

Borough of Palisades Park
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Work Session
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Mayor Chong Paul Kim called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

STATEMENT:

This is a Work Session 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 brought by Councilwoman Won-Yoon.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Kim	Present
Councilman Kim	Present
Councilwoman Lee	Present
Councilman Min	Present
Councilman Shin	Present
Councilman Vietri	Present
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Present

Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz	Present
Borough Administrator Roberta Stern	Present

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Work Session of the Mayor and Council:	April 21, 2025
Executive Session of the Mayor and Council:	April 21, 2025
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council:	April 28, 2025

Mayor Kim asked if everyone had a copy of the meeting minutes. Borough Clerk Sophia Jang confirmed they did. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she wanted to make a comment. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this was the first time she had seen a complete set of meeting minutes at the work session and was excited. Councilwoman Won-Yoon thanked the Clerk's Office. Mayor Kim stated they did a great job, and asked councilmembers to review the minutes for approval at the May 28th regular meeting.

2nd READING/HEARING

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

Mayor Kim stated this was the second reading of the ordinance, so council members were aware that the borough needed money for improvements to certain roads. Mayor Kim asked if anyone had any questions. Councilman Vietri asked if this was a bond. Roberta Stern confirmed it was.

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

Mayor Kim stated this was also the second reading regarding this ordinance. Mayor Kim stated it was discussed previously that an extension was needed because of the state and was standard protocol for all municipalities due to the delay. Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions.

ORDINANCE 2025-15 Establishment of Salaries for Year 2025

Mayor Kim advised council members to look at the ordinance. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she had a question regarding positions that were not filled. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if these positions had to be filled. Mayor Kim stated they did not, and it was all a part of the budget. Mayor Kim stated the money was still there and they could use it for the following year. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated these positions had been unfulfilled for a long time. Mayor Kim stated he understood that, and they would speak to Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, but any money that was a part of the budget that was unused would be carried over to the following year to be used as surplus. Mayor Kim stated the Chief Financial Officer should manage the finances so that security and procedure could be improved. Mayor Kim stated they could speak with Roy Riggitano to see how this would all be addressed. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to make sure that Roy Riggitano responded to Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Roberta Stern responded this was a very common practice, but she would speak with Roy Riggitano. Mayor Kim stated it was common practice, but Councilwoman Won-Yoon had a good point. Roberta Stern stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon and herself had spoken about this several times. Mayor Kim stated if they lost

that budget then they lost the whole budget including total income. Mayor Kim commented that they had to figure this out properly. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they would ask Roy Riggitano. Mayor Kim stated they needed money for the following year, and the year after. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that if this was a position they never wanted to fill then why not remove it. Mayor Kim stated that Roy Riggitano may have done this for other reasons, so they had to ask him. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions. Mayor Kim stated considering this was the second reading of the ordinance, if there were any questions or concerns to make sure it was addressed before the Monday meeting. Mayor Kim stated if there were no further questions they would move forward.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

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

Scott Krumholz stated this was previously introduced for the first reading but there was an issue raised about the inclusion of penalties. Scott Krumholz stated he believed he had forwarded it to the governance committee and some others the penalty language used in Fort Lee for their filming and photography ordinance. Scott Krumholz stated that he was waiting for feedback as to the penalties. Scott Krumholz stated once he received the feedback, and he knew the council in theory was okay with the penalties – Councilwoman Won-Yoon interjected and asked if this was the reason the penalties were not included. Scott Krumholz stated that was correct, and it was because he was waiting to hear back. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the days of the week were updated to include Sunday as well. Scott Krumholz confirmed that it was updated and the only part they were waiting for was the penalties. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon if she remembered the previous conversation pertaining to how Warner Brothers could afford \$1,000 a day without a problem. Councilwoman Won-Yoon confirmed she did. Mayor Kim stated they were bench marking Fort Lee, and they had to have a final discussion as to the amount which would be done and presented for the meeting that upcoming Monday. Mayor Kim asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon could work with Scott Krumholz, but stated he was okay with following Fort Lee. Mayor Kim explained he was okay with following Fort Lee because there were many films and photographs taken in Fort Lee which was originally the East Coast Hollywood. Mayor Kim stated if anyone wanted to make any changes to do so that week, therefore there was enough time to speak with the attorney to finalize for the following month.

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

Mayor Kim stated this bond was for the new projects that the borough needed to do for work projects. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to explain. Roberta Stern stated one of the projects was for the TAP grant for \$470,000. Roberta Stern continued that they had a design proposal but didn't have an extra \$141,000 so they had to put that in a bond ordinance. Roberta Stern stated they had applied for \$296,000 for Commercial Avenue. Roberta Stern continued that at the community development district meeting she attended a few weeks prior; the borough was awarded \$65,000. The total for the entire county in the district was \$915,000. Roberta Stern commented that fourteen towns were cut out of funding. To continue Commercial Avenue, the borough was inputting extra money so that if the federal government didn't give any, the borough would have enough which would cover the cost of that project. Councilwoman Won-Yoon went to ask a question but stated she would ask at the end. Roberta Stern continued that the last project was for improvements to borough owned buildings because a property on Second Avenue needed to have the roof replaced. Roberta Stern stated this was done as a general to give the option of doing the roof as well as other small work at other borough properties other than that building. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to go back to “E” which was various improvements to municipal facilities including all work deemed necessary therefore an incidental thereof. Mayor Kim asked for clarification because it was very vague. Roberta Stern stated quite frankly, it was prepared with the language to protect the borough. Mayor Kim asked for what, and stated they needed to know how to use it. Roberta Stern responded at that time; she had sent them a quote from McCarry who was going to prepare the bid specs for that. Mayor Kim asked what bid specs for various. Roberta Stern responded to the building at 510 Second Street. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this was the Board of Education building. Roberta Stern confirmed it was. Councilwoman Won-Yoon corrected the address to 410 Second Street. Roberta Stern apologized, and stated when they started this, she had to get this written but there were still other questions they had that they were waiting for a follow-up from Scott Krumholz. Mayor Kim stated this would be the construction of a whole new roof top for the Board of Education. Mayor Kim asked how much it would be to replace the roof. Roberta Stern stated that when the bids came in for the library roof, they based it off that. Roberta Stern continued that since this was a much smaller job, she left enough money for what she believed was enough. Mayor Kim asked how much she thought it would cost them to redo the roof. Roberta Stern stated maybe \$75,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that the library roof replacement was \$93,000. Roberta Stern stated that it was three months ago. Mayor Kim asked if the library roof replacement was included in this. Roberta Stern responded no, that was done already. They

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were just basing it off that project. Roberta Stern explained that the bids for the library roof replacement project came in at \$92,000 and that project was much larger. Roberta Stern stated that since it had been three months, the bids could come in at a lot more and surprise them. Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern could verbally explain what the money would be used for because it was a big project, but he understood that she wanted to keep it vague. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if he had reviewed the contract for the library roof to make sure that they were responsible for replacing the roof. Scott Krumholz confirmed he did, and they were responsible. Councilman Vietri asked if the borough was paying for the replacement to the Board of Education building. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to explain. Scott Krumholz explained the Board of Education building was borough property and there was a lease with the Board of Education which had to be renegotiated which was a separate issue. Scott Krumholz continued that the lease specified the borough was responsible because it was a wear and tear issue and not caused by anything the Board of Education did. Scott Krumholz stated that the roof was outdated and had holes in it that had to be replaced. Mayor Kim asked if the contract specified that the landlord replaced wear and tear. Scott Krumholz confirmed it did. Councilman Vietri asked if they had a contract with the Board of Education stating the borough owned the building. Scott Krumholz stated yes they did. Councilman Vietri asked if at any point the borough could decide to sell that building. Mayor Kim responded they could either resell it or renegotiate another contract. Councilman Vietri responded okay. Mayor Kim stated it was their discretion depending on the majority votes. Councilman Vietri thanked him. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions and reminded council members that they had another month to look over the ordinance.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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- RESOLUTION 2025-145 Designating Block 505, Lots 3 and 4 (15 Grand Avenue) as an Area In Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1 et Seq.
- RESOLUTION 2025-146 Directing the Planning Board to Prepare a Redevelopment Plan for Block 505, Lots 3 and 4 (15 Grand Avenue), Previously Designated as an Area In Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law
- RESOLUTION 2025-147 Designating Block 505, Lot 1 (21 Grand Avenue) as an Area In Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1 et Seq.
- RESOLUTION 2025-148 Directing the Planning Board to Prepare a Redevelopment Plan for Block 505, Lot 1 (21 Grand Avenue), Previously Designated as an Area In Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law
- RESOLUTION 2025-149 MOVED TO THE OFF- CONSENT AGENDA
- RESOLUTION 2025-150 Awarding Contract to Severino Heating Cooling, Inc for HVAC Work
- RESOLUTION 2025-151 Awarding Contract to Aquatic Pool Management LLC for Filtration Repairs at the Municipal Pool
- RESOLUTION 2025-152 Awarding Contract for Improvements to the Library Roof
- RESOLUTION 2025-153 Awarding Contract to Advanced Welding for Mechanical Repairs at the Municipal Pool

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2025-154 Adoption of 2025 Municipal Budget

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they didn't have this resolution included. Scott Krumholz asked Sophia Jang if she finished reading off Resolution 2025-154. Scott Krumholz announced that they would be removing Resolution 2025-181 from the consent agenda and putting it to the off-consent agenda because it was emergency repairs. Sophia Jang stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon was asking why Resolution 2025-154 was not included in the packet. Mayor Kim asked if everyone understood that Resolution 2025-181 was for emergency appropriations that Roy Riggitano had certified. Secondly, to answer Councilwoman Won-Yoon's question, they did not have the resolution for the adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to explain. Scott Krumholz stated that Roberta Stern could explain because he hadn't been involved in the budget. Scott Krumholz stated maybe someone from the finance department could explain. Roberta Stern responded that Maria Goode was present to explain. Mayor Kim stated that Roy Riggitano would let them know, but then Maria Goode walked into the work session. Mayor Kim stated they were talking about the adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget. Mayor Kim stated that he had been told by Roy Riggitano that the whole state was delayed so at that time he didn't have the resolution to be confirmed by the state and to be presented to the governing body. Mayor Kim stated regarding the documents that should have been attached to the off-consent resolution, they were not included. Maria Goode responded that the documents were the same that were presented when the resolution was introduced therefore they had already received the documents the month prior. Roberta Stern asked Maria Goode if she had a separate resolution or if they only had the front page where they recorded the vote on it as the resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they needed a different resolution to adopt. Sophia Jang clarified that this resolution was to be adopted. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the budget that was introduced was confirmed by the state. Maria Goode responded that it was not confirmed by the state, and they were still waiting for review. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked for the procedure. Maria Goode stated everything had already been sent out to the state. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the first step was to adopt the budget without having confirmation from the state. Maria Goode responded that Roy Riggitano hadn't mentioned that to her but had mentioned that it may be completed by the following Tuesday. Roberta Stern explained that the review was handed to a certain reviewer. Garbarini had found out who was reviewing the budget from the state. Roberta Stern continued that they had received the name of the gentleman that would be reviewing the documents and was advised that it was still under review. Mayor Kim stated that the bottom line was, they had been told by Maria Goode that Roy Riggitano had confirmed that nothing had been added or changed from the initial documents presented the month prior. Mayor Kim asked Sophia Jang to compile the old documents from the prior month that were already approved and to send over to everyone else. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that her question was if they had to adopt the budget after it was confirmed by the state or if they adopted the budget with the conditions. Roberta Stern stated they first had to review and they would know whether it was okay to adopt. Roberta Stern stated if it wasn't okay then they would have to change it. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to correct him if he was wrong, but Roy Riggitano had confirmed that nothing had changed from the original presented documents, and they were just waiting for the state to review. If the borough didn't get approval by the following Monday from the state, they could not process it. Scott Krumholz stated that he was correct. Mayor Kim stated this should be okay because it wasn't only for the borough, but the state would not provide the information for any other towns as well. Scott Krumholz advised Maria Goode to advise Roy Riggitano if a further extension was needed then they would have to make another resolution for that. Maria Goode agreed to

do so. Mayor Kim asked Maria Goode to confirm what Councilwoman Won-Yoon had asked earlier regarding proper procedure, and what would happen if the state did not confirm that the borough had the okay to pass the resolution for the budget. Mayor Kim asked Maria Goode to get this information to Roberta Stern. Maria Goode agreed to do so.

RESOLUTION 2025-181 Awarding Water Meter Repair Contract for Municipal Pool (Re: D-Lanzo Plumbing and Sewer Contractors)

Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if they needed to make a vote to transfer the resolution from the consent agenda to the off-consent agenda. Scott Krumholz confirmed they did. Sophia Jang stated they did not need to make a vote considering this was a work session, but they could discuss it. Councilman Vietri asked if Mayor Kim had mentioned that the budget was going into Resolution 2025-181. Scott Krumholz clarified that the budget was Resolution 2025-154, and Resolution 2025-181 was moved from the consent agenda to the off-consent agenda because it was an emergency repair. Mayor Kim stated that was correct, and stated they had to do the vote for Resolution 2025-181. Sophia Jang reminded him again that a roll call vote wasn't necessary as this was a work session. Mayor Kim remembered, and stated they would make a vote at the regular session.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the contract awarded \$55,600 which was significantly over \$44,000. Roberta Stern responded that it was over the initial amount but it was an emergency appropriation because the pool had to be opened, and the water meter had to be installed by certain regulations. Roberta Stern continued that they were previously given bad information over a month prior. Roberta Stern stated at least they got someone for under \$90,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she understood it was an emergency, but she was trying to check the process. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if it was over \$44,000 threshold could they continue with the services using a quote. Scott Krumholz confirmed Councilwoman Won-Yoon was correct and stated an emergency repair still required council approval but as an emergency. Mayor Kim stated they didn't really need the quotes because the work had to be completed on time. Mayor Kim stated this was an uncontrolled emergency and commended Roberta Stern for settling the issue that they had before Roberta Stern was the borough administrator. Mayor Kim explained that the meter was in a private location which should never have been placed there. Mayor Kim stated if they wanted to network to get a new meter on borough property, it would take too long and would cost too much. Mayor Kim stated that Roberta Stern talked to the owner and made an amicable deal. Mayor Kim stated that this was a very considerable deal that would resolve the matter. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they had six months to figure all of this out, and asked why this emergency was coming about now. Mayor Kim began to explain that even though this was a problem, and Veolia was continuously – Mayor Kim handed it over to Roberta Stern to continue the explanation. Roberta Stern explained that the water meter was in a pit on a property not owned by the borough. Roberta Stern stated that the water meter had been in that place for over 50 years. That year, the owners had stood their ground, and when this was brought up in previous years nothing was done about it. Roberta Stern continued that year the owners had stood their ground and refused to send their men in to the pit to change the water meter considering it was only seasonal. Roberta Stern stated it was put in and removed when it froze. Mayor Kim stated that this water meter was located six feet underground. Roberta Stern stated that she had met with Veolia at the location and had an original intent to move it to borough property 200 feet away. Roberta Stern stated that there was no way to move it and doing so would be through the other owner's property and not borough property. Roberta Stern stated that she wasn't sure if they would be given permission or if it was even feasible to do. Roberta Stern continued that aside from the money, the water line may have been an issue. The main water line was coming from Grand Avenue and if it also went down Ruby Avenue, it wouldn't have anywhere else to go. Roberta Stern stated what had caused the issue after trying multiple different things including drawing sketches, they went to see which way would be possible to install the meter and there was no other way possible. Roberta Stern continued that they previously dealt with one company that had interest in doing the work for \$30,000, which she didn't have an issue with. When Roberta Stern requested a written quote, they sent one for \$89,000. Roberta Stern stated the only other thing she could do was look for someone else who would do the work properly for less than \$90,000. Roberta Stern stated that the selected company had mentioned that they did a lot of work with the owners and stated they could start the work that Tuesday and finish that Thursday. Roberta Stern stated they were going to try to get a temporary hose running to fill the pool which helped a bit ahead of time, although it didn't settle the issues because the toilets still couldn't be flushed in the bathroom or anything else without the water. Roberta Stern repeated that the whole issue previously was that they were given bad information and they had to deal with the issues at that point in time. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she was trying to figure out why this had to be done as an emergency when this was the situation for many years in the past. Mayor Kim replied that wasn't exactly the case. Mayor Kim explained the year prior there was discussion to update the meter but then was put on halt because the meter was on someone else's property. Mayor Kim stated that the property owner could have updated the meter as they wanted and would have billed the borough. Then the property owner stated they would rather have the borough do it because they didn't do that kind of work. The borough didn't want to get into the issue of having to speak with the private owners and negotiate because they felt strongly that

this was something Veolia should have taken care of. Mayor Kim explained that they had found out from Veolia that they couldn't do that, and they couldn't bring in any more lines due to the volume of the cost. Mayor Kim stated the only thing the borough could do was pay for it themselves, although it wasn't borough property. This all happened in the span of a month and a half and until then it was perfectly fine. Scott Krumholz stated to answer Councilwoman Won-Yoon's question regarding the emergency, from what he understood that Roberta Stern and Mayor Kim had stated, was that it wasn't until recently that they became aware of the true facts of what the situation was. Because the pool had to open Memorial Day it had been declared an emergency by the chief financial officer. Councilman Vietri stated he had a question regarding Roberta Stern's statement about filling the pool. Councilman Vietri asked if the pool had to be cleaned before it could be filled. Roberta Stern stated that it was correct, and pool staff were in the process of cleaning the pool. Roberta Stern explained that they had decided not to do power washing that year and would do it the following year. Roberta Stern stated the pool would be cleaned before it opened. Mayor Kim asked if the pool was supposed to be painted. Roberta Stern stated they were not painting the pool anymore. Councilman Vietri stated in order to clean the pool they needed water. Roberta Stern responded that there was some water in the pool, but they were removing the sediment at that time. Councilman Vietri stated that was what he was saying.

DISCUSSION (ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA):

RESOLUTION 2025-159 Establishment of Petty Cash Fund

Councilman Min stated this resolution designated petty cash funds to each department but on the list the pool was also included for \$200 dated May 6th and was not listed on the resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon began to ask a question, but Mayor Kim advised that she was out of line and asked to allow Councilman Min to finish his comments. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to explain why the pool wasn't included in the resolution. Councilman Min stated that other departments were listed such as the DPW, Library, Recreation, etc. Scott Krumholz asked what was missing. Councilman Min repeated the swimming pool was missing. Mayor Kim asked if the swimming pool was required. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it was already paid, and a check was already issued to them. Roberta Stern stated that this happened and asked Scott Krumholz about it. Scott Krumholz stated that he was provided with a list from the chief financial officer Roy Riggitano for the petty cash. Councilman Min asked Deputy Chief Financial Officer Maria Goode if this was already paid. Maria Goode asked what Councilman Min was asking. Mayor Kim asked if they authorized payment to the swimming pool for petty cash for \$300. Councilman Min replied no, the startup money for the pool was \$300. Mayor Kim stated the start up money was presented on the resolution for that night. Councilman Min stated it had already been paid. Maria Goode stated the start up money was already paid and it was a change fund which was different than petty cash. Maria Goode explained that the swimming pool needed the money then because there were people paying for memberships. Mayor Kim stated he understood. Maria Goode replied that was why it was paid ahead of time. Mayor Kim responded that it wasn't about a need, and they were still working on proper procedures. Mayor Kim stated that both Councilman Min and Councilwoman Won-Yoon both had valid questions. Mayor Kim repeated that the question was regarding whether the finance department paid the \$300 petty cash without obtaining an authorized resolution. Maria Goode confirmed they did. Mayor Kim asked why. Roberta Stern stated it was because Roy Riggitano had authorized it. Maria Goode stated as the chief financial officer Roy Riggitano would authorize some checks ahead of time as necessary. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern if she knew about this. Roberta Stern confirmed that she did. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern why she authorized it. Roberta Stern replied that she didn't need to authorize it and that Roy Riggitano was the CFO. Roberta Stern stated that the pool manager needed money, and she had been working at the swimming club for over a month at that time. Mayor Kim asked if Roberta Stern had classified this as an emergency. Roberta Stern stated it wasn't an emergency. Mayor Kim stated it was an emergency if the CFO had stepped in. Scott Krumholz stated that it wasn't declared an emergency. Councilman Kim stated throughout the various ways of managing the governing body, this kind of thing happened sometimes, and it was not a big deal. This wasn't because of the amount itself but because of the intention for everything to run smoothly. Councilman Kim stated that sometimes they would get approval for the transaction of the funds without the approval from the council because this would aid in making the process run smoother. Roberta Stern stated that they certainly would lay out money for something that they knew all council members would be against. Roberta Stern stated she wanted the person to authorize, and the CFO was. Mayor Kim replied if it was legal then it was fine, and he agreed with Councilman Kim in the sense that they had to function. Mayor Kim added that he also agreed with the other three council members that asked why this had to be done at that time. This was an easy resolution that should have been brought up by the management of the pool beforehand stating they needed the money. Councilman Kim stated he wanted to add that this was a learning curve, and since the governing body was so new they didn't know about this. Councilman Kim stated that Mayor Kim was correct, and they should have brought this up the month prior. Councilman Kim added that considering most of the council, and the borough administrator was new this was the reason this type of thing had happened. Councilman Kim stated that they had learned something new so next time they could make sure that these resolutions were presented for the May meeting. Mayor Kim stated they should have it earlier, like in February. Roberta Stern stated that petty cash was due in January, and for whatever reason

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the pools petty cash fund happened this way. Councilman Kim stated they learned. Mayor Kim stated that it wouldn't happen again. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min if he had another question. Councilman Min stated for Resolution 2025-159, the pool department was missing on the list of departments which had to be included.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she had a bunch of questions, but the mayor had previously stopped her, so she was going to start from the beginning. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the second item on the list was for the recreation department for \$100. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there was a Resolution 2025-13 that was approved for \$200 therefore she didn't understand why this resolution was being presented. Roberta Stern replied she wasn't too sure herself. Maria Goode explained that there were two recreations, one check went to David Terranova, and the other went to Maria Rivera. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she would ask later and maybe receive an explanation for that. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this resolution that was presented was for David Terranova which was already approved therefore she believed this resolution could be removed. Scott Krumholz stated first he had to check with the chief financial officer because this was a list that he had provided to Scott Krumholz. Roberta Stern stated that Roy Riggitano must have forgotten that they already made the previous resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that if Roy Riggitano stated the petty cash was only for \$100 then they needed to correct Resolution 2025-13. Scott Krumholz asked if it was Resolution 2025-13, or Resolution 2025-30. Councilwoman Won-Yoon clarified Resolution 2025-13. Maria Goode stated before she was a part of the borough, they had it separated. Maria Goode stated she believed it was because some days David Terranova worked, and other days Maria Rivera worked as the secretary. Maria Goode stated Maria Riveras petty cash was for \$200. Maria Goode stated that may have been where Councilwoman Won-Yoon was seeing the discrepancy on the resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they had already had petty cash allocated for Maria Rivera for \$200. Scott Krumholz stated possibly this money could have been for Maria Rivera instead of David Terranova because the resolution presented was for \$100. Maria Goode stated that the petty cash for \$100 was for David Terranova, and one was for Maria Rivera for \$200. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they already had it, which was the \$200 from Maria Rivera, but her question was why they had two different recreation funds. Scott Krumholz stated they would investigate it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked them to please investigate it because that was the reason she was originally confused.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there was also petty cash allocated to the library, but she thought this wasn't borough business and the library board should be responsible for their own petty cash. Mayor Kim asked if this was part of the resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it was the third one that needed to be removed. Mayor Kim stated it wasn't about needs, but was about what she thought was correct. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to find out because they had been doing this for many years. Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon had a point that the library had their own account that they should be allocating their petty cash from. Maria Goode stated all library expenses were done through the boroughs account so if they were cutting the checks they had a separate resolution for that. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked once the library board received the resolution for the petty cash then they could act on it. Maria Goode replied if that was how Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it worked. Scott Krumholz asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon was suggesting the library board should vote first for petty cash and then the governing body voted. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the governing body didn't vote. Scott Krumholz replied that they had to. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked why. Scott Krumholz replied because it was borough money. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it wasn't borough money. Scott Krumholz stated it was. Maria Goode stated she was the one that had to cut the check. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it was because they were working on the library board payment process. Scott Krumholz asked where the money came from. Maria Goode explained that the library had a third of a million dollars, but the borough was the one who kept track of all the expenses that came out of it. Maria Goode stated technically it was out of the current fund if the question was regarding what account the money was taken out of and was a separate line item. Scott Krumholz stated the governing body absolutely had to approve it if it was coming out of the current fund. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the petty cash was taken out of the one third of the million. Maria Goode responded that she was correct. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated then the borough wasn't responsible. Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon just stated the reason, and it was because they didn't have a processing system for the library. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the year prior they went over all of this. Mayor Kim stated the borough paid their bills because the library didn't have a processing system. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated all the library claims weren't approved by the governing body but was listed for their reference which was what the governing body agreed to the previous year. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked why suddenly, the governing body was approving library bills. Mayor Kim went to ask a question, but Maria Goode stated she could explain. Maria Goode explained the previous year there was a reserve for the library so if the library didn't spend the entire amount of a third of a million then it went into a reserve that sat in the borough account. The year prior, the governing body approved something for the library board and Maria Goode had to cut a check for a million dollars and added the reserve for the library which was the extra money that was not spent. Maria Goode stated the borough was still controlling all the library's bills and she still had to pay the bills. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she thought she would have to go through the minutes because she wasn't talking about that money. Councilwoman Won-Yoon specified that there

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was line items listed in their claims for the library, which was something that they did not approve, just provide for governing body reference. Mayor Kim asked what she meant by for their reference. Councilwoman Won-Yon stated so that the governing body knew. Mayor Kim asked if the claims the library had came out of the borough account because they didn't have their own account system. Maria Goode confirmed that was correct. Mayor Kim asked which budget this money came out of, the library budget or borough budget. Maria Goode stated it came out of the current fund account which came out of one third of a million. Maria Goode specified that it still came out of the borough bank account. Mayor Kim stated that was what he thought. Councilman Min stated he thought he understood what the problem was. Mayor Kim asked him to wait and asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon was done. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she wasn't done, and for this matter she would just refer to the meeting minutes about what they had said previously. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the \$300 petty cash allocated for the police department should have gone straight to Captain George Beck. Scott Krumholz stated that it had been revised, and the money would go to Captain Beck. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what happened to the mayors' petty cash. Mayor Kim stated it was \$300. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked where it was. Mayor Kim stated he already had his petty cash. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked Mayor Kim what he meant that he had it already and why it wasn't listed. Mayor Kim asked Maria Goode why this wasn't listed. Scott Krumholz stated they would add it to the list.

RESOLUTION 2025-160 Authorization of Pool Start Up Money for 2025 Pool Season (Re: \$300.00)

Councilman Min stated a check was already issued on May 6th for the start up. Councilman Min stated this check was distributed without council approval. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern if this was a similar situation to Resolution 2025-159. Roberta Stern explained that if Roy Riggitano knew someone needed money and it needed to go for the next meeting, he had no problem allowing that person to get that money so that they could do what they needed to do. Roberta Stern repeated that this was the CFO's choice and not her own. Mayor Kim stated as the borough administrator she had to let them know in advance what was going on. Roberta Stern stated she had no problem with that. Mayor Kim stated that this was a learning curve and shouldn't happen again. Mayor Kim stated they were all in agreement that petty cash was to be submitted in January. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min if he had any other questions. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she could ask a question, but Mayor Kim advised that she had to wait until Councilman Min was finished.

Councilman Min stated startup money was already distributed to the pool via check date May 6th, so he wasn't sure why this was apart of the agenda. Mayor Kim asked what resolution he was referring to. Councilman Min repeated the resolution. Mayor Kim stated that this wasn't petty cash, but it was startup money for the pool. Councilman Min stated the pool received this May 6th. Mayor Kim began to say something, and Roberta Stern mentioned Karen Nascenti. Councilman Min asked if he could finish stating his concerns. Councilman Min stated that both councilmembers were correct, and it seemed like the borough was now rushing these resolutions to have them passed. Mayor Kim stated they were running out of time. Councilman Min asked why they were running out of time. Mayor Kim stated they weren't running out of time if it was completed at that time. Roberta Stern responded he was correct. Councilman Vietri stated that this should have been done earlier. Roberta Stern stated he was correct except for one thing. Roberta Stern explained when the quotes were changed from 52 – Councilman Min stated they didn't change the quotes. Mayor Kim stated they did. Councilman Min stated it was on for that night, but it wasn't changed previously. Roberta Stern stated she understood that, but her point was she was trying to get three quotes the whole time, which was why it was taking so much time. Councilman Vietri asked Roberta Stern if it was still from the month before. Roberta Stern responded yes, all that time. Councilman Vietri corrected that it was a couple of months before and that the resolution for the pool bathrooms had already been fixed. Roberta Stern stated the bathrooms were going to be fixed that week because usually the contractors were paid to winterize and summerize. Roberta Stern stated she had called them and asked why they were going to pay the company to summerize and asked if the contractors could just put in new stuff. Roberta Stern stated that the contractors agreed to do so. Roberta Stern stated that she told them that it was fine and she wouldn't have to pay \$3,000. Councilman Vietri asked if this was more money than the original cost to summerize. Roberta Stern stated that it was more money because there were all new toilets and all new sinks being installed. Mayor Kim stated they needed them. Councilman Vietri replied he didn't think they didn't need new material and was only asking a question and believed it was an important question because they were spending a lot of money that year. Councilman Vietri stated he was just trying to keep taxpayer money down. Mayor Kim stated he was as well. Roberta Stern stated everything she spent on the pool was out of the existing bond ordinances that the auditor advised her that she needed to start spending. Roberta Stern stated just so he knew, nothing was new, and this wasn't coming out of taxes. Roberta Stern stated that these were all bond ordinances that were approved in 2018, 2019, and 2020. Councilman Vietri replied that was fine if the governing body was provided with an explanation. Councilman Vietri stated he was just questioning originally why they waited so late and stated this should have been done, especially if they knew all this information before. Councilman Vietri stated they knew the pool was opening on Memorial Day. Roberta Stern stated she hoped so. Councilman Vietri stated other than that they would have to do a rain date. Mayor Kim stated they had to start all over and follow protocol. Mayor Kim stated there was a pool committee, and at

that time it was Councilman Charlie Shin who had been working with the Pool Manager Karen Nascenti. Mayor Kim stated after that it would move up to Borough Administrator Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to review the swimming pool resolutions that the council members questioned. Mayor Kim stated regarding the splash pad project, he personally felt like they didn't need this, and it wasn't a rush job. Mayor Kim stated that they had the materials from the year prior and they were in the knack of time to get this project done. If this resolution was passed that month, then it wouldn't be a problem. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated \$285,000 was not a small amount of money. Mayor Kim stated that they had received a grant. Councilman Min asked if everyone could wait a minute and asked if the borough was in possession of the materials. Roberta Stern replied no, they were not. Mayor Kim stated he thought they had the grant. Roberta Stern stated she would start again. Mayor Kim asked her to please explain. Roberta Stern stated that they had an open space grant which was a matching grant for \$146,000. When they decided on the overall picture, such as getting everything put together, they met with the provider who was doing the piping, and he advised that he needed three to four months just to order the equipment for the top of the splash pad. Roberta Stern continued that she figured she would put it on the agenda for that night so that at the end of the pool season they had everything ready to go which would be in storage at that point. Roberta Stern stated the following Spring, since they would have the material at that point, they would install it for the pool season. Roberta Stern stated that this was the reason it was on the agenda because she wanted to provide a copy of the resolution to the provider so that they could order the materials. Roberta Stern continued, afterwards they would have to go to open space and tell them that they spent the money in their process so that it was matching. They would then have the money in an ordinance for the other part of the matter. Councilwoman Won-Yoon went to speak but Roberta Stern stated that it was a matter of planning and timing, and this way made the most sense. Roberta Stern stated if she had waited until June, then they might have received the equipment in September or October. Roberta Stern stated it didn't make any sense so she figured she'd order the equipment at that time so that contractors could begin doing underground work in August at the end of the pool season, or right after Labor Day. Scott Krumholz stated just for matters of procedures for the council, in instances like this when they would be speaking about multiple resolutions, any council members that has any questions to ask permission from Mayor Kim to present their question. Scott Krumholz stated that there was no sense of order if there were multiple questions being flown around. Councilman Min stated with that being said, was the splash pad resolution just to prepare to get the project moving. Councilman Min asked when the borough had to cooperate with ESCNJ. Councilman Min stated this was part of the agency who could provide better pricing and streamline the bidding process. Councilman Min stated that this was a matching grant for \$140,000 which meant the borough also had to spend \$140,000 since it was a 50/50 match. Councilman Min stated since they weren't going to be using the splash pad that season, and they had received the quotes back in March, why couldn't they go through the bidding process. Councilman Min asked if they knew for a fact it would be cheap. Mayor Kim stated this was a co-op. Roberta Stern responded that this was a co-op and each one of the sketches were different. The spray pad that was presented was created by the contractor and it was his material. Roberta Stern added on that if you visit other towns, they had other things coming out of the ground. Whether it was cheaper or not it was a cooperative price if they were providing the borough with what they were happy with. Roberta Stern stated that she and Karen Nascenti drove around to other spray pads to see what theirs were like. They decided that they liked what the contractors had presented. Roberta Stern stated it wasn't like ten toilets that you would go out to bid for because each piece that was included in the design was different. Roberta Stern stated it was the one they liked that they had been presented with. Mayor Kim stated it was, and it seemed like the governing body was shifting their minds, but they had every right to do so. Roberta Stern stated she understood, and they didn't even have to do this. Mayor Kim stated absolutely. Roberta Stern commented it was their vote not hers. Mayor Kim stated that this was up for discussion and this splash pad would be a matching grant for \$140,000 extra. If the council felt they would not have a matching co-op grant, then they could also decide on that. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had a question. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was just trying to understand something. Mayor Kim asked her not to steer away from the swimming pool resolution since they were talking about that.

RESOLUTION 2025-161 Authorization to Auction Surplus Equipment (Re: Police Department and D.P.W)

Councilman Min asked if they could split the resolution into two so that each department had their own resolution for their equipment. Scott Krumholz responded no, they couldn't because the money went into one account. Scott Krumholz stated technically they could, but it wouldn't accomplish anything except additional paperwork. Roberta Stern went to respond, but Scott Krumholz continued to explain that the auction of the property was for two different departments but once it went to the GovDeals website which was the way the council decided, the money from the GovDeals auction went into one account for the borough which they could deal with later in splitting the funds between the departments. Roberta Stern stated it didn't go that way. Mayor Kim asked if Maria Goode from the finance department had concurred with the counselor's information. Mayor Kim stated that Councilman Min had a valid question in asking why they couldn't just subdivide the resolutions for each department. Mayor Kim stated that Scott Krumholz had explained that they could create two separate resolutions but it would just be added paperwork, and it would just be a waste of time because when GovDeals sent the money to the account – Roberta Stern interjected stating GovDeals would send a check, and that check went into MRNA which

stood for "Miscellaneous Revenue Not Expected". Roberta Stern continued that the money went into the MRNA account and did not get separated by department. Roberta Stern continued that when she spoke to Roy Riggitano about it, he confirmed that was how it worked, and the borough didn't sell the equipment by account. Roberta Stern stated when the money was spent on this equipment it was taken out of the main budget and not broken down by the police budget, or DPW budget. Roberta Stern stated possibly Roy Riggitano could explain it to them better, but MRNA is when anything came in from an auction. If the borough received a miscellaneous check, that check would also get deposited into MRNA. Roberta Stern stated that it wasn't part of anything. Mayor Kim stated in other words this was standard for all municipalities. Maria Goode responded it wasn't a contract, and didn't go into the police budget. This was just unanticipated revenue in the budget, which then all went into current funds as miscellaneous revenue not anticipated. Councilman Min asked if this was the fund line item that Enterprise was paid from. Maria Goode responded no. Councilman Min stated that was his original concern, and the reason he had asked to split this was just to get an idea for the end of the year as to what had been sold from the DPW, and what has been sold from the Police Department. Councilman Min stated his whole purpose was just to know if the money that the borough had collected from police road detail had partially been allocated to pay off Enterprise therefore, he wasn't sure if the money they had received from GovDeals went into that same account. Councilman Min stated he wanted to make that clear. Scott Krumholz replied that it was a good question because initially he had battled the borough administrator on this with Councilman Mins point in hand. Scott Krumholz stated once he investigated it – Roberta Stern interjected stating she wanted to tell Councilman Min when the borough received a check, whether it was GovDeals, or anything else, they specified what the borough was getting the money for. Roberta Stern stated if he wanted information to keep for his own records it was there, just not broken up in the budget. Councilman Min stated he thought that money went into the line item that the police department had created the year prior when they started with Enterprise. Councilman Min stated he just wanted to make sure because the line item that the borough collected money for road details were strictly allocated for the police to help pay off their vehicles. Councilman Min stated he just didn't want it all to get mixed up. Maria Goode replied it wasn't mixed up and the road details used to be part of revenue, but the year prior a resolution was passed that the money went towards their vehicles. Maria Goode stated this was specified as revenue in the account. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to continue the meeting, as he needed to take a bathroom break.

RESOLUTION 2025-162 Authorizing Litigation Both in Connection with the Demolition of 78 West Harwood

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she just wanted clarification on something. Mayor Kim stated just so everyone knew they had less than twenty minutes before the zoning board meeting was set to take place and asked if they could wrap it up. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this was the borough filing a lawsuit. Scott Krumholz explained this was a house at 78 West Harwood that burned down in 2022. Scott Krumholz stated they were trying diligently to have the homeowner demolish the building because it was dangerous. Scott Krumholz stated the code enforcement officer, building official, and himself went to the Bergen County Construction Board of Appeals and the homeowner was provided with sixty days to pull a permit which she had not done. Scott Krumholz stated they had gone through several other methods of attempting for the homeowner to comply, but they had been unsuccessful. Scott Krumholz stated their next step, which was required because it wasn't only an eye soar but also an emergency, was to go to court to compel the owner to demolish it or they could obtain the right to do it themselves and then the money spent to do it would become a lien on the property.

RESOLUTION 2025-167 Amending Establish of Purchasing Procedure

Councilman Min stated that this resolution required three quotes. Councilman Min stated they were now amending this resolution to accepting two quotes instead of three. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to explain. Scott Krumholz stated that he had sent an email to the mayor, borough administrator, and the governance committee, with the relevant statutory sections of the public contracts law. Scott Krumholz explained that the borough had a qualified purchasing agent who was the CFO. Scott Krumholz stated that the limit was \$44,000 before they would have to go out to bid. Scott Krumholz stated beyond that, anything between \$6,000 and \$44,000 the borough had the option of receiving quotes. The statute had provided that the borough had to receive two quotes, and the CFO had confirmed that was correct. Scott Krumholz continued that the CFO had advised that he had included three quotes in the resolution that was previously adopted. Therefore, for purposes to comply with state law and affording more flexibility for the borough administrator who was trying to get the quotes to get the project completed, they were changing the resolution with the CFO's consent. Roberta Stern stated that she did not request this, but this was a matter of complying with state law which superseded the boroughs resolution to start with. Scott Krumholz stated he didn't think he said that the borough administrator requested this. Councilman Min stated that contract law did not say only two quotes were okay, but it stated at least two were needed. Councilman Min stated this meant they could still gather three or four quotes, and asked Scott Krumholz if he was correct. Scott Krumholz stated he was correct. Councilman Min stated that meant it didn't require that the borough had to collect three but that was the amount based off the resolution. Scott Krumholz stated he was correct. Councilman Min stated some of the resolutions that were already on the agenda that night for example Resolution 2025-174. One quote that was received was for \$17,000 and the

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other was for \$24,000 leaving a gap of about 30%. Councilman Min continued if they looked at Resolution 2025-181 one quote was for \$90,000 from the same contractor that provided a quote for Resolution 2025-174. Councilman Min stated that time the contractor quoted \$90,000 for the job, but the other company quoted the job for \$56,000. Councilman Min stated there were a lot of gaps, and they had to use the lowest quote. Councilman Min recommended that since they had already been getting three quotes for many years, he wanted to stay with receiving three quotes considering there was too much of a gap in pricing for comparison. Roberta Stern stated that she didn't disagree, and she didn't have a problem with it but at the end of the day, if it came down to anything, state statute superseded whatever the borough did. Roberta Stern stated if someone made an issue out of it, the borough could say the state statute only required two quotes. Councilman Min replied that it wasn't only two quotes. Mayor Kim stated it was at least two quotes. Roberta Stern stated she wanted to get more than less and stated she probably had more quotes for some of the other resolutions. Roberta Stern stated that since only two quotes had been included in the resolution for the pool, she figured she would just include the two cheapest quotes for all the others. Roberta Stern stated for example when the clerk opened the bid for the library roof project, they received quotes ranging from \$93,000 to \$220,000. Roberta Stern stated that even when they went out to bid, the prices were still all over the place. Councilman Min stated he understood that the bidding was based off the specifications but anything under \$44,000 threshold they didn't give out the specifications but the governing body had to explain exactly what the job would be. Roberta Stern responded they had to get apples to apples and not apples to oranges. Councilman Min stated he agreed but it also went based off what they explained to the contractors regarding the scope of work. Councilman Min stated they didn't go and explain the scope of work to other contractors because they were giving an equal opportunity to bid for the job. Councilman Min explained that the contractors provided the borough with a quote based off their experience and professionalism therefore two quotes wasn't enough, and he preferred to stay with three quotes. Mayor Kim concluded that Councilman Min was saying from now on, even though the state statute read at least two, he would feel more comfortable with at least three. Councilman Min stated that was correct. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she thought that the year prior they had passed a resolution at the January meeting to secure three quotes. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she remembered the year prior, the swimming pool kitchen needed to be repaired, and Councilwoman Jang couldn't get three quotes, so it was pushed. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the point was on how to deal with different cases. For example, that time Councilwoman Jang only received one quote. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked Scott Krumholz in the case they couldn't receive that many quotes what they should do. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there was a reason that two quotes were needed but sometimes they didn't even receive the two quotes and only got one quote. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked Scott Krumholz again how they should handle a situation like that. Roberta Stern replied that the law provided that when the borough awarded one quote, they had to explain their process and if they reached out to all necessary personnel. Roberta Stern stated they had to put that in the bid process to show that they made an effort in reaching out to everyone whether they replied or not. Roberta Stern stated she was unsure if that was the case with Councilwoman Jang, but she was sure that was the case in her situation. Roberta Stern stated that if she was unable to obtain any more quotes, she would have to prepare with Scott Krumholz a resolution saying her efforts to prepare were unsuccessful, this was the open quote, and they needed the service to be done. Councilwoman Won-Yoon went to ask a question, but Mayor Kim asked her to wait a second. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if what Roberta Stern had stated was true. Scott Krumholz stated it was but the situation that happened with Councilwoman Jang was the snack bar, and it was difficult getting the apples to apples because the quote they had received was from a company that wanted to retain some control over the snack bar as partial consideration for the work. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked Scott Krumholz if they used the quote resolution to secure three quotes there shouldn't be an issue at all. Scott Krumholz asked for Councilwoman Won-Yoon to repeat her question. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the current resolution called to secure three quotes. Scott Krumholz stated that it was correct. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated then they didn't have to change it and could just deal with the situation in case they only received two quotes. Scott Krumholz responded no because the state statute said at least two, and council approved a resolution in January requiring three quotes. Scott Krumholz stated the borough administrator would have to comply with the wishes of the council to obtain the three quotes. Scott Krumholz stated it was up to the council if they wanted to provide more flexibility and allow the borough administrator under some circumstances to accept two quotes. Scott Krumholz stated that if they wanted to keep it at three quotes then just don't pass this resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she had a lot of other questions. Mayor Kim stated she had to ask questions only about Resolution 2025-167 and she couldn't jump around to different resolutions. Councilman Kim stated he had been to many meetings including the Board of Education and council meetings. Councilman Kim stated this kind of thing happened many times and the reason why the borough administrator wanted to reduce it to two quotes was to make it legal. Roberta Stern replied no, it had nothing to do with her. Councilman Kim stated even if there was an extreme case where they only received one bid, the governing body would have to go again for the bid. Once they rebid if they again only received one bid then it was up to the borough administrator and the mayor to make the call whether they worked off the one bid. Councilman Kim stated that most of the council agreed that if they made an effort, and still got the same results, then they would have to accept it. Councilman Kim stated even if they didn't like the result, they had to accept it to move forward. Councilman Kim stated this was regular practice at meetings such as the Board of Education and just

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wanted to share it with everyone. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Kim and advised Councilman Shin he could ask his question. Mayor Kim stopped and allowed Councilman Vietri to speak first as he had been waiting. Councilman Shin jokingly stated seniors first. Councilman Vietri asked what would happen if the contractors were state contractors. Councilman Vietri stated if it was a state contractor then it was a state contract that did not require three quotes. Scott Krumholz replied that their acceptance to the local public contract law for certain – Councilman Vietri stated if they accepted a state contract then they didn't need to have the three quotes. Roberta Stern stated from what she had seen and done before; she had received cheaper prices through state contracts, so it was possible to do it. Roberta Stern stated it didn't always happen, but it could happen, and the borough wouldn't just give up because something on a state contract. Councilman Vietri stated he understood but they were talking about receiving three quotes and now they're saying they may not need three quotes therefore he was seeking clarification. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Vietri was done asking his questions, and Councilman Vietri confirmed he was. Councilman Shin asked as far as the state regulations went, they did not specify to not accept more than two bids. Roberta Stern replied no. Councilman Shin stated this meant that they could get multiple bids so he believed they should require the three bids so that the governing body felt more comfortable. Mayor Kim stated that it was fine and asked council members to not just consider the main points because there may have been that grey area where they had trouble obtaining three quotes. Mayor Kim stated, depending on the situation, he hoped council members understood that they may end up with only two quotes. Councilman Shin apologized to Roberta Stern for bothering her but stated in his own experience, having more than three years in the Board of Education, they needed more than three bids for all cases. Mayor Kim stated he wanted everyone to think about this by Monday. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if they needed another resolution that stated they required three quotes. Scott Krumholz stated they didn't because they already had the resolution unless it got voted down. Mayor Kim stated it wouldn't get voted down because they needed to pass it but since the resolution still stood at three quotes it was up to the council members to make the final call. Mayor Kim stated they would have to take a vote on it later because he could see that there was discernment among some council members. Mayor Kim advised everyone to think about it and be prepared to vote on the following Monday. Scott Krumholz stated he just wanted to remind the council that there were some comments about the resolutions for the pool which included a question regarding why everything was being done at the last minute. Scott Krumholz stated to his understanding, this was done at the last minute because Roberta Stern hadn't received the quotes until the last minute. Roberta Stern agreed he was correct and stated she had told the contractor that he could go ahead and do the new fixtures for the bathroom, and if they wanted three quotes for the bathrooms, she may already have it but may just not have included it in the resolution. Roberta Stern stated if she did not, she would have to tell the contractor not to begin any work in the bathrooms. Mayor Kim stated the contractor couldn't touch anything until everything was figured out by the following Monday. Roberta Stern replied well, some people had to do the work before. Mayor Kim stated he got it, but he believed they had a common denominator for the pool situation. Mayor Kim stated that the manager had to speak to Roberta Stern or the committee chair to get this done before. Roberta Stern replied in the one case, and again it was nothing on her back, she just wanted them to be nice, and they didn't have to be nice for the opening of the pool, but they did for Memorial Day. Roberta Stern stated she would have to pay them \$3,000 to put all their hardware back because it was unbeknown to her that the swim club took their bathrooms apart in the wintertime. Roberta Stern stated that she had never had that in her other pool, and when she did her pool flip, they had brand new locker rooms that stayed the same through the winter. Pool Manager Karen Nascenti entered the meeting. Mayor Kim stated Karen Nascenti shouldn't have come in and jokingly stated she had walked into a trap. Roberta Stern stated she didn't go to the pool and didn't care if they kept the old toilets. Mayor Kim began to speak but Roberta Stern stated that she would have to contact the contractors first thing in the morning and let them know that the borough wasn't ready. Roberta Stern stated that the governing body wasn't going to approve this with the two quotes. Mayor Kim stated no matter what they would have to wait until the following Monday for the regular meeting, Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern was telling him that the contractor couldn't do the work in the bathroom unless the pool was open, which was entirely untrue. Roberta Stern stated that she could tell the contractor to go ahead with the original plan which was to summerize them which costed \$3,000. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern what she meant by summerizing them. Roberta Stern replied unknown to her, and Karen Nascenti could tell them, that everything was taken apart at the end of the summer for the winter. Karen Nascenti stated they did it every year. Mayor Kim asked Karen Nascenti to come to the dais. Mayor Kim stated he was going to be representing the governing body, as they were all in consensus that there were certain things that needed to be prepared, and there were also certain things that were out of their control. Mayor Kim stated they had just figured out last minute that there were things that were out of their control and the governing body understood that. Mayor Kim stated every single year doing maintenance, and starting up the pool shouldn't be done at the last minute. Mayor Kim stated that the swimming pool locker room should have been done when it was the fall season. Mayor Kim stated if they had done it during the winter, it would have been even cheaper because it was slower. Mayor Kim asked if Karen Nascenti could have everything prepared for the pool season early in advance and not at the last minute. Karen Nascenti replied that she does do everything in advance, and this was the first year this had ever happened. Mayor Kim stated that it was true. Karen Nascenti stated Roberta Stern knew how upset she was. Karen Nascenti explained that in November when she was first notified by Veolia about the water meter, she was in prior Borough Administrator Raymond Herrs office with Mayor Kim, and she

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told him about the water meter. Karen Nascenti stated she had even sent him emails and then there was a change in borough administrator. Karen Nascenti stated that she was pleased to meet Roberta Stern because she was someone who finally cared about the pool. Karen Nascenti stated that she wasn't saying the governing body didn't care about the pool but in the past, she was never allowed to have things done at the pool including major improvements. Mayor Kim stated concerning the water meters, they all understood that it was a part of the emergency appropriation. Mayor Kim stated on the other hand, things like maintenance, and upkeeps shouldn't have been kept for the last moment. Mayor Kim stated they needed to clean and renovate the bathroom, but this had to be done earlier. Karen Nascenti responded that she knew that and usually the pool was ready to go which it was not. Mayor Kim stated that monkeys fell off trees once in a blue moon, and they weren't going to fault her for this. Mayor Kim asked Karen Nascenti to respect the governing body's wishes for the following year because things like maintenance had to be done earlier. Roberta Stern asked for Karen Nascenti to explain so that the governing body could decide so that she knew whether she had to stop the plumber from installing the new fixtures. Mayor Kim stated he understood that. Roberta Stern asked Karen Nascenti what they did at the end of the season including what they took apart and put together in the bathrooms. Karen Nascenti stated they took down all main parts such as flushing because the pipes could freeze resulting in a water pipe break which was why they needed to winterize the pool. Mayor Kim stated he understood that. Karen Nascenti stated that this usually didn't happen, and everything was usually ready to go ahead of time but because of the renovation of it she put it off. Karen Nascenti stated she didn't purposely wait until the last minute because she would never do that. Karen Nascenti stated that she figured it would cost more money to open the pool than to summerize. Mayor Kim stated she needed to get three quotes. Karen Nascenti replied that she did. Karen Nascenti stated that the same guy had been summarizing the pool for the past eight years and it had been around \$3,000. Karen Nascenti stated that she hadn't obtained a quote for that but for the repairs and renovations she did get three quotes. Mayor Kim stated that Roberta Stern had only presented two quotes. Karen Nascenti replied two or three quotes. Roberta Stern stated at the end of the day she thought that she may have had three but only presented two. Mayor Kim asked if they could just move forward. Roberta Stern replied that what she was saying was that she needed Mayor Kim's vote because it didn't matter to her whether she spent \$3,000 to put the bathrooms back together or \$60,000 to replace everything with new fixtures. Mayor Kim stated he understood but before they made any decisions, they had to find what the fault was so that they didn't do this again. Mayor Kim stated certain things they understood like the meter, and he had even remembered when this was an issue the prior year. Mayor Kim stated that the owners told the borough to move their water meter and to pay for it, but the borough believed that they shouldn't have been responsible for paying for it. Mayor Kim stated that now, the property owners were forcing them, but this was not an emergency appropriation and wasn't something that should have been discussed at that point in time because they had to open it to the public. Mayor Kim stated in this specific case, if they allowed this as the governing body then they were telling Karen Nascenti that they were allowing it this time but to make sure it didn't happen again. Mayor Kim stated if they didn't get it done by that month then the pool would have a problem with opening the bathrooms. Karen Nascenti invited everyone to the pool when they opened on Saturday. Mayor Kim replied that this was an uncontrollable situation that shouldn't happen again. Mayor Kim stated that as Karen Nascenti had testified, he recalled that this was the first time she had ever done it and asked for it not to happen again. Karen Nascenti asked Mayor Kim if he was going to give her a break. Mayor Kim responded yes, and he was glad she was there to discuss it. Roberta Stern stated she had worked with a lot of people and Karen Nascenti had gone out of her way to help Roberta every step of the way. Roberta Stern stated it helped that she knew people and that Karen Nascenti knew people. Mayor Kim stated that it was great and replied that Karen Nascenti was their asset at the swimming pool. Roberta Stern agreed she was. Mayor Kim replied when they did something wrong all their credit disappeared. Roberta Stern stated she hoped not, and getting the quotes was a very big thing. Mayor Kim stated he understood but this would not happen again. The governing body would have to decide in conjunction that this would not happen again on certain things that should have been controlled. Councilman Shin stated he would take care of it that week. Karen Nascenti stated there were other factors to take into consideration such as certain contractors not wanting to work for the borough because in the past, they didn't get paid. Karen Nascenti stated that she had told the contractors that the bills were paid. Karen Nascenti stated situations like that occurred often and Palisades Park didn't have the best reputation when it came to that. Mayor Kim stated he understood and acknowledged that Karen Nascenti had gone beyond her title to obtain these quotes. Mayor Kim thanked her and stated he was giving her credit. Mayor Kim stated in January when it was cold, contractors needed work. In the summertime they were busy resulting in a price increase. Mayor Kim asked for Karen Nascenti to make the call in January which would be cheaper, and they would have more time to get it done. Mayor Kim stated this was a stipulation that they were going to consider, as Roberta Stern was speaking about. Mayor Kim stated this was a weird one, and asked Scott Krumholz if Roberta Stern asking for a decision right then and there was legally okay to do. Scott Krumholz asked Mayor Kim what was legal. Mayor Kim replied that Roberta Stern stated that they had to decide getting the bathrooms redone before opening day and going with the lowest bidder to get it done. Roberta Stern stated she wanted to be clear that she could spend \$3,000 fixing the bathrooms and having everything put together and then she would do the new bathrooms two weeks from then. Karen Nascenti stated that the bathrooms at the pool were very old, and visitors would come in and see the upgrades that were made. Mayor Kim stated he understood but still Roberta Stern did have a proposition that was

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viable. Mayor Kim stated if council members were uncomfortable with this, they could do just a medial fix and would split the bill. After they made sure this was still functional, they would revisit the following month. Mayor Kim asked council members if they wanted to do that or if they wanted to allow this one special circumstance to allow Roberta Stern to give consent without a vote because they were running out of time because this should have been preprepared. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they could vote that day. Mayor Kim replied no, and asked Scott Krumholz if they could vote that day because Roberta Stern needed an official vote. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she wanted a clear – Mayor Kim interjected and stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon could make the proposition that the governing body wanted a vote. Sophia Jang stated she believed there was a problem because she had received two bills that morning which had already been signed and distributed to be paid. Mayor Kim stated he knew that because it was an emergency. Sophia Jang stated that wasn't what she was talking about. Mayor Kim asked why they were talking about something else. Sophia Jang stated it wasn't something else, it was still related to the swimming pool. Mayor Kim apologized and stated this was a learning curve. Scott Krumholz stated to answer the question if this was legal, the answer was yes. Scott Krumholz stated that in January a newspaper advertisement was published that provided the council with the ability to vote and take formal action at work session meetings. Mayor Kim stated that it was correct. Scott Krumholz replied that usually they liked to put a notation on the agenda indicating that, but it was not necessary. Karen Nascenti stated that there had been a few flaws that year including the retirement of the regular pool contractor. Karen Nascenti stated she had found another contractor to do it but then found out that the contractor didn't have enough money to purchase the supplies. Karen Nascenti stated that she figured she didn't want to use someone like that. Mayor Kim thanked her. Sophia Jang presented Mayor Kim with paperwork. Sophia Jang stated that she was asked that same morning to sign two checks. Mayor Kim asked which resolution they were talking about. Roberta Stern stated they were talking about the same thing, which was why Sophia Jang made copies. Sophia Jang stated the resolution was 2025-182. Mayor Kim stated for Resolution 2025-181 this was okay because it was an emergency. Mayor Kim asked which amount was for Resolution 2025-181. Roberta Stern stated \$20,000. Mayor Kim stated they had received a pre-approved check by Roberta Stern because she felt that this was an emergency and the pool needed to be opened. Mayor Kim stated that Roberta Stern next time could not do this because she needed the consultation of the governing body and the mayor. Mayor Kim asked her if she understood and she agreed she did. Mayor Kim responded that he understood her intent, but someone had to know, and it couldn't just be mentioned at the meeting. Councilman Min asked if she had received three quotes. Roberta Stern asked for which one. Councilman Min replied for D-Lanzo Plumbing and Sewer Contractors. Mayor Kim stated there were two quotes. Scott Krumholz asked which one they were speaking about. Sophia Jang repeated D-Lanzo Plumbing and Sewer Contractors. Mayor Kim stated this was for the bathroom for \$3,000. Roberta Stern stated no, the \$3,600 was for the arraignment with the property owner. Mayor Kim stated this was an emergency as well. Sophia Jang stated one of them was an emergency. Mayor Kim stated they both were emergencies and were related to one another. Mayor Kim stated the \$3600 was for the meter, and if they didn't settle by then they couldn't get it, and Roy Riggitano had already approved it. Councilman Min stated the point he was trying to make out of it was that the borough had an amending purchasing procedure resolution. Roberta Stern stated it had nothing to do with that. Councilman Min stated he understood that and if they weren't going to pass Resolution 2025-167 then they had to stick with the procedure of receiving three quotes. Scott Krumholz stated if it didn't pass. Councilman Min stated the resolution was on for that same month. Roberta Stern replied yes. Councilman Min stated there were only two quotes received. Mayor Kim replied yes. Roberta Stern stated that it was an emergency. Mayor Kim stated he understood what Councilman Min was talking about. Roberta Stern responded she knew but that was part of the emergency. Mayor Kim apologized to Councilman Min but stated that at that point in time it wasn't relevant to what they were trying to figure out and stated they would get back to it. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was correct in the sense that they had to decide first whether they would require two or three quotes and then they could go back to the resolution to decide if they were going to dissolve it. Mayor Kim stated this was for the meter for the pool, and something that the borough administrator had approved after speaking with the chief financial officer. Mayor Kim continued that they all had agreed it was an emergency. Roberta Stern replied that it was under \$6,000. Mayor Kim stated if it was under \$6,000 then she had the authority to get it done. Roberta Stern thanked him. Mayor Kim stated that Roberta Stern was the general day-to-day manager, and didn't need the authority of the governing body. Mayor Kim stated the \$10,000 check was for the emergency and the \$3,600 was under the \$6,000 threshold. Mayor Kim stated that Roberta Stern had the authority to take care of that. Sophia Jang asked if the \$20,000 was for the emergency. Mayor Kim confirmed it was. Mayor Kim stated the \$3,600 was an emergency too but the borough administrator didn't need the permission of the governing body because it was a day-to-day activity. Sophia Jang stated they still needed to pass the resolution. Mayor Kim stated they did have to pass the resolution because it was an emergency. Roberta Stern replied not only because of that, but she needed it. Roberta Stern stated she also needed the resolution for the \$3,600 because they were going to have an arraignment with the property owner. Mayor Kim stated he wasn't sure if everyone knew but the water meter was located in a private area. The borough was very nervous because in order to move it into their location it was a very difficult process. Roberta Stern had spoken with the owner and made a deal with them for a nominal amount per year. Mayor Kim stated this was a good deal and would save the borough a lot of money. Roberta Stern commented not only that, but it was a parking lot for trucks. Roberta Stern stated an accident could happen, and the contract would also

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specify that the owner accepted no liability for the event. Roberta Stern stated she was thinking of putting up a flagpole in that location so that it was visible. Roberta Stern stated she would do whatever she could to protect it. Roberta Stern stated she didn't ask for this. Karen Nascenti stated this didn't fall on the borough. Mayor Kim stated again, the meter situation happened the year prior, and the mayor, attorney, and borough administrator had reviewed this and concluded that the property owners couldn't force the borough to do this because the borough didn't want to spend money. Mayor Kim stated now, the property owners stated the borough had to or else they wouldn't allow them to access it for borough service. Roberta Stern stated it was also an OSHA requirement, and they wouldn't allow their men to do the work. Mayor Kim replied that the year prior, they didn't give the borough that warning. Karen Nascenti explained that a guy from Veolia messaged her in November and stated that he saw that the swimming club had received a grant. Karen Nascenti added on that the man stated he guessed they would be fixing the meter with the grant. Karen Nascenti stated the man saw it in the newspaper that money was awarded. Mayor Kim replied that it was fine. Karen Nascenti stated the man's words were, "I hope your fixing the meter". Mayor Kim stated that it was fine, and the property owners couldn't force the borough until that year because OSHA deemed it unsafe for workers. Mayor Kim stated this was the reason it became an emergency, although the borough wanted to delay and not spend the money. Mayor Kim thanked Karen Nascenti. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions.

RESOLUTION 2025-168 Amending Resolution 2025-18 Approving Borough Architect

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated Resolution 2025-18 was the original resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated Tom Arcari was the architect through the end of the year but the only thing that wasn't included was the cap limit. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she now saw a cap limit. Scott Krumholz asked if she was talking about the contract or the resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon confirmed she was talking about the resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was confused if they were amending Resolution 2025-18 or if they were created a new resolution with Resolution 2025-168. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she thought somehow the two resolutions had to be combined. Scott Krumholz asked which number. Mayor Kim stated Resolution 2025-168. Scott Krumholz asked what the original resolution was. Mayor Kim answered Resolution 2025-18.

RESOLUTION 2025-169 Authorizing Treasurer to Pay certain Specified Bills in advance of Formal Governing Body Approval

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this resolution should have had a vendor list attached. Scott Krumholz explained that they were waiting, and the chief financial officer had told him that he had sent the list but after Scott Krumholz had searched for his email, he couldn't find it. Roberta Stern stated she couldn't find it either. Scott Krumholz stated it would be resigned and circulated.

Mayor Kim read that the resolution stated, "treasurer to pay certain specified bills in advance for governing approval". Mayor Kim stated that the finance department had forgotten to provide a list of the vendors that had to get paid that the borough had no control of such as PSEG, and Veolia. Mayor Kim asked for the list to be provided to Roberta Stern so that the list could be inside of the resolution. Mayor Kim stated this was a list of vendors that the governing body would authorize the finance department to pay up front so that the borough could avoid late fees. Mayor Kim asked if Maria Goode had agreed and she stated she did.

RESOLUTION 2025-170 Approval of Contract with ITS for Parking Meters

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated when she reviewed the ITS book which was the company they had been using for the meters for the previous five years, she had realized that the borough had lost \$200,000 out of it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon continued that the borough had spent \$646,000 but had only earned \$440,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated part of this was probably because of the pandemic because it started in 2021. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated with that being said, some portions of this she understood but \$43,000 divided by three and then multiplied by two and adding some other numbers, the borough still didn't make any money and lost a significant amount. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she just wanted to be careful, because she was sure even though they worked well, she wanted to review the analysis and see how they were paid. Councilwoman Won-Yoon added on that the IPS Group charged a lot of money, and she wanted to see what there pricing was so the governing body could see. Mayor Kim stated that was a very valid point. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated if they had average transactions for the past three years – Mayor Kim stated the governing body should see it even though there was a committee that handled the meters. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min and Councilman Shin worked hard with the police director and officer in charge who had the information. Mayor Kim asked the police committee to spread this information to the rest of the governing body to include the contract, and conditions to the rest of the governing body so that a decision could be made by the following Monday. Mayor Kim stated he was part of the original interview, and he agreed that everyone should be able to see the information to make a decision. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Min could provide the information to the councilmembers. Councilman Min agreed to do so. Mayor Kim stated they were running out of time and asked for Councilwoman Won-Yoon to finish up.

RESOLUTION 2025-171 Authorization of Hire Department of Public Work Summer Seasonal Employee (Re: M. Baten)

RESOLUTION 2025-172 Hiring Swimming Pool Employee

Mayor Kim stated he knew they spoke of the rate and asked if the rate had changed from the prior year. Maria Goode asked which resolution they were talking about, and Mayor Kim clarified Resolution 2025-172. Maria Goode stated she didn't make that resolution, and the seasonal amount changed. Maria Goode stated she wasn't sure which number was put onto the resolution. Mayor Kim replied that the finance department should know if there was an increase or decrease. Roberta Stern stated she had the copy with the backup. Mayor Kim asked what the change was. Roberta Stern replied she thought it changed a dollar. Mayor Kim asked if there was a change or modification in salary. Mayor Kim asked who oversaw the change in salary and asked if it was Karen Nascenti. Karen Nascenti stated she was the one in charge. Mayor Kim stated that it was fine and asked her to provide the modifications that were made including what was going to be crossed out and what was going to be changed. Karen Nascenti stated she had that. Mayor Kim asked her to provide it so that the governing body would know. Mayor Kim asked the governing body to review the resolution. Karen Nascenti stated she had it included but it must have been taken out. Roberta Stern stated she had it and she thought everyone else had it too. Mayor Kim stated everyone didn't have it.

RESOLUTION 2025-173 Approval of Spray Pad Project for Municipal Pool

Councilman Vietri asked what the spray pad was going to be. Roberta Stern stated that they had a grant for that. Councilman Vietri responded okay. Councilman Vietri asked why all of this was coming together at that point in time, five days before the opening of the pool, and why didn't this come the month before. Mayor Kim stated he just explained. Roberta Stern responded that the splash pad was entirely different. Mayor Kim stated it was a spray pad and not a splash pad. Roberta Stern stated the contractors had to order the equipment and it wasn't going to be installed that summer season. Roberta Stern continued to explain that this resolution allowed her to order the equipment so at the end of the summer season the equipment needed was present. Roberta Stern stated the only thing being done that season would be the underground work for the piping. The actual equipment needed at least three or four months to get to the borough, which was why it was on the agenda for that night. Roberta Stern stated she didn't want to put the resolution on for the end of the season because she didn't want it sitting there over the winter to deteriorate. Roberta Stern stated the equipment would be ready for installation for the spring of the following year.

Councilman Min stated that he wanted to go off the comments that both Councilman Vietri and Councilwoman Won-Yoon had made. Councilman Min stated that he was going through the packet, and wondered why everything related to the swimming pool was being presented to the council that month. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min to state which resolutions he was referring to. Councilman Min stated Resolution 2025-160, 2025-173, 2025-174, and 2025-181.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the total for the splash pad was \$285,000 to MIC which was well over the \$44,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this had to go through a bid. Roberta Stern responded they did not because it was a co-op. Roberta Stern explained that it was either a state contract or a co-op therefore if the borough had purchased something on either one of those, it didn't have to go to bid. Roberta Stern stated that if they wanted to, they could, and there were instances where a state contract wasn't the best price. Roberta Stern stated if the governing body did their own inquiries, then they could go to bid. Mayor Kim stated it was a matching grant, a co-op. Mayor Kim reminded council members that it wasn't too late until that moment. Mayor Kim stated they were agreeing to this, although it wasn't over yet. Mayor Kim stated he was okay with not getting the splash pad and saving \$140,000. Mayor Kim stated this may have been a great opportunity to just scratch it. Roberta Stern stated they could keep the kiddie pool. Mayor Kim responded they could keep the kiddie pool because they weren't going to have to put out \$140,000. Roberta Stern stated that the reason they applied for this was because they wanted to do this. Mayor Kim stated she was correct but that was before, and the governing body had a right to change their mind. Roberta Stern stated first of all it was a different governing body. Mayor Kim stated she was correct. Mayor Kim advised councilmembers that if they wanted to scratch the splash pad and aim to do it the following year as Councilman Min had suggested and they could apply again. Mayor Kim stated that the \$140,000 could also go towards repaving instead considering there were many roads that needed to be repaved. Roberta Stern responded when the borough received grants from open space or community development and they saw that the money wasn't used that they provided, they would look negative at the borough moving forward. Roberta Stern stated this was the way the state looked at things. Mayor Kim stated they had heard this from past Borough Administrator David Lorenzo the year before. Roberta Stern stated it was the truth because even with community development, the borough didn't have a good track record of following through on grants period. Mayor Kim replied that it was fine. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she wasn't an expert, and she respected the opinion of the experts, but she wasn't too sure what the best option was. Roberta Stern responded exactly. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she really wanted to hear the expert's opinion, and make sure all processes were being followed through correctly. Mayor Kim stated it was to the discretion of the council members to decide if they wanted to save the \$140,000. Mayor Kim stated as Councilman Vietri had mentioned, they had spent a lot of money that

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year and there were roads waiting for repaving that were long overdue. Mayor Kim stated prior administration decided before that they were only going to pave the roads that they could apply for grants for. Mayor Kim stated there were also a lot of roads that didn't apply towards any grants, but they were affordable. Councilman Shin stated that he oversaw the swimming pool, and when he realized that they had available funds to install the splash pad he promised to have it installed as soon as possible. Councilman Shin stated he had checked with surrounding towns, and towns like Fort Lee had installed a splash pad the year prior. Councilman Shin stated he checked with the Township of Fort Lee who advised Councilman Shin that it had taken over two years to install their splash pad. Councilman Shin stated with that being said, they had to have the splash pad installed by at least the end of the following year and he had wanted to expedite the process. Councilman Shin stated now he was hearing that the company was very busy and couldn't provide the quotation as needed. Councilman Shin stated again compared to the splash pads that other towns had installed, the borough was on schedule. Mayor Kim asked for everyone to consider that Roberta Stern had the experience, and a good relationship with the county. Mayor Kim stated two years prior they had a grant for Broad Avenue Streetscape which went way over the estimate with the borough engineer advising it would cost about \$300,000. The estimate winding up coming out between \$400,000 and \$500,000 and the governing body respectfully declined and decided they would save the money and table it. Mayor Kim stated that this would not create the best relationship with the county, but they would save money. Mayor Kim stated it was better that they didn't continue to change their minds especially for block grants and asked for council members to keep this in mind. Mayor Kim stated he was sure that Roberta Stern could use her suave relationship with the county to let them know this wouldn't happen again, and to not forget about the borough. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this money would be taken out of the swimming pool capital. Mayor Kim stated it was a matching bond. Roberta Stern stated if she remembered correctly, they had another small bond that they said they were going to get rid of for \$146,000. Deputy Chief Financial Officer Maria Goode stated it would come out of the swimming pool capital fund. Roberta Stern stated it would. Mayor Kim asked Maria Goode if they had to bond the amount. Maria Goode replied that it was already bonded. Mayor Kim stated that it didn't matter then because the bond was good for around ten years. Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied that was understandable, but she wanted to make sure that this was coming out of the swim pool capital fund. Mayor Kim and Roberta Stern stated it would. Roberta Stern stated that they still had three swimming pool ordinances that they still had money left over from. Mayor Kim stated they had blown a lot of money that year, and not because of bad government but because the whole state of New Jersey insurance carriers raised their rates 23% as the CFO had explained. Mayor Kim stated because of this, they should be more sensitive and if this was something the council wanted to save money on and get rid of it was their decision. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions.

RESOLUTION 2025-175 Approving stipend for Fire Department Volunteers

Mayor Kim began to explain that because of the system the fire department had regarding stipends – Mayor Kim stopped and asked if Councilman Vietri could explain considering he was part of the department and asked if he agreed. Councilman Vietri stated the stipend for Palisades Park compared to all other surrounding towns was the lowest for the volunteers. Councilman Vietri stated the fire department wasn't receiving volunteers to commit and to keep the members that the department already had they were raising the stipend for each quarter. Councilman Vietri stated some of the surrounding towns paid their volunteers a monthly stipend. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if it was possible that the firefighters received what the surrounding towns received. Mayor Kim stated it was possible and had already been confirmed by the chief financial officers. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the governing body could have that information. Councilman Vietri stated they didn't want to close the department, so they went with raising the stipends. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that the attachments only explained the proposition, but she wanted to know what other towns did. Roberta Stern stated they could provide that information easily as well as the benefits those volunteers received that Palisades Park volunteer firefighters did not. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was also present and agreed, but from what he understood Councilwoman Won-Yoon wanted different information. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to notify the fire department representative to come in for the regular session and point out two main things, one was that the borough was not competitive with the pricing and second the grading mechanism that gave the higher stipend didn't work anymore. Mayor Kim stated at a certain point members didn't want to return because the grading system didn't work anymore.

RESOLUTION 2025-177 Awarding Completion of Borough Hall Lighting Contract (Re: Sanchez Networks LLC)

Mayor Kim stated he wanted to strike out Resolution 2025-177 for further discussion. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin for catching this to help save money. Mayor Kim stated this wasn't an emergency, as the lighting was still viable. Scott Krumholz asked Sophia Jang if she read off Resolutions 2025-180 through Resolution 2025-189 because he had only heard her read off until Resolution 2025-184. Sophia Jang apologized and stated she had read off the original agenda instead of the updated one. Sophia Jang recalled the resolutions except Resolution 2025-181. Mayor Kim stated they were taking off Resolution 2025-181 and striking Resolution 2025-177.

- RESOLUTION 2025-178** **Authorization of Municipal Alliance Grant for Alcoholism & Drug Abuse**
RESOLUTION 2025-179 **Authorization Grant Agreement with Bergen County for Lincoln Street Improvements**
RESOLUTION 2025-180 **Approving Shared Services with Bergen County for Dispatch Services**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they were entering into an agreement with the company, and asked if this was something the borough did every year. Mayor Kim stated it was. Sophia Jang stated this was done every five years. Roberta Stern repeated it was done every five years and the year prior it wasn't done at all. Mayor Kim asked what the minimum time required was instead of every five years. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon to find out how many years of coverage the agreement was in place for the county services. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this resolution allowed the boroughs 911 coordinator to work with the county. Mayor Kim explained in the past, when residents called 911 a dispatcher at the police department would answer which he liked. They realized considering the time allocated, and the resources spent, it was better to work with the county and save some money. Mayor Kim stated he personally didn't like it this way. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what the 911 coordinator for the borough was. Mayor Kim stated the 911 coordinator had nothing to do with that. Mayor Kim used natural disasters as an example and stated if someone were to call 911 reporting a flood or hail damage, they would reach the county 911 instead of the borough. Mayor Kim stated when people dialed the police department they would reach the county instead of the borough as well. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions and reminded everyone that they only had 15 minutes left. Roberta Stern asked if they were going to vote on Resolution 2025-174 or not. Mayor Kim stated they would but not at that time.

- RESOLUTION 2025-183** **Adopting Redevelopment Plan for 21 Grand Avenue**
RESOLUTION 2025-184 **Adopting Redevelopment Plan for 15 Grand Avenue**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if councilmembers had the attachments for Resolution 2025-183 and 2025-184. Mayor Kim stated they didn't because Scott Krumholz had to prepare it. Scott Krumholz stated that he could provide a copy of the draft plans that were done by the borough planner. Scott Krumholz stated there had been comments by the attorneys, so they expected to also receive comments for 15 Grand Avenue. Mayor Kim apologized and stated they had an executive session they had to go into. Scott Krumholz stated they had cancelled it. Mayor Kim asked if everyone was good because of the time constraint.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CANCELLED

COUNCIL REPORTS:

All council members agreed to make their council reports at the regular meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz had nothing to report.

BA REPORT:

Borough Administrator Roberta Stern agreed to give her report at the regular meeting.

POLICE REPORT:

Mayor Kim stated the police committee was not present at the meeting, and neither was the police director who was sick and medically taking care of himself. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to let the officer in charge know that they had to be present at the regular meeting to present to the governing body.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Kim reminded the public that they had three minutes each to speak and thanked everyone for their patience. When no one volunteered, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public session and return to the work session. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion, and Councilman Shin seconded the motion. All joined in favor.

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ADJOURN:

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

Attest:



Sophia H. Jang, RMC
Borough Clerk