilman Shin confirmed it was. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she didn't think so because the pool manager was written in as \$22 an hour but the month prior it had shown \$23 an hour. Councilman Shin stated the pool manager had taken the salaries from 2022, 2023, and 2024 to review and added an additional dollar amount per year. Councilman Shin stated the assistant pool manager position was an exception. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she wanted to remind everyone that the resolution was removed at the work session and was suddenly showing up on the agenda at the regular meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated in terms of contents, the salary was very different from the year prior. Mayor Kim stated he agreed with Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Mayor Kim originally asked for a motion to table but then realized that if this resolution was tabled they would have to bring it back up to the governing body. Mayor Kim asked to have the resolution removed. Roberta Stern asked if she could say something. Roberta Stern stated that she had a conversation with Councilwoman Won-Yoon – Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she didn't remember having this conversation. Roberta Stern stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon had mentioned there were people working at the pool that had not been appointed which was why they were doing the resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she remembered. Roberta Stern stated originally some employees were going to be appointed in April, and some in June but they had decided to put on everyone at once because these people were already employed and working at the swimming pool. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated at the work session the resolution was deleted. Mayor Kim stated it wasn't deleted but wasn't there. Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied they had struck it out. Mayor Kim stated he agreed with Councilwoman Won-Yoon that this was the first time that the governing body was seeing the breakdown and asked if this resolution could be moved to the following meeting. Councilman Shin stated this was not the first time they were seeing the breakdown because this was also discussed in May. Roberta Stern stated these people

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were already hired. Councilman Shin stated there were two resolutions with differences that's why there was so much confusion. Mayor Kim stated both councilmembers were correct, but he had to agree with Councilwoman Won-Yoon that this was brought up at the last moment and should have been at work session. Mayor Kim continued that if any council members felt that they wanted to adopt the resolution at a later time because it was brought up last minute, then Councilman Shin understood as well. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she could move to her next question, and Mayor Kim replied they had to finish discussing Resolution 2025-191. Mayor Kim stated if they wanted to just let it pass then they would. Councilman Min stated there was a discrepancy with two of the same names listed. Scott Krumholz responded there were actually two people with the same name, and it was not a duplicate of one person. Mayor Kim stated there were a lot of Daniel Kim's. Councilman Min stated they had all agreed to strike Resolution 2025-191 out at the work session, but he had checked the previous meeting packet from May, and everything was reduced by a dollar per person to fit with the ordinance that the governing body had passed. Councilman Min stated by going through the second reading of the ordinance, they had accepted the old pay rate. Mayor Kim asked if Scott Krumholz had known about this. Scott Krumholz responded they had asked the pool manager to provide them with a salary. Mayor Kim asked who Scott Krumholz was referring to when he said they. Scott Krumholz stated the borough administrator and himself. Councilman Min stated at that time, each person's position was reduced by a dollar each based off of the May packet. Mayor Kim asked if it was in the range. Councilman Min asked if they were only amending the housing liaison. Scott Krumholz stated they were also amending the pool employees too. Councilman Min replied if that was the case, then they had to properly pass the ordinance which was being amended that day as a first reading and then do a second reading later. Scott Krumholz asked which salary didn't fall between the salary range on the resolution. Councilman Min stated he didn't have the actual copy of the salary ordinance and asked based on the fact that they were looking to amend the ordinance, were there any changes to the swimming pool. Scott Krumholz stated the pool manager and assistant pool manager had been raised to \$25 an hour. Roberta Stern stated the range was changed but at the last meeting one position reads \$22 an hour, and the other reads \$23 an hour. Roberta Stern stated the list was a result of a conversation she had with Councilwoman Won-Yoon because there were people working already and getting paid that had not been hired. Roberta Stern stated she had mentioned to Scott Krumholz that they wanted to get a list of everyone that worked at the pool so the borough could officially hire them. Roberta Stern stated there were already employees getting paid, but this resolution was just to make their position formal. Councilman Min stated bringing out the resolution was fine, but he was asking if there were any changes to the swimming pool employee salaries. Roberta Stern replied no, there was a dollar difference. Councilman Min asked if the change was to the ordinance or the resolution. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was saying that the proposal was a dollar deduction from every employee of the swimming pool, so he was asking if that would affect the range of the salary ordinance. Councilman Min stated the salary range was already established in March which had went through both a first and second reading. Councilman Min stated the problem would be if the swimming pool hires were above the range. Councilman Min stated that night they were proposed with a salary of a dollar less than what was proposed in May. With that being said, Councilman Min asked if they had touched the salary range from the previously adopted ordinance. Mayor Kim replied to the only thing that changed was the \$20 to \$23. Councilman Min asked if the ordinance was amended with the new swimming pool proposition. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if that was the only thing that changed. Roberta Stern replied that was the whole reason it was originally pulled. Councilman Min stated with that being said, the governing body was amending the ordinance for the swimming pool position, which meant they had to pass the ordinance first. Scott Krumholz asked why and asked if Councilman Min was trying to say that the salaries were not in the range of the current salary ordinance. Roberta Stern stated they had the same salaries that they were getting paid. Roberta Stern stated these individuals were not getting a raise and would not get a raise until the amended ordinance was approved on the second reading. Scott Krumholz replied that would be after the fact and asked Councilman Min what the issue was at that point in time. Councilman Min stated the ordinance was being amended that night. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she could clear up this issue. Mayor Kim allowed her to continue. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the current ordinance was \$22 for the assistant pool manager which was apart of the resolution being presented that night. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this didn't affect the newly revised ordinance and the correct salary range was in the resolution. Councilman Min stated that was his whole question. Councilman Min had asked if

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based on the amended ordinance they were changing positions other than the swimming pool. Scott Krumholz replied they were only changing the pool manager, and assistant pool manager salaries which went up to \$25. Councilman Min asked if the numbers would be changing. Scott Krumholz replied only to the two positions. Councilman Min responded with that being said, there were numbers that were still changing from an old ordinance that was already adopted. Scott Krumholz stated the salaries of the two positions fell within the salary range of the old ordinance. Councilman Min stated he understood that and was just talking about the procedural part. Scott Krumholz stated there were no procedural issues, and at that time they could vote on it. Mayor Kim stated this was the first reading, and not the second reading of Ordinance 2025-23. Scott Krumholz replied no, as far as he had been told, the current salaries presented on resolution 2025-191 fell within the current salary ordinance which was in effect already. Councilman Min asked why the range was being amended then. Scott Krumholz replied once the people were hired, there were some that would receive raises. Scott Krumholz stated there was an issue brought up regarding the top end of the manager's salary, and another position for the municipal housing liaison that had to be changed as well. Councilman Min stated then they were in fact changing multiple positions. Scott Krumholz replied that he didn't have anything to do with resolution 2025-191 which was procedurally sound. Scott Krumholz stated unless someone had notified him that the current salary ordinance did not support the salary range then there would be a problem. Councilman Min stated the ordinance that was being amended that night had a pool section, and the assistant pool manager was from \$20 to \$25. Councilman Min asked if that stayed the same from the original salary ordinance that was adopted back in March. Scott Krumholz stated no, this was higher. Councilman Min replied then that meant they were amending it. Scott Krumholz repeated that the assistant manager and manager salary positions were increased to the top range. Councilman Min stated that meant they were amending the position of the salary and asked how they could adopt the resolution to hire before they adopted the amended version of the ordinance. Scott Krumholz stated it was because of the current salary ordinance, and he wasn't sure why Councilman Min was getting so caught up on the new salary ordinance which had nothing to do with the current resolution. Scott Krumholz explained that the current resolutions that are presented on resolution 2025-191 were all within the range of salaries on the currently passed and adopted salary ordinance. Councilwoman Lee stated for example, Arlene Star was receiving \$22 an hour, but the new ordinance presented a cap of \$25. Scott Krumholz repeated \$25 was the cap. Councilwoman Lee asked if Scott Krumholz was saying the current ordinance in place allowed \$22. Scott Krumholz clarified it did and stated \$22 was the cap on the prior ordinance in effect at that time. Councilwoman Lee stated that the salary ranges were then in compliance with the current ordinance. Scott Krumholz clarified she was correct. Roberta Stern stated the purpose was to legally hire the people who had been working at the pool for a month prior, which hadn't been done. Roberta Stern stated they decided this wouldn't happen again and apparently it happened last year as well, and Roberta Stern didn't know that because she was not here last year. Roberta Stern wanted to get everyone hired that is working. All this is for the purpose of putting it down on paper that these are the current employees of the pool. And yes, the next meeting will be six or seven other lifeguards because they just got certified and hired since then. These are the existing employees. Mayor Kim asked if anyone else had questions about resolution 191. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had a question about resolution 221. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she did not catch it when it was explained why because the town already has a special attorney. Scott stated that the previous attorney had to withdraw due to technical reasons and that Scott can explain that to Councilwoman Won-Yoon later on. Scott continued to say that they could go into an executive session if Councilwoman Won-Yoon would like but the bottom line is that the previous attorney had to withdraw and to finish the investigation, the town needed to bring in an attorney that could tie everything up and finish it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that Councilwoman Lee, Councilman Min, and herself were appointed as the police trailer investigation committee the year before. However, they did not hear anything about this. They thought the attorneys were doing fine and the council members were given a status report a couple days ago. But now all of a sudden, they withdraw. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked why the council did not hear of that. Mayor Kim stated that they should go into an executive session, or they could wait until the meeting is over. However, at that moment, that question cannot be asked in public. Mayor Kim asked the council if they had any more questions. Councilman Min stated that he has two questions. First being Resolution 213. Councilman Min said that this is based on the round four housing element fair share plan. He continued that this was adopted from the planning boards meeting of the previous Wednesday.

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This came to the counsel to be passed but this is deals with the master plan. Councilman Min asked if they as a council get to read over the partial master plan that deals with this resolution tonight. Scott asked if Councilwoman Min is talking about the report that Councilman Min just showed the counsel. Mayor Kim stated that the report that Councilman Min showed was the fair share housing plan and that it was given to all the council. Mayor Kim clarified that the plan was shared by Kauker. Scott stated that it was presented by Kauker to the planning board. Councilman Min stated that his statement was not about the deadline but how is was prepared June 2nd. Councilman Min then asked if every council member has the packet to go over it. Mayor Kim said no and that the current report they are looking at is for the fair share housing plan for the fourth round. Mayor Kim urged and requested that the committee chairs create a simple report and give it to the rest of the council so this will not happen. Mayor Kim then stated that he can take it upon himself to do it himself but then the question would be why he needs the committee chairs. Mayor Kim is expecting the committee to report. This is the fourth round and Mayor Kim spoke to Councilman Min about this as well. They have a fourth obligation that was supposed to be prepared recently, this month. Now it has been two or three months. This was with Kauker & Kauker. Mayor Kim asked if they disclosed the fourth round besides only talking about it. Mayor Kim could not remember if he talked about it with Councilwoman Won-Yoon. The fourth round is that they have a deadline. Within a certain amount of time after they send. The court wants the council's plan on how to address the fourth round required affordable homes. So, Kauker & Kauker went through that. Those projects were disclosed during a meeting with Kauker & Kauker. They had all the lists, videos and the project locations that they are going to propose. Mayor Kim asked the council if they remembered that. Councilman Min stated that they did not have their official builder remedy committee meeting. Councilman Min stated that he got the master plan docket which is around one hundred pages long from the planning board. Mayor Kim stated that the master plan has nothing to do with it at the moment. Councilman Min argued that it does. Mayor Kim asked why. Scott said that the fair share housing plan is part of the master plan. Mayor Kim stated that it is not a complete master plan. Roberta Stern said that it is a section in it. Mayor Kim said that after all this is done, the council will go through the remedies report, the redevelopment zones. Scott added that this is not a remedy report. Mayor Kim clarified that they have to finish all the court jobs like they are doing right now, and that is part of the master plan. They cannot complete the master plan before they go through the procedures. Councilman stated that his concern is that the planning board called their special meeting on May 30th to get this adopted. Scott stated that the meeting was last week. Councilman Min clarified that they called for the special meeting on May 30th. Kauker & Kauker prepared their part of the master plan that goes with the adoption on June 2nd. Now, they had the planning board last week and this plan was with the appendix. It has a hundred pages. They distributed it on the 13th of June. That is the time Councilman Min got the packet. Councilman asked if every council member reviewed the planning boards master plan and if they got it. Mayor Kim stated that he does not believe they got the master plan. Mayor Kim then asked when the councilman received notice that they have to do this. Councilman Min stated that his last builders remedy. Mayor Kim clarified that he is asking the counselor Scott. Scott said that the planning board approved the housing element in the fair share plan on Wednesday or Thursday of the week before. After that, that night, the adoption by the planning board had to be filed with the court. Scott reviewed that resolution that was prepared by the planning board and it required further adoption by the council. Scott inquired with the outside council when that had to be done and was told the deadline was June 30th. Scott then immediately requested the outside council to put together a resolution for this council to adopt today since they have to comply with state law to adopt or endorse the plan. Mayor Kim asked to be corrected if he was wrong, why was it presented at the last moment again. Why did the council members and the planning board find out they had to do it now. That is why the planning board had to do the special meeting. Scott stated that the mayor could ask Mike Kauker what took him a while. It was not an easy task, especially considering everything. Mayor Kim stated that Mike Kauker had a deadline, and he has been working on it. Mayor Kim asked if Mike Kauker barely completed it right before the deadline. Scott confirmed Mayor Kim's statement that Mike Kauker was able to complete it at the last minute. Mayor Kim stated that this is the reason why Councilman Min is uncomfortable because the councilman had to read a hundred pages of the master plan and felt that that was not proper on a few days' notice. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that they did not even receive a master plan. Mayor Kim asked why the council never got the master plan the planning board got. Mayor Kim stated that it was because the week before, as Mayor Kim could imagine, Kauker & Kauker just finished the plan and pushed for a meeting to pass this fast. At that moment, somebody should have given the master plan. Councilman Min stated that it was prepared back

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on June 2nd which included the appendix and part of the master plan. Scott stated that he would take responsibility for that and that he could have been faster. Mayor Kim stated that it should have been given to the government body beforehand because it was prepared before. Mayor Kim stated that he appreciates Councilman Min's comment. Mayor Kim stated that they do take into consideration that Kauker & Kauker did finish at the last moment. The councilor should have provided that beforehand, knowing that within a month, the council should have gotten it not through the planning board documents. Mayor Kim stated that it should not happen again and to be careful. Mayor Kim asked if there are any other questions. Mayor Kim then asked if he could have a motion to pass resolution 190 through resolution 225. Mayor Kim asked again for a motion. Councilman Kim started the motion. Mayor Kim asked for a second. Councilman Shin seconded the motion.

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes except abstained for resolution 2025-224
Councilman Min	asked if they are striking resolution 191. Mayor Kim stated that they are sticking with the original documents as prepared before. Those records will reflect the range.
Councilman Min,	his vote for Resolution 2025-190 through 2025-220 is Yes and will be Abstaining from resolution 2025- 221 through 2025-224 and Yes on resolution 2025-225.
Councilman Shin	Yes but will Abstain from resolution 2025-224 as he did not get time to look over that resolution
Councilman Vietri	No on 196, 201, 205, 206, 207, 208, 218, 219, 221, 225 but Yes on all other resolutions.
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes except for resolution 2025-221 through 2025-225.

Mayor Kim apologized to the council members. After discussing with the borough attorney, the council must go back to an ordinance.

Scott stated that it was ordinance 2025-18. There were 4 abstains and two yes. With a six-member council, that does not pass the ordinance. Therefore, there is an issue to deal with because there must be a re-vote on that ordinance. Mayor Kim asked if that was 21 Grand Avenue. Scott confirmed that it was 21 Grand Avenue.

Mayor Kim stated that they need the council members' help. Mayor Kim asked for a motion to revoke the ordinance 2025-18 re-adopting development plan for 21 Grand Avenue. The borough attorney said that they need less than 4 abstains.

Councilwoman Lee started the motion, and Councilman Shin seconded the motion.

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

Sophia Jang stated that there were 3 yes and 3 abstained and the ordinance is passed. Mayor Kim thanked the council members and stated that they should learn from the experience. Mayor Kim said that they can all work together to improve things and that he appreciates the council members always being on their toes and collecting issues they have to address. Mayor Kim then asked to move ahead to the council reports.

RESOLUTION 2025-196 Authorization of Award Contract for Special Planning Board Attorney

Councilman Vietri stated the appointment of the special planning board attorney was Scarancini & Holanback for \$30,000. Scott Krumholz confirmed that was correct. Councilman Vietri asked if this was for the planning board, and Scott Krumholz confirmed that was correct. Councilman Vietri stated in resolution 2025-221 the same law firm was being hired for \$25,000. Councilman Vietri stated this would be the third attorney that the borough had hired to investigate the police trailers. Scott Krumholz stated that it was correct. Councilman Vietri responded the borough had already spent over a million dollars on the police trailers. Councilman Vietri asked where the

borough was getting all the money to pay for this. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Vietri if his question was where the borough was getting the money from or why the borough had hired so many attorneys. Councilman Vietri asked again why the same attorney was being hired and pointed out again that it was the third attorney investigating the police trailers. Scott Krumholz stated unfortunately the first attorney the borough had hired began to do the work but had disappeared. Councilman Vietri asked if he ran away. Scott Krumholz replied he had disappeared and was too busy to undertake the investigation. Councilman Vietri stated he had never heard of that happening before. Scott Krumholz stated it was difficult and sometimes impossible to get ahold of the first attorney. Scott Krumholz continued that the second attorney ran into a logistical hurdle which required a different firm to finish up the investigation. Scott Krumholz stated the investigation was almost completed. Councilman Vietri stated the borough was still paying a lot of money on this and reiterated the million-dollar cost. Scott Krumholz stated he agreed, and they had to find out why those decisions were made which they were close to. Councilman Vietri asked where the borough was getting the money from. Scott Krumholz replied to the same place they would have paid the firm that had previously resigned. Councilman Vietri asked if they were taking it out of thin air and asked again where they were getting the money from. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Vietri would have to ask Roy Riggitano from the finance department. Councilman Vietri stated they were hiring the same law firm on one resolution for \$25,000 and another for \$30,000. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Vietri didn't jump around and stated if he was done talking about Resolution 2025-196 then they would move forward. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Vietri's question was answered regarding the police trailer attorneys. Scott Krumholz stated Councilman Vietri's original question was regarding the planning board attorney. Mayor Kim asked what the question was. Councilman Vietri stated the law firm was hired for two different projects. Mayor Kim stated it was confusing because Councilman Vietri was talking about the planning board attorney first and then was speaking about the attorney for the police trailer investigations. Mayor Kim asked what Councilman Vietri's question was regarding Resolution 2025-196. Mayor Kim stated the Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano would answer and asked Roberta Stern to make sure the Chief Financial Officer called Councilman Vietri directly. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Vietri had any other questions regarding Resolution 2025-196. Councilman Vietri stated he did not.

RESOLUTION 2025-201 Authorization of Engineering Service Proposal for 1st, 2nd, 4th Street & Highland Avenue

Councilman Vietri stated he saw Pennoni was hired for \$52,000. Councilman Vietri stated He might have been wrong and asked what work these streets were doing. Councilman Vietri asked if this resolution was authorizing payment or parking. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to explain. Scott Krumholz asked Roberta Stern to explain what Pennoni was hired to do, and the specificities of the project. Roberta Stern stated this all included paving 1st and 2nd street to correct drainage issues. Roberta Stern stated part of that street had been paved at one time, and they were just finishing what was started. 2nd and 4th Street had major sanitary sewer issues and storm drain issues. Roberta Stern stated there weren't any on certain parts of the road, so improvements were being made to prevent flooding on the west side of the street. Roberta Stern explained when this was inspected by the engineer, they didn't understand how it was done previously. Mayor Kim stated there was no storm drain on the right side. Mayor Kim stated he had gone there with Councilman Min, Councilwoman Won-Yoon, and Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated no wonder the duplexes were being flooded because there was no storm drain on one side of the street. Roberta Stern stated Highland Avenue was a paving issue, but she didn't know too much about it. Mayor Kim stated Highland Avenue was the last part of the 400 to 500 area where the borough's goal was to get support from the governing body that they should line the closest adjacent residential streets near Broad Avenue. Mayor Kim continued that this would include Highland Avenue and First Street. Mayor Kim continued that they wanted to line the residential streets with parking space lining. Mayor Kim mentioned that Councilman Min suggested while they were doing this, they should make sure everything is complaint with fire, building, and traffic codes. The old engineer brought in a drawing which was reviewed by the new engineer Pennoni and was revamped. Mayor Kim stated Pennoni made sure the yellow lanes were proper, because there were many areas where the yellow lanes weren't long enough causing accidents. Mayor Kim stated they were trying to draw lines and boxes to mark off parking spaces and keep it organized. Mayor Kim stated he had let some council members know that there were plans to make the place into a parking space for Broad Avenue when the residents weren't present just like Jersey City, and Hoboken. Mayor Kim stated this would aid in helping the congestion and providing more

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parking spaces for commerce. Mayor Kim stated guests could go one block down from Broad Avenue and find parking and when the residents came back it would be restricted parking for the residents. Councilman Vietri asked Mayor Kim if he was saying they were going to start on the parking spaces on First Street – Mayor Kim interjected and stated it was not First Street but Highland Avenue. Mayor Kim stated the reason they were waiting to repave the 400 to 500 sections of Highland Avenue was because it was recommended by the engineer that the borough could not paint lines because the removal of that smaller area had to be completed first. Mayor Kim stated after they were done, with support from the governing body, he hopes they could create parking kiosks so the lack of parking issue would be remedied, and residents would have parking instead of public parking being in the mix. Councilman Vietri asked if Mayor Kim was clarifying that they weren't putting in new parking spaces on First Street. Mayor Kim responded not at that time. Councilman Vietri asked if this was going to eventually be done. Mayor Kim stated he was hoping to get the consent from the council because he had worked with the engineer and everyone agreed this would be a great way to ensure safety on residential areas, and save street parking. Councilman Vietri stated he followed that, but he didn't follow from Central Boulevard to Edsall Boulevard, and asked why instead it didn't go from Brinkerhoff Avenue to Oakdene Avenue that was still Broad Avenue. Scott Krumholz stated they had been working to try and make the council meetings a bit more expeditious, and these items were all listed on the work session agenda the week prior. Scott Krumholz stated Councilman Vietri was at the work session. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Vietri was not at the work session. Councilman Vietri clarified that he was. Scott Krumholz asked all councilmembers to not wait until the night of the regular meeting to ask all questions because it wasn't fair to the public. Councilman Vietri replied he agreed with Scott Krumholz but the council meeting prior, they were all there until 10:30PM, and the council meeting before, they were there until 10:00PM. Mayor Kim stated he wondered why, and Councilman Vietri replied it wasn't because of him. Councilman Vietri stated it wasn't because of him, but because Mayor Kim was talking and now he was being instructed to not ask questions. Mayor Kim stated he had enough time to ask his questions, but he waited until the last moment. Scott Krumholz stated they were trying to set up procedures. Councilman Vietri stated they were trying to set up procedures but when a councilman had a question, they didn't want anyone to ask because evidentially they had other plans for that night. Mayor Kim replied that wasn't true and asked what Councilman Vietri's complaint was. Councilman Vietri stated he just told everyone complained. Mayor Kim stated if they wanted to stay until ten at night that was fine, but as Scott Krumholz had mentioned, it would be a disservice to the governing body who had to go home, and the public who also had to go home. Mayor Kim stated if these questions were asked at the work session or before the regular meeting in general, the meetings wouldn't run until 10 or 11 at night. Scott Krumholz stated the borough administrator was present every day, as well as the finance department, and these questions could have been answered. Scott Krumholz stated Councilman Vietri had raised questions on twelve different resolutions and it wasn't fair to the public. Councilman Vietri asked if it was his prerogative to ask questions about spending money. Mayor Kim stated he was complaining about leaving late but that was the reason they were all leaving late. Mayor Kim stated if Councilman Vietri wanted to go all the way until 10PM then he was the leader. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Vietri what his question was regarding Resolution 2025-201 when they had asked councilmembers to ask questions before the meeting and asked why they were grandstanding to make everyone miserable. Councilman Vietri replied that Mayor Kim was the one grandstanding. Mayor Kim replied he was the mayor, and the conductor of the meeting so Councilman Vietri didn't have to attack him. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Vietri why he was doing this. Councilman Vietri replied that he had studied this and then it was changed at the last moment. Mayor Kim stated it was Monday and Councilman Vietri had a chance to ask all the questions he could. Councilman Vietri replied as a councilman he had the right to ask any questions. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Vietri if he had any other questions regarding Resolution 2025-201.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lee stated that the school board has an end-of-year meeting the upcoming Wednesday and during the meeting there will be an appointment for the 2025-2026 school year. Mayor Kim thanked Councilwoman Lee and stated that he appreciated her working with the board of education so he can properly provide the scholarships.

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Councilman Shin stated that the swimming pool finally opened the week before. As they all know, there were serious complaints about the pool focused on the delay of the swimming pool on the media. Councilman Shin stated that he did not know where they got the information but the reason for the delay of the opening was the misallocation of the water meter for 20 years. The water meter should be on the town property but unfortunately it was on a private companies parking lot. Finally, the private company did not allow it to be kept there so they had to fix it, and it took time. Also, the tank and filter were very rusty, which was miserable to see, and they had to fix it. So, while they were fixing it, it unexpectedly busted so they had to fix that as well. On top of that, the weekend weather was very bad to open so they had to delay. The media said it was not because of the weather but weather is apparently one of the reasons for the delayed opening. Finally, the weather is helping. Last weekend, the weather was good, so they were very busy, and they now have 139 members registered so they are in pretty good shape. The weather is also very hot, so they are in very good shape. Also, for the DPW, Councilman Shin set June and July as the pothole months. Councilman Shin got a lot of complaints about potholes in the town and comparing this towns pothole to neighboring towns, it is very miserable, and they cannot delay that anymore. Councilman Shin stated that he is now working with the DPW to check all the roads in Palisades Park and make some pothole map to fix it in June and July and hope that the residents don't see any potholes. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin but also included to involve the borough administrator as she is the general highest managing employee. Mayor Kim stated that it breaks his heart that Council Shin is so deeply involved in trying to reform the DPW and make sure the public knows that they are working. It should not be to that point. The DPW should have gone by themselves, driving around, finding the potholes, making the maps by themselves and reporting back to you. Councilman Shin stated that he is the councilman overseeing the work of the DPW. Mayor Kim stated that he understood. Councilman Shin said that whenever he had a meeting or contact with the DPW, the borough administrator is always involved. Councilman Shin stated that he is just overseeing. What he is saying is, he is not instructing or micromanaging the involvement.

Councilman Min had no reports

Councilman Kim stated that he had no reports as well. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Kim is working on the healthcare. Councilman Kim said that he is and that all he needs is for the mayor to send an email.

Councilman Vietri had no reports

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that at the last meeting, they hired a new director who is to start in the middle of July. They will have a special meeting on July 1st and they will not have a meeting in August. During the school years, Monday through Thursday between 3 to 5pm, there are a lot of kids and students out there making a lot of noise. They need to discuss it at the last board meeting and it looks like the library staff are not comfortable to tell the kids to be quiet constantly because that can be complained by the parents. They discussed that that issue is really a board issue and management issue so when they open this board meeting which is in September, they will probably work on policies and how to train the library staff and students so they can have a quiet library going forward. Mayor Kim thanked Councilwoman Won-Yoon then asked what the general subject matter for the special meeting on the library board. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that there is some property that belongs to the library that is treated as trash which is not what it was designed for. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she will try to understand the reason behind all this and how they can remove that situation. Scott asked if they could go back to ordinance 2025-18 and ordinance 2025-19. Mayor Kim then asked if they could go back.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Scott did not have anything to report.

BA REPORT:

Roberta Stern stated that the upcoming Friday there is a bid opening for the new parking lot in Bellview with an EV station. Mayor Kim included that there will be solar panel lights. Roberta Stern said that hopefully they can fix parts of the road that could happen as part of this. The second thing was that the last couple of weeks, it has been very frustrating for people trying to contact the pool as well as for the people who work in the building because the pool phone is not

working and apparently, it has something to do with the new phone system and the off building location, the networks for the phones that report the voice back here to the main borough hall is not up and working yet due to the issues with the carrier. Roberta Stern stated that she has not found out who the carrier is yet, but the county is working on it as it is their system. Way back when it was looked at to change the phone system, maybe they didn't spend the time they should have to check if the pool phone was off premises. They are currently working hard to make sure the phones are back up and running but obviously today that has not happened yet. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked for clarification on that. Council Won-Yoon said that the current phone the pool had is not run by the county. Roberta Stern confirmed Council Won-Yoon's statement. The phone pool is part of the new phone system but what Roberta Stern asked the pool staff to do, if the pool is searched up on google, it gives a lot of information. They can change or get a message on that, that because the phones are not working at the time, to send a google message if people need to contact the pool. They will respond to the google message. It would hopefully be online by tonight or by the next day because they don't know if the phones will be working in a week or two weeks. Roberta Stern stated that she hoped to have more information the next day. Whatever the network is to create the voice to come back to the borough hall, is down. The pool does have computer service, and the emails are working and the emails are working at the DPW, but the phones are the only issue. Mayor Kim stated that before they move on to the police report, there have been signs of a lot of progress and they are very close to bid packets that were prepared. First, second and fourth street, Councilman Min was there, Councilwoman Won-Yoon was there. They are really tending to the needs of the people. They survived flooding that has been happening for years without one side a drain. They are working on that too with the repavement. The borough administrator knows about fifth street, but since they have been spending a lot of money on roads, they are trying to move that for the next year. One half of Commercial going to route 46 has been badly demolished for many years and that is being addressed. The 12 Bellview parking lot is finally coming into fruition, and the 1.4 million dollars grant to revitalize broad avenue to central and even all the way to Henry Street to make it so it'll look like something they will see in the main streets of Fort Lee. They also have the police reforming in accreditation. The town is in the works, and they finally got the parking meter that everyone was complaining about, the police department and the committee worked really hard to find the best candidate and the mayor agreed with that choice. The town just approved the check-in and check-out system for the employees. Mayor Kim re-emphasized that they are moving and that he realized that even though he is the mayor who is not influenced by anybody anymore, it is hard to realize the government system is smooth. However, Mayor Kim said that he is happy to see that the council members care and that they always remind the employees of things that need to be addressed. This is how the town is going to move forward. Mayor Kim stated that he is also working on the LED solar panel streetlights he has been talking about. It is funded and he will give the products to Roberta. They will hit about 25 to 30 locations that are dark, and PSE&G will cost an arm and a leg to create another streetlight there. That will be all accomplished this year. The DPW is also working on the spray painting and power washing of broad avenue. Mayor Kim recommended that there are faults with the administration of the employees and that he does not deny that. However, they have to work together to fill in the issues on both sides of the party. Mayor Kim requested the council members review their packets and come to them during the one week after they receive the work session, so they don't have to open it up during the regular session. Mayor Kim also included that the borough administrator, the clerk and the attorney don't make these kinds of mistakes to boggle down the process. This was a very important process. Mayor Kim stated that he is very thankful that the council members decided to give an opportunity because if the ordinances did not pass, they would be in major trouble. Someone has to take the blame for it and it is definitely not the governing body.

POLICE REPORT:

Multiple people wished George Beck a happy birthday. George Beck apologized that he has a bunch to report but the police department and the police committee have been working very hard to reform initiatives. They have been working very hard on their community outreach, engaging with the community, letting them see the police, going out there and showing what the police can offer for them, and building stronger partnerships. On May 31st, they went to a DUI presentation which is a yearly thing that they have been doing with the Fire Department. The high school seniors, it is their last exposure to the police department before they move into college or their next steps in life and it is a good way for them to see the dangers of driving while intoxicated so

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that they can stay safe. It is also a good way for the police department to interact with them before the summer. At Lindbergh school, they did a successful evacuation drill on June 2nd. They basically took all the kids to different safety points in town, which they will not disclose publicly but the school knows, and the kids now know where these safety points now are should some type of serious event occur. On June 6th the officers participated in the special Olympics sports run, some of the people on the mayor & council also participated. The officers raised \$680 for the special Olympics. The officers also provided two scholarships in memory of two of our fallen officers, officer Fariolie and officer Catrel. Two high school students were the recipients and on behalf of the police department, we wish the two recipients much success as they continue their academic journey. They had a really nice event at the Presbyterian church on June 14th. This was an unsolicited event as the pastor of the church, the oldest church in Palisades Park, came up to the police department and said he had an idea for this event to partner with police department, and it was wonderful time. They spoke with the congregation and by extension the community and George Beck believed they made a lot of progress. They also showed a bunch of their talent and new hires such as Officer Adolfo Rodriguez, is a ten out of ten on the piano, which is circulating on social media and Officer Reyez, who is also a ten out of ten on the drums. They decided that they were going to play with their music ministry. It was a big hit. The officers were even impressed with the talent hired recently. He also thanked all the officers that participated in that event because it was a really nice community event. It was a nice way for the community to see the new officers. They now have their first Cantonese speaking officer and that congregation is largely Chinese, so it was an excellent engagement. The police's fleet lettering is complete now. All of the vehicles now, their lettering is complete. So now when driving around Palisades Park, you will see who they are. Now it says Palisades Park Police and it is easily identifiable that these are police officers. He hoped that this allows residents to feel comfort and safety that police officers are out there. Officer Bob Lee is an intellectual standout who has been working with Lieutenant Beck for the large federal cop's grant. It is a very cumbersome process and elicited support from a congressman to argue on the police's behalf and hopefully they will have news on that shortly. The deadline for that grant is on the 25th, which is in two days. The Junior Police Academy started today, and it runs until the 27th, the Friday. At 5pm next Monday, there will be the junior police academy graduation which will be held at Lindbergh. This is a really great program. It is a great engagement for the kids. They come out and get to experience what it is like to be a police officer. They are the junior cadets. They do drills, they march, and they are taught things about policing. He also stated to mark the calendars for Wednesday at 10:30 AM, the state police will be landing a helicopter on the Lindbergh field to show the kids what the state police helicopter does. So, if anyone hears a helicopter coming into town, they will be aware of what that is. Sergeant Mike Lee worked very hard to get the partnership with the state police to have them bring this to Palisades Park. As far as facility updates go, they are near complete with progress. There is just a little more painting to do, it is a clean facility. It is a very healthy environment, and everyone is invited to come in and look. And this accolade is for Captain Rotundo who has been working pretty tirelessly on this accreditation process. It has been an incredible undertaking but under Captain Rotundo's efforts and the team here at the Palisades Park Police Department, they are happy to report today that this is a fact with a line graph, they are 90 percent complete in the process, and they should have good news very soon. George Beck stated that anyone is always welcome to come down and see him, he is a captain and if anyone had anything they would like to address, if they have any safety issues, anything, to just come down and see him. They would be glad to help. Mayor Kim wanted to add that the council members know the two officers working really hard to reform and get the accreditation for the first time in history, the police department provides benefits, it provides a lower insurance. Also, they hired the first black police officer in Palisades Park history, and they are breaking out of history. Also, Mayor Kim believed that the police received the county report on accidents. Mayor Kim asked if they had received it. One of the officers stated that they are in the process of certain areas in town and bringing back that information. This is to reduce accidents. Mayor Kim also stated that council members should be invited to all events. If the council members of the committee don't let the other council members know, it is up to the department heads to invite them to all the events. It is a celebratory event. Mayor Kim also asked for more information on the national night out. Captain Beck stated that it is always the first Tuesday of August with it being the 5th this year. Mayor Kim asked for a little preview of what is going to happen. Captain Beck stated that they are bringing it back to Broad Avenue. It has been at Lindbergh school in the past and the town pool. The police department felt that this year it was time to change it up to bring it back to Broad Avenue between Central Boulevard and Brinkerhoff. It will include what they have every year, the bounce houses, multiple types of games, canine demonstrations and

other law enforcement demonstrations, prizes, free food. Captain Beck encouraged everyone to come out. Mayor Kim stated there was one last thing between Captain Beck and Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim asked what is happening with the LED stop sign. Roberta Stern stated that they were ordered, and Mayor Kim said good. Mayor Kim stated that thanks to Lieutenant Chris Beck, they are going to order new stop signs. Roberta Stern stated that there were eight new stop signs and two pedestrian signs. Mayor Kim stated that Chris Beck discovered a very reputable competitive company. Captain Beck stated that they have a traffic unit, Officer Farnese and Officer McDermott, that have been doing tremendous work in that unit. They have been investigating many things, dangerous intersections, areas where they could add speed signs or speed bumps or whatever to make the roads safer, they've been working a lot on that, and the town will start seeing the fruits of their labor as well as the additional officers that are in the traffic unit. A lot of these things that happen are in the process and start and hopefully they can report more news soon. Mayor Kim also forgot to mention that the police department created several plans for police officers to drive through every residential street, but not at the same time at the same day, so perpetrators can't find out when they are going to come. They have a schedule so hopefully the residents will notice the difference. Hopefully the residents will see police officers and talking to the residents so they make sure we are safe in the residential areas. Charlie Shin asked if they would do the firework event on July 4th. Mayor Kim stated that they will not be doing it this year and that it is a little too late. Originally there was supposed to be a popcorn event, but it was too late. Roberta Stern included that when they went to the county or the county meeting about that event, there was no additional security. Mayor Kim stated that security does come into play when you invite someone to a public place, someone also has to clean the trash, someone has to provide security, and no other town wanted to be a part of that, so they decided to forget about it. Captain Beck stated that the director did have something to say. The director stated that he mentioned they had a couple of senior citizens in the past couple weeks that were approached by people selling, grabbing and so forth. So, in order to make the senior citizens feel safer and at night, they are going to make available whistles for them. What they want to use by that whistle they can wear around their neck, and they are plastic whistles so in wintertime they can still use them. A police officer in the area can know something is going on and anybody in the area, even witnesses will hear the whistle and look that way so if it is not a police officer, maybe it will give an opportunity to identify a witness. It will be put into play probably next week or so. Mayor Kim thanked the director. Mayor Kim asked for a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Kim started the motion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Kim apologized for the delay and stated that the public has three minutes to discuss whatever it is they would like to say.

A citizen from 329 East Columbia Avenue came to speak. He stated he really enjoyed the 4th of July activity that Bergen County presented last year, and he was on the other side of where the park is. There was beautiful entertainment and all that stuff. He brought up the temporary police station again. The station that they are not using, which he believes is called the trailers. He was promised an answer about three or four months ago by the council. He had not yet received any answer. Scott stated that they do not have an answer yet as they are waiting for their outside council to finish the investigation. The citizen stated that it was part of the discussion tonight. Mayor Kim said that they are almost there but that the last council without disclosing information in public. Scott said that there was not full cooperation by all the participants back years ago when this happened. The citizen included that his nephew is a chief of administration in Florida and this town has over 100,000 people and the meetings were held a lot differently. They were much more professional. Mayor Kim asked him to elaborate on his observation. The citizen stated that it was more orderly as far as people and the council speaking. He was really impressed with the meeting in Florida. The citizen included that Palisades Park Council is not that far off, but he thinks they need to see some improvements there. The work session was last week, and they are minor details on public sessions like this session, but he believes it went way too deep. Mayor Kim agreed with his statement. The citizen reiterated that it went way too deep and the pool is another thing. To him, in a way it is a money pit. Even though they say like last year, they made money, but he asked who paid for all these bills. He asked if it is the people that attend the pool who pay for all of that. Mayor Kim said yes. The citizen asked if the town does not pay a penny for it. Mayor Kim asked him which one he is talking about. The citizen clarified that he is talking about all the bills such as the concrete that is being repaired. Mayor Kim stated

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that that is the town's day-to-day operation. Roberta Stern clarified that the town has a number of bonds that were put in place to do work at the pool that they have no yet used. They are currently using that bond money to make improvements which were the intentions of those bonds from 2018, 2019, and 2022. One of them is already cancelled and they are trying to do something sensible with that which is make the repairs that need to be made. The citizen stated that he enjoyed the pool when his daughter was young and that they were there every day. He believed that the time had come to see if it is worth keeping that pool. Mayor Kim asked if he meant financially. The citizen clarified that it is financial and asked what percentage of the people that attend are from Palisades Park. Mayor Kim stated that that is a different story. Mayor Kim clarified that what the citizens are asking is if this pool benefits our town of Palisades Park only. It was never meant to only benefit this town. Even back in the days when they had an Olympic sized pool, the town didn't 100 percent partake to make it more productive. The citizen stated that they used to have buses because the parking lot was so full. It was full and it was for citizens only. Now it is for mostly other people other than residents. Roberta Stern stated that you do see more people getting guest day passes and that is what it has become. Mayor Kim agreed that it is a good point and that they should revisit that later in private. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions or statements. Another resident came up and thanked the council and said that he will do his best to get the DPW going. Mayor Kim stated that he deserved the opportunity. Mayor Kim asked for a motion to close and come back to the regular meeting. Councilman Shin started the motion and the motion was seconded. Mayor Kim then asked for a motion to close the regular meeting. Motion was started by Councilman Shin and seconded by Councilman Min.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned

Attest:



Sophia H. Jang, RMC
Borough Clerk