

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

Regular Meeting  
of the Mayor & Council  
May 27, 2025

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

**STATEMENT:**

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE BROUGHT BY COUNCILMAN MIN.**

**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 council members had any questions regarding the meeting minutes. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she wanted to thank the borough clerk for the hard work. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

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

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

Mayor Kim asked council members if they had any questions. When none arose, Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-13. Mayor Kim remembered he had to close and open to the public. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-13. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes

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

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-13 Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Various Road Improvements was approved for final adoption by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park at a regular meeting held on May 27th, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ORDINANCE 2025-13:**

Mayor Kim reminded members of the public that they had three minutes each to speak about Ordinance 2025-13. When no one volunteered to speak, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public participation session and open back to the regular session. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor, none opposed.

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

Mayor Kim asked council members if they had any questions. When none arose, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. All joined in favor.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-14. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-14 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14) was approved for final adoption by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park at a regular meeting held on May 27th, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ORDINANCE 2025-14:**

Mayor Kim reminded members of the public that they had three minutes each to speak about Ordinance 2025-14. When no one volunteered to speak, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public participation session and open back to the regular session. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. All joined in favor, none opposed.

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

Mayor Kim asked council members if they had any questions. When none arose, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. All joined in favor.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-15. Councilman Min pointed out a small change that the mayor and council base salary range had to be lower. Mayor Kim stated he thought that they had been given all the information to go over at the work session. Councilman

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Min stated it was a simple stipulation. Mayor Kim asked what Councilman Min wanted to add. Councilman Min stated that the range should have read \$9,000 to \$20,000 and the range for the mayor should have read \$13,000 to \$30,000. Scott Krumholz stated this wouldn't be a minor change and if they added this stipulation, they would have to start over. Mayor Kim stated they already did the first reading of the ordinance, and asked Councilman Min if there was a specific reason he wanted to lower it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated on the resolution of salary for the year 2025, the range was much lower for councilmembers. Mayor Kim asked what the lowest amount was before. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it was \$9,000. Mayor Kim repeated that he asked for the previous amount for the year before. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it was \$9,000 and was never a minimum of \$13,000 if she remembered correctly. Mayor Kim responded that she was correct. Councilman Vietri pointed out that the Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano was present and he could clarify and explain. Mayor Kim stated it wasn't the CFO, and stated there was a problem because the Mayor and Council all agreed to have the minimum set to \$9,000 and there was no reason to raise the amount. Councilwoman Won-Yoon also pointed out that the mayor's salary range had to be lowered as well. Mayor Kim agreed, and stated the range should be the same as the previous year. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if he could provide some sort of legal remedy considering they were at their second reading of the ordinance. Scott Krumholz stated unfortunately it was more than a minor change and would have to be reintroduced for a first reading. Mayor Kim asked if this would affect the passing of the borough budget. Scott Krumholz replied that was something he would have to ask the CFO. Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano if there was any way this could be remedied because the governing body didn't agree to change the base salary. Mayor Kim asked if they needed Ordinance 2025-15 to be passed to pass the budget. Roy Riggitano stated to just take out the base amount and make the verbiage "not to exceed". Roy Riggitano stated this was based off the resolution and had nothing to do with more than a range. The concept was not to exceed the maximum range. Mayor Kim asked if this meant they needed to make a change in the stipend. Roy Riggitano replied no, and the resolution would dictate the exact dollar amount. Mayor Kim asked what the resolution said. Scott Krumholz replied \$10,000. Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggitano and stated he was happy the professionals were present for the meeting. Councilman Shin stated section six read "the salary shall commence as of January 1, 2025" and asked how it could be approved for six months in the past. Mayor Kim stated they would get the information from 2025. However, the financial officers stated it was okay to change the minimum for council members to \$9,000 and \$10,000 for the mayor. Mayor Kim stated it was all retro, but they weren't really changing anything, so it didn't matter. Mayor Kim stated the ordinance always came out that way because it was usually passed around May. This meant they were starting the salary range from January 1, 2025, but they always did it around May because they had to do the budget and the salary ranges together. Mayor Kim specified that it was the salary range ordinance that would be passed first and then the budget. Mayor Kim stated that the CFO and Paul Garbarini both stated that it was okay to do this way. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what the auditors would say about it. Mayor Kim replied that they were going to get to it. Councilman Min made a motion with the stipulation that the council's salary will not exceed \$20,000 and the mayor's salary wouldn't exceed \$30,000. Councilman Min stated they were crossing out the base salary. Mayor Kim asked if Scott Krumholz could repeat that again, which he did. Scott Krumholz stated that Councilman Min had made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended the base salary for the mayor and six council instead of a designated amount for a base salary, it would just read not to exceed \$30,000 for the mayor and \$20,000 for the council. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if that was okay, and Scott Krumholz confirmed it was. Councilman Min stated he made a motion. Mayor Kim requested a second. Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim                      Yes

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

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Amended Ordinance 2025-15 Establishment of Salaries for Year 2025 was approved for final adoption by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park at a regular meeting held on May 27th, 2025. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ORDINANCE 2025-15:**

Mayor Kim reminded members of the public that they had three minutes each to speak about Ordinance 2025-15. When no one volunteered to speak, Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public participation session and open back to the regular session. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. All joined in favor, none opposed.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

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

Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions and mentioned they had been working on this ordinance. When no questions arose, Mayor Kim asked to move to the second ordinance. Borough Clerk Sophia Jang reminded Mayor Kim they had to vote. Mayor Kim replied that they didn't have to vote because it was the first reading. Sophia Jang stated they still had to vote to pass the first reading of each ordinance. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the introduction of Ordinance 2025-16. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-16 Amending of Creating Chapter 141, Entitled “Filming and Photography” was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on May 27, 2025, and published in accordance with the law. Said ordinance would be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested could have appeared for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions and mentioned that the ordinance was regarding the road work that had to be done. Roberta Stern stated that there were improvements to two roads. Mayor Kim stated that Roberta Stern listed what was included at the work session. Mayor Kim asked again if there were any questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the first

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reading of Ordinance 2025-17. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-17 Bond Ordinance for Authorization for Various Capital Improvements was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on May 27, 2025, and published in accordance with the law. Said ordinance would be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested could have appeared for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**ORDINANCE 2025-18      Adopting Redevelopment Plan for 21 Grand Avenue**

Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to provide a summary of the ordinance. Scott Krumholz explained that Ordinance 2025-18 was part of and pursuant to one of the settlement agreements with one of the plaintiffs in the builder's remedy lawsuits. Scott Krumholz stated this was something the borough was doing in furtherance of that settlement. Mayor Kim stated that the governing body and the mayor didn't have much to say because this was a procedure that the borough had to adhere to. Scott Krumholz stated that it was more procedural. Councilman Vietri asked if the courts were making the borough do this. Scott Krumholz explained that the courts oversaw the settlement agreements that the borough had reached. Scott Krumholz stated that the settlement agreements that were approved by the court did have a provision that required the borough to pursue the adoption of a redevelopment plan through the Planning Board. Scott Krumholz continued that they had previously directed the Planning Board to investigate the necessity and whether to designate this property within an area of redevelopment. Scott Krumholz stated the planning board did as instructed, and this was the stamp of approval on the plan that the Planning Board investigated and approved. Councilman Vietri asked if this was through the courts. Scott Krumholz confirmed it was through the courts. Councilman Vietri asked if it was the courts advising the borough to do this. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated on page 14 of the plan itself, it spoke of infrastructure and public improvement. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated one of the concerns that they had about the redevelopment was how the borough could accommodate all the residents once they occupied the property. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated especially 21 Grand Avenue because of the volume of traffic, and the sewer problem. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that when it rained, DPW and police had to work hard. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she guessed they had incorporated this section to come up with some sort of plan so that they could help in reducing the potential traffic and sewage problems. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked Scott Krumholz if he could explain further as to how the borough could comply with this. Mayor Kim went to speak, but Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she could finish what she was saying. Mayor Kim advised Councilwoman Won-Yoon to finish her example. Councilwoman Won-Yoon went over the transportation development district and read the department of transportation's desirable typical sections, and so on – and water and sewer infrastructure. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked who would be responsible for overseeing this. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she guessed in the NJP Best Practices there were some guidelines that the developer had to follow. Scott Krumholz stated he wasn't too sure about the timeline. Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon had asked about the guidelines. Scott Krumholz explained this provision in this plan required roadwork of Grand Avenue.

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Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the state was going to inspect in the middle or as part of that process. Scott Krumholz replied yes, it is, and it was a state road to his understanding. Mayor Kim stated the DOT would examine the traffic. Scott Krumholz stated that there were certain procedures in place that involved oversight by the owner of the road whether the state or the town. Mayor Kim asked about the sewage. Scott Krumholz stated that the application had to be made. Mayor Kim asked about the floods on Grand Avenue. Scott Krumholz replied these were all things that were going to be considered, and the details would be worked out in the process. Mayor Kim stated that the borough's representative would declare that the governing body had concerns of flooding on Grand Avenue already. Scott Krumholz responded of course.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked who the representatives were. Scott Krumholz replied that the representatives were the traffic engineer, and the borough engineer. Councilwoman Won-Yoon read that it said improvements may be funded through these sources and one of the sources was the municipal capital budget. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she hoped they didn't have to spend money on it. Scott Krumholz stated that there may be funds that the borough would have to spend. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that had to be funded by the developers. Mayor Kim stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon was getting confused. Mayor Kim stated they were both in the governance committee, so they already knew the situation, and that the borough was caught in builders remedy lawsuits that took the boroughs rights and ordinance away from the Planning and Zoning Boards. Mayor Kim stated that they were in the process of trying to get their rights back because the former administration didn't take care of this. Mayor Kim stated they did the grunt work of this and were fixing something that should have been done a long time before. Mayor Kim stated his goal was to make sure they got their rights back so that they could control their own destiny in the future. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they understood. Councilman Shin stated he saw the ordinance mentioned the school effect. Councilman Shin stated the democratic projection in New Jersey was that in one apartment it created 0.3 to 0.4 students. Councilman Shin stated if they did the math for the 670 units, that meant there would be an increase of about 240 students in the schools. Councilman Shin stated this was about 15-20% of an increase of students in the school. Councilman Shin stated even though there was no mention of this, it was something to think about. Roberta Stern stated unfortunately the court did not get involved in that and in all the lawsuits they were all aware of the fact that there were going to be more students. Roberta Stern stated they could say that there wasn't going to be an increase but regardless the courts didn't care. Mayor Kim stated it was because the borough was caught in builders remedy cases because they broke the law. Mayor Kim stated if the court didn't accept the legal concern from the attorney regarding the influx of students, the courts wouldn't even accept it because it wasn't their business. Mayor Kim repeated, because of the former administration not following through with preparation for 15 to 16 years. Mayor Kim stated they had a lawsuit they had to settle, and it was unfortunate. Councilman Shin stated eventually it would be a disaster coming out of it and they had to find a way. Mayor Kim stated they were finding a way, and Councilman Shin should have known about it because they had already spoken about it which couldn't be mentioned to the public. Mayor Kim stated they tried to figure out what power and resources the borough had so that when the builder's remedy was done, it reduced the fourth round. Mayor Kim stated the fourth round was already active. Scott Krumholz stated if anyone else had any other questions regarding the ordinance, he suggested going into an executive session to go into more detail. Mayor Kim stated they could go into an executive session and asked if anyone wanted to make a motion. Councilman Vietri made a motion. Mayor Kim stated that meant they would have to pause the meeting and go into closed chambers. Mayor Kim asked for a second to discuss further because there were certain factors they couldn't speak about at the meeting. When no one seconded the motion, Mayor Kim announced the motion had been denied. Mayor Kim asked if they could proceed with the passage of the introduction and requested a motion. Mayor Kim stated he understood it was a hard pill to swallow, but if they didn't do it, they would lose their rights. Mayor Kim stated in the future, builders could purchase three properties in the middle of residential areas and under the Affordable Housing Act create 50

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residential units and there was nothing the borough could do about it. Mayor Kim stated they didn't want this to even happen again, and hoped the administration and council could understand that this was the past and the past was haunting them. Mayor Kim stated they were trying to make it right and didn't want to be in the situation ever again. Mayor Kim requested a motion. Councilman Min made a motion. Mayor Kim acknowledged this was hard and stated he had found out about these two years after he had become the mayor. Mayor Kim stated when he was a council member, he hadn't remembered any council or mayor speaking about this. Mayor Kim asked for a second. Councilwoman Lee seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	No
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Abstaining because there were too many open seams that nobody wanted to explain through an executive session.
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that notice was hereby given that Ordinance 2025-18 Adopting Redevelopment Plan for 21 Grand Avenue was introduced and passed on the first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor & Council, held on May 27, 2025, and published in accordance with the law. Said ordinance would be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Council Chambers, at which time all persons interested could have appeared for or against the passage of said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

Scott Krumholz explained that this was the exact same as Ordinance 2025-18 just for a different property on Grand Avenue. Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions on Ordinance 2025-19. Councilman Vietri asked if this meant that they would widen Grand Avenue. Scott Krumholz stated the borough would, but it required some of the frontage from the property of 15 and 21 Grand Avenue. Councilman Vietri stated they would be taking quite a few frontages. Scott Krumholz stated he was right. Councilman Vietri stated there were houses all around the area. Mayor Kim stated there weren't houses, they were buildings. Councilman Vietri asked if they were just going to be taking the frontages on one side of the street. Mayor Kim stated they were putting it into the property of where the Fitness Factory was. Councilman Vietri stated he understood that but there was going to be an immense amount of traffic. Mayor Kim replied absolutely. Councilman Vietri stated they would have to come up with a traffic plan and have the police department do surveys. Mayor Kim confirmed Hal Simoff, the traffic engineer, would be involved in this and was the one that recommended this. Councilman Vietri stated he saw a big headache with this. Mayor Kim replied that they had no choice. Councilman Vietri stated there was always a choice. Mayor Kim responded that they could all say no and lose their rights. Mayor Kim specified that anyone could come to the borough if that happened, and purchase property to build multi-level properties on a small residential street and there was nothing the borough could say about it. Councilman Shin stated he was the new councilman, so he knew he had about 22,000 residents under him. Councilman Shin stated he wanted to explain that there was no other way but to accept this at this time due to a bunch of stupid things that happened in the past. Scott Krumholz stated that was pretty much correct. Mayor Kim stated they wanted to make sure that this didn't happen in the future, and they still had round four. Mayor Kim stated they settle with round three, obtaining the boroughs rights back to dictate the boroughs future for round four. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if they received their rights back when the judge allowed the borough to use the ordinances. Scott Krumholz stated that the borough had

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implemented new ordinances that complied with what the judge wanted. Mayor Kim stated they got that, and the judge had requested the borough amend their ordinances and they did. Mayor Kim repeated they had to settle with round three and at round four they would be able to use the imprint of an influx of residents coming in. Mayor Kim stated he agreed with the rest of the council and that was also his number one concern. Mayor Kim stated they had to pass this ordinance first because if they didn't, they couldn't do round four because they wouldn't be complying. Mayor Kim repeated that a developer could purchase a property and build a multifamily property because the borough didn't have a choice or a say. Councilman Shin seconded the motion and stated in the meantime if the audience had a better idea to please present it to the council as well. Mayor Kim stated they would have a public participation portion at the second reading. Councilman Shin repeated he was seconding the motion. Mayor Kim stated they didn't have a motion on the table, so Councilman Shin was making the motion. Councilman Min stated on page 14 for the affordable housing requirement, it read the total obligation of the affordable housing unit was 102 and asked if they would be specifying the obligation for a specific site or the general requirement. Scott Krumholz stated it was site specific. Councilman Min asked how come for Ordinance 2025-18 it didn't specify a number. Scott Krumholz explained when the borough adopted the resolution that sent this to the Planning Board, the Planning Board considered those two properties together. Scott Krumholz stated they had now segregated the two properties for the purpose of the ordinance, and they would consider the same redevelopment. Councilman Min asked if this was the site as a whole. Scott Krumholz confirmed it was the two properties as a whole classified as a redevelopment area but the properties each were being approved separately. Mayor Kim stated it was because there were different builders' remedies. Scott Krumholz confirmed that was correct. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated if she remembered correctly, the settlement for 15 Grand Avenue was much lower than 102 units. Mayor Kim stated he thought because they were going deeper into the discussion that shouldn't be discussed in public, the attorney recommended they should go into an executive meeting. Mayor Kim stated he thought they also should go into an executive meeting and asked for a motion. Councilman Vietri stated he made a motion before and it was denied. Mayor Kim stated he didn't deny it; it just didn't get a second. Councilman Vietri stated he did deny it and they never voted on the motion. Mayor Kim repeated he didn't get a second on the motion. Councilman Vietri asked if now someone was going to second the motion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she would second the motion. Mayor Kim asked if everyone was in favor. Councilman Min asked if he could make a stipulation of that request. Councilman Min asked if they could go into the executive session at the end of the regular meeting so that the public didn't have to wait. Mayor Kim stated he liked that idea and stated they would go into the executive at the end of the agenda. Councilman Min made a motion based on that stipulation. Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion. All joined in favor.

Following the executive session, Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass. Councilman Kim made a motion first but then Councilwoman Won-Yoon had to make the motion because Councilman Kim later on abstained from voting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded at first, and then later Councilman Min seconded on the second vote. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Abstained - Mayor Kim advised that Councilman Kim had made a motion and abstained. Councilman Kim stated he could. Scott Krumholz asked what the motion was that Councilman Kim was making. Scott Krumholz stated the motion that he made was to approve the ordinance, not to abstain. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern if she had seen anything like that before. Roberta Stern stated no this was a first for her. Scott Krumholz stated someone else had to make a motion.
Councilwoman Lee	Absent

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

Councilman Min stated for the record you could not make a motion on an ordinance to abstain in the roll call vote. Mayor Kim thanked everyone.

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA**

RESOLUTION 2025-154 Adoption of 2025 Municipal Budget  
RESOLUTION 2025-181 Awarding Water Meter Repair Contract for Municipal Pool (Re: D-Lanzo Plumbing and Sewer Contractors)  
RESOLUTION 2025-182 Authorizing Payment to Delta Corrugated for Water Meter Improvements for the Municipal Pool (Re: Delta Corrugated)

**DISCUSSION (ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA)**

RESOLUTION 2025-155 Claims  
RESOLUTION 2025-156 Amending a Professional Services Contract with Website Administrator and Graphic Designer (Re: D. Kang)  
RESOLUTION 2025-157 Authorization of Raffle License (Re: St. Nicholas RC Church, # RL-676)  
RESOLUTION 2025-158 Authorization of Chamber of Commerce to hold a Street Festival  
RESOLUTION 2025-159 Establishment of Petty Cash Fund  
RESOLUTION 2025-160 Authorization of Pool Start Up Money for 2025 Pool Season (Re: \$300.00)  
RESOLUTION 2025-161 Authorization to Auction Surplus Equipment (Re: Police Department and D.P.W.)  
RESOLUTION 2025-162 Authorizing Litigation Both in Connection with the Demolition of 78 West Harwood  
RESOLUTION 2025-163 Authorization of Building Permit Fee Refund (Re: Trinity Solar)  
RESOLUTION 2025-164 Appointing Board of Health Member (Re: Hyon Kim)  
RESOLUTION 2025-165 Appointing Alernate #1 Board of Health Member  
RESOLUTION 2025-166 Authorization of Salary or Compensation for Employees for 2025  
RESOLUTION 2025-167 Amending Establish of Purchasing Procedure  
RESOLUTION 2025-168 Amending Resolution 2025-18 Approving Borough Architect  
RESOLUTION 2025-169 Authorizing Treasurer to Pay certain Specified Bills in advance of Formal Governing Body Approval  
RESOLUTION 2025-170 Approval of Contract with ITS for Parking Meters  
RESOLUTION 2025-171 Authorization of Hire Department of Public Work Summer Seasonal Employee (Re: M. Baten)  
RESOLUTION 2025-172 Hiring Swimming Pool Employee  
RESOLUTION 2025-173 Approval of Spray Pad Project for Municipal Pool  
RESOLUTION 2025-174 Authorization of Award Contract for Swimming Pool Bathroom renovation  
RESOLUTION 2025-175 Approving stipend for Fire Department Volunteers  
RESOLUTION 2025-176 Hiring of Part-Time Summer Internship (Re: V. Ramirez)  
RESOLUTION 2025-177 Awarding Completion of Borough Hall Lighting Contract (Re: Sanchez Networks LLC)  
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  
RESOLUTION 2025-181 Hiring of Police Officer (Re: T. Bennett)  
RESOLUTION 2025-182 Hiring of Police Officer (Re: J. Chau)  
RESOLUTION 2025-183 Hiring of Police Officer (Re: J. Hammond)  
RESOLUTION 2025-184 Hiring of Part- Time Traffic Enforcement Officer (Re: M. Fernandez)  
RESOLUTION 2025-185 Hiring of Part- Time Traffic Enforcement Officer (Re: D. Santos)  
RESOLUTION 2025-186 Hiring of Part-Time Summer Internship (Re: R. Albanese)  
RESOLUTION 2025-187 Hiring of Part-Time Summer Internship (Re: J. Hong)

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION 2025-154 Amendment of 2025 Municipal Budget**

Mayor Kim asked for Roy Riggitano and Paul Garbarini to come to the front. Councilman Min stated this was for the adoption, and Mayor Kim responded it was for the amendment. Mayor Kim asked if they remembered they had to do it for one more month because it had been delayed. Mayor Kim stated this was for something else and Roy Riggitano and the auditor had been present to discuss Resolution 2025-155 instead. Roberta Stern stated it was recommended by the state. Mayor Kim asked if it was Resolution 2025-154 or Resolution 2025-155 that they were coming in to present for. Roy Riggitano stated they were there for both. Mayor Kim asked the men to proceed.

Roy Riggitano stated the state reviewed the budget and they had recommendations. Paul Garbarini, Mayor Kim, and Roy Riggitano had all gone through and made the adjustments. Roy Riggitano explained that protocol was to do the amendment that the state required them to do, then they would move forward with the hearing, and then file the adoption. Paul Garbarini explained that the agenda would be for the budget to be introduced as it was, and now they had the budget amendment which would be discussed. The amendment would be voted on and they would have a hearing on the amended budget and would then vote on the full budget. Paul Garbarini asked if there were any questions about the introduced budget. Mayor Kim asked if Paul Garbarini was asking to discuss the amendment of the budget first. Paul Garbarini responded they had the hearing tonight as required for the budget introduced. Mayor Kim also stated the adoption. Paul Garbarini stated he was correct but that was after the amendment. Paul Garbarini stated the state had approved the amendment which allowed the governing body to vote, introduce it, and adopt it on the same evening. Mayor Kim stated they were doing an ordinance. Paul Garbarini responded they were not doing an ordinance; it was all resolutions. Mayor Kim asked if council members had any questions. Councilwoman Won-Yoon went to ask a question, but Mayor Kim reminded her that she was to direct all questions to the mayor. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she had a question regarding tax increase and asked if they were still at \$335 per house. Paul Garbarini responded yes, and stated the amendment had no impact on the tax increase. Councilman Vietri asked if this included just Palisades Park, or also included the school budget, and county budget. Roy Riggitano responded that it was just the municipal portion and the library tax. Councilman Vietri asked how much that was. Roy Riggitano responded \$335. Councilman Vietri asked if they had an approximate amount on the county and school tax. Paul Garbarini stated he had the county tax at \$95, and then stated he only had the three-year comparison as opposed to the two-year comparison. The auditor asked Roy Riggitano if he had the two-year comparison instead, which he provided. Paul Garbarini stated the county taxes were \$49. Mayor Kim asked if the county taxes were \$49 instead of \$95. Paul Garbarini stated the \$95 was over a two-year period. Mayor Kim asked if that number was for county taxes or for school taxes. Paul Garbarini stated it was \$95 for county taxes over a two-year period compared to the previous year when it was \$49. Mayor Kim questioned if the year prior was \$49. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if that meant that year it would be \$51. Paul Garbarini confirmed she was correct. Councilman Vietri asked about the school taxes. The auditor stated the school tax based upon the difference between that year and the previous year was \$141. Over a two-year period, it was \$260. Mayor Kim asked if it was \$260 currently. Paul Garbarini repeated it was over a two-year period. Councilman Vietri asked how much the tax would go up. Mayor Kim asked what the average tax increase was per household. Paul Garbarini stated \$545 including the library. This was for Library, local, school, county open space, and county. Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano to explain the jump in tax. Roy Riggitano explained the major impact was the increase in health benefits which was up \$430,000, other insurance was up \$130,000, utility authority was \$132,000. Because the assessed value of the borough had

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increased, the library was up \$150,000. The normal salary and wages were up \$186,000, and the debt was up \$84,000. Roy Riggitano stated if they added all those numbers up it equaled the increase in tax that year. Paul Garbarini stated that he wanted to point out that the reason they showed year after year increase and a two-year increase was because the municipal rate over a two-year budget from 2023 to 2025 was \$263.36. Paul Garbarini stated he agreed that the one-year period was a higher number, but he wanted to give it some context and show it over a two-year period. Mayor Kim asked if this was an extraordinary case where everything just shot up. Paul Garbarini stated it wasn't just Palisades Park and was the entire state health benefit plan. Paul Garbarini stated the increase in the state health benefit plan had been going up at a high of 20% per year. There were municipalities through the state who were contemplating pulling out of the state health benefit plan. Mayor Kim stated he believed he had discussed this with the CFO. The auditor stated it was a work in progress, but he wanted to see more municipalities go ahead with pulling out to see the reaction. Mayor Kim stated it seemed like they were grouping together municipalities with equal grading that would come together and create their own health benefit plan. Paul Garbarini replied that he hadn't seen at a joint meeting or shared services at that point in time, but he did have a client who did private insurance through an extraordinary policy and the balance itself insurance. There were also statutes in New Jersey law allowing some municipalities to potentially bond the money if they did decide to go self-insured. Paul Garbarini stated they didn't want to go self-insurance and then in the first year they were hit with extraordinary expenses which would defeat the purpose. Paul Garbarini repeated that this was happening throughout the state, and this was not the only municipality this was happening in. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this was all of New Jersey as opposed to New York taxes. Paul Garbarini stated if someone owned their own business or knew someone who owned a business, they would know that the increase in health insurance was something business owners had been dealing with for years with the numbers just staggering. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated unfortunately they lived in a time where all benefit costs increased an immense amount. Mayor Kim stated that it made them think if the borough should even be on the state health benefit plan. Mayor Kim stated that he knew in White Plains that the benefits were reduced. Mayor Kim's wife had health insurance which went up a little bit, but they lost a ton of benefits. Mayor Kim continued that he now had to pay \$50 for primary, and \$100 per visit for specialty visits. Mayor Kim asked if any council members had questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Resolution 2025-154. Councilman Kim made a motion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they were only voting on Resolution 2025-154 or all resolutions at once. Mayor Kim confirmed only Resolution 2025-154. Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-155 Adoption of 2025 Municipal Budget Hearing**

Mayor Kim stated that this was open to the public and asked Roy Riggitano if it should be an ordinance instead of a resolution. Roy Riggitano stated the budget was always public. Mayor Kim stated it was off consent, so he understood. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion to open to the public and Councilman Kim seconded. All joined in favor.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR RESOLUTION 2025-154:**

Neris Papoters asked if that meant the increase would be per house for that same year. Roy Riggitano confirmed it was and explained when residents received their tax bills in August the

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increase would reflect January 1st through December 31st meaning the last two quarters would show an increase., Neris Papoters asked to have the amount repeated. Roy Riggitano stated it was \$530 on the average house based on their assessment. Neris Papoters asked for the school taxes to be repeated. Roy Riggitano stated \$141. Neris Papoters asked for the other amounts he had stated before. Roy Riggitano stated the local tax was \$335, library was \$18, and the county was \$51. Neris Papoters thanked him.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and return to the regular session. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Resolution 2025-154. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman Vietri stated he had a question for Roy Riggitano for later. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Vietri to ask his question then. Councilman Vietri stated they hadn't gone over the resolution at that time. Mayor Kim asked what resolution he was referring to. Councilman Vietri stated Resolution 2025-178. Mayor Kim stated then he would have to wait, and Councilman Vietri replied that's what he said. Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano if he could wait, and he 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 Roberta Stern to explain this resolution. Roberta Stern stated unfortunately the water meter for the Palisades Park Pool was in a pit four or five feet underground. For the past ten years, Veolia had been asking the borough to raise that water meter above ground. Not until that year had nothing been done and Veolia refused to put in a meter. Roberta Stern stated they had to go out and get a price to raise the meter. Roberta Stern stated that she went to the location and couldn't believe that anyone would get into a rectangle and hunch down to get to the water meter. The OSHA laws were very strict about confined spaces, and they wouldn't allow anyone to enter the pit. Roberta Stern stated they had to obtain estimates for this and when they came back with a quote it was way over the bid limit. Roberta Stern stated that the work was done otherwise they wouldn't have water for the opening of the pool. Roberta Stern explained in this case they had only obtained two quotes. Mayor Kim thanked her and stated he believed this was also part of the unexpected issue with the pipe breaking. Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern had called D. Lanzo and they were kind enough to provide the borough with expedited service on a Friday night. Mayor Kim stated he had fixed it with welding. Roberta Stern stated he would fix it with welding, because there was a flange on it and D. Lanzo plumbing works with the water company on major water projects. Roberta Stern stated Thursday and Friday the water company was there almost the whole day and from her understanding the flange that D. Lanzo put in that Veolia asked them to remove because they didn't like how it was placed. After about five to ten minutes the pipe exploded, and the water went at least thirty feet into the air. Roberta Stern stated it was put back together by a welder who fixed some other things at the pool. This welder was able to order the flanges, put them back on. Roberta Stern stated the only issue was whether Veolia may or may not do it before Thursday. Mayor Kim stated they were trying their best and these were unexpected circumstances. Roberta Stern stated they called everyone so that they could call for a favor. Roberta Stern stated that there was some hysteria the Friday before and they were going to take the thermometer off that they had just put in, but they agreed to leave it on. Roberta Stern stated it ended up being a very nice day because they didn't charge the borough

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a deposit for doing the work and they didn't have to pay for the water as well. Roberta Stern stated it should be finished that week. Mayor Kim thanked her and asked if council members had any questions. Councilwoman Won-Yoon thanked Roberta Stern and stated she would have never expected the water meter to be located outside of the borough and was glad it worked out. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this would be done by that week. Roberta Stern stated she was told at a quarter to eight that they would have water that day. Later that afternoon when she didn't hear from the guy, she called him back and found out about a small issue that Veolia wouldn't come back until Thursday to do the water meter operation again. Roberta Stern stated she reached out to a friend to see if he could do something to get it done before Thursday, but she didn't hear back from him. Roberta Stern stated the point was if the pool got water Thursday it would be open. Roberta Stern stated it wouldn't be perfect, but they would open. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the opening of the swimming pool was going to depend on fixing the water meter. Roberta Stern stated they just needed to get water into the pool. Councilman Vietri asked if this included all three pools. Roberta Stern stated she wasn't sure if they all would be filled by the weekend, but they would all be filled. Mayor Kim stated that Councilman Vietri was asking if the line that an issue had was going to be able to fill all three pools. Roberta Stern replied yes, it was the same line just above ground. Councilman Vietri stated all the years the pool had been established he couldn't remember any time that the pool had a delayed opening on Memorial Day. Roberta Stern stated he was probably right. Councilman Vietri stated to him he just couldn't comprehend that from January ordinances and resolutions had been passed for the pool and as soon as the warmer months came around was when they wanted to act on them. Councilman Vietri stated to him he just couldn't understand how this was the first time in Palisades Park Pool history. Roberta Stern stated she agreed with him and stated it was not their intention to have it happen. Councilman Vietri stated he never said it was his intention. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Vietri was at the work session, and he confirmed he was. Mayor Kim stated at the work session Karen Nascenti was present and she couldn't admit that it was the first time in history that the pool had been delayed. Mayor Kim stated he agreed with Councilman Vietri and hoped it wouldn't happen again. Mayor Kim stated that Councilman Vietri was insinuating to the borough administrator that the work was done for the swimming pool for the following year earlier than this time. Councilman Vietri stated absolutely. Roberta Stern stated they had begun in late February, and unfortunately, she counted on someone that didn't pull through causing the delay. Mayor Kim stated when they started in February and March, they had to make sure that the pumps and water lines worked. Roberta Stern stated they should work the following year and stated they shouldn't have to do anything to the pool after that year because everything would be updated. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Vietri. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Resolution 2025-181. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-182 Authorizing Payment to Delta Corrugated for Water Meter Improvements for the Municipal Pool (Re: Delta Corrugated)**

Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to explain the resolution. Roberta Stern explained for 50 years the meter for the swim pool had been on Delta Corrugated property located on West Ruby Avenue on the west side of the railroad tracks in a pit. Roberta Stern stated there was no way they could have improved this because there was a parking lot for 18-wheeler trucks and there was no way to do what the owner wanted without encroaching on their property. Roberta Stern stated when she went to the property she went with the CFO and manager of the property and

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arranged so that the borough could do what they had to do. The owner understood that the water company was who required them to do this, so he was nice enough to allow Roberta Stern to cover the rent for the spot. Roberta Stern stated therefore they were covering the rent for that spot for a year. Roberta Stern stated she offered \$2,500 but he didn't accept it and stated that he only got \$300 so that's what they were paying. Roberta Stern stated the property manager explained that the borough may have had to rent two spots due to the velocity of the work being done. Roberta Stern invited everyone to meet her to go down to the pool to see what was created and what needed to be done due to the new laws about confined spaces. Councilman Shin stated the space was 15 feet by 40 feet which disrupted the flow of the freight trucks. Roberta Stern stated it was funny that she went to the location and there was a telephone pole that was leaning due to the trucks constantly hitting it. Mayor Kim summarized that it was a good approach to go and speak with the owner of the property because if he did not negotiate with the borough, they would have to get easement with the property to go underground and extend 50 feet which was a whole new line that Veolia could not provide because there wasn't enough pressure. Mayor Kim stated he was very happy with this, and it was a clear deal between the borough and owner. Councilman Vietri stated that the mayor was saying it was a fair deal, but they were spending \$60,000 for that and for another space which was probably another \$65,000. Roberta Stern stated just to be clear because the auditor was present, they had a discussion for outstanding bond ordinances which included one for the pool. Roberta Stern stated she had promised the auditor that they would spend it down and they were. Roberta Stern stated the improvements were so necessary and when these bonds were offered in 2018, 2020 2021, and 2022 nothing was done with it. Roberta Stern stated that the things should've been done previously to use up all the bond money that was previously provided for the improvements. Roberta Stern stated the money was there, and had been sitting there, and the work should have been done the previous ten years. Councilman Vietri stated he was talking about the spray pad. Mayor Kim replied they weren't there yet. Councilman Vietri stated they were talking about the pool and Mayor Kim advised that they cannot go out of order. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Kim stated he knew they had to do this or else they were going to have to close the pool. Mayor Kim asked to investigate other options on spending the money because Councilman Vietri had a point. Mayor Kim stated if Veolia had stated it was a pressure issue, then what other option did they have. Roberta Stern stated it wasn't a pressure issue, but the main line was on Grand Avenue and if they had tried to move it to borough property it was over 300 feet which was too far of a distance. Roberta Stern stated not only was there no way to do that, but they would be digging through a parking lot and would have to close part of the lot. Mayor Kim stated this wasn't urgent but asked to investigate options. Roberta Stern stated prior she met them to move it but there was no way to move it. Mayor Kim repeated to investigate the options because they were spending money on this.

Mayor Kim recommended to the council that he wanted to move Resolution 2025-184, 2025-185, 2025-186 to the beginning because there were family members waiting to celebrate.

Councilman Vietri stated he misunderstood Roy Riggitano when he had a previous conversation with him regarding there being no money to hire police officers because we were hiring a financial advisor for \$100,000. Councilman Vietri stated now there were three police officers

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being hired and the financial officer. Councilman Vietri asked where the money was coming from since he was just told they didn't have any money. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Vietri to speak to him. Mayor Kim asked who the financial officer was in the police department. Councilman Vietri stated he wasn't talking about in the police department but about Resolution 2025-178. Mayor Kim stated he was talking about the budget. Councilman Vietri stated he was talking about the police and the finance clerk hired after he was told there was no money. Mayor Kim called up Roy Riggitano to explain. Roy Riggitano approached and asked the mayor to stop him if what he started to speak of was executive. They were going to be hiring a different number of police officers in May and Roy Riggitano had advised that they couldn't at that time. The mayor had advised him afterwards that they wouldn't be hiring that number of officers but hiring less, which was why the police were there that evening. Councilman Vietri stated he wasn't questioning about the police officers, and stated he was a police officer for 44 years and retired chief, so he had nothing against any police officer. Councilman Vietri stated he was asking Roy Riggitano based on the conversation they had the week prior, Roy Riggitano had mentioned there was no money to hire five officers, let alone any, and the reason was because they were hiring a finance clerk for \$100,000. Councilman Vietri stated he just wanted to make sure that the officers hired that night wouldn't be laid off in the upcoming months because they were young. Roy Riggitano stated in the public there was enough money in the budget, and a certificate of availability funds that he would sign. Roy Riggitano stated there were other avenues that the governance committee filled him in on, including personal issues going on that could not be discussed that night resulting in a free up of money. Councilman Vietri stated he figured Roy Riggitano would call him and explain that instead of doing it at a regular session. Mayor Kim stated Roy Riggitano answered his question, there was a change in situation that Roy Riggitano had approved.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Kim asked Councilmembers to review the consent agenda.

#### **RESOLUTION 2025-156    Claims**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated on page four and five she saw that there was swimming pool pay with a pool checked listed. On page five it said pool salary lifeguard. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if these people were paid before they were hired. Mayor Kim asked where she was referring to. Councilwoman Won-Yoon specified the middle of page four where it was listed for \$660. Mayor Kim stated he didn't see it. Roberta Stern stated it was the pool checkers in the middle of the page. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the checker was supposed to be hired that night, but the check was already issued unless she misunderstood. Mayor Kim asked the borough administrator to verify if this was cashed out. Mayor Kim stated the check date was May 15th. Roberta Stern stated she would be right back. Mayor Kim asked if they wanted to take a five-minute break, the council stated they wanted to continue. Councilwoman Won-Yoon mentioned as well that there was also \$81 issued for a lifeguard and \$432 issued for maintenance. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was confused why they were paid already. Mayor Kim stated they had passed a resolution in April for this. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked when they hired seasonal and stated maybe Councilman Shin knew. Mayor Kim stated he recalled doing this at the beginning of the year. Roberta Stern stated she would find out who got paid and why because they couldn't answer all the questions. Roberta Stern stated no one would have received a check if it wasn't authorized. Mayor Kim stated there was a work session and he didn't understand why they were wasting time, and it wasn't brought up before. Mayor Kim asked for council members again to send an email to the finance department, or the borough administrator before the regular meeting so they weren't stuck answering questions they couldn't. Councilman Min stated the check wasn't issued at the time of the work session. Mayor Kim stayed the check

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was issued May 19th. Councilman Min stated that was the day of the work session and the claims sheet they got didn't included these. Right after the work session, since the check had been issued, the question was since the pool wasn't open why people were there being paid. Roberta Stern stated because people were at the pool working. Mayor Kim stated they would call Karen Nascenti, and he thought it was called preparation. Roberta Stern called Karen Nascenti and asked if she knew who the lifeguard was that was on the claims list for \$81. Karen Nascenti stated it was one lifeguard that came down and cleaned both pools from 12PM-3PM. Mayor Kim asked if lifeguards were commonly hired to clean the pool. Karen Nascenti stated yes. Mayor Kim stated he thought they had Charlie Chung for maintenance. Roberta Stern stated Charlie Chung did other things, not cleaned the pool. Mayor Kim asked Karen Nascenti if lifeguards were usually requested to come clean the pool before the season. Karen Nascenti confirmed that was correct. Mayor Kim asked if it was \$432 maintenance or \$81 lifeguard that cleaned the pool. Karen Nascenti stated maintenance was for someone that worked for one month that wasn't paid so she had added up her hours at once. Mayor Kim asked what she did for one month before the pool was opened. Karen Nascenti stated she cleaned the lifeguard room, checker room, the check room behind the checker, the first aid room, and the office. Mayor Kim reiterated that the \$432 was for cleaning all rooms, and the \$81 was for the pool cleaning. Karen Nascenti stated it was only one lifeguard. Mayor Kim stated there was a check for \$616 for pool checkers. Karen Nascenti stated the checkers didn't work at that time, so someone had put them under the wrong category. Roberta Stern stated that was what she was just explaining before. Mayor Kim stated no it wasn't it was different, and Karen Nascenti had mentioned it was a mistake. Mayor Kim asked who it was that got paid then. Karen Nascenti stated she didn't remember the amount. Mayor Kim stated they were the ones who requested the balance, and they should know why they asked for \$616. Karen Nascenti stated she put in for four payrolls total. Mayor Kim asked why they were paid early. Karen Nascenti stated the maintenance lady wasn't paid earlier because she worked a differentiating number of hours per week. Mayor Kim stated there were four payrolls. Karen Nascenti stated two employees were under maintenance and one lifeguard, and another gentleman named Giovanni that worked when Charlie Chung couldn't. Mayor Kim asked what Corrinnda did. Karen Nascenti repeated that she cleaned all the rooms. Mayor Kim asked if Karen Nascenti was saying there were multiple people who needed to clean the rooms. Karen Nascenti stated no, it was only Corrinnda. Mayor Kim asked then who was the money for. Mayor Kim stated the \$432 was for Corrinnda who cleaned all the rooms, \$81 was for the lifeguard that cleaned the pool, and then \$616 for four payrolls. Mayor Kim went over the four employees and asked why Corrinnda was under the payroll if she already got \$432 for cleaning the rooms. Karen Nascenti replied yes. Mayor Kim repeated into the phone. Karen Nascenti stated Corrinnda was the one who cleaned all the rooms including the bathrooms. Mayor Kim asked who was the one who received the \$432. Karen Nascenti replied she didn't know maybe the secretary. Mayor Kim asked if one person was designated to clean all rooms and asked what Corrinnda did and what the person who made the \$432 did. Karen Nascenti stated she wasn't sure. Mayor Kim asked how they could find out. Mayor Kim stated since they didn't get information he recommended to the council that they denied it. Karen Nascenti stated she couldn't tell them who it was unfortunately. Mayor Kim stated the finance department wasn't present either, so he recommended those people didn't go through. Karen Nascenti stated those hours were already worked. Roberta Stern stated they would get a list from finance the following day. Mayor Kim stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon had questioned the pool claims so they wouldn't be paid considering the lack of information. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it was already paid.

**RESOLUTION 2025-160    Establishment of Petty Cash Fund**

Councilman Min made a motion to move Resolution 2025-160, Resolution 2025-168 and Resolution 2025-170 to the off-consent agenda. Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion,

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and all joined in favor. Mayor Kim stated since they had moved them to the off consent, they had to go over it first. Councilman Min asked if they could just continue the consent agenda, but Mayor Kim stated they had to do the off-consent agenda first.

Councilman Min stated they received the amended resolution and there was an email from the finance department that dated back to earlier in the year in January. Councilman Min stated that he had realized that the payments had already been made and asked if this was legal to backdate it with the emails. Scott Krumholz confirmed it was. Councilman Min asked why this resolution wasn't on the first date that the payment was made. Mayor Kim asked when it was made. Councilman Min stated January when all the other petty cash resolutions were made. Mayor Kim reiterated that Councilman Min was asking why they didn't do the petty cash in the beginning of the year. Roberta Stern stated it was supposed to be done at the reorganization meeting. Mayor Kim asked the CFO to explain. Roy Riggitano stated he wasn't sure why it wasn't on the agenda and had been on for decades. Mayor Kim asked to change it. Roy Riggitano stated it always was on for the January reorganization meeting. Mayor Kim asked what happened and why it was removed suddenly. Roy Riggitano stated he didn't know. Mayor Kim advised Roberta Stern and Roy Riggitano to make sure this was done at the reorganization meeting. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions regarding resolution 2025-160. Councilman Min asked to not change things that were done every year. Mayor Kim stated that the CFO, Borough Attorney, and Clerk were all notified. Councilman Min made a motion and Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-161     Authorization of Pool Start Up Money for 2025 Pool Season  
(Re: \$300.00)**

**RESOLUTION 2025-167     Authorization of Salary or Compensation for Employees for  
2025**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there was something regarding an assistant manager for the swimming pool on the fourth page for \$22 an hour. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated on Resolution 2025-173 it stated \$23 an hour. Mayor Kim thanked her for clarifying and asked why it said two different numbers. Roberta Stern stated she'd have to look at it the following day because she couldn't answer. Mayor Kim asked which one superseded. Councilman Min stated he thought Resolution 2025-173 came in first because it was the hirings. Scott Krumholz stated they could just change it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this was already passed in the ranges and asked why they had to specify in the resolution again. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they should list the actual salary because Resolution 2025-173 superseded Resolution 2025-167. Mayor Kim stated there was a discrepancy. Roberta Stern stated maybe it was a typo and whatever the correct amount was they would make it. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz what they could do. Scott Krumholz stated they could modify resolution 2025-167 to include the pay for the assistant pool manager to be \$23 an hour because then it would be consistent. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that the all-swim pool employee salary ranges were already specified in the ordinance that was already approved. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated since this wasn't an ordinance they had to specify all numbers right there. Mayor Kim asked what she meant. Councilman Min stated the problem came down to everything should have been presented together to avoid confusion before the salary range had been adopted. Councilman Min stated anything related to the salaries should have come in together. Mayor Kim asked the borough administrator if this was proper. Scott Krumholz stated that the pool manager's salary range was between \$20 and \$25 therefore they could adjust the amount to \$23 and then

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everything would be concise. Mayor Kim asked them to make the change. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked about the rest of the employees and their ranges. Mayor Kim asked what she was talking about. Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied they had already specified the ranges in the prior ordinance and why was an amount specified if they already created a range through the ordinance. Councilman Min stated a resolution could not oversee an ordinance. Scott Krumholz stated that the ordinance controlled. Mayor Kim asked why the amount was specified then. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to take out Resolution 2025-173 to move to the next meeting. Sophia Jang asked if he was tabling it then. Mayor Kim stated he didn't want to table it because then they would have to get four councils to bring it up again and he didn't want to go through that again. Mayor Kim stated he'd like to strike it. Councilman Min made a motion, but Mayor Kim stated he could do it himself. Scott Krumholz stated they needed a vote. Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Kim stated he really didn't want to speak about these things at the regular session when they had time to review. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they did not have time to review because they didn't have the information at the work session. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to sit down with the borough administrator, finance department, and governance committee to figure this out. Roberta Stern stated there was some discussion at the work session because not everyone received a copy of the prior year's salaries. Roberta Stern asked Scott Krumholz if they had straightened that out. Mayor Kim stated they had to move forward as it was 9:00PM. Roberta Stern stated finance was at a conference. Mayor Kim stated it didn't matter if they could speak with the CFO.

**RESOLUTION 2025-168 Amending Establish of Purchasing Procedure**

Mayor Kim asked if there were questions. Councilman Min stated the resolution language still specified two quotes instead of the agreed upon three. Councilman Min stated he wanted to strike the resolution out and stick with the original Resolution 2025-7 requiring three. Mayor Kim asked him to repeat. Scott Krumholz stated he believed that Councilman Min was making a motion to defeat Resolution 2025-168. Mayor Kim asked if that was what Councilman Min wanted. Councilman Min stated they required at least two quotes, but the original Resolution 2025-7 required three quotes. Councilman Min stated the local public contracts law required at least two quotes but required at least two quotes. Councilman Min felt two quotes was not enough and thought it was good to have three quotes in case of pricing gaps. Councilman Min made a motion to strike the resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it wasn't Resolution 2025-7 but 2025-18. Mayor Kim stated no it was Resolution 2025-7 and Councilman Min wanted to stick with the conditions set forth on Resolution 2025-7 which required three quotes. Mayor Kim stated the thing was they only had two quotes. Councilman Shin stated no they had three quotes. Mayor Kim stated that meant then it was a modification. Scott Krumholz stated it wasn't an ordinance just a resolution therefore the Resolution 2025-7 provided there would be three quotes. The local public contracts law stated at least two quotes. Scott Krumholz stated Councilman Min suggested to stay with the original Resolution 2025-7 requiring three quotes instead of Resolution 2025-168 which would reduce the required amount to two quotes. Mayor Kim stated he didn't see anything wrong with that, and he agreed with Councilman Min. Mayor Kim requested a motion to defeat Resolution 2025-168. Councilman Min made a motion which

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was seconded by Councilman. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	No; Scott Krumholz provided an explanation to Councilwoman Won-Yoon regarding the vote to strike considering she was in the bathroom. The motion to defeat the resolution would mean the borough would adhere to Resolution 2025-7 requiring three quotes. Councilwoman Lee asked if there was a reason it had been reduced to two. Scott Krumholz stated the borough was trying to be consistent with the local public contracts law. Councilwoman Lee asked if they were trying to be consistent with what the law required. Roberta Stern confirmed they were. Councilwoman Lee stated she didn't see a good reason to defeat the resolution.
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	No
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Sophia Jang announced Resolution 2025-168 had been defeated.

**RESOLUTION 2025-170 Authorizing Treasurer to Pay certain Specified Bills in advance of Formal Governing Body Approval**

Councilman Min stated if they looked at the specified bills list there were a lot and some of them, he saw were required to pay before the governing body meetings such as utilities or relating to borough functioning. Councilman Min stated he did see some that he wanted to take out. Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano to step up. Councilman Min asked if the Board of Education, municipality, and library related to the transfer. Roy Riggitano confirmed it did. Councilman Min stated then he agreed on it. Councilman Min stated he agreed with the county of Bergen, joint insurance fund, New Jersey health and dental benefits, FEMA, Solid waste and recycling, utilities, lease agreements such as parking lots, pension payments, debt services, notes and bond services, contractual obligations he also agreed with. Mayor Kim stated contractual obligations were vague, and every account was a contractual obligation. Roy Riggitano stated if it wasn't a normal necessary operation then they would see a resolution attached to it. Mayor Kim stated it was still too vague. Roy Riggitano stated to take it off. Councilman Min stated he was going to remove it. Councilman Min stated the state treasurer payment was fine but the interfund was too vague. Roy Riggitano stated the interfund was used during the summertime when the borough didn't have a cash flow, they would borrow money from the capital fund and repay by December 31st. Councilman Min stated the funds that were moving in house didn't go to a vendor, so he thought it should go forth to the governing body in the bills list. Roy Riggitano stated everything on the bills list they would see. Councilman Min asked to also remove this off the list. Councilman Min read off auditor adjustments and stated that was fine for the auditor to correct something right away. Councilman Min asked for specifications for conferences and related expenses. Roy Riggitano stated to take it off. Mayor Kim stated to take it off and it was extraordinary. Roberta Stern stated it wasn't if someone was going to a conference and needed to have a check. Mayor Kim stated the person should give advanced notice that they were going to a conference and needed the money. Roberta Stern stated that sometimes things happen. Mayor Kim replied no, if it was a conference they had notice. Roberta Stern replied fine, it didn't matter to her. Councilman Min asked about membership fees. Roy Riggitano specified this was fees associated with the clerk, the GFOA, and the assessor which were professional associations. Mayor Kim stated to take it out. Roberta Stern asked why. Mayor Kim asked if the borough was being charged for these fees. Roy Riggitano stated yes. Mayor Kim asked how many times the

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borough was charged for membership fees for not paying on time. Roy Riggitano replied not often. Mayor Kim stated this wasn't what they expected, and they just asked for a short list with the utilities such as basics to pay the bills. Mayor Kim stated he appreciated it, but the finance department elaborated too much on it. Roy Riggitano replied to take it off then. Councilman Min stated postage fees were necessary. Payments to be made between council meetings to accommodate sound business practices were approved by the borough administrator and CFO to not exceed \$44,000 to be rectified at the meeting. Mayor Kim asked what this meant. Roy Riggitano stated that when emergencies occurred and checks had to be made, it was brought before the governing body. Mayor Kim asked for this to be removed as well. Councilman Min stated if there was an emergency it could always be voted on at the work session to. Mayor Kim stated along as the CFO declared it an emergency along with the BA. Councilman Min read payroll and payroll agencies. Mayor Kim asked if he was okay with it, and Councilman Min stated he was. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she knew of certain vendors that always were paid late FedEx, Great American Financial Services, and Right Express. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked where these vendors belonged to and asked if FedEx was part of postage fees. Roy Riggitano stated no., Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if Great American Financial Services was a part of the postage fee. Roy Riggitano stated no that's why it wasn't listed. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what the Right Express was. Roy Riggitano stated that it was the gas cards. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated these vendors were notorious for sending late fees. Roy Riggitano stated because they wanted their money within 30 days and sometimes the borough couldn't meet the obligation. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated FedEx gave 15 days otherwise it went to a collection agency. Roy Riggitano stated that was why it wasn't listed. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they could add the three vendors to explicitly be a part of the list. Roy Riggitano stated for sure. Councilman Min stated for example line number seven spoke of utility charges related to telephone, gas, electric, water, and fuel. Councilman Min asked if this was part of the list. Roy Riggitano stated he saw councilwoman Won-Yoon's point. Councilman Min stated the gas cards were being paid through what the police department collected so he knew there was money there. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked where they put the three, she mentioned. Mayor Kim stated by the recommendation of the council they would like to modify resolution 2025-170 to take out number 11, 13, 15, 16, and 18. Mayor Kim stated an additional stipulation that they would add specifically FedEx, Great Financial Services, and Right Express with the stipulation that this list didn't have to go through the governing body and the borough administrator would be responsible to make sure that everything was in place. Roy Riggitano stated no check would leave the borough unless it was presented on the claims list. Roberta Stern stated that the suggestion she made for bills like this would be presented on a separate bills list. Roberta Stern stated these bills were paid when they were due. Mayor Kim asked how they were going to define the claims. Roy Riggitano stated by the date of the check. Councilman Min stated it was specify when the PO was received, when the check was issues, and when it was paid. Mayor Kim stated there were five removed, and three added leaving a total of 15. Councilman Min made a motion with those stipulations, and Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-171 Approval of Contract with ITS for-Parking Meters**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she wanted to move this resolution to the off-consent agenda. Mayor Kim asked for the reason. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she believed it required more questions because the council had received the contract a day prior. Councilwoman Won-

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Yoon stated she had received it ten minutes before the meeting, and there was also some missing information such as the whole picture of meter in terms of financial analysis. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this required more time to discuss. Mayor Kim asked if there was a second to the motion. Councilman Shin seconded the motion. All joined in favor. Mayor Kim announced Resolution 2025-171 would be moved to the off-consent agenda.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she believed that the five-year contract was expired, and considering the borough had a bad reputation concerning the meters she had no objection in changing companies. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the borough had lost \$200,000 in the previous five years. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the year prior, the borough had only gained \$26,000 out of 218 spaces. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this wasn't calculated right. She saw there was a new system with a contract attached that was missing information.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she had received information ten minutes before the meeting, so she wasn't sure if everyone else had it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated on top of this there was a fee that the borough had to pay which wasn't presented. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she believed they needed more time to digest the information. Mayor Kim stated he appreciated her input. Councilwoman Lee asked if the contract had expired, and they did delay approving the resolution would there be an issue. Mayor Kim stated they would be delayed a month.

Councilwoman Lee asked if for that month there no working meters would be. Mayor Kim stated no and asked when it expired. Scott Krumholz stated it had been serving the borough on a month-to-month basis. Roberta Stern stated without writing, the borough didn't agree to their terms. Mayor Kim asked the police how many parking kiosk machines were broken. Captain Rotundo stated they had 36 meters and all 36 were broken to some level. Mayor Kim asked how many meters were inoperable where visitors couldn't pay at the meter. Mayor Kim asked if the app was working. Captain Rotundo confirmed it was. Mayor Kim asked what was inoperable out of 36. Captain Rotundo stated the meters were eating credit cards, coin boxes were broken, duct tape was holding coin boxes in, locking mechanism was broken, the screen was going, and all machines were in some level of decline. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated according to the invoice the borough had been charged for 34 pay stations instead of 36. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated initially it was 36 but it was 34 at that time. Mayor Kim stated because it was month to month. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the month-to-month charge was different, and asked if it was broken, why couldn't the company fix it. Captain Rotundo explained the customer service for this company was terrible, and considering the borough didn't have a contract with them anymore the company didn't answer at all. Captain Rotundo stated they had sent in tickets to have them fixed but they didn't answer, and if they did, they gave only a minute to respond before they closed out the ticket. Captain Rotundo stated not only would they not answer but they also wouldn't send equipment, and at one point they were out of cards for the machines. Captain Rotundo stated the company had caused complete catastrophe. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked why they were being paid then. Mayor Kim stated because the meters still worked to some extent. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated if the company didn't service the borough they shouldn't pay them. Mayor Kim stated they had no choice and for the time being it was month to month. Mayor Kim stated once the company wasn't paid and completely shut out the borough all the software would be gone. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they were still receiving receipts from the company. Mayor Kim asked what her point was. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated if all of the machines were broken why was the company being paid. Captain Rotundo stated the app was 3 or 4 times what it used to be. Mayor Kim stated the apps were being used because the machine was broken. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they shouldn't pay the company if the meters didn't work. Mayor Kim stated that it was her idea that she had brought up at the meeting that they weren't prepared to answer. Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied that she still felt uncomfortable to authorize the resolution. Mayor Kim stated the number Councilwoman Won-Yoon was expecting was too technical that they weren't prepared to answer. Councilman Min stated his assessment based on this was comparing the machines was perfectly fine, but they had found out that the original five-year contract that was signed with ITS was all inclusive which

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involved terms and fees, transaction fees etc. Back then the borough only had credit card and coin functions, so the machine cost was way less than the cost of it originally. Councilman Min stated for example he was paying \$10 for avocados at the grocery store; therefore, the machine they were looking to get took credit card, apple pay, coins, and app payments. Councilman Min stated he understood the concern of Councilwoman Won-Yoon, but it was separate from what they were looking to do on that resolution. Councilman Min stated they had to promise the public that the borough would provide and if they kept delaying it wasn't fair to the merchants. Councilman Min stated if they wanted to delay it that was fine, but these meters still brought in revenue even though they were losing revenue at the same time. Councilman Min stated looking into the terms and fees was the governing body's problem not the merchant's problem and they shouldn't make them wait. Councilman Min stated ITS was nice enough to give the reason they had to use the merchant service because they were the only company that used tap pay. Councilman Min stated they could ask for multiple representatives to receive multiple quotes for comparison. Councilman Min continued that getting the machine was separate from providing the machines to the public. Councilman Min repeated it was their problem to investigate as the governing body and shouldn't make it the problem of the public. Councilwoman Won-Yoon went to say something, but Mayor Kim stopped her and told her she was out of order. Councilman Min stated the bottom line was the machine price, labor, and assessment was more money than the prior contract. Councilman Min stated the first two years of their contract went great, but after that when the warranty had expired the company stopped providing customer service basically all together. Councilman Min stated the biggest thing was to settle the 3 parking meters as this was one of the boroughs biggest revenues both for the cost of the spot and the cost of violation. Councilman Min stated for citations to be given, the machine had to be in completely functioning. Councilman Min stated his final point was it was the governing body's problem if regarding the charges and terms and conditions, but they shouldn't make the public wait. Councilman Min stated the borough had time and room to negotiate based on the terms before the meeting. Mayor Kim stated he knew that Councilman Min was spearheading this project with the police department as well as Councilman Shin and the governance committee. Mayor Kim asked if they could explain to the rest of the council how they decided to go with ITS. Councilman Min explained they had three companies looking to do business with the borough regarding parking meters. They were ITS, Flowvert, and McCave. Councilman Min stated McCave was way less money but down the line they knew they weren't going to get the support. Captain Rotundo explained that this was a Canadian company that was about to move on. Councilman Min stated based on this knowledge they couldn't continue with them for a five-year contract. Councilman Min stated Flowvert was one of the companies that a lot of surrounding towns used including Fort Lee. Councilman Min stated the app company park mobile was about to acquire the company, so it was going to become a huge company. Considering this, it felt like any other town that the borough reached out to they had stated they were looking to move out of Flowvert because of this reason. Councilman Min stated price wise it was about the same, but with the knowledge that it would be moved into one big company was the issue. Roberta Stern stated the app company was going to be a major thing, but it didn't make the machine better. Councilman Min stated they were also looking to charge a residential parking permit system which was an additional cost. Captain Rotundo stated it was about \$8,000 but they were upset with the fact that the borough was issuing three-year permits, which was the reason for the exuberant expense. Captain Rotundo continued that residents would be paying the resident parking fee on top of whatever the company charged as their fee. The company also required the governing body to amend their ordinance to a one-year parking permit. Councilman Min stated the company suggested the town to change their ordinance which was an immediate red flag. Councilman Min stated ITS was able to migrate the data from IPS parking permit system inclusive in the pricing agreement they had with the borough. Councilman Min continue that the system would change but they had the system with the ability to bring all the information to the software. Councilman Min stated this was the reason that ITS was presented on the agenda that

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night. Mayor Kim asked if the price was competitive. Councilman Min stated yes compared to the other candidates. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated her point was in terms of money, there was more money being spent with the new vendor and when she had a new service for her own purpose she laid out all the information regarding how much would be spent and how much would be received. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she felt like that information wasn't laid out which was the only reason. Mayor Kim stated they spoke in other meetings, and these were two separate issues. Councilwoman Won-Yoon was speaking about how she was uncomfortable not knowing what the breakdown was which could be revisited later considering it had no relevance to the company. Mayor Kim stated he was speaking about the additional fees of the merchant services. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they only worked with tourist data for sure, but the rest of the companies weren't sure. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated maybe the police committee felt comfortable about this and asked the rest of the council if they were comfortable with this. Mayor Kim advised Councilwoman Won-Yoon to only speak to him. Councilman Vietri stated this was the first time he had heard any discussion regarding the meters. Mayor Kim stated that it was because there was a special committee that worked on it. Councilman Vietri stated that was fine, but he didn't think it was fair to the council that it was presented to the council that it had to be passed. Mayor Kim replied he didn't say it had to be passed. Councilman Vietri stated it sounded like that was exactly what was being implied. Mayor Kim stated this procedure went through months of interviews with the police director, officer in charge, etc. Councilman Vietri asked if it was ever brought to the councilmembers. Mayor Kim stated no they didn't have to be involved. Councilman Vietri asked if Mayor Kim was saying the council didn't vote and make a decision to pass the resolution. Mayor Kim stated there was a committee that represented, and the committee chair had explained the reason they chose the company. Mayor Kim stated if Councilman Vietri felt he didn't have enough information that was his right however it was at the expense of the people. Mayor Kim stated people were complaining and it was a mess. Councilman Vietri asked if that was like when they gave out tickets to people when the meter was broken, then when they went before a judge and the judge dismissed the case. Mayor Kim stated he thought that was a huge inconvenience to have people sit four to five hours to prove their innocence to the Judge. Mayor Kim thanked him and asked Councilman Shin to explain how he felt about it. Councilman Shin stated they had about seven meetings regarding this and had three companies that presented. Once all the quotations were compared and analyzed. Councilman Shin stated he understood the two other councilmembers weren't comfortable with this but if they would have went with other companies they wouldn't have felt comfortable either. Councilman Shin stated they did enough research to be comfortable with the company. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern how she felt. Roberta Stern stated she understood what Councilwoman Won-Yoon was saying but they were in a terrible position with having parking meters sailing all the time. The company was charging \$1200 to fix the meters for them to still not be accessible. Roberta Stern stated they needed new machines and at the time Captain Rotundo had started the investigation. Roberta Stern stated as Councilman Shin had mentioned they had multiple meetings, and the bottom line was they were buying the machines. Roberta Stern stated that with due respect, the finance issue was a separate issue, and they needed to get the machines produced. Roberta Stern stated everyone agreed and the police department was the one who had to deal with the issues every day when issues arose. Roberta Stern stated the meter had to be ordered, and they had to get going with the new company. Her understood there was a financial aspect of this that had to be settled but it had nothing to do with the machines. Roberta Stern stated she didn't want to speak out of terms but the discussion with anybody else wasn't any different. Mayor Kim asked Captain Rotundo if that was correct. Captain Rotundo replied he believed the point was regardless of what company they went with, the hosting fee for this feature would have to go through the same process. Captain Rotundo stated the point was when dealing with touch payment they would be dealing with the same vendor company the borough was using. Mayor Kim asked if they believed it, was the best choice. Captain Rotundo and Roberta Stern agreed. Roberta Stern stated the company presented themselves the best, and the

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equipment was the best and they would deal with the financial part of it, Roberta Stern stated Roy Riggiano was upset that they were taking in less money with the machines and there were years when the meters brought in up to \$400,000. Roberta Stern stated they should new machines, new traffic enforcement officers, and more tickets with the right equipment. Councilman Moin stated how he felt about Flowvert. This was an app-based company that acquired a bunch of small companies. Whenever they called surrounding towns to ask how they felt about park mobile they weren't satisfied. Park Mobile was trying to buy the data off what Flowvert had made in revenue and wasn't really concerned about the actual machine. Councilman Min repeated they were buying the data off a company so that they could utilize the data into their own app service. Councilwoman Lee stated she understood this was more of a police matter now because theft were the ones receiving the complaints but as much as it was a police matter it was also a finance matter so it would have been considerate if the finance chair Councilwoman Won-Yoon was a part of the decision-making process. Councilwoman Lee stated she felt it was unfortunate that councilwoman Won-Yoon wasn't a part of the process, and she should be more involved. Councilwoman Lee stated time was of the essence and it was more of an inconvenience for visitors coming in from out of town. Mayor Kim stated if someone was going to make a motion, he wanted to add a stipulation that the company would agree they weren't making money selling private information of the visitors. Scott Krumholz stated there was a reservation in the agreement, and he knew there was one with the prior vendor that they wouldn't sell the vendor. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	No because it was presented that same night.
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Abstain because there wasn't enough information presented.

Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to get Councilwoman Won-Yoon involved and provide details. Mayor Kim stated the interest, and additional charges were all digital, so they had to discuss what vendor they were going to use.

**RESOLUTION 2025-184 Hiring of Police Officer (Re: T. Bennett)**

Councilman Min stated there were three officers that were going to be hired that night. Mayor Kim stated Officer Bennett had been thoughtful and provided his bio to two other council members and had the honor of reading it. Mayor Kim stated out of the three police officers chosen to go to the police academy, Officer Bennett badge 339 was a 28-year-old former standout high school basketball player where he gained recognition for his talent and leadership off the court. Officer Bennett continued his athletic career at Ramapo College where he played four years of basketball and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. Officer Bennett remained closely connected to the game service as both a coach and referee where he utilizes his knowledge and experience to mentor and guide his younger athletes. Mayor Kim stated that Officer Bennett was thoroughly assessed by the police department's leadership. Officer Bennett displayed professionalism, courtesy, and integrity throughout his personal and professional interactions. Officer Bennett had earned the admiration of his employers, teammates, and coworkers, all of whom praise his character and work ethic. Officer Bennett actively contributed to his community by coaching and mentoring the youth in basketball. His commitment through leadership and positive influence on young individuals further highlights his dedication to public service and community engagement. Officer Bennett had passed all required psychological and medical testing and background investigation. Mayor Kim stated Officer Bennett would be a valuable addition to the Palisades Park Police Department. Mayor Kim invited Officer Travis Bennett to the front. A round of applause was heard. Mayor Kim remembered he needed to pass through the governing body. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Resolution 2025-184.

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Councilman Shin made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Kim invited Officer Bennett to the front for pictures. Mayor Kim asked Officer Bennett to repeat after him, raise his right hand, and place his left hand on the Bible. Officer Bennett read, "I, Travis Bennett due solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey. That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the governments established in the United States and in this state under the authority of the people. That I will faithfully, impartially, and justly perform all of the duties of the office of Police Officer Travis Bennett". A round of applause was heard around the room.

**RESOLUTION 2025-185 Hiring of Police Officer (Re: J. Chau)**

Councilman Min stated Jasper Chau was 23 years old born in the United States and a current resident of Fort Lee. Jasper Chau graduated from Fort Lee High School with a GPA of 3.8. Jasper Chau went on to attend Montclair University where he earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science with a GPA of 3.7. Councilman Min stated that the police department had thoroughly assessed Jasper Chau. In addition to being a trainer at the gym in Englewood he had consistently demonstrated punctuality, reliability, and helpfulness to family, friends, and coworkers. Jasper Chau was fluent in Cantonese and his current employer had referred to Jasper Chau as the best employee he had received in 14 years of business. Officer Chau passed all required psychological and medical testing and background investigation and would be a valuable addition to the police department. Mayor Kim requested a motion to hire officer Jasper Chau. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Kim invited Officer Chau to the front for pictures. Mayor Kim asked Officer Chau to repeat after him, raise his right hand, and place his left hand on the Bible. Officer Chau read, "I, Jasper Chau due solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey. That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the governments established in the United States and in this state under the authority of the people. That I will faithfully, impartially, and justly perform all of the duties of the office of Police Officer Jasper Chau". A round of applause was heard around the room.

**RESOLUTION 2025-186 Hiring of Police Officer (Re: A. Kim)**

Councilman Shin stated it was his great honor to read off the bio of Officer Andy Kim. Andy Kim was 31-year-old having the same name as the New Jersey Senator of the United States. Andy Kim was a resident of Fort Lee and was a graduate of PENN State University earning his bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant, and institutional management. Mr. Kim was assessed by the police department's leadership. Andy Kim's current employer described him as a tremendous asset to the company and had proven himself to be punctual, reliable, personable, and kindhearted. Mr. Kim understood Korean well and was widely regarded as a leader and problem solver. Mr. Kim's background investigation showed his honesty, intelligent, and good under

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pressure. Councilman Shin stated that Officer Kim had passed all required psychological and medical testing and background investigation and would be a valuable addition to the Palisades Park Police Department. Councilman Shin made a motion to hire Officer Kim and Councilman Min seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Kim asked Officer Kim to repeat after him, raise his right hand, and place his left hand on the Bible. Officer Kim read, "I, Andy Kim, due solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey. That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the governments established in the United States and in this state under the authority of the people. That I will faithfully, impartially, and justly perform all of the duties of the office of Police Officer Andy Kim". A round of applause was heard around the room.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the consent agenda. Councilman Min made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kim. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilman Vietri	Abstaining on Resolution 2025-176 and voting No on Resolution 2025-178.
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes with the correction to Resolution 2025-159 regarding the street fair because the date was changed.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilwoman Won-Yoon for reminding him. Mayor Kim confirmed that the insurance carried throughout the following week, and the resolution stated there was a rain date. Due to the weather, the street fair would be moved to the week after.

Sophia Jang announced that the consent agenda was passed.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and enter the executive session. Councilman Min made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the executive session and return to the public session. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. A note was made that Councilman Vietri and Councilwoman Lee left due to it being late.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon had nothing to report.

Councilman Kim reported the health department was hosting a free rabies clinic for dogs and cats on Tuesday June 10th from 6PM-8PM at the firehouse. License applications and payments would be available and accepted as it was a borough requirement. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to post the flyer online and on the LED sign. Roberta Stern stated she believed it was online, but she would double check. Councilman Kim stated Branka Lulic was having some issues getting the health fair approved by the school who was not being cooperative. Councilman

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Kim asked for Mayor Kim to speak with them. Mayor Kim stated he would send an email and ask Roberta Stern to follow up with the health fair. Roberta Stern asked if the school did not approve it. Councilman Kim stated Branka Lulic called and emailed many times with no response. Mayor Kim stated he designed Councilman Kim as a liaison to handle the conference women statue at the library who would coordinate the celebration every year of the creation of the comfort women.

Councilman Min stated the Memorial Day parade was a success and thanked the recreation department for putting everything together. Councilman Min thanked everyone again.

Councilman Shin reported for the DPW statistics. In March they did 510 works, April 561 works. Out of 510 works in March, 361 works were pickups of furniture, or appliances over 18 days. Over 19 days in April there were over 379 pickups. Councilman Shin stated this was on call and was becoming too much. Councilman Shin stated they were considering nominating dates as specific pick up dates so it wasn't all over the place. As soon as they finished the discussion Councilman Shin agreed to present it. Councilman Shin stated in March the DPW fixed 45 potholes, and 31 in April. Councilman Shin stated he saw potholes everywhere as they were the second biggest complaint. Councilman Shin discussed with DPW that they would create pothole maps of the town by June 15th and get it completely fixed by then. Councilman Shin stated by the end of June, early July he targeted that residents wouldn't see any potholes. Councilman Shin stated for the recreation department parade, over 25 organizations attended and 250 people attended which was a success. Councilman Shin stated for the swimming pool, he prayed there weren't any issues, and they could open that Saturday. Councilman Shin stated they couldn't see the delay anymore and he was visiting daily to avoid delay. Councilman Shin stated the Board of Education superintendent was resigning in August and they were hiring a new one. Mayor Kim stated he believed it wasn't only the superintendent but also the borough administrator for the school as well. Mayor Kim stated that the secretary Diane Montemurro was also going to retire. Mayor Kim stated there was now a huge vacancy in the management and to top it off the Board of Education decided that the qualifications required to apply as superintendent were three years minimum of experience. Mayor Kim stated there was a situation where if people came from outside to get hired it would take a long time for them to draw their own map and to see what was going on which hurt the Board of Education. Mayor Kim stated for this reason it was important to see if there was any internal person who was up for it, the only thing would be they wouldn't have the experience even though they know the map. Mayor Kim stated he believed they were stalling themselves and not opening it up to more opportunities to address certain situations. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin for bringing up his idea but asked him to follow proper procedures and bring it to the governing body first. Mayor Kim stated he agreed that the personal favors the borough did for the public should have been managed. Mayor Kim asked for Councilman Shin to sit down with Roberta Stern when he finished his research because at the end of the day if they micromanaged the DPW they could complain. Councilman Shin stated he found that micromanaging did not solve any problems. Mayor Kim stated he agreed and was just trying to protect Councilman Shin. Mayor Kim stated to rely on Roberta Stern and to work together. Councilman Shin stated he did discuss everything with Roberta Stern. Roberta Stern stated they had done this together. Councilman Shin stated as for the school board situation, they could push them to do something. Mayor Kim responded that they could not push them to do anything. Councilman Shin stated he was a Board of Education member so he could provide some sort of recommendation or influence although he couldn't instruct them to do anything. Councilman Shin stated that changing the managing of operations could be a crisis but also could be an opportunity for betterment. Mayor Kim stated he hoped so, and they couldn't control them.

Following the attorney report Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she could make an announcement on behalf of Councilwoman Lee. Mayor Kim advised Councilwoman Won-Yoon

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to do so. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the Palisades Park High School baseball team had defeated Ridgefield and won the NJIT division league championship. A round of applause was heard around. Mayor Kim asked her to invite them to the following months meeting.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz did not have anything to report.

**BA REPORT:**

Roberta Stern reported she heard from Spectrum that was Charter Communications that they were in the process of upgrading the service for Palisades Park as well as each community. They notified Roberta Stern that they were aiming to do the work between 11AM-7PM so it did not create havoc on the streets. They weren't clear what improvements they were making but knew that it was wiring, fiberoptics, etc. Roberta Stern asked Spectrum if they were expecting a plant change on Roosevelt and they said no. Spectrum would be in contact with Roberta Stern to give her an idea of what would go on. Spectrum also mentioned that they do pay a franchise fee to the borough. Roberta Stern reported that one of the big things she was working on, which the mayor had asked her to look into, was the cross walks on Grand Avenue. Mayor Kim repeated crosswalks on Grand Avenue, something residents had been waiting for a long time. Roberta Stern stated back in April she had a zoom meeting with the DOT regarding the Central Avenue intersection. The DOT was looking at the centralization, and making improvements. At the end Roberta Stern had reached out to the woman presenting expressing her interest in having the crosswalks. There was some misunderstanding that this road was a county road but it in fact was a state road. The areas that the mayor was most interested in was Grand and Central, Palisades, Grand and Henry Street, and Brinkerhoff. Roberta Stern stated they asked her to make a request and then request a work order. She did these things and called to see what was happening and she was advised that there was more investigation going on. Roberta Stern explained apparently before they did striping, they were looking into the corners whether or not handicapped ramps had to be installed. They were looking into the possibility of installed LED crossing signs 20 feet ahead therefore it was more than just the striping. Roberta Stern stated she was positive about the investigation because they did approve the locations. The next process involved waiting for the state to decide how much they were going to do, ADA compliant, and determine the locations for the yellow and green pedestrian warning signs. Roberta Stern stated it was nice and it started with something simple but eventually might have more crosswalks and safe crossing for the people of Palisades Park like the people in Leonia. Roberta Stern stated unfortunately this also was because of a death that occurred in Leonia that both the DOT and town responded to. Roberta Stern stated that they were talking about the roads and many roads had been neglected for many years. Because they were not bonding to pay for things they were only certain roads that could be done with grants. With a combination of grant money and bonding that they had done, they would be approving once Broad Avenue and the 1.4 million dollar grant they were working on was approved. Roberta Stern stated it was a lot of roads that needed work and they were getting them done. Mayor Kim responded good, it was revitalization of Broad Avenue. Roberta Stern stated this was big and this was the first step. Even though they had received the grant for \$1.4 million they had to approved the design phase which was what they were putting the money in for at that point in time. Once they approved that, the next step came and they would have to go to the construction board. Roberta Stern stated that Central was just approved in December of 2024, and they hired Pennoni to do the onsite. Roberta Stern stated that was supposed to be done three weeks ago and unfortunately the weather delayed the work. Roberta Stern stated they were now scheduled to have it done the week of June 6th. Roberta Stern stated it was bad news going down Central. Roberta Stern stated they had several discussions with

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PSEG getting pole numbers. Roberta Stern stated the police department had been helpful in this process. Without the pole numbers they couldn't send out PSEG to fix any of the lights. Roberta Stern stated Captain Beck and Captain Rotundo were helpful in getting one of their men to go out and find that list. Public services had replaced a number of those lights already and now had their own employees out walking, getting pole numbers for each area. Roberta Stern stated the next thing was a section would be getting the new lights. Roberta Stern stated they had done a lot with the broken lights and PSEG was supposed to get back to her with a list of that which she hadn't got yet. Roberta Stern stated the borough had received several grants for a lot of specific things for road improvements, unfortunately previously there was not a lot of follow up between Millennium, the grant consultant, the clerk, and herself they were now getting all the paperwork done. Roberta Stern stated some of the grants they might have lost but they were able to get an extension. Roberta Stern stated there was too much to talk about and several years' worth of grants. Roberta Stern stated 12 Bellview was her favorite place in the whole world in this town. Roberta Stern stated it was a dilapidated property that the town purchased with the intent of putting in a parking lot. Roberta Stern stated someone came up to her thanking her that they were going to increase the parking. Roberta Stern stated unfortunately it was stalled, they had already approved the demolition to the building prior to her arrival as borough administrator. Roberta Stern stated the asbestos removal was approved as well but it just sat because there were too many people with their fingers in it and nothing was getting done. Roberta Stern stated they dealt with the issues, and the construction official Tom O'Malley was very helpful. Roberta Stern stated they had to declare the building unsafe because there wasn't only asbestos in the basement but also on the roof and they couldn't do anything else. Roberta Stern stated councilmembers changed the contract with Caravella Demolition company and gave them less money because at the end of the day when she went to the site, if they had demolished the building how it had been intended, the house next to the property would've crumble into the house. Roberta Stern continued that they demolished the property and left a hole, and a friend of the borough provided free dirt, filled it in, and put a fence around it. They had now approved Pennoni to go ahead, an approved at a previous meeting going out to bid and advertise going out to go out to bid, which they were going to do shortly. Roberta Stern stated unfortunately they couldn't get a cut off notice because there was an issue with the water but because the borough had friends, they were able to get that picked up in Hackensack and brought to the building department. Roberta Stern stated the phone service was almost ready to go live in the borough. Three years ago, before some of the issues with the building, the past mayor and council decided to do shared services with the county for both computers and phone services. Roberta Stern stated they were finally at the end, and they had find out that they couldn't find out whose service the borough was on. Roberta Stern stated she was given a Verizon bill, but Verizon wasn't the one who provided the service, it was a company named Nextel. Through the help of some government people who worked for Verizon they were able to get it figured out. Roberta Stern stated they were finally going to be connected, and they would be going to live. It had been working in the Clerk's Office, and other departments. Mayor Kim sked if the phones had been installed that day. Roberta Stern stated they were there that day taking care of Centrex. Roberta Stern stated they had a problem with the 911 line that went up to Mahwah and they kept losing the calls. Roberta Stern stated that service had just been renewed after expiring the previous year and not being renewed. Roberta Stern stated they had backdated the contract, so they didn't lose the service for not being renewed. Roberta Stern stated also that with the help of the Verizon government people, it was taken care of. Roberta Stern stated on the 29th the lines were going to be ported over from Verizon to light path because people in the county were dropping 911 calls. Roberta Stern stated they presented to the people of Verizon that this was a life and death issue and they wouldn't want someone's fatality to be on their hands because this porting didn't happen. Roberta Stern stated for the pool, there were so many things that were neglected and things people didn't want to deal with apparently. Roberta Stern stated she had pictures from when she went to the pump house the first time. The casing for the filters was rotting away. Mayor Kim

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asked Roberta Stern to face the council when she spoke. Roberta Stern stated the governing body had approved that improvement and they got someone who did welding. Roberta Stern stated some of the council members had seen pictures but not all because she had them on her phone, but they looked brand new. One of the issues that the pool was constantly having was with the health inspector not approving the water on a regular basis because the filtration was so bad which wouldn't happen anymore because the system was new and done. Mayor Kim thanked her. Roberta Stern stated there were so many things wrong at the pool, and it may have seemed like things were being done at the last minute but when she was trying to get three quotes for everything it took a long time. Roberta Stern stated quite frankly she's not against three quotes and she never was and had done three quotes most of her life. Roberta Stern stated she thought she was done and had run out of steam. Roberta Stern asked the council to remind her if she had forgotten to address or something she should have addressed.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Officer in Charge Captain George Beck reported they moved the TEO's out of the EMT building and into the police department. The TEO's were given a room in the facility so that they could effectively manage them better. Captain Beck stated there was some distance, and it was better to manage. Captain Beck stated they had a records clerk vacancy and had it as an active job posting which could be found on the police app and posted in the borough hall. Captain Beck stated they encouraged people to apply and would be interviewed soon. Captain Beck stated if they could get more people to apply that would be wonderful. Mayor Kim asked who approved of the interviews. Captain Beck stated they haven't closed or set anything yet. Scott Krumholz stated they were only advertising for it and seeking candidates to apply. Mayor Kim stated that a resolution should be passed through and asked if the advertisement had expired. Mayor Kim stated they had before and then they stopped. Roberta Stern stated it was because they did a lateral. Mayor Kim stated the clerk would determine if the resolution still stood. Captain Beck stated the April distracted driving campaign was aimed at making the street safer, which was a success. They had initiated 372 motor vehicle stops, 127 warnings were issued, 295 summonses were issued, and 2 arrests were made. Captain Beck stated this had all to do with distracted driving and aimed to make the streets safer for both pedestrians and motorists. Captain Beck stated the area was already congested and it was best to actively do things to make the streets safer. Captain Beck stated an accreditation update, Captain Rotundo was progressing along with the process, and there was a progress bar that showed 70% complete. Captain Beck stated they were halfway there and were getting close. Mayor Kim stated he believed there was a bit of a problem with the accreditation, and the borough administrator had made a call and convinced the organization to bypass the situation. Captain Beck stated they were aware of that, and stated there were some issues with the funding but it was already approved, and they were so far into the process. Captain Beck stated in his opinion it shouldn't have been challenged when everything was already agreed upon, but he was thankful it worked out. Captain Beck stated one detective for the borough had worked for the borough for five years, and was the original alternate route program transfer, meaning someone they didn't send to the academy, but he put himself through the police academy. Captain Beck stated he had been a standout and was very active. Captain Beck stated they had a very serious threat in town. On May 8th there was an argument between a pedestrian and a driver. The driver got upset and came out and pulled a knife on the pedestrian. The next day, the woman showed up again, and the same pedestrian was standing on the same corner. The woman brought her son with her who pulled a gun. Captain Beck stated this was when good detective work came in. Captain Beck stated the vehicle plate was out of Florida. Captain Beck stated that the detective wound up finding and arresting both the mother and son, and he wanted to publicly commend Detective Matthew Carley. A round of applause was heard. Roberta Stern asked Captain Beck if this was also in the newspapers. Captain Beck stated it was. Captain Beck thanked the council for hiring the three new officers, and stated they would be pleased with them, and they were good-hearted people and the type of

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people they wanted employed in Palisades Park who could serve the town with compassion, honesty, and integrity which were qualities looked for. Captain Beck stated it was a thorough process which included an intensive and thorough background investigation. Captain Beck stated they were as clean as could be and all had their bachelor's degree from reputable colleges. Captain Beck stated they came with both education and eagerness to serve the community for the years to come. Captain Beck stated they hired two traffic enforcement officers that night so they should see them out on the road. Captain Beck stated the Memorial Day celebration was a tremendous job and officers had an overwhelming amount of support. Captain Beck stated officers were participating, and it was good for the community that this continued. Officers provided service to the community, and they make everyone as happy as they could.

Councilman Min stated there was a lot of factors to assess the department based on how they did but one thing he could tell them for sure was that they were doing a great job and were getting into the phase where the department was getting better. Councilman Min stated in 2022 the departments overtime billing hour was 1,100, and in 2023 it went up to 1,300 hours. In 2024 when the two captains started to manage the department, it went down to 1,000 hours. Councilman Min stated now, in 2025 the overtime billing hours was 320 which included training. Councilman Min stated there were doing good with managing the department and wanted the captains to remember they were doing a good job. A round of applause was heard. Councilman Kim stated he wanted to mention he read in the Korean newspaper that story regarding the assault, and how they were proud Palisades Park officers chased down the perpetrators. Mayor Kim stated they were being modest, and asked Captain Beck to speak of the donation they created for the 125th anniversary. Captain Beck stated the police department and fire department had split it, and it was nice to see the participants in the parade including children with hats, necklaces, footballs, sunglasses, etc. Captain Beck repeated they had partnership with the fire department to do this and stated Palisades Park had a sense of community that they were trying to give in Palisades Park. Mayor Kim thanked them.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public. Councilman Min motioned, and Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded. Mayor Kim reminded the public that they had three minutes each to speak.

John Mosca stated it was a nice night seeing the three officers being hired and it reminded him of the night his daughter was hired as an office because there were also three officers that night hired as well. John Mosca thanked Sophia Jang for taking care of the situation he would discuss. John Mosca stated his client for taxes hit an uncovered manhole in the street. The cost of the damage was \$3,200 and they had submitted a claim to the borough's insurance. When the claim came back, it was refused by the JIF. John Mosca stated he had 52 years of experience in different fields and had even worked at the JIF. John Mosca stated he was unable to understand why it was denied and they couldn't tell him why it was denied either. John Mosca stated that the good thing was as soon as his client hit it, the police department repaired it so no one else hit it. John Mosca asked if anyone had an answer for him as to why the damage wasn't covered. John Mosca stated he knew that Palisades Park carried a line of contingency in their budget usually for around \$10,000 to \$15,000 which was available for transfer when something happened unexpectedly. Scott Krumholz stated he would give Mr. Mosca his business card and requested Mr. Mosca to send him an email containing his client's name and information regarding the claim so that he could investigate it. John Mosca thanked everyone. Mayor Kim requested Mr. Mosca to leave his information.

Neris Papoters thanked the governing body because they were looking into the different ways to save money that saved money for the residents. Neris Papoters stated she liked what

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Councilwoman Won-Yoon had brought up at the las meeting and this meeting as well regarding the late fees and following through the save the money. Neris Papoters stated she liked that contracts were being investigated that way the borough wasn't stuck with certain equipment and services. Neris Papoters thanked the governing body again.

Joseph Fallazo stated approximately four years ago the town paved Edsall Boulevard and asked why it was never completed. Mr. Fallazo stated every day he drove to work down Edsall Boulevard and bounced across Broad Avenue. Mr. Fallazo stated it was the most annoying 150 feet in the town. Mr. Fallazo stated that four years prior he had spoken to the governing body about it and was told it would be done soon. Mayor Kim stated they had went from Bergen Boulevard to Broad Avenue, but they had to finish the rest of it. Mr. Fallazo stated they stopped the block from Broad Avenue on both sides. Mayor Kim stated there was a former borough administrator at that time and no one complained about it. Mayor Kim stated he thought it was a good thing. Mr. Fallazo stated he thought it was a great thing, and they did a great job. Roberta Stern stated they had a grant and had to work on that road. Mayor Kim stated they repaved two years prior Bergen Boulevard all the way to Edsall Boulevard. Mr. Fallazo stated Highland Avenue to Grand Avenue had been paved, but Highland Avenue to Grand Avenue hadn't been paved. Mr. Fallazo asked why they didn't finish the paving on the main section. Mayor Kim stated that Edsall Boulevard was a dead end, and they had to pave from Edsall Boulevard to Commercial Avenue. Mr. Fallazo stated Edsall Boulevard wasn't a dead end. Mayor Kim stated yes it was. Mr. Fallazo stated one part was, but grand avenue up was not a dead end. Mayor Kim stated they should schedule it better and when that happened, he was running for mayor. When the borough administrator had presented the paperwork no one mentioned it. Mr. Fallazo stated he had mentioned it many times in years. Mayor Kim stated they wouldn't make the mistake again. Mr. Fallazo stated again it had been like that for years and taxpayers deserved a nice road. Mayor Kim stated that year he believed they had spent 1.4 million dollars on road work that year. Roberta Stern stated 2.5 million dollars. Mayor Kim stated prior administration left roads that didn't fall under grants to not be redone. That year they had spent a lot. Mr. Palazzo stated he knew they did fix a lot of roads but what was the point of fixing roads to not finish them.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public session and return to the regular meeting. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Kim requested a motion to adjourn. Councilman Kim made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. All joined in favor.

**Attest:**



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