

Borough of Palisades Park
275 Broad Avenue
County of Bergen
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of the Mayor & Council
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MAYOR CHONG PAUL KIM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00PM.

STATEMENT:

- This was a Work Session of the Mayor and Council, and notice was given as follows:
1. Notice was filed January 9, 2025 with The Record & Newark Star Ledger, both official newspapers of the Borough.
 2. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board at the Borough Hall and the Borough website at <https://palisadesparknj.org/>
 3. Copy was preserved in the Clerk's Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Thoughts were with Councilman Vietri's Wife as she was in the hospital. The governing body hoped she recovered fast. Moment of silence was brought by Councilman Min.

ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Kim stated that they had a quorum and the ability to vote. Mayor Kim wanted to let everyone know that there was an off-consent agenda. Three resolutions Mayor Kim recommended and requested the council members to vote on were Resolutions 2025-253, 2025-254, and 2025-255. These resolutions were on the agenda because the borough was running out of time. Mayor Kim also let the council members, and the administration know that he would not be present for the regular session. Mayor Kim then asked Councilman Min, the council president, to take over for him. Councilman Min agreed to take over the meeting the following week.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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

Mayor Kim asked for councilmembers to review the minutes and if there were any questions or comments to talk to the borough administrator, clerk or attorney. Mayor Kim added councilmembers could also speak to council president John Min since Mayor Kim would not be there the following week.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2025-24 Amending Ordinance 2025-15, Establishment of Salaries for Year 2025 – Re-Introduction of Ordinance

Mayor Kim stated that they had a rough area regarding Ordinance 2025-24. Mayor Kim hoped that everything was in place and that everything was correct. Mayor Kim then asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon concurred. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had not yet checked all the details but the one thing she addressed prior was fixed. Mayor Kim thanked Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions about this ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2025-25 Amending Chapter 282 Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 24" Municipal Parking Areas" to Include EV Parking Rules

Mayor Kim asked Borough Administrator Roberta Stern to explain this ordinance. Roberta Stern stated that since they planned to start having charging stations at the 12 Bellview Parking Lot, it was required to have this ordinance so that if in fact someone parked there and they were either finished charging or they didn't have an electric vehicle, they were subject to a penalty. Mayor Kim said that they were going to create EV charging stations. Roberta Stern added that they might offer ones in other parts of town as time went by so at least the ordinance would be in place already. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she wanted to clarify something. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked when they were going to have a charging station at 12 Bellview Place for electric vehicles. To park in those spots, the vehicles had to be electric and charging. Roberta Stern stated that it would be one or the other. Roberta Stern added that if the vehicles finished charging and sat at the charging station for more than the allotted time, and the town was aware of it, they would face penalty. Roberta Stern added that they

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had level three charging stations, so they were very quick. If they were to park there and they didn't have an electric vehicle, they should not be there. Roberta Stern added that there would be a sign. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she could leave her electric vehicle there if it was not charging. Mayor Kim said that it would be okay, but she could not park there for like three hours. Then they would be given a ticket for \$150 or more. Roberta Stern stated that it was the range in most towns. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim asked to close the work session and open to the public about Ordinance 2025-24 and Ordinance 2025-25. Mayor Kim asked for a motion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon motioned. Councilman Min seconded. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the public had a copy of this ordinance. Borough Clerk Sophia Jang stated that they did.

Mayor Kim stated that members of the public had three minutes each to ask any questions about Ordinances 2025-24 and 2025-25. Mayor Kim said that it would be good if they had EV charging stations. Mayor Kim stated that it would bring in more commerce and traffic. They were going to open up to other towns. Mayor Kim asked for a motion to be close to the public and bring it back to the work session. Councilwoman Won-Yoon motioned. Councilman Min seconded.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2025-253 Appointment of Chief of Police

RESOLUTION 2025-254 Accepting the Proposal from Pennoni for the FY24 Broad Avenue Streetscape Project
(Re: Edsall to Washington)

RESOLUTION 2025-255 Authorizing Borough Clerk to Advertise for the FY24 Broad Avenue Streetscape Project
(Re: Edsall to Washington)

RESOLUTION 2025-253 Appointment of Chief of Police

Mayor Kim stated that it was not marked in the packet, but he wanted to verbally state that the appointment would take place that night. Mayor Kim explained in an email to the council members why this was happening this way. Mayor Kim said that time was of the essence. As they all knew, the 6 months' time to be precise was not on the work session for September. Mayor Kim elaborated that the prosecutor's office threatened the borough that the borough could not have the police chief space vacant, not even for one minute. They went through interviews, and Councilman Min who was in the police committee, would explain the interview process. Councilman Min stated that the interview process was thorough, and it was conducted by the police committee, police director, and the mayor. Everything was done through a proper procedure. Mayor Kim believed that they had a unanimous decision from the director, and the police committee and Mayor Kim concurred. They had proposed a resolution to appoint the police chief position to Captain George Beck. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had a question. She stated that the current officer in charge ended on September 22nd and asked why they had to vote at that time. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that it could be pushed off to the next meeting. Mayor Kim stated that the next meeting was fine, but he wanted to be there which was why he asked for it to be done then. Mayor Kim asked what the difference was for the council to do it the following week. Mayor Kim gave them one week in the email to ask questions to the police director and committee about their concerns and questions about the two candidates. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the only reason they were voting today was because the mayor would be absent the following week. Mayor Kim stated that was not exactly the reason. Mayor Kim then stated that they actually could do it the following week but asked what the problem doing it that week was. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it was a very important decision, and they wanted to make sure that they put all their effort to read everything because they were appointing a chief for five years. Mayor Kim stated that it was four years and four months. Mayor Kim repeated that he wanted them to read the information. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she obviously did not catch that but what she was trying to say was that they had one more week and that they should review the information more so they could vote at the following meeting. Scott Krumholz asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon received the contract on Saturday. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she did. Scott Krumholz asked if she had a chance to read it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said yes and that it pointed out a lot of things about the union contract. Mayor Kim stated that this was not part of her specialty and that Councilwoman Won-Yoon was not an attorney. Mayor Kim continued to say that the legal and union contracts were all done by the counselor. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that the contract pointed out all the closing union contracts and what she was trying to say was that without only that, she should have more time to review. Scott Krumholz stated that the concept of voting for the chief was brought up by the mayor several weeks ago. There were emails sent to all councilmembers of his attentions and requests that it would be done because he would be away on vacation the following week. Scott Krumholz continued that there were not any objections by anyone including Councilwoman Won-Yoon until then. Scott Krumholz continued to say that there were plenty of opportunities before right now to raise that as an issue. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if because she didn't raise any objections before that she can't raise any objection at all. Scott Krumholz stated that she can raise objections but that he was just stating the facts and truth about what happened. Mayor Kim stated that it was under the mayor's discretion and under the mayor's authority to present it to the council. Mayor Kim stated the council could vote yes, or no. Councilwoman Won-Yoon added that the resolution stated it would be effective immediately and asked why. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that the officer in charges period ended September 22nd. Scott Krumholz stated it was standard language for a resolution. Mayor Kim also stated that the state specified it to be up until September 22nd. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the mayor was sure about that information. Mayor Kim replied yes. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that if that was the case, it should be okay. Mayor Kim thanked her. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Min wanted to speak. Councilman Min

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stated that Scott Krumholz answered what Councilman Min was about to ask. Mayor Kim asked if there were any comments about the off-consent agenda. When no other comments arose, Mayor Kim requested a motion for Resolution 2025-253 appointing chief of police to George Beck. Councilman Min made a motion and Councilman Shin seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote, and was recorded as follows:

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

Sophia Jang announced Resolution 2025-253 was carried. Mayor Kim stated that he would like to invite up the officer. Councilman Min asked if he could say something first. Councilman Min stated that the process they took appointing a chief involved a lot of different factors. There were a lot of rumors and investigations that had taken place in the past and this was the most important thing that they had to fix. It was important that they had a leader in the police department. They had tried many different things, but as far as Councilman Min knew, they had made a lot of different changes, and they had to continue moving forward. Mayor Kim stated that he agreed with Councilman Min that they needed leadership. Through tenure and other factors that were addressed, Mayor Kim stated that he believed that they made a good decision. It was a unanimous decision from the police department. Mayor Kim announced to the public and to the administration that they would have a ceremony event on Wednesday, August 20, at 6:00PM in the court room, appointing Captain George Beck as Chief of Police. Mayor Kim asked the police director to come up. Mayor Kim advised George Beck to repeat after him, "I, George Beck, do solemnly swear I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the state of New Jersey and I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and to the government established in the United States and this state under the authority of the people and I will faithfully and impartially and justly perform all the duties for the office of Chief of Police.". Mayor Kim congratulated Chief George Beck. Chief Beck thanked everybody. Chief George Beck then said he would have more words Wednesday but that he thanked everyone for trusting him in the position. Chief Beck stated that he thought Palisades Park's 105th year was coming up in December. Chief Beck stated that they were at a pivotal moment of reform and hoped that the people were able to see a lot of things happening. Chief Beck stated they had done a great job as a team. The mayor & council, the police committee as well as the staff and officers. George Beck thanked everyone for the opportunity. Mayor Kim told Chief George Beck to thank Councilman Shin and Councilwoman Lee. Chief George Beck thanked the two council members.

**RESOLUTION 2025-254 Accepting the Proposal from Pennoni for the FY24 Broad Avenue Streetscape Project
(Re: Edsall to Washington)**

Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz to provide a summary. Scott Krumholz stated that the Borough Administrator Roberta Stern might know better, but they were working on a streetscape project. Roberta Stern stated that this was one of the grants that they were awarded back in 2023 or 2024. The original design of the project cost \$649,000. Roberta Stern stated the DOT was awarded \$249,700 and something dollars. Roberta Stern stated that there were four fiscal year grants that had never been completed. Mayor Kim asked if this all happened before Roberta Stern became the borough administrator and Roberta Stern stated that it was before she got there. Roberta Stern stated that she had found out the work had been completed but they never got the money back. In trying to find out if this project was one of them, Roberta Stern found out this project was actually never done. Roberta Stern added that they asked Pennoni to downsize what the original proposal had been to fit into \$249,000. This included taking out some of the very fancy decorative work on the sidewalks that were labor intensive that drove up the costs. The only reason this was off consent that night was because Roberta Stern found out if they didn't award the bid before October of 2025, they would lose it. Roberta Stern stated she believed it was worth the effort to get this money and improvements done. Mayor Kim thanked Roberta Stern for picking it up and stated that there were a lot of grants missing. Councilman Min asked if this was the Broad Avenue Streetscape project. Roberta Stern stated that this was regarding section one, and that there were three sections in total. Councilman Min stated the project that he had was 1.5 million dollars in estimated construction cost. Mayor Kim stated that it was for the borough. Roberta Stern said it was for the big section on Broad Avenue from Central to Brinkerhoff and Henry and that was a totally different one. That project was the one they thought they lost but Roberta Stern had found. Councilman Min asked if they were two different projects. Roberta Stern confirmed that it was two different projects, and this one was the fiscal 2024 aid grant. Mayor Kim said there was a grant for Washington and another for Edsall. Roberta Stern clarified that it was for Edsall to Washington. Councilman Min asked if the Broad Avenue streetscape from Homestead Avenue to Washington Avenue was different. Roberta Stern confirmed that it was different. Mayor Kim stated since they were going to knock \$400,000 off the original plan, they needed to figure out what to do with the \$270,000. Roberta Stern stated that whatever they do there, it was going to be a part of what this was going to be. Going from Edsall to the Borough Hall and by the time they went further south, more would join in. Roberta Stern said that they would have new streetlights, sidewalks, benches, and flowers. Mayor Kim asked if it was basically the same as a previous project. Roberta Stern confirmed it was. Mayor Kim asked if they could do that for \$280,000. Roberta Stern stated that it would be as much as they could stretch and they would do what they could do. Mayor Kim asked if this Broad Avenue streetscape would connect from Central Boulevard to either Brinkerhoff Avenue or Henry Avenue with 1.4 million and it would continue from Washington Avenue to Edsall Boulevard. Roberta Stern stated yes but it would not include the new traffic signals that they would be getting. Councilman Min asked how they were going to fund this besides the grant. Roberta Stern and Mayor Kim stated that the borough was funding this project 100 percent.

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Roberta Stern added that none of the grants were matching. Mayor Kim said that the borough did this in 2023, but they never followed up. Roberta Stern stated that there was \$400,000 dollars that they paid already but never got the money, and they were now going to get the money back because none of the right paperwork was submitted. Roberta Stern stated they had to dig deep to get all the paperwork. Mayor Kim stated that since Roberta Stern came into the administration, Mayor Kim asked her to make sure there were no bonds that had been missing or lost. Mayor Kim added that she had been doing an excellent job of finding the money the borough deserved. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that the packet said \$249,252 and asked if that was the complete amount for everything. Mayor Kim said that they would only use that amount and not a single cent more. Roberta Stern stated that they downsized the project to fit within that budget. Councilman Min said that since they were on the topic of grants, if he could ask two questions. Councilman Min stated that there was a grant submission back in June regarding 12th Street improvements. Roberta Stern stated that it was an application they had made but had not received anything yet. Roberta Stern included that Edsall Boulevard from Broad Avenue was another project as the east intersection was very bad, so the borough asked for this section to be included. Councilman Min asked if the grant was still pending. Roberta Stern said that it was not awarded yet including the 12th Street grant. Mayor Kim stated that it was bad on Broad Avenue going all the way to Commercial Avenue including one block east of Broad Avenue. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern if she was working on that one. Roberta Stern stated that they were waiting to see if they were awarded the money. Councilman Min asked if they contacted the grant person. Roberta Stern said that they can't get status on when the money would be appropriated. Roberta Stern explained when the money came down from the state budget, that was when they would start distributing it to different towns. Mayor Kim asked if the borough already applied and if they were just waiting for the money. Roberta Stern confirmed they were just waiting and now it was up to the state budget to see how much money they would give everybody. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions about the resolution. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they were going to vote on this resolution. Roberta Stern first responded that it would be voted on the following week but then corrected herself that it would be voted on that night being the reason it was off consent. Mayor Kim stated that the next week, they would open up the packet. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they voted next week, what the problem would be. Mayor Kim stated that the bid packets would be opened the upcoming Friday. Roberta Stern stated that they had to have this awarded to somebody by October. Roberta Stern stated by the time this was advertised, reviewed and awarded, every week counted. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that this was a work session and there were some expectations of a work session. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon to stop thinking about technicalities every single time. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she liked the project and asked again if they voted during the regular session, what the problem would be. Mayor Kim said that time was of the essence. Roberta Stern stated that it was another week for them to advertise, get the bids back and award it at the October meeting. Mayor Kim stated that it was a request from the borough attorney and that Mayor Kim agreed. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim then asked for a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Shin made a motion and Councilwoman Lee seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Sophia Jang announced Resolution 2025-254 was carried. Mayor Kim thanked the council.

RESOLUTION 2025-255 Authorizing Borough Clerk to Advertise for the FY24 Broad Avenue Streetscape Project (Re: Edsall to Washington)

Roberta Stern stated that this was a sister resolution so as soon as they received the packet, the clerk could make the arrangements with the engineer to get it advertised. Mayor Kim said that this was done in May or June so they could expedite it and they all agreed this would be how they got this done faster. Mayor Kim stated it was almost fall and that they should do as much as they could. Mayor Kim then asked if they had any questions. Mayor Kim stated the resolution authorized the advertisement. Mayor Kim asked if they had any questions. Mayor Kim asked for a motion to pass Resolution 2025-255. Councilwoman Lee made a motion and Councilman Shin seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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

Sophia Jang announced Resolution 2025-255 was carried. Mayor Kim thanked the council.

DISCUSSION (ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA)

RESOLUTION 2025-256 Claims
RESOLUTION 2025-257 Authorizing Refund of Marriage License (Re: L. Chung)
RESOLUTION 2025-258 Authorizing Chamber of Commerce Fall Street Festival
RESOLUTION 2025-259 Awarding Contract for Lincoln Street

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- RESOLUTION 2025-260 Appointment of Municipal Representatives to Bergen County Community Development Regional Committees PY2025-2026 Covering Period July 1,2025 through June 30,2026
- RESOLUTION 2025-261 Authorizing Reimbursement to Palisades Park Police Officers for Social Security Contributions from 2018.
- RESOLUTION 2025-262 Approving Payment to All Seasons Duct Cleaning for Inspecting and Cleaning the Duct Work at Borough Hall
- RESOLUTION 2025-263 Authorizing Salary Increases for Certain Seasonal Municipal Pool Employees
- RESOLUTION 2025-264 Approving Payment to 6 Brothers Contracting LLC for Work Performed Replacing Library Roof
- RESOLUTION 2025-265 Approving Tax Appeal Settlements for Block 420, Lots 4 and 5
- RESOLUTION 2025-266 Appointing Assistant Finance Clerk to the Finance Officer (Re: R. Busa)
- RESOLUTION 2025-267 Designating Certain Real Property as an "Area In Need of Rehabilitation" Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1, et seq. (Re :450 East Edsall Boulevard)
- RESOLUTION 2025-268 Designating Certain Real Property as an "Area In Need Rehabilitation" Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. (Re: 35-39 West Columbia Avenue)

Mayor Kim asked councilmembers to ask questions about the consent agenda. Mayor Kim then stated that if they had not reviewed them yet, they had until the following week to ask questions. Mayor Kim asked them not to hold their questions until the last minute and then ask them at the regular session. Mayor Kim stated they would have liked the meeting to go smoothly. Mayor Kim continued and stated councilmembers had all the resources and they could speak to Roberta Stern, and Sophia Jang. Mayor Kim added when he was not present, they could ask the acting Council President John Min. Councilman Min stated he had a question about Resolution 2025-262.

RESOLUTION 2025-262 Approving Payment to All Seasons Duct Cleaning for Inspecting and Cleaning the Duct Work at Borough Hall

Councilman Min stated that he received an email from the mayor on Thursday, August 14th and the actual cleaning was conducted on that Saturday the 16th. Roberta Stern clarified that it was the first half of the cleaning. Councilman Min stated he went back to the July meeting and reviewed the quote they received. Mayor Kim stated that it was \$8,000 or \$7,000. Councilman Min replied no, they were all received the third week of July and did not have contract awards for this matter. Roberta Stern stated that there was no contract, and it was just awarding the quotes. Mayor Kim asked what Councilman Min's question was. Councilman Min stated that they received the quote on July 22nd, and it was not mentioned at the July meeting. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Min was wondering why the quote was received so late. Councilman Min repeated that they had work done already. Roberta Stern stated that they started it on Saturday, and they would finish it the following Saturday. Roberta Stern added that she just authorized paying the contractor, so they did not have to wait. Councilman Min stated that was not what he was looking for. Councilman Min stated that it should have stated on the resolution that they were going to use a specific vendor. Roberta Stern stated that was not the case when they had three quotes. Roberta Stern continued that the governing body was just rewarding the payment and that it was not a contract. Scott Krumholz said that it was under the threshold and that the threshold amounts for the different requirements had gone up. For example, it used to be \$44,000 for the professional services but it changed to \$53,000. Councilman Min stated that the actual amount was above the estimated amount that Roberta Stern stated being \$7,400 when it was actually \$7,300 which was below the threshold. Basically, the borough administrator could get the quotes and authorize the work, and it was up to the council to approve the payment. Mayor Kim stated that it was a day-to-day job, and Roberta Stern had every right to do this because of the threshold. Mayor Kim continued that Roberta Stern was giving the official receipt even though she had the right to do what she needed to do. Councilman Min stated that just the month prior they were compiling all three quotes, and each vendor award was on the resolution. Mayor Kim stated suddenly, the direction of the QPA had increased and they did not have to go through mills and castles to reward the contract. Mayor Kim asked if it was \$7,401 then what the next step would be and if it would be the three quotes. Scott Krumholz stated there would still be three quotes and that the three quotes were below the threshold and were extremely prudent but not required. Mayor Kim said that this was under \$7,400 and two or three quotes were still provided. Roberta Stern clarified that there were three quotes but two of them were extremely close and one was way out of the ballpark. Mayor Kim asked on behalf of Councilman Min why the job was done before getting approval from the council. Mayor Kim answered that Roberta Stern could because that was her day-to-day activity and it was under the threshold amount. Mayor Kim repeated that Roberta Stern did not have to ask if she could do it. Councilman Min stated that he would find out. Mayor Kim asked Scott Krumholz if he was correct. Scott Krumholz confirmed that it was correct. Councilman Min stated recently, the threshold of the QPA had increased. Roberta Stern confirmed that it was around two or three months prior. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what the range was. Mayor Kim stated that they would find out later on. Mayor Kim asked to assume it was \$7,401 and then asked what the proper procedure would be. Scott Krumholz stated it would be exactly what they were doing at that point in time. Mayor Kim asked if the amount was exactly \$7,401 and if the lowest threshold was \$7,400, what Roberta Stern would have to do. Mayor Kim stated that Councilman Min was complaining that Roberta Stern did a job that was \$7,401 without the approval from the council. Mayor Kim questioned again if she needed approval for that or if she needed three quotes, approval, and a resolution to do the job. Scott Krumholz stated that Roberta Stern could obtain three quotes and still have it, but it couldn't be paid until the council reviewed everything and approved the payment. Mayor Kim stated that it was normal for Roberta Stern to do the job and get approval at that time because it was her day-to-day job. Scott Krumholz stated that the only thing missing was that there was no resolution

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prepared in July. Scott Krumholz continued that the resolution was prepared three weeks later, compared to two days after she received the quotes. Scott Krumholz included that legally speaking, everything was done pursuant to law and procedurally correct. Councilman Min said that the job was over \$7,401, which went above QPA. Councilman Min asked if Roberta Stern got three quotes, would she have to bring them to the Mayor & Council meeting to award the contract. Scott Krumholz stated that it did not have to be a contract, it could authorize them to do work, but they could not get paid until they received approval from the council. Mayor Kim stated he had the numbers and told the council to write them down, so they did not get confused. With the QPA of up to \$7,950, it was a managerial decision. Roberta Stern did not require consent or vote from the council members, including the mayor. Mayor Kim then stated that they were okay at that time, and that Roberta Stern had every right to do it. Mayor Kim added that they were trying to get this done fast and that it was legal. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she did not have a question but would like to add one more resolution which was change of paycheck. Councilwoman Won-Yoon noticed that paycheck for all salary employees was covered. Roberta Stern stated that would not happen. Scott Krumholz asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon, because he saw some of the emails that went back and forth, and he did understand from the CFO's perspective that this had been engaged by the borough for more than 20 years. Roberta Stern stated that it had happened as a result of what happened 20 years prior because they changed payroll companies. Scott Krumholz added that the CFO stated that in order to change it to a different method of payment would require something that he could not undertake as it would be a significantly difficult task. The question that was posed to Councilwoman Won-Yoon was why she believed they needed to change it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that with the paycheck, if they worked, they got paid. For those days they didn't work, they did not get paid, which was a simple practice everywhere. However, at the borough, they gave the payment one week in advance for everyone. Mayor Kim stated that they do not need a resolution at that time, and they could decide on an executive way of doing it later on. Mayor Kim clarified that what he was trying to say was that this was more of a managerial issue and that she did not need a resolution to fix that. Mayor Kim stated that she could sit down with the borough administrator. Roberta Stern responded that it would be with the chief financial officer because what this entailed was that people would not get paid to make up for making these changes. Roberta Stern stated that it would always happen because there were only 26 pay dates in the year. It was like a trickle down because of the change 20 years ago and Roy Riggitano could explain it much better. Certainly, they could discuss it in a meeting and have a discussion. Mayor Kim added that if Councilwoman Won-Yoon still felt that they would need to change it, that he would be okay with it. Secondly, Mayor Kim stated that it was talked about before, but they should include the dates. Scott Krumholz stated that it was already going to be set up when Roy Riggitano was ready. Roberta Stern stated that it was a dropdown on the ADS. Mayor Kim stated they were going to add what the pay was for. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she understood but included that she believed it still required a resolution because from the employees point, they would change the paycheck. Scott Krumholz stated that he did not believe a resolution was necessary. Mayor Kim stated that it was internal. Scott Krumholz repeated that it was internal practice by the CFO to do it this way. Mayor Kim stated that they would have a meeting after he returned from the meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked Roberta Stern to set up a meeting. Mayor Kim added that it would be after the mayor returned from vacation. Mayor Kim then stated it would be the first week of September and asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon if that would be okay. Councilwoman Won-Yoon agreed. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions. Councilman Shin stated that he had a question about Resolution 2025-264

RESOLUTION 2025-264 Approving Payment to 6 Brothers Contracting LLC for Work Performed Replacing Library Roof

Councilman Shin asked if they passed the appointing of 6 Brothers Contractors LLC before. Roberta Stern stated that they had and the company was awarded a few months prior. Scott Krumholz stated that it was Resolution 2025-101. Roberta Stern said that it was a bid at the time, and they were the lowest bidders. Councilman Shin thanked her. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had a question. When the borough paid, were they using the library's money. Roberta Stern confirmed that was correct. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if it was directly from the library's account. Roberta Stern said this was the shared service agreement that was created for improvements to that building. The borough assumed all the financial parts of it. Roberta Stern added that the borough did the bidding and now they were awarding the money. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said she understood and that she agreed with everything. However, Councilwoman Won-Yoon then asked if the library board was the one who had to pay. Scott Krumholz confirmed but Roberta Stern stated no. Roberta Stern clarified that it was the library's money. Mayor Kim agreed that it was the library's money that they would spend. Roberta Stern added that the library does not have to approve it. Scott Krumholz stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon was asking about the actual payment. Mayor Kim said that the payment would come from the library account. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that the resolution really should be approved by the library. Roberta Stern responded no. Mayor Kim stated that they made an agreement with the library board when they had a meeting. They all agreed that they would go through the procedures of the bids and choose the lowest bidder. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she knew that. Mayor Kim then asked why she was asking. Scott Krumholz said to check with the library attorney if he thought that any payment was made by the borough to this vendor, if the library board needed a resolution authorizing that. Roberta Stern said no and that was the whole point of the borough taking the financial obligations. Mayor Kim stated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon was the library liaison so she would have to bring it if they passed the resolution the following week. Mayor Kim stated that it was what the councilwoman had to do. Scott Krumholz told Councilwoman Won-Yoon to check with the library attorney. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she would check with the library because that account was owned by the library. Mayor Kim stated it was owned by the library, but the borough was just handling it for them. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that right now, all the account payable were done by the borough, and the project was done more by the borough than the library. Mayor Kim said it was free. The borough was not making any money from the services but also was not losing money from it either. Councilwoman Won-Yoon

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said that was right but was still wondering about the actual payment process. Scott Krumholz again recommended she check with the library attorney as he did not believe it was necessary, but they could check with him. Mayor Kim stated that it was already agreed upon. Scott Krumholz added that if it was necessary, the library board could go over it. Mayor Kim repeated that it had already been agreed upon and that it was not being done without the consent of the library. Scott Krumholz said that Councilwoman Won-Yoon wanted the formality of the library approving the borough to use the library's money to pay. Mayor Kim stated that he was already part of the agreement. Scott Krumholz stated as far as he was concerned, it was a part of the shared service agreement and was mutually agreed upon by resolution of the library and the resolution of this council. Scott Krumholz added that Resolution 2025-101 authorized the selection of 6 Brothers Contractors to do the work, but he did not know if the library also had a resolution approving them. Scott Krumholz did not believe they did. Roberta Stern stated that the whole point was for the borough to do it not for the library, so they wouldn't have a resolution. Scott Krumholz stated that he did not believe it was required, but it was a library thing. Mayor Kim stated that it was not required because it was in the shared service agreement saying that they would go through the bid process. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that it was for the formality. Councilwoman Won-Yoon wanted to make sure everybody understood exactly what was happening. Scott Krumholz stated that if the library attorney believed a resolution was necessary before they sent the payment, to let Scott Krumholz and the CFO know immediately because once the resolution was passed, the CFO could cut a check and send it. Roberta Stern stated that the approval came from the architect as he had to sign off on all the documents and the payroll. The borough didn't make the decision. Scott Krumholz mentioned that it was the same architect as the library's architect and that was why it was convenient. Mayor Kim said that there was a consultant working as a bridge between the contractors and the creator of quality products for the roof. Scott Krumholz stated that it was the library's selection. Mayor Kim told the council members to consider that it did not give the borough any benefit and took a lot of resources and time for the council to assist with the library. Sometimes the library had a difficult time paying their checks because sometimes the borough's process was very late because of accounting and payroll. Mayor Kim asked the council to consider recommending that they stop providing free service to the library for accounts payables. Mayor Kim stated that there was no reason for both parties to do this. Mayor Kim stated they wanted to have control paying their own money, they wanted to pay it on time, and the borough did not want to be responsible for making any mistakes. The borough was not getting a single penny out of it, and they were not minding their own business. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was a good point. Mayor Kim asked the council to think about what he just said. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that she would speak with the library. Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Min had nothing to report. Councilman Min later on stated he had been receiving complaints that the led, and solar pedestrian stop signs, were installed too low. When cars crossed, they couldn't see the actual sign. Mayor Kim asked if it was the one located on Broad Avenue. Councilman Min confirmed it was multiple on Broad Avenue. Chief George Beck asked what the recommendation was. Councilman Shin said it was to be moved higher because it was way too low. They had been seeing a lot of different people walking into it without noticing it. Chief George Beck asked Roberta Stern if she would call DPW Superintendent Kenneth Bruno the next day or if he should do it. Chief George Beck said he could do it, but Roberta Stern said that she had to talk to Kenneth Bruno in the morning. Roberta Stern then added that there had to be standard height. Mayor Kim agreed and said to make the signs higher. Roberta Stern asked if it was just the pedestrian signs or if Councilman Min was including the stop signs as well. Councilman Min said that they were complaining about the pedestrian signs, but they might like to also check the stop signs. Roberta Stern stated that they did have a standard to go by because stop signs had to be bigger. Councilman Min stated that for any other signs, they were all above the height, but the recent led solar panels weren't. Mayor Kim stated that he had been getting a lot of compliments regarding the stop signs and pedestrian lights. Mayor Kim said he loved how the residents add and help the borough improve the well-being in the town.

Councilman Shin did not have anything to report but mentioned the family night out started at 5:30PM at the town pool. Councilman Shin encouraged council to visit after the meeting finished. Mayor Kim stated that he would be there at 7:00PM.

Councilwoman Lee did not have anything to report.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon did not have anything to report. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she was happy the roof project was completed. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon if the library board nominated the vice chair. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that they had not met yet.

Councilman Shin asked to speak before they moved on to the attorney report. Councilman Shin stated that there were a lot of big changes coming such as the superintendent and board of education. There was also a new director for the library, but at the time they did not know who they were. Councilman Shin stated when important roles were being filled, the governing body should invite these individuals to the council meetings to say hello. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was a great idea. Councilman Shin said that they would like to know who they are. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that

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she could ask to do it September if Mayor Kim would like to be there otherwise, they could do it the following week. Mayor Kim repeated that Councilman Shin wanted to invite them over to the council meetings to say hello. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said that she could invite the new library director the following Monday. Mayor Kim said that it was okay and that he did not have to be there.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz had nothing to report.

BA REPORT

Borough Administrator Roberta Stern had nothing to report. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to make sure that Pennoni provided Columbus Park, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and Highland packets. Also, they were working on Edsall from Broad to Commercial Avenue, and also Lincoln Street. Roberta Stern stated that Lincoln Street would be awarded that Friday. Mayor Kim said that they would decide on Monday. Sophia Jang stated that was correct. Mayor Kim reminded the council that he would not be there during the next meeting and that he would be on break. Mayor Kim stated that he trusted Council President John Min would handle the meeting perfectly. Mayor Kim stated that on September 20th, they would be having a street festival run by the recreation department. Mayor Kim said they would be blocking off the streets from Central Boulevard all the way to Brinkerhoff Avenue and that it would run from 12PM to 8PM.

POLICE REPORT

Chief George Beck stated he would give his report the following week.

Mayor Kim asked for a motion to close the work session and open it to the public. Councilwoman Won-Yoon motioned. Councilman Min seconded.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eric Speiley came up and talked about how for 20 years, they had talked about the light rail. The light rail was supposed to go to the Englewood hospital. The other towns didn't want it but supposedly one of the stops was supposed to be Palisades Park. There had been some talk about it recently and Eric Speiley asked if the town had been approached about it because the terminal would be somewhere in Palisades Park. Mayor Kim stated that it would be past Commercial Avenue, the same track that was near Shop Rite. Mayor Kim said that what he had been told unofficially was that it seemed like there was a company or the state that had enough funds to get it done. Mayor Kim stated that the talks had been more serious than ever for 20 years. Mayor Kim added that because of all the stuff happening on Commercial Avenue with the developments in Shop Rite and Overpeck Park, Roberta Stern was talking to the state and talking to Gordon Johnson, the senator, trying to create five crosswalks. Mayor Kim stated they had been wanting to for many years. No administration wanted to touch it because they were lazy, unmotivated, and did not care. Mayor Kim stated that this administration does care. Mayor Kim said that Roberta Stern was working on it and was very close. They were almost close to approval and Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to explain a bit more. Roberta Stern stated that she had applied to the state for the five very important crosswalks that the mayor had mentioned. They had come to a standstill as the state put her off when she talked to the D.O.T about them. Roberta Stern had a connection because of another meeting that went on because the D.O.T was going to be improving the intersection on Central Avenue. During that meeting, Roberta Stern met some people and followed them. They said it was a great idea and was brought to Senator Johnson's office. Three weeks prior, they told the senator that within two or three weeks it was going to be done, that three out of the five had been approved already, and that the engineering had been done. When three weeks went by, and there was no answer when she came to work, Roberta Stern called his office again and they were going to reach out to figure out why. Roberta Stern said that in August, it was amazing how many state employees were on vacation. It was a tough month, but they were promised two to three weeks back on June 21st. Roberta Stern had contacted them again and was waiting to get an answer. Roberta Stern said that anyhow at the same time, she would be looking more into the light rail as they had not been contacted about it. Mayor Kim stated that was not the reason it would be really good. They were talking about including buttons that would bring down handicap ramps. It would be legit stuff that the town could not do but only the state. The borough planned to really push the state to get that started in Palisades Park. They would call whoever they had to call to get this project going. Eric Speiley said that it would be really good for the town to have a light rail. Mayor Kim agreed and asked if anyone else had questions or concerns.

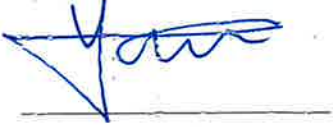
Mayor Kim asked for a motion to close to the public and come back to the work session. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion, and Councilman Min seconded.

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ADJOURN

Mayor Kim asked for a motion to close the work session. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion and Councilman Min seconded. All joined in favor.

Attest:



Sophia H. Jang, RMC
Borough Clerk