

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

Work Session
of the Mayor & Council
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MAYOR CHONG PAUL KIM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00PM.

STATEMENT:

This is a Work Session of the Mayor and Council, and notice was given as follows:

1. Notice was filed January 13, 2026, 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 LED BY COUNCILMAN SHIN.

ROLL CALL:

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| Mayor Kim | Present |
| Councilman Donohue | Absent |
| Councilman Kwak | Present |
| Councilwoman Lee | Present Via Zoom |
| Councilman Min | Present |
| Councilman Shin | Present |
| Councilwoman Won-Yoon | Present |

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| Borough Attorney Phillip Gernter | Present |
| Borough Administrator Roberta Stern | Present |

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE

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| ORDINANCE 2026-3 | Authorizing the Sale of Block # 734, Lots #1, On the Current Tax Map of the Borough of Palisades in the County of Bergen and Not Needed for Public Use |
| ORDINANCE 2026-4 | Amending Chapter 153: "Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse" of the Code of the Borough of Palisades Park |

DISCUSSION (TO BE CONSENT)

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| RESOLUTION 2026-98 | Claims |
| RESOLUTION 2026-99 | Authorization to Designate \$8,354,241 of Notes, Consisting of \$7,735,129 General Bond Anticipation Notes and \$619,112 Swimming Pool Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, as a "Qualified Tax- Exempt Obligation" |
| RESOLUTION 2026-100 | Adopting Anti-Nepotism Policy |
| RESOLUTION 2026-101 | Acceptance of Retirement (Police Lieutenant Sean Cottrell) |
| RESOLUTION 2026-102 | Authorization of Municipal Alliance Grant for Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder |
| RESOLUTION 2026-103 | Authorization for Improvements to 1 st , 2 nd , 4 th and Highland Streets |
| RESOLUTION 2026-104 | Authorization for Improvements to 12 th Street |
| RESOLUTION 2026-105 | Authorization for Improvements to Broad Avenue from Edsall to Washington |
| RESOLUTION 2026-106 | Authorization for Improvements to Broad Avenue from Oakdene to Edsall |
| RESOLUTION 2026-107 | Authorization for MS4 Infrastructure Mapping |
| RESOLUTION 2026-108 | Appointing Borough Appraiser |
| RESOLUTION 2026-109 | Approving Temporary Borough Wide Free Parking After 6PM |
| RESOLUTION 2026-110 | Authorize Bus Transportation for Senior Prom |
| RESOLUTION 2026-111 | Authorize Payment of Change Order for 12 Bellview |
| RESOLUTION 2026-112 | Mayor's Appointment |
| RESOLUTION 2026-113 | Authorizing the Amendment of the Retirement Date (Re: M. Messing) |
| RESOLUTION 2026-114 | Authorizing the Imposition of a Special Service Charge for Certain OPRA Requests Pursuant to N.J.S.A.47:1A-5(C) |
| RESOLUTION 2026-115 | Authorizing a Survey of Municipal Property |
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Mayor Kim asked Borough Administrator Roberta Stern to get the police officers before they began. Mayor Kim thanked Roberta Stern and stated she did great. Mayor Kim stated to Borough Clerk Sophia Jang before they continued, he wanted to modify the agenda. Mayor Kim stated first, he wanted to move Resolution 2026-115 Authorizing a Survey of Municipal Property, to the off-consent agenda. Mayor Kim requested a motion.

Councilman Kwak made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. All joined in favor. The motion carried on a roll vote and was recorded as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 2026-100 Adopting Anti-Nepotism Policy

Mayor Kim stated another thing he wanted to do was remove Resolution 2026-100. Mayor Kim stated after his review he saw it was incomplete, and Councilman Shin wanted to make sure what they were trying to get concerning this resolution was correct. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Shin if they had this conversation. Mayor Kim stated to take Resolution 2026-100 out and he would review it with Councilman Shin. Mayor Kim stated they would get back to the drawing board with the borough attorney.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked for the resolution number.

Roberta Stern stated Resolution 2026-100.

Mayor Kim replied Resolution 2026-100.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if it would be removed.

Mayor Kim replied it would be removed. Mayor Kim stated it was still not ready.

Councilman Min stated he had a question. Councilman Min asked if they were removing this for the next meeting.

Mayor Kim replied no, they were just taking it out.

Councilman Min asked taking it out.

Mayor Kim replied yes, taking it out.

Councilman Min asked who drafted the resolution and if Mayor Kim drafted it.

Mayor Kim stated he couldn't draft it like that.

Councilman Min stated he was asking the borough attorney. Councilman Min asked Borough Attorney Phillip Gernter if he drafted the resolution.

Phillip Gernter replied no, he did not.

Councilman Min asked who did it.

Mayor Kim replied Allan Roth. Mayor Kim stated there seemed to be a little bit of meat to work on that, so he thought they would take it out.

Councilman Min stated it was really incomplete and he read over every single thing.

Mayor Kim stated that was about it. Mayor Kim stated to Borough Clerk Sophia Jang, considering the amount of patience, to go to the adoption of minutes.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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| Work Session of the Mayor and Council: | February 17, 2026 |
| Executive Session | February 17, 2026 |
| Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council: | February 24, 2026 |

Mayor Kim stated to the council members this was a work session. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to review the adoption of minutes and make sure everything was okay. Mayor Kim stated people did make mistakes and this was their opportunity to fix it. Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions concerning the adoption of minutes. Mayor Kim stated if there were any questions, to send them over to the e-mails of Sophia Jang and Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated if there were no questions regarding the adoption of minutes, they would move forward with the second reading of the ordinance.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2026-3 Authorizing the Sale of Block # 734, Lots #1, On the Current Tax Map of

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Mayor Kim stated this was their second reading and they did have enough time to talk about this in the meeting prior. Mayor Kim stated to the council members this was still their second meeting, so, it was their time to ask questions and concerns. Mayor Kim stated if there were no more questions about this, they would move forward. Mayor Kim asked how Allan Roth did things and asked if he needed to open to the public even though it was a Work Session.

Roberta Stern stated Scott Krumholz did, but she didn't think that was what Mayor Kim did.

Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern what she thought. Mayor Kim stated he thought Scott Krumholz did.

Roberta Stern stated Mayor Kim had a hearing on it.

Sophia Jang asked if this was a Work Session.

Roberta Stern replied yes.

Mayor Kim stated he still remembered Allan Roth asking him, "Why don't we still give it to the public, just to be sure?".

Roberta Stern stated she was not sure what it was not called for except for the adoption.

Sophia Jang stated because for the first meeting, they already did a public participation portion.

Mayor Kim stated let them move forward if that was the record stance. Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions about Ordinance 2026-3. Mayor Kim stated this was their second reading. Mayor Kim stated if there was nobody, let them move forward to Ordinance 2026-4.

ORDINANCE 2026-4 Amending Chapter 153: "Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse" of the Code of the Borough of Palisades Park

Mayor Kim stated to the council members this was also their second reading. Mayor Kim stated just to remind them, he would be underlining sentences on the ones that were new and edited. Mayor Kim stated to focus on that. Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions on "Garbage, Rubbish, and Refuse". Mayor Kim stated this all started with Councilman Shin's suggestion. Mayor Kim stated they had to control this, and he agreed. Mayor Kim stated he thought they all agreed. Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions about this.

OFF-CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2026-115 Authorizing a Survey of Municipal Property

Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to do the honors of explaining the resolution.

Roberta Stern stated as part of the process of selling the lot, which was a borough-owned piece of property, they needed to have a survey of the property, which had never been done. Roberta Stern stated Colliers had been working on this, or she thought they were. Roberta Stern stated just that day, Colliers gave her the proposal for it, and she knew it was about ten thousand dollars because she hadn't been pricing it in general even though she didn't have to check on them, but she did ask the number of others and ten thousand seemed to be the price that most people told her it would be.

Mayor Kim stated he understood.

Roberta Stern stated but, in any event, she would have liked to vote on this and approve it, because it needed to get done before the following week when they had the auction.

Mayor Kim stated he agreed. Mayor Kim stated it was not custom to make decisions at the Work Session, but because time was of the essence and because Colliers were running late. Mayor Kim stated he would like to ask the governing body to make a motion to pass this so they can move forward in selling 12 Bellview Place.

Roberta Stern stated no.

Mayor Kim apologized.

Roberta Stern stated it was block 734, lot 1.

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Mayor Kim asked what it was called again.

Roberta Stern replied block 734, lot 1.

Mayor Kim requested a motion but then asked everyone to review the resolution first.

Councilman Kwak asked Roberta Stern if the land survey, the lack thereof, diminished, by any chance, the devaluation assessment on the property, assessing the full land, and getting the full detailed information.

Roberta Stern replied no because the appraisal had been done for the property and that was what their auction was based on, the appraisal by a certified appraiser. Roberta Stern stated this was just an additional step and there would be one more step that did cost about five thousand dollars, but she hadn't taken care of that yet, and that would be to finalize the title.

Councilman Kwak stated he understood and thanked Roberta Stern.

Mayor Kim stated to Roberta Stern this was a miniscule change, but he would like to add in the price of the cost ten thousand seven hundred fifty into Resolution 2026-115.

Roberta Stern apologized and asked which resolution.

Mayor Kim repeated Resolution 2026-115. Mayor Kim stated in the resolution, he would like it to say that there would be a charge of ten thousand seven hundred fifty dollars on the resolution.

Roberta Stern stated she thought it said it and apologized.

Mayor Kim stated it happened and it was alright.

Councilman Min asked ten thousand seven hundred-fifty dollars.

Mayor Kim replied yes, it should have been in the resolution, and it was a miniscule change, so it was okay.

Roberta Stern replied definitely. Roberta Stern stated she guessed it wasn't one version and she didn't look at this one.

Mayor Kim stated it was alright.

Roberta Stern stated yes, that was where it should have been mentioned.

Councilman Min asked if selling the property was supposed to come up prior to the ordinance.

Mayor Kim and Roberta Stern replied no.

Councilman Min asked why.

Roberta Stern stated one does not have to come before the other because they were selling it. Roberta Stern stated they had done everything based on the appraisal but to complete the sale, she wanted the survey, and that was why she ordered them to do the survey. Roberta Stern stated they were working on it – Councilman Min and Mayor Kim interjected with a question and asked if the survey was required.

Roberta Stern replied yes, she wanted the survey.

Councilman Min asked if they already introduced to sell the property.

Mayor Kim and Roberta Stern replied yes.

Councilman Min asked if this service was supposed to be done already before they even introduced the ordinance.

Roberta Stern replied no, not necessarily, a survey was a survey whether it was done during or after. Roberta Stern stated she requested this from the borough engineer over a month prior, and she got the proposal that day. Roberta Stern stated she thought it was done until she had questioned if the borough engineer had the survey, and then she got the answer with the proposal. Roberta Stern stated there was a little disconnection.

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Mayor Kim stated it was very valid that Councilman Min was asking this question because he didn't know the background history. Mayor Kim stated to Councilman Min what happened was because this was such an old property, and before anything, they had to find the title search. Mayor Kim stated when they started doing the title search, there were no dates, so they took a long time. Mayor Kim stated before anything, they needed to do the survey first. Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern had some connections with the county, Steve Chung and John Morgan. Mayor Kim stated they were very lucky to find – Roberta Stern interjected and stated the map. Mayor Kim continued and stated they found a hundred-year-old film.

Roberta Stern stated from 1906.

Mayor Kim repeated 1906. Mayor Kim stated they had to have that in order to go through. Mayor Kim asked what it was called.

Roberta Stern stated sales.

Mayor Kim stated in order to go through the survey, which was late. Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern asked but then they responded later but before anything, they had to get that survey, and he was really happy that she found it.

Councilman Min asked if they didn't have any records of the deed of the property.

Mayor Kim stated they found out that the property was the borough's because there were no purchase sales records, but they still had to, in a backway, find out if it was still the borough's. Mayor Kim stated they needed proof and that was what was required from the county.

Roberta Stern stated in the document they got from the county, it showed the borough bought this property for thirty-seven hundred dollars.

Councilman Min stated if Roberta Stern recalled, this was already pointed as part of the master plan of 2025.

Mayor Kim stated no.

Councilman Min questioned if it was not because it was in the packet.

Mayor Kim stated they didn't talk about a master plan.

Councilman Min stated no, they pointed this out as the borough's property.

Mayor Kim stated to not go about it like that because it was confusing.

Councilman Min stated they pointed this property out in the master plan, saying that it was the property of the borough, but it was excluded from the developable land. Councilman Min asked if it was excluded.

Mayor Kim stated he didn't talk about master plans.

Roberta Stern stated Borough Planner Michael Kauker, who she depended on, didn't say anything to her about this being excluded from anything, she just knew that it was public property. Roberta Stern stated that was how the whole thing started, it was public property with no public use so that was why a decision was made to try and sell it and develop it, so the rest of that street got finished. Roberta Stern stated that street ended on the other side where Ridgefield started.

Councilman Min stated he wanted to leave this in the record. Councilman Min asked if Roberta Stern was saying this property was not in the recent master plan.

Roberta Stern replied she was not saying anything about that.

Mayor Kim stated they didn't talk about the master plan.

Councilman Min stated when they pointed this property out as the borough's property.

Roberta Stern and Mayor Kim stated it was on the tax records. Councilman Min stated he knew it was on the tax records. Councilman Min asked if they were supposed to have all the records, like titles and everything.

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Roberta Stern stated that was what they were referring to as the title search.

Mayor Kim stated he didn't understand why because they had it. Mayor Kim stated he got Councilman Min and that Councilman Min might have a good point.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't know what it was and he was talking about the master plan. Roberta Stern stated this had nothing to do with the master plan.

Mayor Kim stated they never talked about the master plan.

Roberta Stern stated she just said.

Councilman Min stated no, this property was in borough possession, so they were supposed to have all the records to back it up.

Mayor Kim stated they had the records.

Councilman Min stated no, they just got the records.

Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern just told Councilman Min and he didn't understand. Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern mentioned that she found out from the tax records. Mayor Kim stated that was the first step of saying this was the borough's property, they had to prove it. Mayor Kim stated they proved it over two hundred years later, and then they went to the county, but they couldn't find the title. Mayor Kim stated they had to do title search with a title company, and it didn't work. Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern was smart enough to call the county because they had the oldest records from the 1900s, 1800s, and then they found the title. Mayor Kim stated they didn't have a problem with the title or the deed.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the result of the survey was supposed to show complete proof this land belonged to the borough.

Roberta Stern replied no, the survey showed the meats and bones. Roberta Stern stated there was a description of the property, but they had to go out and put in different dimensional information.

Mayor Kim stated *<Indistinctly Speaking>* surveying a house.

Roberta Stern stated that was what a survey did.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she meant with the survey and asked if the deed didn't really show exact land.

Mayor Kim replied no, the deed exactly stated point four-four, point two-four Northwest "Blah Blah Blah".

Roberta Stern stated right.

Mayor Kim stated now, they needed a survey to say, "okay, let's draw it out". Mayor Kim stated when someone bought a property, they usually before they built, redeveloped, and they put estate. Mayor Kim stated that was part of the survey, so they needed that to definitely identify the boundaries.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated without the survey, they couldn't sell this property.

Roberta Stern stated they could sell it without a survey and she wanted the survey. Roberta Stern stated if the person who purchased this purchased it subject to having a survey then they would give the survey. Roberta Stern stated if they didn't ask for the survey, it was on the buyer. Roberta Stern stated it was legal for these things.

Mayor Kim stated legally, what dumb buyer would say – Roberta Stern interjected and stated she was trying to do everything.

Mayor Kim replied he understood Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated usually, when someone bought a property, they asked for the survey.

Councilman Shin stated he thought this could be the answer to what Councilman Min asked. Councilman Shin stated this property did not show up on the master plan.

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Mayor Kim stated he thought this was the master plan of this survey.
Councilman Shin stated right and Councilman Min stated the master plan, when they discuss about all the town properties, or the possibility of the – Mayor Kim interjected and stated the list.

Councilman Shin stated the possibility of the house.

Mayor Kim stated that was not a master plan and that was a list of all available.

Councilman Shin stated yes at that time this property was not there, and after that, it came out.
Councilman Shin stated that was his understanding.

Mayor Kim stated he would tell Councilman Shin exactly how this property came out. Mayor Kim stated he asked Michael Kauker, the planner, to give him all the available properties in Palisades Park. Mayor Kim stated he saw that, there was a lot of properties that they had, but the majority of them were not feasible to – Roberta Stern interjected for affordable housing.

Mayor Kim stated for affordable housing.

Councilman Shin asked if this was not in the affordable plan.

Mayor Kim replied no, with the affordable housing plan, they had to figure out what they could build with close to fourteen thousand square feet and amongst the residential areas. Mayor Kim stated they didn't want to harm the residential areas putting apartments there.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the master plan, *<Indistinctly Speaking>* mentioned this property at the end of the addendum exhibit. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it did say this was excluded because it was a wet land.

Councilman Shin stated yes, it was a wet land.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was what was specified in the master plan.

Councilman Shin replied right, that was what he was saying, it was not in the plan.

Councilman Min stated it was borough property, so they included it in the master plan, and the master plan said it was excluded from the area.

Mayor Kim stated it seemed like the council members kept information to themselves.

Councilman Min replied no, they did not but he hoped everybody had a master plan.

Mayor Kim stated he didn't have the master plan.

Councilman Min stated Mayor Kim read it.

Roberta Stern stated so, it was corporal.

Mayor Kim stated to just call *<Indistinctly Speaking>* and he didn't understand what Councilman Min was trying to do. Mayor Kim stated that was land that maybe two hundred years prior was bad, but at that time it was definitely land that they could develop into a nice residential area.

Roberta Stern stated quite frankly, if it didn't sell, it didn't sell. Roberta Stern stated it was that simple. Roberta Stern stated the appraiser felt it was a very developable property. Roberta Stern stated as she mentioned at one of the other meetings she had shown this piece of property to somebody who wasn't affordable, and when they saw it, they said they weren't interested. Roberta Stern stated just to see if they could put anything that would be included in 100% affordable to give them extra credit.

Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano if he wanted to give the council good information.

Roy Riggitano replied yes.

Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggitano.

Roy Riggitano stated they had the actual tax district number forty-five, which was the tax duplicate. Roy Riggitano stated clearly, it was block 734, lot 1. Roy Riggitano stated it was the borough's property, so they had every right to sell it.

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Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggitano.

Tax Collector Michael Apicella stated he just pulled a duplicate from 2019, but he could pull every single one and there was going to be a list of them.

Mayor Kim stated that was how they started. Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggitano and Michael Apicella. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions before moving on because time was of the essence. Mayor Kim stated it was the recommendation from the borough administrator that they should get this going because if they voted on this, they had a due date of trying to put it into their public auction. Mayor Kim stated it was a land that was discussed recently regarding why they had to do it. Mayor Kim stated he explained, they all explained it. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern if she would explain why they decided to sell this land.

Roberta Stern stated when they were looking at the properties that were listed on the tax map as borough property, a lot of them were small pieces of property that might be something that the next-door property owner might have wanted someday. Roberta Stern stated they were no use to the borough because they were not big enough to do anything. Roberta Stern stated this particular piece was large enough to do something. Roberta Stern stated there was an elderly woman at the end at number seven, who had a lot of trouble at her home so when Roberta Stern drove on the street she realized what this was, and she figured they should try to sell this and develop it. Roberta Stern stated it was really pretty simple and they finished the street. Roberta Stern stated as she said, the property line was very close, and Ridgefield was right next door, which she did not know until more recently. Roberta Stern stated she thought that whole street was the borough's, but it wasn't.

Mayor Kim stated this whole thing started when they were looking for valuable, available land to build and remedy issues. Mayor Kim stated their goal was to reduce the influx of additional residencies in the future. Mayor Kim stated they had a problem with the third round, they had no responsibility of that situation, but they took the responsibility of fixing the third round because the former administration didn't take care of remedying issues. Mayor Kim stated where they were looking, Borough Planner Kauker and Kauker showed that property. Mayor Kim stated they still had to take a look at that because that place was wet land, but the thing was if they developed – Roberta Stern interjected and stated it had a stream in the back.

Mayor Kim stated yes, it did, and he saw that too. Mayor Kim stated if they built, it would be a perfect, complete set of a residential neighborhood. Mayor Kim stated it was damp, dark, and dangerous, and no one maintained it. Mayor Kim stated there was no value for it, it has been like that since 1899. Mayor Kim stated those kinds of things would definitely make the neighborhood better, and also if they built residential homes there it would definitely reduce the flooding because it increased the capacity to take in water. Mayor Kim stated at that time it was just river stream, didn't look good, and was dangerous. Mayor Kim stated also, they could do tax ratables, something that they encouraged because they always needed tax income from other resources instead of the current residents. Mayor Kim stated that could definitely alleviate some portion of it, so it was a win-win situation. Mayor Kim asked the council members to make a motion to pass the survey because they needed the survey again.

Councilman Kwak made the first motion.

Mayor Kim stated they were doing this faster because they were running out of time. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern when she wanted to open up the public bid.

Roberta Stern asked the public bid. Roberta Stern stated the auction was the 26th, two days after their next meeting. Roberta Stern stated it was a week from that Thursday.

Mayor Kim stated yes, that was why Roberta Stern was trying to get this going, to get the survey done, because they still needed a survey.

Roberta Stern stated one way or the other they needed a survey.

Mayor Kim stated they couldn't make decisions at that point because they still needed a survey for that property.

Roberta Stern stated if they went to the public auction and they had somebody who bided on it and they accepted the bid, it was subject to all those things, as well as any other property that was transmitted. Councilman Min asked was it. Councilman Min stated he had a question. Councilman Min asked if that was the only reason why they were selling this property.

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Mayor Kim stated exactly what he said. Mayor Kim asked the council members if they wanted to say something else before they made this motion because Mayor Kim just put a motion on the table. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Kwak made a motion. Mayor Kim requested a second motion.

Councilman Kwak made a motion.

Mayor Kim asked if he could get a second motion from the council members.

Councilman Shin seconded the motion.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

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| Councilman Kwak | Yes |
| Councilwoman Lee | Yes |
| Councilman Min | No |
| Councilman Shin | Yes |
| Councilwoman Won-Yoon | No |

Sophia Jang stated the resolution received three “yes” votes, two “no” votes, and Frank Donohue was absent, therefore this resolution had passed.

Mayor Kim asked if there was a reason why the two council members did not want to pass this.

Councilman Min stated Mayor Kim clearly stated the month prior that selling this property was to cover the seven hundred seventy-five deficit that they were in. Councilman Min asked if now they had the solution internally.

Mayor Kim stated he didn’t know. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Min had a solution.

Councilman Min replied no, he was asking.

Mayor Kim stated to Councilman Min it seemed like he created problems. Mayor Kim stated he thought Councilman Min created problems and blamed it on everyone else.

Councilman Min stated to tell him what he knew.

Mayor Kim stated he would say on record to Councilman Min and asked Councilman Min to stop.

Councilman Min replied no, and asked Mayor Kim to not stop him.

Mayor Kim stated that was Robert’s Rule and to follow the Robert’s Rule.

Councilman Min asked Robert’s Rule.

Mayor Kim stated yes, the Robert’s Rule and Councilman Min should read it because he was all over the place. Mayor Kim stated right now, Councilman Min was not even letting him speak.

Councilman Min said go ahead.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Min. Mayor Kim stated at that time, they were in a situation. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was talking about emergency appropriation that had not passed in December or January. Mayor Kim stated it was a known fact that because there were two council members present that didn’t pass that emergency appropriation, they were in debt for 2026.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was not true.

Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon was going against Robert’s Rule and she had to let him finish. Mayor Kim stated she could say that was not true later. Mayor Kim stated he had records in his office, and he could make tons of copies on December and January. Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern could testify, and the borough clerk who was the record keeper, would know what votes the two council members, specifically the two council members who were arguing saying that there was something wrong. Mayor Kim stated to Councilman Min that he didn’t let him finish and Mayor Kim would give him all the time and wouldn’t say anything. Mayor Kim stated to just do this properly.

Roberta Stern asked what the point was.

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Mayor Kim stated it was on record in December, after many hours of explanation while they had to get this passed. Mayor Kim stated even the borough understood that two council members, Councilwoman Won-Yoon and Councilman Min said they didn't know what happened and no one told them about it, so they weren't going to pass it. Mayor Kim stated they all tried their best as professionals and asked to have this passed because it would create a deficit for 2026. Mayor Kim asked why they didn't pass it first because they all agreed to pay for it at that point. Mayor Kim stated by the way, he did not have the authority, he was the weak mayor versus the strong council. Mayor Kim stated he wished he had the authority, but he didn't, because the council required a majority of votes meaning four votes. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min, Councilwoman Won-Yoon, and Michael Kauker once said no and the council didn't pass it, so they didn't have enough votes. Then in January both council members abstained. Mayor Kim stated the professionals asked for this to be passed and they understood whatever the reason or problem they paid for. Mayor Kim stated the council members approved it and he did not approve anything. Mayor Kim stated he did not approve the spending or the claims. Mayor Kim stated he wished he could, but this was not a form of government like that, so they couldn't pass it. Mayor Kim stated they tried it again with two new council members, Councilman Kwak and Councilman Donohue. Mayor Kim stated he thought with the final recommendations from CFO Roy Riggitano, the borough attorney, and whatever other professionals that they could get the resolution passed with the DCA. Mayor Kim stated he was hoping they could get that passed so they could burden their residents less for 2026. Mayor Kim stated they were told what would happen if they didn't pass it, because the council approved to pass it. Mayor Kim stated now the council was saying they didn't want to pass it, which would reduce the capacity of the services for the public service that they would have to provide for 2026. Mayor Kim stated they also might have to consider cutting their employees. Mayor Kim stated it was such a big, monumental thing. Mayor Kim stated there was no one to blame. Mayor Kim stated the process was the mayor didn't approve expenditures. Mayor Kim stated there were three ways. Mayor Kim stated the town, and the municipalities used the expenditures. Mayor Kim stated first was lawsuits, there was nothing they could do about the lawsuits. Mayor Kim stated if someone sued the borough, they didn't need permission from the mayor, the borough administrator, or the governing body. Mayor Kim stated they automatically defended their borough entity. Mayor Kim stated they had two thousand seventy-two lawsuits, especially from their former employees, and that was a lot of bulk of the cost. Mayor Kim stated that was one thing that they had no control of. Mayor Kim stated second thing was settlements from the lawsuits. Mayor Kim stated they had their closed sessions, the council was all invited. Mayor Kim stated they all righteously and properly decided if they were going to settle them and the council members were all included on that. Mayor Kim asked the council if they knew about that. Mayor Kim stated every single month, a claim came out and the council approved the claims. Mayor Kim repeated it was not him, and he asked at that moment to pass the resolution, so they didn't hurt the people. Mayor Kim stated and yet, the two council members, Councilman Min and Councilwoman Won-Yoon said because they didn't like the process, and because they didn't know, they were not going to pass it. Mayor Kim stated it was recorded, so, he was asking the council at that time concerning the seven hundred seventy-five-dollar deficit. Mayor Kim stated he was going to go back to their talk, and he would let them talk. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min and Councilwoman Won-Yoon said what the council was going to do about it. Mayor Kim asked if they had some solutions and stated it was not always about the borough. Mayor Kim stated if the council denied it and they were in this situation, he expected the two to figure something out. Mayor Kim stated it seemed like, in his point of view, their reasoning for not getting that approved was improper. Mayor Kim told the council when they abstained, they were conducting their full responsibility as council members. Mayor Kim stated they were voted by the people and for the people to sometimes make difficult decisions. Mayor Kim stated it was prudent, and all the professionals, the attorneys, the CFO, and the auditor came to convince the two council members. Mayor Kim stated that asked that this was paid for because it was going to hurt the people, businesses, and public services.

Councilman Min asked at the last moment.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min just popped out. Mayor Kim stated it was okay. Mayor Kim stated to let him explain that at the end of the year, and Roy Riggitano explained to the majority of them that this was the time to do emergency appropriations. Mayor Kim stated it was not the end of the moment, and they couldn't do emergency appropriations until they found out that they needed to. Mayor Kim stated he was asking the council to not say no or abstain. Mayor Kim stated he was done.

Councilman Min asked Mayor Kim to say the three reasons why the DCA denied the resolution. Councilman Min asked for an explanation.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was asking him and asked if he was going to allow him to answer.

Councilman Min replied yes.

Mayor Kim stated the first reason was because Councilman Min and Councilwoman Won-Yoon denied and abstained, even though the borough begged for it. Mayor Kim stated the borough asked that they

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didn't abstain and to get it passed. Mayor Kim stated both Councilman Min and Councilwoman Won-Yoon said the proper procedure was more important than not hurting the people, which didn't make sense. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min and Councilwoman Won-Yoon could have fixed the problem after because the borough paid for it. Mayor Kim stated the council approved it, not him.

Councilman Min stated no, on the letter – Mayor Kim interjected and stated Councilman Min was not letting him finish. Mayor Kim stated the second time around he had been advised by the borough attorney and the CFO that whoever decided on the emergency appropriation was whoever was sworn in. Mayor Kim stated he asked for this to be verified, and it was. Mayor Kim stated that was when he decided to swear in the two new council members Councilman Kwak and Councilman Donohue, because they were more reasonable, and they understood how important this was. Mayor Kim stated he tried his best, and yet, on the second time around, instead of abstaining, Councilman Min and Councilwoman Won-Yoon, ended up voting no. Mayor Kim stated he still had no idea why the two council members said no when it was still hurting the people. Mayor Kim stated then they came to him asking what he was going to do about the \$775,000 expenditure. Mayor Kim stated he just didn't understand this. Mayor Kim asked why they couldn't figure things out together and why they had to fight like this.

Councilman Min stated Mayor Kim was still missing a couple of reasons as there were three.

Mayor Kim stated that was what he knew for the two reasons. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min to explain because it seemed like he called the DCA.

Councilman Min stated the DCA stated the Sine Die Meeting was improper. Councilman Min stated Mayor Kim's sworn council members could not vote on that.

Mayor Kim stated that was the second reason he said.

Councilman Min asked if it was the first reason.

Mayor Kim stated he only knew two reasons.

Councilman Min asked if it was the first reason.

Mayor Kim stated the first one was that Councilman Min abstained.

Councilman Min replied no.

Mayor Kim replied yes.

Councilman Min stated no, they needed four votes.

Mayor Kim stated they didn't get four votes.

Councilman Min asked why he didn't ask the DCA first.

Mayor Kim stated they didn't pass it. Mayor Kim stated to Sophia Jang to do him a favor, and to go outside. Mayor Kim stated they were going to be there all night. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to get this once and for all. Mayor Kim asked Sophia Jang to take out December's resolution on the emergency appropriation and to get copies for everybody here.

Councilman Min stated they happened to have three votes and sent it to DCA, knowing that this was not passed.

Mayor Kim stated to Councilman Min no, he was almost done, and he told him that this was recorded.

Councilman Min replied yes.

Mayor Kim stated it was voice recorded so he didn't know why Councilman Min was making things up.

Councilman Min asked making things up.

Mayor Kim stated the fact was that they did not pass the resolution the second time around because they thought they had enough to pass it, but they were wrong. Mayor Kim stated whoever the professionals were, were wrong. Mayor Kim stated on the first vote Councilman Min abstained, so the council couldn't pass it. Mayor Kim stated on the second vote, it was passed because the professionals told them it was

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okay to do that. Mayor Kim stated then, the DCA sent them a letter saying that new council members could not vote on this even though they were sworn in and they couldn't accept it. Roberta Stern stated that was the second one. Roberta Stern stated on the second one, when they passed it that night, both the borough attorney and the CFO said it was okay they had three affirmative votes.

Mayor Kim stated it wasn't enough.

Roberta Stern and Mayor Kim stated the council needed four affirmative votes. Roberta Stern stated that was the in-between. Roberta Stern stated that was for the three stages, that was it, and it was very clear.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was next.

Councilman Min stated the first meeting still required four votes. Councilman Min asked for the second reason that meeting failed. Councilman Min asked what the DCA said.

Mayor Kim replied they just talked about it.

Councilman Min stated he wanted to hear it from Mayor Kim.

Mayor Kim stated what he recalled was that the DCA said the meeting was improper.

Roberta Stern stated no, the DCA sent a letter that she gave to Councilman Min, because he asked for a copy which she provided him with.

Mayor Kim asked why they were talking about this.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't know.

Mayor Kim stated the point was that the whole thing was \$775,000. Mayor Kim stated it was not because he decided, but because the council members voted on it, and it was passed. Mayor Kim stated everybody knew that they were spending so much money on legal fees, especially when the Finance Committee, Councilman Min and Councilwoman Won-Yoon, were in the main of it. Mayor Kim stated to not blame anybody. Mayor Kim asked why they couldn't pass this. Mayor Kim stated they were still daunted, their budget was hurt at that time.

Councilman Shin stated to Mayor Kim he didn't think they could spend all of it like this.

Mayor Kim stated he knew that.

Roberta Stern stated this was a discussion that he just wanted to have.

Councilman Shin stated to let him tell Mayor Kim one thing. Councilman Shin stated he had his time, too. Councilman Shin stated they were talking about the procedures whether it was passed or not, but the truth was, why did they get into a deficit of \$775,000 dollars. Councilman Shin stated that was the negligence of the finance management. Councilman Shin asked who was responsible for that negligence of the – Mayor Kim interjected and stated time out to Councilman Shin.

Councilman Shin asked for Mayor Kim to not interrupt him. Councilman Shin asked if the first one, \$775,000, there was a legal piece of over-expenditure. Councilman Shin asked if there was over-expenditure of the garbage collection fee. Councilman Shin stated also, there was overuse of the tax settlements – Mayor Kim interjected and stated he knew.

Mayor Kim stated he was going to try to make Councilman Shin not get into trouble.

Borough Attorney Phillip Gernter stated they didn't discuss personnel in the Work Session.

Mayor Kim stated they could go into a Closed Session.
Councilman Shin stated he wasn't talking about personnel.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin just blamed somebody.

Councilman Shin stated he didn't blame anyone.
Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin just did and stated the financial department.

Councilman Shin stated he wasn't talking about the financial department.

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Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin just said that.

Councilman Shin stated no, he said it was finance management, and he never mentioned the finance department.

Mayor Kim asked finance management.

Councilman Shin replied yes, negligence of finance management.

Mayor Kim asked who finance management was and who was in charge of finance management.

Councilman Shin stated he didn't want to talk about it.

Roberta Stern and Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin couldn't talk about that.

Councilman Shin stated the October prior, when they increased the cap of the professional services, it was much more than their budget. Councilman Shin stated it was absolutely clear that they paid more than the budget for the legal piece.

Mayor Kim replied yes.

Councilman Shin stated everybody in that room, including Mayor Kim, councilmembers, even the CFO, should have known their expenditure of the legal fees should have been more than the projected amount. Councilman Shin stated second, for the garbage collection, their contract with the garbage company was more than 2.1 million dollars.

Mayor Kim stated it was 1.85 million dollars.

Councilman Shin stated as of November, they paid 1.9 million dollars. Councilman Shin stated the budget was for 1.9 million dollars, so automatically, including December, it should have been much more than the budget. Councilman Shin stated therefore there should definitely have been an over expenditure. Councilman Shin stated third, the tax settlement payment, they all agreed on – Mayor Kim interjected and asked tax appeal.

Councilman Shin replied yes, tax appeal. Councilman Shin stated they passed the tax appeals in the Executive Session, where they received all the recent details, and they passed the debt. Councilman Shin stated everybody should know the expenditure would be more than the budget and the income. Councilman Shin stated there shouldn't be a deficit. Councilman Shin stated everybody was responsible, they should know that it was common sense.

Mayor Kim stated it was common sense.

Councilman Shin stated since everybody was responsible for that over expenditure, they had to discuss how to settle or how to go over these deficit problems. Councilman Shin stated that was what they discussed. Councilman Shin stated who was wrong and what they got from the DCA were not the problems. Councilman Shin stated the problem was they used much more than their budget, when they had a budget set. Councilman Shin stated they used much more than the budget, so at this time, they had to discuss how they could get more money, figure out where to get it from, and how to use less. Councilman Shin stated that was what they had to do.

Councilman Kwak stated very briefly, for the community to know, where they were currently and what they were trying to do, even in that meeting, was to assess these problems. Councilman Kwak stated regardless of votes, regardless of situation, this was where they were, and when they had garbage situations going over the line in terms of the weight, and due to the fact their residents were also abusing, in some sort of way, their garbage and recycling services, Ordinances 2026-4 was a way for them to mitigate those problems for the future. Councilman Kwak stated he wanted them all, community-wise, to know that they were taking proper action, regardless of situation, to amend so that the community and the municipality remained a whole. Councilman Kwak stated regardless of all of this squabble, they were there now, and they were looking for solutions. Councilman Kwak stated these were the approaches that they were taking, and it was a defunct property that they were looking at in terms of it had no use, and nobody was looking at it. Councilman Kwak stated they were looking at that in a way not to alleviate for their budget, but in a way to add to the tax roll as well for the municipality. Councilman Kwak stated they would increase their tax roll and income for the municipality by doing this, which would also allow them to provide better services for residents. Councilman Kwak stated he hoped they understood that he just wanted to make that clear that whatever efforts they were making, it was so that they could provide better services to residents as well as work towards the future of what Palisades Park was coming to. Councilman Kwak continued due to the fact that they had so many more mandates with affordable

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housing, development, things that were required in the town. Councilman Kwak stated this was one solution or two solutions that they could see there in front of them that their government there was working towards providing a solution for residents rather than pulling from their pockets, which was an option on the table. Councilman Kwak stated they could have fired or lost people, they could have increased tax rates so that the municipality could have been whole. Councilman Kwak stated the mayor and him, and everybody else there on this board didn't want to do that to residents. Councilman Kwak stated they were working on options to mitigate that for the future. Councilman Kwak stated just so they knew, these ordinances and resolutions were in order to make sure that taxpayers, were not hurt. Councilman Kwak stated it was their responsibility. Councilman Kwak stated like he told them in January, it was his honor and privilege to work on this, for residents, and the responsibility was theirs, not the residents.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Kwak. Mayor Kim stated he was done now, he thought they spent more than enough time on the off consent that had been passed already. Mayor Kim stated they were talking about something else.

RESOLUTION 2026-98 Claims

Councilman Kwak asked CFO Roy Riggitano to just explain Resolution 2026-98. Councilman Kwak stated the only reason being was that he saw for their monthly expenditures it was a little bit higher but he was sure the CFO could clarify for them what the situation was.

Roy Riggitano replied yes.

Councilman Kwak stated and the current account.

Roy Riggitano stated the reason they would see it a little bit higher was that they did their notes sale, and what the notes were, were ordinances that were approved by two-thirds the vote, so everyone agreed to fix the roads, fix the building, whatever it might have been for. Roy Riggitano stated the first time, this was an operational aspect, and this was how they ran the municipality. Roy Riggitano stated forget the budget, forget about everything else. Roy Riggitano stated once the ordinance was approved by two-thirds vote, it took about 2-3 years and then they borrowed money. Roy Riggitano stated they never borrowed money unless they had to because they paid interest on that. Roy Riggitano stated that eight million dollars that came due was the notes for the last 2-3 years, that they renewed, and they would do permanent financing for, then they would do a bond sale virtual.

Mayor Kim asked if this capital fund was the old notes.

Roy Riggitano replied they were basically renewing them for a newer rate.

Mayor Kim stated yes, for a newer rate.

Roy Riggitano stated that was why they saw eight million dollars instead of the old six million dollars.

Mayor Kim replied right.

Roy Riggitano asked Mayor Kim if he could stop him for one thing that he had to add to the agenda.

Mayor Kim asked right now.

Roy Riggitano stated it was for the meeting. Roy Riggitano stated he had to do a resolution, and they weren't prepared that night. Roy Riggitano stated it was a transfer from the prior year's budget, where they did have some money. Roy Riggitano stated they wanted to cover, because now all of those were in, and that was why they had bills the week before. Roy Riggitano stated he had the auditor review them also. Roy Riggitano stated the next day, through the mayor, he would have everyone on the days have a copy of those transfers that he would like to have for the next meeting.

Mayor Kim stated get on top of that to Roberta Stern.

Roberta Stern stated Roy Riggitano had to give it to her.

Roy Riggitano said he was going to be transparent because they were not ready for that. Mayor Kim stated he understood but they would talk about it later. Mayor Kim stated he understood Roy Riggitano's intention, but they would talk in closed doors.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she could ask a question.

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Mayor Kim replied no, she could not. Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon was out of order and she had to talk to him.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated no, it was about this.

Mayor Kim replied she had to talk to him. Mayor Kim stated to please explain the right rules of order.

Councilman Min stated to Mayor Kim not to get mad.

Mayor Kim stated he was not getting mad, but the council members had been there almost three years. Mayor Kim asked the council members why they always went out of line.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated before Roy Riggitano disappeared, she had a question.

Phillip Gernter stated they were going into an Executive Session.

Mayor Kim stated Roberts Rule. Mayor Kim stated to just do it now.

Phillip Gernter stated right, Councilwoman Won-Yoon couldn't speak out when the mayor was speaking, and he would call her for a question.

Mayor Kim stated the council had to talk to him, and then he would talk to Roy Riggitano. Mayor Kim stated that was how it worked. Mayor Kim stated he understood that this was frustrating for the council, but someone had to keep this in order. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon what she wanted to ask him. Mayor Kim stated no, she had to look at him and ask what it was.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she didn't want to look at Mayor Kim.

Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon why she was getting angry at him.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied all she wanted was to ask a question.

Mayor Kim asked to explain what Roberts Rules was. Mayor Kim stated in this kind of situation, a council member asked – Councilwoman Won-Yoon interjected whether she looked at Mayor Kim or not was up to her.

Mayor Kim stated to just fix this.

Councilman Min stated for Mayor Kim to respect the council members. Councilman Min repeated that the mayor was demanding them to look at him when they spoke.

Mayor Kim stated no, this was not about respect for the council, they just had to be in order. Mayor Kim stated that was all he wanted and asked again to explain the order.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated Mayor Kim dismissed her. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she raised her hand, patiently waited for her turn, and Mayor Kim just dismissed her. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked Mayor Kim how she could respect him.

Phillip Gernter stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon had to keep her hand raised, the mayor would do his best to call on her.

Mayor Kim asked if it was correct for the council members to speak directly to an employee. Mayor Kim replied no.

Phillip Gernter stated right, Councilwoman Won-Yoon could not speak directly to the employee.

Mayor Kim stated he was the person who made sure that they were in order, and Phillip Gernter was making sure that he was doing the right job. Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon had to come to him and say that she had a question for Roy Riggitano. Mayor Kim stated he would request that Roy Riggitano come back up. Mayor Kim stated to start over again and to not get too angry. Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano to come back up again.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked exactly what they had to pay this money for now regarding the eight million dollar note. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated when she looked at it there was some notice, 2027, for the following year as well. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what resolution said that.

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Roy Riggitano stated good question. Roy Riggitano replied the answer was that the 8-million-dollar note would come to the next year, meaning it was a one-year note. Roy Riggitano stated they renewed it just then. Roy Riggitano stated they had notes from the previous year, and they paid that note as well.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if that was what this was.

Roy Riggitano replied yes. Roy Riggitano stated these were all ordinances that were, as he said again, non-political, and they were all for the benefit of the borough.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she saw.

Mayor Kim told Councilman Kwak to give him one second. Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon had a query, again.

Roy Riggitano advised Mayor Kim to call him, and he would be here.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she could ask about the claims.

Roy Riggitano replied if she had given him the details, he would have it for her the next day. Roy Riggitano stated to Councilwoman Won-Yoon she could e-mail him what her question was – Councilwoman Won-Yoon interjected and stated she thought every other council member should know.

Roy Riggitano stated everyone could see. Roy Riggitano stated those claims ran the town. Roy Riggitano stated unless Councilwoman Won-Yoon saw a person's name – Councilwoman Won-Yoon interjected and stated she understood.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated one thing that really frustrated her was when there was little internal control. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that really bothered her.

Mayor Kim asked for a page number.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was trying to look for it. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated page forty-four.

Mayor Kim repeated page forty-four.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated right for Vision Media.

Mayor Kim stated the last one. Mayor Kim stated the second to last one.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated second one, from the top. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it said \$4,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they had been paying this since January 2025.

Mayor Kim stated this was for two months.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated no, this was for every month.

Mayor Kim stated those were two months. Mayor Kim stated it was divided into two months. Mayor Kim stated look at the dates on the right.

Mayor Kim asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon saw the date. Mayor Kim stated January to February to March. Mayor Kim stated that was two months.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this was for March.

Mayor Kim stated he understood but to follow along with him. Mayor Kim asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon was talking about Vision Media.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied yes, Vision Media.

Mayor Kim stated this bill was from January 13, 2026 to March 11, 2026. Mayor Kim stated they approved this for \$2,000 a month, and Councilwoman Won-Yoon approved it to get this going. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she could finish.

Mayor Kim replied go ahead.

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Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she looked at the resolution, which they passed in November 2024, at a Special Meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it was Resolution 2024-267, Authorization of Professional Service Contract with Vision Media Marketing Inc.

Mayor Kim stated yes.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated when she looked at the contract, it was \$3,500 per month, but they had been paying \$4,000.

Mayor Kim stated no.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this was a part of the want of internal control.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't know at that time because they did pay Vision Media \$3,300 or \$3,500 and not \$4,000. Roberta Stern stated she would have to look and see, it was that simple, and she would find out.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated no, it had been \$4,000.

Roberta Stern stated they didn't pay them \$4,000 every month.

Roy Riggitano stated as far as internal control, for thirty years, they never had any fraud, or any abuse. Roy Riggitano stated he didn't know what internal controls were, and as far as he was concerned, they *<Indistinctly Speaking>*.

Mayor Kim stated he understood. Mayor Kim stated to Councilwoman Won-Yoon for them to do this. Mayor Kim stated they knew what that was. Mayor Kim stated the borough administrator and him would have to get an opportunity to figure out what Councilwoman Won-Yoon was talking about. Mayor Kim stated what was said there was the first ending date of January 13, 2026. Mayor Kim stated he didn't know what this was, but maybe it was two months or one month, who knew.

Roberta Stern stated they would find out.

Mayor Kim stated they would find out. Mayor Kim stated they were saying at Special Meeting Resolution 2024-267 said \$3,500, and they approved \$3,500.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was not it.

Mayor Kim asked what it was.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there were several other places that she found. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she didn't look at all of the invoices, she could just see that.

Mayor Kim asked what Councilwoman Won-Yoon meant.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they paid more than what they were supposed to pay.

Mayor Kim advised Councilwoman Won-Yoon to bring it then.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated these were the internal controls which were pointed out by the state.

Roberta Stern stated it was the same system.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated which they had to improve.

Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon was talking about internal control. Mayor Kim stated Roy Riggitano just said that they did an audit every single year. Mayor Kim asked if the auditor would catch any discrepancies.

Roy Riggitano replied yes.

Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggitano. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions.

Councilman Min replied yes, he had one. Councilman Min stated Resolution 2026-103.

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Mayor Kim stated they were still working on the claims. Mayor Kim asked if anybody had any more questions about the claims. Mayor Kim stated they would figure that out to Councilwoman Won-Yoon.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated page 18.

Mayor Kim repeated page 18.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she meant page 19.

Mayor Kim repeated page 19.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated PitaPats.

Mayor Kim stated he was about to ask that question, too.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated website management. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they had a resolution that their pricing was \$24,000 per year, which was \$2,000 per month. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what the \$200 payment was for.

Mayor Kim asked what PitaPats was.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied that was website management.

Roberta Stern stated because there were two different things he received money for, and she would be happy to get back to Councilwoman Won-Yoon to explain that to her. Roberta Stern stated she didn't think that was necessary. Roberta Stern stated the money was for what he was supposed to be getting paid for.

Mayor Kim asked if it was already in the budget.

Roberta Stern replied yes, it was something the website management person had done that was an extra service and they paid him for that.

Mayor Kim asked if it was approved.

Roberta Stern replied no, not the \$2,400, but the \$200 was. Roberta Stern stated it was a totally separate thing.

Roberta Stern stated the \$2,000 was what he was paid every month.

Mayor Kim asked every month.

Roberta Stern replied yes.

Mayor Kim stated the \$200 Roberta Stern was talking about then was in the claims. Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern could either prove it or not for that \$200.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated on page 21.

Mayor Kim repeated page 21.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she mentioned this before. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the Korean interpreter.

Mayor Kim stated yes, this was for the Borough Court.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated according to the salary ordinance, it was \$167.

Mayor Kim stated \$176.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated these were basically internal controls.

Mayor Kim stated to try to find out why it was \$200 instead of allegedly - Mayor Kim asked where the resolution was.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the salary ordinance.

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Mayor Kim asked the salary ordinance.

Roberta Stern stated there was a discussion a number of times about the fact that one interpreter was getting \$167, and the other one was getting \$200. Roberta Stern stated everybody should get the same thing. Roberta Stern stated that was what this was about, and in the new salary ordinance, there was a range from \$167.50 to \$250, just in case they increased. Roberta Stern stated they were covering the \$167 that people were getting paid, because they were getting paid that now.

Mayor Kim stated he remembered. Mayor Kim stated there was that situation where, how come one – Roberta Stern interjected and stated right he felt it was unfair.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was not the point.

Mayor Kim asked what it was.

Roberta Stern stated she knew, and she was sure.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they had to go by the salary ordinance they passed.

Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern said that she just passed the ordinance.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated Roberta Stern didn't.

Mayor asked about the salary range.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated Roberta Stern could not pass the ordinance.

Mayor Kim apologized to Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to know. Mayor Kim stated the borough administrator said one translator for the court was getting \$200.

Roberta Stern stated because it was a company.

Mayor Kim stated it was a company.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated no, it was not a company, it was a person.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't think this was an argument. Roberta Stern stated if Councilwoman Won-Yoon wanted to discuss it, they would get to the bottom of it. Roberta Stern stated she really didn't see why Councilwoman Won-Yoon had to play that game. Roberta Stern stated it was another game.

Mayor Kim stated they would get to the bottom of this, and they would put a note. Mayor Kim stated to Roberta Stern to do him a favor and send proof stating the reason why she sent the e-mail, and to write it for everybody with the reason why this was up \$200 from \$176. Mayor Kim stated because it was unfair, and she knew the story. Mayor Kim stated he remembered from before.

Roberta Stern stated because there was a discussion there. Roberta Stern stated she didn't care what they got paid – Mayor Kim interjected and stated it was there, and it was done there maybe the year prior.

Roberta Stern stated no, because one of the Korean people. Roberta Stern stated this came up because one person was getting more money. Roberta Stern stated the reason she got more money was because she was a certified Korean interpreter.

Mayor Kim stated that was right.

Roberta Stern stated the other person wasn't certified. Roberta Stern stated she got the extra money because she was qualified, and certified.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this really frustrated her to Roberta Stern.

Roberta Stern replied yes.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated Roberta Stern made some kind of different criteria to pay one way or the other. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated what she was talking about was they had to go by the ordinance that they passed.

Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon what she meant. Mayor Kim stated the ordinance was okay. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the Ordinance said \$167, meaning they had to go by it.

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Mayor Kim stated no.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated unless they changed it.

Roberta Stern stated the point was anything was going to be corrected if there was any problem. Roberta Stern stated they had a problem with a one dollar change in the pool ordinance, and they did that three different times for a dollar.

Councilman Kwak asked if that ordinance was a salary range from \$167 to \$200.

Roberta Stern stated it was in the one she prepared but what it was before. Roberta Stern stated all she was saying was, this went back to a few different things, and she just thought this conversation was a little unnecessary because when they did hire the new person, everybody asked why this person was getting more. Roberta Stern stated the reason they got more was because they were certified and they had qualifications that demanded more money to take the job. Roberta Stern stated if this kept going back and forth, she was not part of it.

Mayor Kim stated to let him ask a question. Mayor Kim asked from \$176 to \$200, was it within the range.

Roberta Stern stated now it was in the range – Mayor Kim interjected and stated he was not asking Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Mayor Kim stated to Councilwoman Won-Yoon was out of order. Mayor Kim stated to see how she just popped in and out. Mayor Kim stated they would be there all night if Councilwoman Won-Yoon kept on doing this. Mayor Kim stated he just wanted to get this done. Mayor Kim stated he was asking the borough administrator the question. Mayor Kim asked what the range was to Roberta Stern.

Roberta Stern stated hold on one minute to Mayor Kim.

Mayor Kim stated if Roberta Stern could find it at that time, that would be nice. Mayor Kim stated if it was not, he would want her to write an e-mail, telling him what the range was. Mayor Kim stated the \$200 at that time was going over the range. Mayor Kim stated to let him just ask the borough attorney if it was within the range. Mayor Kim asked if whatever the borough administrator did she have a right to decide because she was more qualified. Mayor Kim asked if he might ask the borough attorney that question, yes or no. Mayor Kim asked the borough attorney if Roberta Stern needed permission from the governing body to say she wanted to increase it.

Phillip Gernter replied as long as the ordinance gave a range, and it was within that range.

Roberta Stern stated they did not have a range.

Mayor Kim asked Phillip Gernter if he could speak a bit louder. Mayor Kim stated he needed to ask a legal question for an answer. Mayor Kim asked Phillip Gernter if it was within the range, did the borough administrator have the authority to increase it for her own reasons.

Phillip Gernter replied yes. Phillip Gernter stated if it was within the range and not outside the ordinance range, then the person in charge, in this case, the borough administrator – Mayor Kim interjected and stated for a \$24 difference, did Roberta Stern have to tell the borough attorney and the majority party to get the votes to do that.

Phillip Gernter replied no, that was why they had a range.

Mayor Kim thanked Phillip Gernter. Mayor Kim stated go ahead, just continue on to Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Mayor Kim stated they were talking about \$24. Mayor Kim asked what else.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she could ask again. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what the current salary ordinance stated for the interpreter. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if there was a range.

Roberta Stern replied the current 2026 had the salary range of \$167.50 to \$250.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated no, that was not what they passed. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was talking about the current one.

Roberta Stern stated the current one did not have a range.

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Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated right, it did not have a range.

Roberta Stern stated right.

Mayor Kim asked and.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't hire the person. Roberta Stern stated this was a court appointed person, this was not up to the borough administrator, whether it was in the salary ordinance or not.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she thought Roberta Stern missed the point.

Roberta Stern stated no, she thought Councilwoman Won-Yoon missed the point.

Mayor Kim stated to stop.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the point was, they passed a salary ordinance and then their payment was different. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked why.

Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon just said that there was no ordinance with this translator.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there was an ordinance that specified \$167.87.

Mayor Kim asked if it was \$167.87 flat.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied flat and was processed.

Mayor Kim stated he was talking about the range.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated no, it was not ranged. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that interpreter was not – Mayor Kim and Roberta Stern interjected and stated there was. Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon was out of the line again. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern to just send this e-mail and get it done. Mayor Kim asked if they had to make this a grandstanding and argue all night.

Roberta Stern replied no, she didn't think so.

Mayor Kim stated they would resolve this by e-mail. Mayor Kim stated to follow up to Roberta Stern and talk to Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Mayor Kim stated by the following week's meeting, he hoped this was all resolved. Mayor Kim stated this was not the place or venue to make this argument. Mayor Kim stated they didn't look good when they did this. Councilman Min began to say something, but Mayor Kim interjected and stated to see how he just popped up like that.

Councilman Min stated it was Work Session.

Phillip Gernter stated right, but he thought just in terms of the council members to calm down and move on and get through this and go home as well. Phillip Gernter stated he understood they wanted the record. Phillip Gernter stated to get the answers, and then the next meeting they would be back up and discuss. Mayor Kim stated before the Regular Meeting, they would solve this problem. Mayor Kim stated to not grandstand and make them all look bad. Mayor Kim stated to remind the council members they were also expansible, too. Mayor Kim stated they couldn't blame somebody because they were voting. Mayor Kim stated they were one of six, two of six, three of six, four of six, five of six, and six of six council members who had duties. Mayor Kim stated they were not here to blame anyone. Mayor Kim stated they had to make sure that they all worked together and make sure that they all didn't get into trouble. Mayor Kim thanked the council members. Mayor Kim asked if there was anything else concerning the claims. Mayor Kim stated he had some claim questions, too. Mayor Kim stated he would like to ask Roy Riggitano to get some information. Mayor Kim stated on page number four. Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggitano. Mayor Kim stated Roy Riggitano could write it down because he had quite a few.

Roy Riggitano stated he didn't have anything.

Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano if he had piece of paper.

Roy Riggitano asked <indistinct> to take down notes.

Mayor Kim stated yes, Sophia Jang could, probably.
Sophia Jang asked if Mayor Kim wanted her to him something she had.

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Mayor Kim replied yes. Mayor Kim stated he was going to start on page 4. Mayor Kim stated if they looked at Borough of Palisades Park Interfile to Afford Security, that was for \$5,000. Mayor Kim stated if they couldn't answer right now, please answer it on his e-mail.

Roy Riggiano asked Mayor Kim to hold on.

Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggiano. Mayor Kim repeated on page 4.

Roberta Stern asked which one.

Mayor Kim stated it was a little bit down-way half. Mayor Kim stated it said, "Interfile to Afford Security." Mayor Kim stated it was for \$5,000. Mayor Kim stated Found Property Trust \$5,000. Mayor Kim stated he just wanted to know what this was about.

Roberta Stern stated that was a transfer of the money. Roberta Stern stated to Roy Riggiano if she wasn't mistaken, Michael Apicella had explained that was the \$5,000 that they owed somebody and it was taken from the wrong account. Roberta Stern stated this was putting it back where it belonged.

Mayor Kim asked who took it from the wrong account.

Roy Riggiano replied he didn't know off the top, but he would get it to Mayor Kim.

Mayor Kim stated figure out why that was.

Roberta Stern stated Michael Apicella had explained it to her because she asked him about that one.

Mayor Kim stated good. Mayor Kim stated another question was on page number 6, way at the bottom, it said, "Chase Manhattan Bank." Mayor Kim stated he didn't know they used Chase Manhattan Bank.

Roy Riggiano stated Chase Manhattan Bank was a depository trust company. Roy Riggiano stated to Mayor Kim he was right, they didn't use the bank itself, but the bonds were sold – Mayor Kim interjected and stated he understood. Mayor Kim stated it was from Chase Bank.

Roy Riggiano stated it was.

Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggiano. Mayor Kim stated on page number 7, if they went all the way down, it read "County Open Space Trust Fund" for \$170,000. Mayor Kim stated this was what they were paying county taxes for.

Roy Riggiano stated right, that was the county stature.

Mayor Kim stated he was okay with that. Mayor Kim stated on page number 8 it said, "Crossing Guard Services." Mayor Kim stated when they looked at Ex-Guards, it seemed like they were employed from December 11, 2005 to March 5, 2025. Mayor Kim stated he didn't know if that was a period. Mayor Kim stated it said first date and then it said received date. Mayor Kim stated he didn't know what that meant. Mayor Kim asked when they placed these two dates over here on the claims, did that mean a term of the claim.

Roberta Stern replied no.

Roy Riggiano replied no, it was the date of service.
Mayor Kim repeated date of service.

Roy Riggiano stated of the invoice that was received by the police department, signed off, and given to them for payment.

Mayor Kim asked if it said how long the bill was for.

Roberta Stern replied no.

Roy Riggiano replied for this, no, not at all.

Mayor Kim stated it wouldn't, he understood. Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggiano for a favor. Mayor Kim stated they had been using ex-guards for the police because it was a better deal. Mayor Kim stated he recalled everybody said it was a better deal hiring a third-party crossing guard company because they still gave the opportunity for the local residents to participate, get paid, be part of the community, and make

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sure there were crosswalks. Mayor Kim stated additionally, they took care of everything, so they didn't have to worry about it. Mayor Kim stated the police department didn't have to manage that. And third, the price was competitive. Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano for a favor. Mayor Kim stated they had been using crossing guard services for a while. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to compare whatever it was monthly. Mayor Kim asked if it was the same month. Mayor Kim stated to see how much they spent versus using their local guys versus using ex-guards. Mayor Kim stated at that time there was one problem. Mayor Kim stated he knew Roberta Stern, and he forgot to add that the reason why they hired was because there weren't enough local people that wanted to participate.

Roy Riggitano stated yes, that was much of the reason, and they were putting police officers making \$150,000 there, instead of fighting crime, which obviously included protecting the children as well. Roy Riggitano stated that was where they were going on the post.

Mayor Kim asked Roy Riggitano to just do him a favor, and to let him know that they were doing okay with the finances.

Roy Riggitano replied yes.

Councilman Shin began to ask a question.

Mayor Kim stated he was almost done and apologized. Mayor Kim stated on page number 9, Elite Realty Associates Affordable Housing Administration, came out to thirty-three three three. Mayor Kim asked what that was about. Mayor Kim stated it said budget legal OE.

Roy Riggitano stated it was a legal bill coming in for the affordable housing.

Mayor Kim asked if he could get a copy of that.

Roy Riggitano replied yes.

Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggitano. Mayor Kim stated to mark that down. Mayor Kim stated on page 10 Fairview Tire Co. for \$1,231.80. Mayor Kim stated if he looked at it, it said Fairview Tire Co., and obviously it had to be a tire company, but it said description, budgets, streets and roads. Mayor Kim asked if it was maybe part of a DPW tire exchange.

Roberta Stern stated it was probably tires that DPW needed.

Mayor Kim stated get him a copy of that, too to Roy Riggitano. Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggitano. Mayor Kim stated on page 13 it said, "Leaf Capital Funding." Mayor Kim stated he was assuming they were cleaning leaves, but he didn't know. Mayor Kim stated it said fifteen forty-eight. Mayor Kim stated it was coming from the administrative executive. Mayor Kim asked what that was.

Roberta Stern stated it was something from the Borough Clerk's Office. Roberta Stern stated Leaf was deceptive, it had nothing to do with leaves. Roberta Stern stated that was the name of the company. Mayor Kim stated he would like to get an invoice on that.

Roy Riggitano asked if it was for fifteen forty-eight.

Roberta Stern replied yes, it was one of the services.

Mayor Kim stated because it said "Leaf", that was why it was kind of confusing.

Roberta Stern stated that was why she asked Jack Bellezza, but she didn't remember what he told her.

Mayor Kim stated put that in there. Mayor Kim stated on page 14, it read Vismar Realty Rental Property Parking Lots. Mayor Kim asked if they paid a parking lot. Mayor Kim asked which one it was again.

Roy Riggitano replied that was the rental. Roy Riggitano stated Mayor Kim got contracts on them.

Mayor Kim asked for the location because he forgot.

Roy Riggitano stated this one was the Lima.

Mayor Kim asked Lima.

Roy Riggitano asked which one.

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Roberta Stern stated she thought it was the one on Broad Avenue.

Mayor Kim asked Broad Avenue.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't think it was the gas station.

Mayor Kim stated Henry Street.

Roberta Stern stated it was not the gas station.

Mayor Kim stated that was the answer, they didn't need that. Mayor Kim stated Materas Nursery. Mayor Kim stated the question he would like to ask was that it seemed like the PO date was August 20, 2025, unless there was an error. Mayor Kim stated that was way too old. Mayor Kim stated he was trying to figure out what happened. Mayor Kim stated he wanted an invoice for Materas Nursery because it said the PO date was August 20, 2025, but it seemed like it has been trying to process on March 13, 2026.

Roy Riggitano stated yes.

Mayor Kim stated the other thing was on page 15. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to know information about MRA International to Roberta Stern and Roy Riggitano.

Roy Riggitano stated that was for the internet. Roy Riggitano stated that was a shared service with Bergen County.

Roberta Stern stated that was their internet with the county. Roberta Stern repeated that was the shared service with the county. Roberta Stern stated that was who they paid, it was Bergen County's vendor but that was who they paid.

Mayor Kim asked if Bergen County was who they were using at that time.

Roberta Stern replied right, as part of the shared services.

Roy Riggitano replied the shared services.

Mayor Kim repeated the shared services. Mayor Kim stated how about the one right below. Mayor Kim stated it said "MSI Technology Computer Maintenance Contract."

Roy Riggitano stated it was for the police department, and it said it right there.

Mayor Kim stated he didn't need that, so forget about that. Mayor Kim stated all he wanted was to see the MRA International.

Roy Riggitano asked Roberta Stern if she got that.

Roberta Stern replied yes.

Mayor Kim stated on page 19, if you went down it said, "Pennoni Associates Incorporated." Mayor Kim stated there was a considerable amount of \$64,731. Mayor Kim stated to make sure what these services were to Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated he believed some of them were not completed correctly with Pennoni. Mayor Kim asked if they used Colliers.

Roberta Stern replied no.

Mayor Kim asked what these were.

Roberta Stern stated what happened was, when they appointed a new borough engineer, there were four parts to some of the proposals. Roberta Stern stated the site plan, were prepared for some things. Roberta Stern stated then there was another section that talked about the construction. Roberta Stern stated there was a big packet, and they did a pre-construction meeting on it. Roberta Stern stated it was broken down into sections, so, they had paid them through the work that they did. Roberta Stern stated everything that was on that day for Pennoni was because they were not their engineer anymore, Colliers would be completing the work. Roberta Stern stated the construction inspection, for instance, for 1st, 2nd, 4th, and Highland, had not been completed. Roberta Stern stated everything but that had been completed. Roberta Stern stated they had just started construction. Roberta Stern stated Colliers was doing that part of the contract. Roberta Stern stated it was not different, and it was the same amount of money that was in the other one, but they were completing it. Roberta Stern stated there were some instances where Colliers found some mistakes with Pennoni, so they had to do something, but they were not doing the same work.

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Roberta Stern stated every one of the grants that they got, or any one of the bond ordinances that they had, including 1st, 2nd, 4th, and Highland which was a bond. Roberta Stern stated they did that. Roberta Stern stated they did 1.24 million, whatever.

Mayor Kim asked Roff or Highland.

Roberta Stern apologized.

Mayor Kim asked again Roff or Highland.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon answered Highland.

Mayor Kim repeated Highland. Mayor Kim stated he thought Roff was included too.

Roberta Stern stated when they asked Colliers to prepare for that, part of it was the actual plans, so they had to go out, survey, and they created the plan for doing the roads. Roberta Stern continued that they came up with the specs, they had to do a bid process, and when that was all done and the people started doing the work, somebody had to be the inspector on the site.

Mayor Kim stated he understood.

Roberta Stern stated now, Colliers was at the point where on two of the things they saw that night, they were continuing from the beginning. Roberta Stern stated they were not redoing anything. Roberta Stern stated the only thing they were doing from scratch was the new one, which was Fiscal Year 2025 that Pennoni never did. Roberta Stern stated Fiscal Year 2024, they were doing the bid with the borough clerk and then they would be doing all the inspection. Roberta Stern stated they paid Pennoni, and they still owed them some money, but there were some problems with some of their invoices. Roberta Stern stated they only paid Pennoni, in the proposal, the stages that they had finished.

Mayor Kim stated good because they didn't want to pay double.

Roberta Stern stated they were not paying double.

Mayor Kim stated he knew that Pennoni couldn't complete certain things, or couldn't make it correctly, so Colliers or Boswell would make sure they would edit it, make sure everything was complete and proper. Mayor Kim stated didn't mean they were going to charge double.

Roberta Stern stated no.

Councilman Shin tried to ask a question.

Mayor Kim stated he would get it to him and to wait. Mayor Kim stated he was almost done. Mayor Kim stated he wanted a copy of the invoice from Pennoni for \$3,350. Mayor Kim stated it said, "Professional Surface Renders for Computer System Office EQCR."

Roberta Stern stated Roy Riggitano could explain that.

Roy Riggitano asked which one.

Roberta Stern stated under Pennoni, there were two things that didn't make much sense. Roberta Stern stated these were other bonds that had money in them and Roy Riggitano was paying these bills from those bonds.

Roy Riggitano stated that was right.

Mayor Kim stated he got it, but the computer system, he didn't know why – Roy Riggitano stated it was not a computer. Roy Riggitano stated they ran out of money under that ordinance, so they were going to be funding it that year with another ordinance to keep the project running.

Mayor Kim stated he wanted to see a copy of this because he couldn't understand why it was under Pennoni. Mayor Kim stated the next thing he wanted to ask was on page 20. Mayor Kim stated it said "Pita Pats" again. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern what she said PitaPats was again.

Roberta Stern stated PitaPats was their - Sophia Jang stated website. Roberta Stern stated website. Roberta Stern stated it got a thousand – Mayor Kim interjected and stated he got it. Mayor Kim stated it was starting to make sense. Mayor Kim stated he didn't know what PitaPats

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was. Mayor Kim stated if they went down to Ruderman and Roth on the same page in the middle, it was for \$25,826.67. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to see every single invoice of this. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to know exactly what it was for. Mayor Kim stated the last but not least, was on page 22, for Top-Floor Elevators. Mayor Kim stated he wanted them to receive Top-Floor Elevators for twelve-o seven eighty-five and also he wanted to see the inspections for two sixty-nine, seventy. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to see those invoices so he could see a comparison. Mayor Kim stated that was about it. Mayor Kim stated one more was on page 24. Mayor Kim stated if they went to <indistinct>. Mayor Kim stated this was very important, and it was a good thing he caught it.

Roberta Stern asked which one.

Mayor Kim replied on page 24, it was the second to the last page.

Roberta Stern replied yes.

Mayor Kim stated it said seventeen, sixty-four, o-seven. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to know every single employee that had a phone number, cellular count, under the borough's usage. Mayor Kim stated to Roberta Stern he wanted a name to that phone number. Mayor Kim stated last but not least, was on page 25, for Weber Dowd Law. Mayor Kim stated it said board of November 2025. Mayor Kim stated it was okay, he didn't need that. Mayor Kim stated it went to the budget library.

Roberta Stern stated yes, he was for the library.

Mayor Kim stated he got it. Mayor Kim stated he definitely wanted to know every single phone number related to who the borough gave that phone number to. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin for his patience and stated go ahead.

Councilman Shin stated now, he had three questions but let him make this short. Councilman Shin asked if they were still getting the invoices for the works done in 2025. Councilman Shin asked in March, was there any invoices for the work of 2025.

Roy Riggitano asked which one.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin asked if there were any more outstanding invoice for that year.

Roberta Stern stated that they were still paying in March.

Roy Riggitano stated he couldn't guarantee it. Roy Riggitano stated to Mayor Kim look what happened in February with those <indistinct>. Roy Riggitano stated no guarantee, that was why they were doing the transfers.

Mayor Kim stated go ahead to Councilman Shin.

Roy Riggitano stated he hoped not, but he wouldn't know until everyone knew.

Councilman Shin stated Roy Riggitano hoped but he believed it was coming, that they paid. Councilman Shin asked if it was put in the 2025 budget.

Roy Riggitano replied yes, that was why they were going to charge and do transfers.

Councilman Shin asked how they could estimate the expenses they used in 2025. Councilman Shin asked bills came in April or May from 2025, did they have to pay from the 2025 budget.

Roy Riggitano replied yes.

Councilman Shin asked if they could expedite it or invite the bidders to issue their invoices in January or March.

Roy Riggitano stated he would love to but if there was a settlement in court they would have an over expenditures. Roy Riggitano stated they never knew how much the expenditures would cost – Mayor Kim stated he thought Councilman Shin was specifically referring to vendors, not settlements or lawsuits.

Councilman Shin stated yes. Councilman Shin stated if someone did work for the town, they had to issue or send an invoice in ninety days. Councilman Shin asked if they could do this.

Roy Riggitano stated they would try it.

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Councilman Shin stated if they received an invoice from 2025 in May or June of that year, they still had to pay. They would then have to calculate the budget based on the actual use of 2025. Councilman Shin stated then when the invoices came and they paid, then what would happen. Councilman Shin stated if they wanted to be accurate, and use of money in 2025, they had to set up the budget based on the use of 2025. Councilman Shin stated but if they didn't have the actual amount of the 2025 use, how could they be exact or accurate for the 2025 or 2026 budget. Councilman Shin stated that was what he was saying. Councilman Shin asked can they put an *<Indistinctly Speaking>*, or something like that. Councilman Shin stated you had to send an invoice within six or nine days after the work.

Roy Riggitano stated they could do that.

Mayor Kim asked if he could speak to Councilman Shin.

Councilman Shin stated to let him finish, as he waited to speak.

Mayor Kim asked what else.

Councilman Shin stated the second thing was when it came out – Councilwoman Lee interjected and apologized. Councilwoman Lee asked Councilman Shin if she could talk.

Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Lee was next.

Councilwoman Lee stated she just wanted to get Roy Riggitano's answer. Councilwoman Lee asked was it a yes or no.

Mayor Kim replied Roy Riggitano said he would.

Roy Riggitano replied they would.

Councilwoman Lee asked he would what.

Mayor Kim repeated he would what.

Roy Riggitano stated they were going to try to make sure, when the services were rendered, that they received an invoice within ninety days.

Councilwoman Lee stated Councilman Shin's question was if all the invoices from 2025 had been collected. Councilwoman Lee asked if the answer was yes or no.

Roy Riggitano replied no, he couldn't guarantee it.
Mayor Kim stated that was a problem.

Councilwoman Lee stated the problem with that answer was, they should have been able to know whether all of the expenses incurred in 2025 had been invoiced or not. Councilwoman Lee asked if they didn't know whether all the invoices have been collected, did that mean they didn't know all the expenses that were incurred in 2025. Councilwoman Lee asked how the answer could be they didn't know.

Mayor Kim stated there was no control system there. Mayor Kim stated he totally agreed with the two council members. Mayor Kim stated as a mayor, he was going to request the finance department, with the CFO or whoever was working there, that they create a policy.

Councilwoman Lee stated right, the policy should be that there should be a purchase order created and sent for every expense that was approved to be incurred. Councilwoman Lee stated when they tracked the purchase order number, they could tie it to an invoice so that they could tell whether they had received an invoice or not. Councilwoman Lee asked that they took that into consideration. Councilwoman Lee stated they could move to the next question.

Mayor Kim stated as a mayor, he was going to request the finance department to make sure that they called all their vendors and made sure the purchase orders matched exactly what they said. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to delegate the responsibility to the finance department to call all their vendors and say, "Listen to me, folks. 2025 is about to end. 2026 is about to end. Exactly what Councilman Shin said, you got three months. You better pay or we're going to get into trouble, so you better give me all your bills because we're responsible. Why? Because we have to answer to the governing body."

Councilwoman Lee stated yes, they had to give them the deadline by the end of the month.
Councilwoman Lee stated all the invoices for 2025 had to be collected. Councilwoman Lee stated going

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forward, no expense should be incurred unless they had a purchase order issued by the finance department. Councilwoman Lee stated so that they could internally track whether an expense had been invoiced or not. Councilwoman Lee stated they should not be relying on their vendor to tell them whether they owed them.

Mayor Kim stated yes.

Councilwoman Lee thanked Mayor Kim.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't know because she didn't work with Edmunds, but she was just thinking they could find out if there was something in that system because every time an invoice came in, a purchase order was created. Roberta Stern stated under the new system, each of the departments were able to do it, so it didn't get backlogged because they could do their own. Roberta Stern stated they had all been taught how to enter in their own invoices on Edmunds.

Councilwoman Lee stated right, but her point was a purchase order should be issued before an invoice is issued by the vendor.

Mayor Kim stated yes.

Councilwoman Lee asked if that made sense.

Mayor Kim replied yes.

Roy Riggitano stated the purchase order was always issued first.

Roberta Stern stated yes, it had to be.

Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Lee was correct.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't know if it was possible, but in Edmunds if something had not been paid within a certain time, if there could be a category that stated they didn't receive an invoice yet. Roberta Stern stated it was a very sophisticated system.

Mayor Kim stated the bottom line was, the governing body and everybody at the *<indistinctly Speaking>* had to agree it was his prerogative to request the finance department to make sure all the vendors were stating that they would have to pay their bills on time or the borough was going to get into trouble. Mayor Kim stated they did not wait for the vendors to give them the bill. Mayor Kim stated they called them and gave them notice that this was their policy. Mayor Kim stated if they didn't give it to the borough within three months, or before the end of the year, they were going to have a big problem. Mayor Kim stated they might have to use this invoice for the next fiscal year. Mayor Kim stated he thought they all agreed on that. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin.

Councilman Shin stated he had two more questions.

Mayor Kim stated yes.

Councilman Shin stated the second question was to the borough attorney.

Mayor Kim stated to go for it.

Councilman Shin stated this was a consequence of the question Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked. Councilman Shin stated they hired one interpreter, his offer was \$175 per hour. Councilman Shin stated they passed the professional ordinance for \$175, for just one interpreter. Councilman Shin stated then the interpreter got involved in a traffic accident, and he was in the hospital. Councilman Shin stated they had to hire a new interpreter who had asked for \$200. Councilman Shin asked if they should pass a new ordinance increasing the salary and increasing the hourly.

Phillip Gernter replied in that case, yes, because there was an emergency acceptance. Phillip Gernter stated they needed one right there that day. Phillip Gernter stated if Councilman Shin was asking, in general if they needed a new ordinance to establish the salary that the council was going to give the interpreter.

Councilman Shin stated they just hired one interpreter. Councilman Shin stated that time, they exactly matched the amount for \$167. Councilman Shin stated they had to hire one more interpreter, and he was asking for a little more than that. Councilman Shin asked if they should pass a new ordinance.

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Phillip Gernter replied right, if it went over the resolution as is, then yes. Phillip Gernter stated but in an emergency situation – Councilman Shin interjected and asked if it should be by the ordinance.

Phillip Gernter replied per to raise the salary.

Mayor Kim stated if there was an ordinance that said exactly \$175, then they had to create another ordinance. Mayor Kim stated Phillip Gernter was correct, absolutely.

Councilman Shin stated they should know.

Mayor Kim stated they would figure that out. Mayor Kim stated he wanted Roberta Stern to follow through with the research, check out what the ordinances were, check what the salary ranges were, and report back. Mayor Kim stated to just send him an e-mail.

Councilman Shin asked if they had to keep the salary range in a big chart and include the table.

Roberta Stern stated as she said in the 2026 ordinance, which they were going to pass or would be passing shortly, there was a range for the interpreter. Roberta Stern stated starting at what the person was making because they had to cover what the interpreter was making. Roberta Stern stated then they raised it to \$250 just in case and that person was making too much. Roberta Stern stated it was in there.

Roberta Stern stated she would show Councilman Shin that.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin was not talking about that and he had a point. Mayor Kim stated just to clarify, it was not about the claims. Mayor Kim stated it was the fact that if there was an ordinance for \$175, even if the borough administrator didn't have the ordinance, it was her liberty. Mayor Kim stated he would be really honest with Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated that was what she said. Mayor Kim stated however, if there was an established ordinance, they had to change the ordinance. Mayor Kim asked what Councilman Shin's other question was.

Councilman Shin replied this question was for another resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026-103 Authorization for Improvements to 1st, 2nd, 4th and Highland Streets

Mayor Kim repeated 2026-103.

Councilman Shin stated yes, it was for the – Roberta Stern interjected and stated 1st, 2nd, 4th, and Highland.

Councilman Shin asked 1st, 2nd, 4th, and Highland.

Roberta Stern replied right, construction inspection services.

Councilman Shin stated right. Councilman Shin asked if they passed the resolution for Pennoni already.

Roberta Stern replied yes.

Councilman Shin stated Pennoni's quotation was \$52,000. Councilman Shin stated now, they were hiring for discontinued, incomplete work. Councilman Shin stated they had to hire Colliers at \$72,750. Councilman Shin stated there should be some duplicated work or increased amount. Councilman Shin stated this was a problem, and they could not afford it. Councilman Shin stated the town was in a financial emergency situation. Councilman Shin stated it was like the Middle East War. Councilman Shin stated they were in an emergency, and they had to find out if there was any way not to use that and find less use and more savings.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin had a very good point and he agreed with him. Mayor Kim stated again, he was going to reiterate what Councilman Shin said. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Shin if he wanted to talk some more.

Councilman Shin stated Ordinance 2025-201. Councilman Shin stated this was exactly the same work given to Pennoni for \$52,000. Councilman Shin stated this was Resolution 2025-201 from June 23, 2025.

Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Shin could say the resolution one more time. Mayor Kim asked what the resolution was called again.

Roberta Stern replied Resolution 2025-201.

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Councilman Shin replied Resolution 2025-201 dated June 23rd.

Mayor Kim repeated June 2025. Mayor Kim stated he just wanted to add on top that Councilman Shin had a very good point.

Councilman Shin stated he had two things.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin. Mayor Kim stated like he said before, if their former engineer didn't do a good job according to what the borough administrator said, but he did complete it. Mayor Kim stated there was some things missing, some things that needed to be added, and some things that had to be removed. Mayor Kim stated those kind of costs should not be a cost of a whole new work. Mayor Kim stated now, the same thing that he wanted to ask for Resolutions 103, 104, 105, 106. Mayor Kim stated for those resolutions he did some point comparisons. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern if she could explain how their current engineer Colliers based their price on this.

Roberta Stern stated when they applied for a grant, they had to get an estimate of when it was.

Mayor Kim stated to forget about everybody else. Mayor Kim stated he was asking Roberta Stern.

Roberta Stern stated when they applied for a grant, in order to get the grant, they had to provide an estimate from the engineer about the cost of the project. Roberta Stern stated once that was set, the engineers who were going to give them a proposal for preparing everything for that grant normally had 10 percent. Roberta Stern stated it was written at the bottom of the proposal, and it stated an additional 10 percent.

Mayor Kim asked if Roberta Stern meant Colliers.

Roberta Stern replied from anybody.

Mayor Kim asked from any engineer.

Roberta Stern replied from any engineer, whether she used Neglia, Boswell, or someone else.

Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern was saying that was the standard industry practice that it was 10 percent on top of what the total estimate cost was.

Roberta Stern stated that was right, and that was the soft cost for their work. Roberta Stern stated in most cases, if something was \$289,000, they would see that the engineer's proposal was for \$28,000. Roberta Stern stated if it was \$230,000, then it was \$23,000. Roberta Stern stated now with that being said, when Colliers took over some of Pennoni's work, particularly the road work, they felt that they had not estimated correctly the price for the job. Roberta Stern stated she was not paying for anything that Pennoni already got paid for, but going forward, if they felt there was additional work because they felt that it was underestimated by Pennoni, their part of doing it might have been a little bit more money. Roberta Stern stated if they looked at Collier's RFQ, their hourly rate was cheaper than Pennoni's was, per person.

Mayor Kim stated to let him ask a question to Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated according to Roberta Stern, what Pennoni worked on. Mayor Kim asked if it was 1st, 2nd, 4th, and Highland. Mayor Kim asked if this was for the drains.

Roberta Stern replied mostly for the drainage and then paving.

Mayor Kim stated for the drain, that poor residents did not have. Mayor Kim stated a drainage in one side. Mayor Kim stated it was incredible to the council. Mayor Kim stated it was like this, in one side where all the new duplexes were, there was no drain. Mayor Kim stated of course, there was going to be flooding. Mayor Kim stated they were trying to reduce the flooding of the town. Mayor Kim stated first of all, he didn't like the fact that Resolution 2026-103 didn't break down what 1st, 2nd, 4th, and Highland Street project would cost. Mayor Kim stated they just put a total amount of \$72,750. Mayor Kim stated like other resolutions, 104, 105, 106, he would like for them to categorize because they placed everything together. Mayor Kim stated they still needed to identify how much each costed because it was \$72,750. Mayor Kim stated it seemed pretty expensive. Mayor Kim stated he knew there was four. Mayor Kim stated if they looked at Resolution 2026-104, it said Colliers submitted a proposal for \$19,750. Mayor Kim stated this was specifically for the 12th Street trio, the trio that was a short street. Mayor Kim stated he believed it was the Palisades.

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Roberta Stern stated yes.

Mayor Kim stated if they looked at the back, like Roberta Stern said, 10 percent up top, was the soft cost. Mayor Kim stated it said that it was \$174,896. Mayor Kim stated for that amount, he was asking almost \$20,000. Mayor Kim stated to look at Resolution 2026-105. Mayor Kim stated for this one, Colliers asked for close to \$26,000. Mayor Kim stated this one said the soft cost was roughly \$50,000 and Roberta Stern was saying that it was probably about 10 percent up top. Mayor Kim stated he could understand what Roberta Stern was trying to say, because it did make sense. Mayor Kim stated however, when he compared notes, \$250,000 for \$26,000 and that was about 15,000 square feet of the road. Mayor Kim stated \$175,000 was about \$20,000 and that was about 300 to 400 feet of the road. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to know what their standards were because when Roberta Stern told him it was going to be a soft cost, 10 percent on top, that was fine, but then there was going to be some kind of minimum cost. Mayor Kim stated this was because it didn't make sense when they were saying this was going to cost \$175,000, and he was going to put 10 percent soft cost of \$20,000. Mayor Kim stated but for the road, one was 15,000 feet long, and the other one was about 250 to 450 feet long. Mayor Kim stated he needed Roberta Stern to ask this specific question to Colliers, "What is your standard, what is your rate? What is the most minimum cost?" Mayor Kim stated even though they put a 10 percent on top, it didn't make sense to him why unless there was so much more work to be done at 12th Street trio, which was really just a dead-end road. Mayor Kim stated why did Colliers say it was \$20,000.

Roberta Stern stated sure.

Mayor Kim stated he thought he had a very valid question. Mayor Kim stated that was why he was asking what the minimal charge for each project was. Mayor Kim stated maybe Colliers was like, "It doesn't matter if it's 50 feet long, we're going to have to give you a bottom base." Mayor Kim stated still, it didn't make sense because Collier's contract said per hour. Mayor Kim stated he wanted Roberta Stern to find out why the price was like this. Mayor Kim stated even the other ones as well and to try to find out why one costed \$26,000 when it involved 1,500 feet long road retaining work, and why the simplest job, which was 12th Street, only 300 to 400 feet long, costed \$20,000. Mayor Kim stated it didn't make sense to him. Mayor Kim stated he was done with that.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she had a similar question. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated let her just clarify because she had a slightly different question.

Mayor Kim asked for the resolution number.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated to go back to Resolution 2026-103.

Mayor Kim repeated Resolution 2026-103.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she looked at the contract from Resolution 2025-201. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it had a scope over from Pennoni. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it said survey, entering surveys and so on, construction face service which was \$10,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated when she looked at Resolution 2026-103 and looked at the scope of the service it said, "construction and observation administration service." Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was for the \$22,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it sounded like it was better to use Pennoni to finish the job. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated when she looked at Resolution 2026-104.

Mayor Kim asked Resolution 2026-104.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied yes, for the scope of service. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it included design and meetings as construction service. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if that was with Pennoni, because she believed they had a different resolution from the year prior.

Roberta Stern stated Pennoni just gave her the estimate to apply for the grant, which was part of the general engineering.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was fine then.

Mayor Kim asked what there was to ask about.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated what Roberta Stern was saying was, Pennoni never did any work under this.

Roberta Stern stated in other words, if they didn't do anything else, and if they didn't get the grant, part of the general engineering that the borough paid them a certain amount every month included giving her estimates to things.

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Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that answered one of her questions.

RESOLUTION 2026-105 Authorization for Improvements to Broad Avenue from Edsall to Washington

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated if they looked at the scope of services again, that was construction and observation administration services. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that meant Pennoni did some work, and they had a resolution from the year prior. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated Pennoni did the design and all the rest of the work, so the only matter was construction. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if that was what that meant.

Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon was asking for Resolution 2026-105, and how much Pennoni did the work for, because she was kind of curious why it costed so much money. Mayor Kim stated it was \$25,000, if Pennoni didn't do the work.

Roberta Stern stated she would go back and look at each one of those.

Mayor Kim stated this was the time at the Work Session. Mayor Kim stated sometimes the borough administrator could not answer right now.

Roberta Stern stated she was trying to explain how they were broken down because this was not the first time she had ever seen a contract from an engineer. Roberta Stern stated anytime she had a road, any proposal that came in whether they were doing the money through a bond or doing the money through a grant. Roberta Stern stated the engineer broke it down, that was the way they charged. Roberta Stern stated for instance, when she got a bill from Pennoni, it would show on the invoice. Roberta Stern stated say they got \$25,000 for just doing the surveying and the site plans. Roberta Stern stated when they had only done half of that, the borough paid them for half of that. Roberta Stern stated when they had completed it, the borough paid them the balance. Roberta Stern stated if they didn't complete a job, the borough didn't pay that portion of it.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she understood better and asked Roberta Stern to find out.

RESOLUTION 2026-106 Authorization for Improvements to Broad Avenue from Oakdene to Edsall

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked did she – Roberta interjected and stated this was brand new.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon repeated this was brand new. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it said designing grant admission and asked if that mean that later on Colliers was going to have another proposal for observation during the construction. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked was that what that was.

Roberta Stern replied no. Roberta Stern stated the last one, Oakdene to Edsall, was her last for 2025. Roberta Stern stated she thought it was 2025.

Mayor Kim stated it was 2025.

Roberta Stern stated they didn't have anything on that one.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated no, they did have a resolution the year prior, and it was Resolution 2025-340.

Mayor Kim asked what it was called again. Mayor Kim apologized.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied Resolution 2025-340.

Mayor Kim repeated 2025-340.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it said Edsall Avenue and Oakdene Avenue. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was the project from Pennoni.

Mayor Kim stated that was right.

Roberta Stern stated Pennoni never did that. Roberta Stern stated they didn't start that project.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated but they passed this resolution.

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Roberta Stern stated they might have passed it, but the work wasn't done. Roberta Stern stated they didn't use them anymore.

Mayor Kim asked if they spent that money.

Roberta Stern replied no.

Mayor Kim asked if there were any other questions.

RESOLUTION 2026-109 Approving Temporary Borough Wide Free Parking After 6PM

Councilman Min asked if this was free parking.

Mayor Kim replied yes.

Councilman Min stated he had a question for the attorney. Councilman Min asked if they could legally suspend an ordinance with a resolution.

Phillip Gernter replied yes, they could create a new ordinance and legally suspend a resolution and create an ordinance like one – Roberta Stern interjected and stated it was a test basically.

Phillip Gernter stated but doing that needed test days – Mayor Kim interjected and stated David Lorenzo. Mayor Kim stated someone was getting coached.

Phillip Gernter stated it was a test day they were going to do with that exact pen date there.

Councilman Min asked Mayor Kim if that comment was to him.

Mayor Kim replied no, he was just talking to himself.

Phillip Gertner stated *<indistinctly Speaking>* Councilman Min wanted to put an ordinance and they wanted to pass it, *<indistinctly Speaking>* if an ordinance was there, they were just simply removing it.

Councilman Min asked was it legally okay to say they were suspending the enforcement.

Phillip Gernter replied right.

Councilman Min stated looking at the metrics of measurement, once this investigation was over, and the pilot program they were trying to do which helped the local business. Councilman Min asked what the actual metrics of measurement were that indicated they were helping.

Mayor Kim stated to Councilman Min if he didn't mind, this was not a question for legal. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min had to ask the police department and Mayor Kim as well before he moved it over to the police department. Mayor Kim stated it was a recommendation from the police chief and the director to not make a permanent ordinance. Mayor Kim stated they tried it out with the resolution because they did want to make a purpose. Mayor Kim stated he really encouraged the council to approve this because they had to give it a try. Mayor Kim stated as they knew the stores weren't doing too well, and they all knew why. Mayor Kim stated the stores were having a really bad problem at that time with the economy and they were really hurt. Mayor Kim stated they all decided to try to reduce this and give them some positive encouragement and see how well it worked. Mayor Kim stated however, they were all uncertain. Mayor Kim stated himself, Councilman Shin, the whole police department, the director, the committee, and even Councilman Donohue, who was not here, were not really sure that, even though this seemed like a good idea, and they had to try it out to see if it was really effective and helpful for the merchants and the stores. Mayor Kim asked why. Mayor Kim stated because they were not really sure how this was going to turn out to be. Mayor Kim stated it might be abuse of residents or people that wanted to just park there and not visit the merchants, and they might just use it. Mayor Kim stated it might have been counterproductive because sometimes merchants might have needed those parking spaces, and they would be parked there for hours. Mayor Kim stated this was why it became a resolution. Mayor Kim stated this was why Article 5 - they would just try it out. Mayor Kim stated this was in the beta phase, like they understood, for three months. Mayor Kim stated to Phillip Gernter that was why he was curious of the resolution.

Phillip Gernter replied yes, absolutely.

Councilman Min asked if they were still going to limit the two-hour parking.

Mayor Kim asked limit the two-hour parking. Mayor Kim stated it was free parking for anybody, as they knew. Mayor Kim stated from 6PM it was free for anybody who parked. Mayor Kim stated they were

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hoping that it would bolster and improve people because that was when it was really busy, and that was when people wanted to say, “Wow, there’s free parking. Let’s go to that restaurant. Let’s go to over here.” Mayor Kim stated they wanted to encourage the merchants. Mayor Kim stated this was something they talked about.

Councilman Min asked again if they were going to limit two-hour parking.

Mayor Kim replied no, this was free.

Councilman Min asked if they could park there until whenever.

Mayor Kim replied yes, they talked about that with the police department. Mayor Kim stated it wasn’t his own decision. Mayor Kim stated they all decided, and discussed if they should do two hours, but then, they left it at two hours and then what, give them one hour. Mayor Kim stated at that time, this was a beta phase, just to see how this worked. Mayor Kim stated if they went, “You know what, we might have to do two hours” because somehow, they would find out there was an abuse, then they could do that. Mayor Kim stated they all decided, the police department and the committee, that they would give three hours to see how it worked. Mayor Kim stated this was not permanent, this was something that they hoped would help the commerce, but they had to make sure that this was not being abused.

Councilman Min asked for three months.

Mayor Kim replied for three months, yes. Mayor Kim stated ending June 30, 2026.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated Mayor Kim answered her question.

Mayor Kim stated he got it. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions about the resolutions.

Councilman Shin stated he wanted to add, in the police committee, they discussed that issue. Councilman Shin stated this time, they just solved the typical, traditional way to make some time by using the chart. Councilman Shin stated it needed manpower and it was not very efficient. Councilman Shin stated rather than using that manpower, they decided to do a lot three hours. Councilman Shin asked if the public could do a maximum of three hours. Councilman Shin stated so they could do that. Councilman Shin stated furthermore, as they knew, personally, he went to some of the Fort Lee businesses, but they were very crowded and the business was very good. Councilman Shin stated while the business in Palisades Park was going down, even though, especially, there was 1 more issue *<indistinctly Speaking>*. Councilman Shin stated business was going down, and they were trying to find out some way that they could help. Councilman Shin stated the business owners were the members of their town so they were trying to find out what they could do. Councilman Shin stated the best thing the police committee could think of was free parking and improving the parking problem. Councilman Shin stated they put some science guiding the parking spaces. Councilman Shin stated they had some more parking places like the backside of Anthony’s Pharmacy. Councilman Shin stated they had other municipal parking places like the front of the Pine Plaza, too. Councilman Shin stated a lot of the visitors did not know and they didn’t even know whether there was municipal parking space or not. Councilman Shin stated the borough was trying to put some big signs which visitors could see so they could alleviate some of the parking problems. Councilman Shin stated that was what he thought. Councilman Shin stated if there were any issues or any ideas that could help the business in Palisades Park. Councilman Shin stated if there were any councilmembers, ordinances, or people, to not hesitate to contact them. Councilman Shin stated he wanted to do whatever he could to help the business of Palisades Park.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin.

Councilman Min stated in addition to that, they had a couple methods to pay at the parking meter. Councilman Min asked were they going to notify on the kiosk, the program for free parking. Mayor Kim replied yes.

Councilman Min asked what about the text message.

Councilman Kwak replied on the app, through the app.

Mayor Kim stated they could do that. Mayor Kim stated they would use all forms of communication to allow people to understand. Mayor Kim stated even on their website. Councilman Min stated whoever was visiting from outside of the town, who did not periodically check the website, who didn’t get notified, they would come in – Mayor Kim interjected and stated they would figure it out.

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Councilman Shin stated they would put that on the town website, too. Councilman Shin stated they would find out some more ways to advertise the implemented free parking in Palisades Park, too. Councilman Shin stated Palisades Park was getting better and better which was what he wanted.

Mayor Kim stated that was right. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions.

RESOLUTION 2026-113 Authorizing the Amendment of the Retirement Date (Re: M. Messing)

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what the justification of this change was.

Roberta Stern replied when Marc Messing originally turned in his retirement, he did it at a certain date. Roberta Stern stated it was incorrect for him with them. Roberta Stern stated they had to make sure that they would be doing it at the same time. Roberta Stern stated in other words, when Marc Messing first did this, there was a settlement. Roberta Stern stated she was not going to go into that part of it, but this was just something that had to be done to clean the record, so there would be no more problems. Roberta Stern stated if they would like to know, she would talk about it privately but not in an open session.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this was basically a change of settlement. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was why she was already – Phillip Gernter interjected and stated no, this was just trying to find a record for an agreement on the exact retirement date. Phillip Gertner stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon could close the book on that, there was no change on any settlement numbers or anything like that.

Councilman Min stated he had a question regarding when they helped Marc Messing submit his – Mayor Kim interjected and stated Councilman Min just went over him.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was done.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min couldn't ask a question to Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min could ask him, so they could just commit to it.

Councilman Min stated he was asking a question to Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Mayor Kim replied yes but could Councilman Min just tell him that he wanted to ask a question. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min if he could do that for him. Mayor Kim stated to give him a little respect, that was it.

Councilman Min stated to correct him if he was wrong, but when there was a settlement, Marc Messing was supposed to send in his retirement letter at a certain date. Councilman Min asked if Roberta Stern recalled when Marc Messing turned in his retirement letter.

Roberta Stern replied no, she didn't have the file in front of her, and she was not going to talk about a personnel matter.

Councilman Min stated he knew it was a personnel matter so he – Mayor Kim interjected and stated it was a personnel matter.

Roberta Stern stated she was not going to discuss it.

Councilman Min stated he just wanted to know the date.

Mayor Kim stated that was not a problem. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min would get that date in his email, and not in public. Mayor Kim stated they were not getting another lawsuit. Mayor Kim stated unless Councilman Min wanted to get a lawsuit, but he would rather not. Mayor Kim stated this was personnel. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to add these two resolutions. Mayor Kim stated to council members, he realized they missed one. Mayor Kim stated he believed he discussed it with Councilman Shin, and to correct him if he was wrong. Mayor Kim stated the DPW would like to get some part-time employees because a lot of people were leaving. Mayor Kim asked if that was okay. Mayor Kim asked if the borough administrator, borough clerk, and borough attorney could make a note. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to add a resolution to open, interview, and hire DPW workers part-time.

Roberta Stern stated there was going to be another one for the following week because – Mayor Kim interjected and asked what she meant another one.

Roberta Stern stated another one for the DPW that was going to have something to do with Kenneth Bruno leaving. Roberta Stern stated this was something she discussed with the mayor, and they were

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going to have a meeting the next day to talk about it. Roberta Stern stated after that meeting, if that meeting went well, there would be another resolution next – Mayor Kim stated to write the e-mail explaining it to the council members and not explain there. Mayor Kim stated it involved personnel so they couldn't talk about it there, but she had to explain that before she brought this up.

Roberta Stern replied yes.

Mayor Kim stated good. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to add one more resolution, for part of the mayor's appointment 111. Mayor Kim stated maybe Roberta Stern could put it together there. Mayor Kim stated to just add. Mayor Kim stated he needed to add in another member for the Rent Leveling Board, they would give them the invitation to who that was on an e-mail. Mayor Kim stated they would have two people for the mayor's appointment 112. Mayor Kim stated he was pretty much done. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions.

Councilman Kwak replied the tree removal at the library. Councilman Kwak stated he guessed they should talk about that.

Mayor Kim advised Councilman Kwak to go ahead.

Councilman Kwak stated there was going to be a renovation project coming up maybe June, or July for the library.

Roberta Stern stated they had already done part of it.

Councilman Kwak replied that was correct. Councilman Kwak stated getting approved and started going. Councilman Kwak stated they were going to rework on the face of the building, some leakage, things like that. Councilman Kwak stated the stucco was very old in the building so there was a lot of water leakage, and water penetration into the building. Councilman Kwak stated in order to preserve it, they had a project to add some new metal sliding and things like that. Councilman Kwak stated one thing that they did need to do in order for that project to get started was they needed a tree removal through the DPW to remove one of the really tall trees that was along by the telephone pole line on the right-hand side facing the library.

Roberta Stern asked if she could have that conversation in her office the next day with Councilman Kwak.

Councilman Kwak replied sure.

Roberta Stern stated that had not been brought up by the architect.

Councilman Kwak stated correct, that was why he just didn't know if he could bring that up now.

Roberta Stern stated no, because it wasn't part of anything that was discussed with the architect. Roberta Stern stated she was surprised the borough engineer hadn't mentioned it because she knew he just placed in a bill for his work on this and they were going to go out to bid. Roberta Stern stated they contacted the borough clerk to set up the bid dates for the stucco work. Roberta Stern stated if that tree removal had something to do with the stucco work, then the architect had to be clear about it.

Councilman Kwak stated sure.

Roberta Stern stated tomorrow she would reach out to Edward Arcari and ask him about the tree.

Mayor Kim stated he didn't know how the relationship with the library versus the DPW, but their former relationship using *<Indistinctly Speaking>* was that they took care of the library to a certain extent. Mayor Kim stated if there were some additional jobs the library required for their help, they usually provided the library a cheaper rate. Mayor Kim stated it was by the hourly rate, and they would purchase the products and stuff, so they provided benefits to the library. Mayor Kim asked to also check out that option as well.

Roberta Stern stated she just wanted to know if this was part of that million-dollar project. Roberta Stern stated if that tree removal had to do with the stucco job, it should be part of that.
Mayor Kim stated it should be part of it.

Roberta Stern stated it was not separate.
Mayor Kim replied no.

Councilman Kwak stated yes. Councilman Kwak stated it was beholden on them to remove it, obviously, in terms of, through DPW if possible. Councilman Kwak apologized.

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Mayor Kim stated yes, DPW serviced the library and the borough charged them. Mayor Kim stated the library liked borough services because it was cheap.

Roberta Stern stated there were some trees the DPW did not take down because of their size or if there were wires and therefore, they would bring in an outside contractor.

Councilman Kwak repeated outside contractor.

Mayor Kim asked if that was it to Councilman Kwak.

Councilman Kwak replied no. Councilman Kwak stated he just had a few other things, if possible, if they could start working on this.

Mayor Kim stated absolutely, go ahead to Councilman Kwak. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Kwak to wait and asked if this was beyond the – Councilman Kwak replied yes, he would speak about that later.

Mayor Kim stated that was when Councilman Kwak would get his report. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Kwak could either talk then or save it.

Councilman Kwak responded he would save it.

Mayor Kim stated it was Councilman Kwak's choice, he could talk twice if he wanted to. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions about the consent resolution. Mayor Kim stated he thought they did a pretty good job with the consent resolutions. Mayor Kim stated they would move on to the council reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Lee stated she would provide an update the following week.

Councilman Shin reported the following week, the police director and chief would report. Councilman Shin stated for the DPW, the most critical issue these days in the town was the pothole problems. Councilman Shin stated he got three to five complaints every day whenever he went out so that was very critical. Councilman Shin stated he had discussed with the Deputy Superintendent of the DPW Charlie Chung.

Mayor Kim stated Charlie Chung was always there.

Councilman Shin stated they would fix the potholes. Councilman Shin stated believe it or not, in Palisades Park, they had eighty-nine streets. Councilman Shin stated they had to check and take care of all eighty-nine streets and find out how many potholes each street had and where they had to fix. Councilman Shin stated they would set up a detailed schedule to fix the potholes. Councilman Shin stated they assured they would fix all the potholes before the trees became green. Councilman Shin stated their target was by April 20th, and the public would not see any potholes by April 21st.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin. Mayor Kim asked if that was it. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to add to that. Mayor Kim stated he wanted everybody to know there were certain levels of requirements to fill a pothole. Mayor Kim stated the DPW did a fabulous job with whatever they had and whatever they could give. Mayor Kim stated it was certain DPW members that knew how to do it and others just didn't. Mayor Kim stated it was very unfortunate. Mayor Kim stated he was hoping as they brought in new part-time recruits for DPW, the seniority did not hold their skill set to themselves and then retired with it but taught the next generation how to fill a pothole. Mayor Kim stated the DPW could manage small potholes, but as Councilman Shin could see, there were some potholes that really required equipment the DPW did not have. Mayor Kim stated he would hope that Councilman Shin would talk to Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated he thought Roberta Stern had a plan about hiring some professional guys to handle the big ones, because if a proper job wasn't done, and they didn't have the equipment, a lot of rubble on the street would clog up the sewer line. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin for the deadline. Mayor Kim stated he knew Councilman Shin was getting heard.

Councilman Shin stated there were two ways, cold patch and hot patch. Councilman Shin stated they used to do just the cold patch.

Mayor Kim stated they did hot patches.

Councilman Shin stated they didn't have a hot patch machine.

Mayor Kim stated they borrowed it.

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Councilman Shin stated they borrowed hot materials from the stores so when it became cold, they learned and brought to the town and fixed the potholes. Councilman Shin stated that was the way they had been doing it, and it was a very inefficient way. Councilman Shin stated even this time, that hot patch company in Fairview didn't have the hot patch material yet and they started to keep their inventory from April 1st. Councilman Shin stated that was the reason why he put April 21st. Councilman Shin stated he discussed with the borough administrator and deputy superintendent at the beginning, that they would buy the hot patch from that company and if there were any problems, they would improve – Mayor Kim interjected and stated with a private contractor.

Councilman Shin stated he would discuss that with the borough administrator.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin. Mayor Kim stated to not forget, they did have their shared service agreement with the county to rent the hot box for a very cheap price.

Councilman Shin stated the hot patch machine was \$40,000.

Mayor Kim stated he knew but they had their shared service agreement that they all approved to borrow the county's hot patch. Mayor Kim stated to Roberta Stern to work on that. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin for a good thing. Mayor Kim stated he knew Councilman Shin was suffering, because he was getting calls too.

Councilman Shin stated he got the complaint that morning *<indistinctly speaking>* was broken.

Mayor Kim stated they had to do it fast. Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern and Councilman Shin were on top of it. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin.

Councilman Shin stated they had too many roads already.

Mayor Kim repeated he got Councilman Shin.

Councilman Min stated he did not have anything to report.

Councilman Kwak reported for the recreation department, he just wanted to post and show the council they would have the Easter Egg Hunt Breakfast on March 28th at the Palisades Park High School from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Councilman Kwak stated they were going to have some bagels and refreshments for everybody in the community. Councilman Kwak stated the Easter Bunny would be there, a great icon for the community. Councilman Kwak stated they would have entertainment, and some really good stuff. Councilman Kwak stated to bring families and friends, as it was for residents, and there was no entrance fee. Councilman Kwak stated they were also working on Memorial Day as well. Councilman Kwak stated Roberta Stern had been so diligent and working hard to find a marching band so that they could have a really nice proper way to honor all the service members and everybody involved during the upcoming Memorial Day. Councilman Kwak stated like he spoke about with the library, they were also working on a lot of programs and renovating the face of the entire building and working on the roof. Councilman Kwak stated there also might have been a HVAC problem because there was a piece of plywood holding an air conditioning unit. Councilman Kwak stated they were going to work on exploring different options at the best cost because they did have some registers there, so maybe they would reroute the duct work instead of adding a new unit which would cost the municipality significantly less. Councilman Kwak stated regarding the library, they had some events coming up. Councilman Kwak stated they had some great adult programs that were coming up. Councilman Kwak stated March 19th was Paint Your Own Shamrock, which was that Thursday from 6:30PM to 7:30PM. Councilman Kwak stated they had a Teen Movie Night for anybody who had some teenagers in the family, on March 26th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM.

Mayor Kim asked where.

Councilman Kwak replied at the library. Councilman Kwak stated they also had Teen Game Night on March 30th from 5:00PM to 6:00PM and Teen Advisory Group on March 24th from 3:30PM to 4:30PM. Councilman Kwak believed this was a great service to have conversations with teenagers who were maybe going through something or just needed to have a nice discussion to unload. Councilman Kwak stated they had a lot to provide at the library from the recreation center regarding Korean adult language programs. Councilman Kwak stated these community departments were really working hard to provide as much as possible for the community, whether it be for Korean or for English. Councilman Kwak stated he wanted it to be known, there was a residential complaint where they felt like it was almost Korean-forward with the library. Councilman Kwak stated they were working to make sure everyone was included, Spanish, English, Korean, everybody because that library was not Korean. Councilman Kwak stated that library was for everybody, as it was a U.S. library. Councilman Kwak stated he would discuss

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some things later but for the street festival, he was working on, if approved, potentially having alcohol sales on that day, and having a nice closed-off area so they could have some adult beverages. Councilman Kwak stated he was also working on coordinating with Uber and Lyft, so the community had a safe driving program. Councilman Kwak stated maybe they could designate a parking lot to have everyone leave their cars overnight just for that day, have it be picked up, then Uber and Lyft would perhaps give discounted rates if they were in Palisades Park so that everyone could get home safe. Councilman Kwak stated that was just some things that they were working on here. Councilman Kwak stated speaking of Broad Avenue and the downtown district, there was a grand opening he just saw of "Sundaes Best", which was a gelato-ria, over on Broad Avenue.

Mayor Kim asked when the grand opening of Sundaes Best was.

Councilman Kwak answered it was already open and was running. Councilman Kwak stated it was across the street from Paris Baguette. Councilman Kwak stated if they took a look, it was a beautiful, really well-designed little dessert shop, and asked everyone to please go and support.

Roberta Stern asked if Sundaes Best had an official opening.

Councilman Kwak replied he was sure they would have an official opening. Councilman Kwak stated he thought they were doing a soft opening, but it was already running. Councilman Kwak stated he saw people going in and out, so they had maybe a soft opening already and they were operating. Councilman Kwak stated that was it.

Mayor Kim asked about the World Cup Soccer.

Councilman Kwak repeated World Cup Soccer. Councilman Kwak thanked Mayor Kim. Councilman Kwak stated they were working on a really great program. Councilman Kwak stated there was also going to be another great community for the World Cup, but they were working into having it. Councilman Kwak stated Roberta Stern had been working constantly on that to secure some location. Councilman Kwak stated he believed it would be at the high school, and they might have it indoors at the gym or the auditorium where they could all watch the games. Councilman Kwak stated it would be a U.S. game and a Korean game, and they would also work on some street food vendors for the community to enjoy. Councilman Kwak stated there would be no liquor but to just come in, enjoy, and come meet together. Councilman Kwak stated Soosanghan Pocha would be having their own thing which they would be supporting on their behalf just by lending out a projector and things for a great community business that had been in town. Councilman Kwak stated they would have the deck open and if anybody wanted an adult beverage, that was probably the place to be. Councilman Kwak stated if anybody wanted family time, to please come to the event, because they were there to share the experience with everyone, and he wanted that to be known. Councilman Kwak stated the borough was there for everyone and he truly meant that. Councilman Kwak stated it didn't stop with just that meeting. Councilman Kwak stated he was on Broad Avenue, and if there was a question to give him a call. Councilman Kwak stated they were there to do a lot of great work for the community, and he wanted to provide as many great services as possible. Councilman Kwak stated if there were any holidays or any ideas from the residents for a community event to bring it over. Councilman Kwak stated he would work tooth and nail to make it happen because he loved this stuff. Councilman Kwak thanked Mayor Kim.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated speaking of the World Cup, there was an event between June 11th and 13th only for the Korean matches.

Mayor Kim asked about the 13th.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied yes.

Councilman Kwak and Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied the 18th.

Roberta Stern stated it was June 11th and 18th.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated and the 24th. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated for the first two dates, the KNYNJ host community would have the – Councilman Kwak asked KNYNJ.

Mayor Kim asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon could say that again.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied KNYNJ host community.

Mayor Kim repeated KNYNJ.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they were going to have that match at the Pine Plaza.

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Councilman Kwak repeated Pine Plaza.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated on the fourth floor and it had been set.

Mayor Kim stated very good and asked if it was free.

Councilman Kwak replied it was not free.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied no it wasn't, and it might have been \$5 or \$10 but for children it would be free. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it was very fortunate that they could find a place in Palisades Park.

Mayor Kim asked if there would be any refreshments.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the 24th would be held in Fort Lee.

Mayor Kim and Councilman Kwak repeated the 24th would be in Fort Lee. Mayor Kim asked the if on the 11th it would be held in Pine Plaza.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied that was right.

Mayor Kim stated the entrance fee was that. Mayor Kim asked if they were going to sell concessions, food, or something else.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied yes, there would be food, and beer would be sold, but this was very late at night.

Councilman Kwak stated 9:00PM, or 10:00PM.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was why they wanted to have that indoors as opposed to outdoors.

Councilman Kwak stated pregame was at 7:00PM.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated there would be some merchandise. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she had been talking to the Chamber of Commerce on how to revitalize Broad Avenue during the World Cup period. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they talked about making Palisades Park T-shirts so they could be sold by vendors.

Mayor Kim asked who this money was going to.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied this would be led by the Chamber of Commerce of Palisades Park.

Mayor Kim stated the Chamber of Commerce was going to lead this.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the Chamber of Commerce was going to talk to every business owner who was going to participate in the event or not, so the KNYNJ host community would help them promote.

Mayor Kim asked if this had nothing to do with the Borough of Palisades Park.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied that was right and the Borough of Palisades Park didn't have money.

Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon didn't understand that the borough didn't want to be liable for anything. Mayor Kim stated they didn't want anybody to be in trouble. Mayor Kim stated if there was any money being made, they did not want to be part of it because they had to go through proper procedures.

Councilman Kwak stated *<indistinctly Speaking>*.

Mayor Kim stated he was almost done. Mayor Kim stated he just wanted to make it official. Mayor Kim stated he thought whatever Councilwoman Won-Yoon was saying was that whatever event she sold, the Borough of Palisades Park had no relationship to it.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was right.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilwoman Won-Yoon.

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Councilman Kwak asked in order to benefit downtown, were the proceeds of the sales of the T-shirts going to the businesses, or the Chamber of Commerce directly.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied to the businesses.

Councilman Kwak stated that was wonderful.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that had to be determined by the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Kwak repeated Chamber of Commerce.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the other organization was just helping them.

Mayor Kim asked if the KNYNJ didn't make any profits.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied they didn't.

Mayor Kim asked if it was only for the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied that was right.

Roberta Stern asked where that was, and what it was.

Mayor Kim replied it was Pine Plaza, a tall building right across Route 46, on the fourth floor.

Councilman Kwak stated by Valley National Bank.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Kwak.

Roberta Stern stated it sounded familiar.

Mayor Kim asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon had anything else.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied that was it.

Mayor Kim stated he would just like to make this quick, as it was almost 8:10PM. Mayor Kim stated because they went through this motion, their Regular Session should have been faster. Mayor Kim stated it was about making council votes, and was not about grandstanding, talking, or asking questions unless they really had to. Mayor Kim stated they were going to get their answers within that week. Mayor Kim stated he would make it real quick and simple. Mayor Kim stated he thought he could say for themselves, not just including him, but the Mayor and Council, that they did make mistakes, including the staff. Mayor Kim stated nobody was perfect, but it was their responsibility to fix those mistakes, so in the future they made less mistakes. Mayor Kim stated they wanted to be as perfect as possible. Mayor Kim stated in retrospect, there were not many people there, but he wanted to make a very proudful announcement. Mayor Kim stated from 2025 up to then, they obtained and secured a record amount of grants that had never been, in the history of Palisades Park, broken before. Mayor Kim stated it came out to be three million dollars. Mayor Kim stated they got their grant money from the federals, locals, and because of the relationship that they had with Josh Gottheimer. Mayor Kim stated Josh Gottheimer just announced that he would provide them one million dollars to update Grand Avenue's drain and floodwaters service because it was too old and outdated. Mayor Kim stated every single time it rained, DPW had to go down and open up the system. Mayor Kim stated it was inefficient, and they lost money on overtime. Mayor Kim stated Josh Gottheimer was going to provide them one million dollars for free through the grants, because he had a good relationship with Josh Gottheimer and that would expand double the size capacity to twenty-four inches. Mayor Kim stated that was actually the main line, all of the hills came down to Grand Avenue, and that line went all the way to the sewage area past Route 46. Mayor Kim stated yes, they did make mistakes, and they might have forgotten that they spent all that money, but they were still trying their best. Mayor Kim stated he was very proud of everyone that they were there and to tell everyone that they made close to three million dollars of grants received for the past one year. Mayor Kim stated not so bad, and that was all of it. Mayor Kim stated he didn't think there was a returning point..

ATTORNEY REPORT

Mayor Kim asked the borough attorney if he wanted to do his report later on.

Phillip Gernter replied yes.

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BA REPORT

Mayor Kim asked the borough administrator if she wanted to do it later. Mayor Kim asked if there was something Roberta Stern wanted to say.

Roberta Stern replied just quickly. Roberta Stern reported by the next week, at the Regular Meeting, she was getting quotes for doing significant patches, not holes. Roberta Stern stated there were certain areas. Roberta Stern stated Broad Avenue and Edsall further up going east, Brinkerhoff between 7th and 8th Street, and 8th and 9th Street. Roberta Stern stated there were patches they could fill. Roberta Stern stated she was getting quotes from vendors and construction companies who did their work. Roberta Stern stated if they went to certain other places, they might have seen squares in some places on the road, and that was this type of thing. Roberta Stern stated it would be an area it would hold up. Roberta Stern stated almost every place that they were going, they did have applications for a grant. Roberta Stern stated one of them was the Oakdene-Edsall. Roberta Stern stated hopefully they would spend that wisely, but they wouldn't have that money for a while by the time they went out to bid. Roberta Stern stated it was not a tremendous amount of money, but it would hold them over in those really bad areas until those streets were paved.

Mayor Kim thanked Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated right now, the grant was not what was the most important, it was about filling the pots as much as they could.

Councilman Shin stated there were many projects going on like the Broad Avenue Beautification, the Bellview Avenue Parking Place, Columbus Park and Columbus Park with the outdoor exercise facilities, the scratch pad in the swimming pool, and the crosswalk on Grand Avenue. Councilman Shin stated a lot of projects were going on, so today the explanation was okay. Councilman Shin asked at the Regular Session to provide updates and explanations.

Roberta Stern replied sure.

Councilman Shin thanked Roberta Stern.

Mayor Kim stated very good. Mayor Kim thanked Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated he knew Roy Riggitano waited long. Mayor Kim asked if Roy Riggitano wanted to add something.

Roy Riggitano replied yes.

Mayor Kim thanked Roy Riggitano for his patience.

Roy Riggitano reported they had the resolution for the following week. Roy Riggitano stated it was the resolution for transferring an appropriation of reserves, which would be the last of the bills from 2025 to cover those bills. Roy Riggitano stated there should have been money left in the budget to do those transfers.

Mayor Kim asked for 2025.

Roy Riggitano answered for 2025. Roy Riggitano stated that e-mail would go to everyone as early as tomorrow.

Mayor Kim stated please do and thanked Roy Riggitano.
Roberta Stern stated temporary budget, too.

Roy Riggitano stated there would also be a temporary budget. Roy Riggitano stated it was very important it was not the 2026 budget. Roy Riggitano stated it was to keep the town running so there would be approximately thirty percent of the prior year's budget, which they would approve to keep the budget running until they adopted the 2026 budget.

Mayor Kim asked if Roy Riggitano was going to bring this up that month or the next month.
Roy Riggitano asked if everyone was alright if they did it the next month.

Mayor Kim replied next month. Mayor Kim stated for Roy Riggitano to take as much time as he wanted as they didn't want any mistakes on this.

Roy Riggitano stated it was almost done and was just an appropriation.

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Mayor Kim stated for Roy Riggiano to do what he had to do. Mayor Kim stated to make sure that everything was okay. Mayor Kim stated he thought they were okay at that time. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public.

Councilman Donohue made the first motion which was seconded by Councilman Kwak. All joined in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Kim thanked the public for their patience because the meeting was a little bit long. Mayor Kim stated if the public had any questions, concerns, quality of life issues, or comments, to please come up. Mayor Kim stated Juan Ramirez was about to fall asleep. Mayor Kim stated they appreciated Juan Ramirez for recording for them every single time.

Juan Ramirez thanked Mayor Kim.

Mayor Kim thanked Juan Ramirez in Spanish. Mayor Kim stated he loved Juan Ramirez for that.

Neris Papoters stated they were going to charge for that.

Mayor Kim stated they should hire Juan Ramirez.

Neris Papoters stated she liked the mayor mentioning that they all made mistakes, and the public knew that, but everyone tried to fix that as a family. Neris Papoters stated she really felt the council were members who the public picked and often went back to. Neris Papoters asked that they put their disagreements aside, and work for the community because when they worked together, everyone saw the results. Neris Papoters stated if they didn't like something about one another and things got political, it would affect the community. Neris Papoters asked if the borough was planning to bring back the police department office. Neris Papoters stated when you made a phone call from 9PM to 11PM, it went to another town.

Mayor Kim stated it went to Bergen County.

Neris Papoters stated the county. Neris Papoters stated now that the borough was more organized, the police office would run more smoothly and things were getting better. Neris Papoters asked if the borough thought about bringing that back. Neris Papoters stated maybe *<indistinctly Speaking>* falls, too. Neris Papoters stated she thought that would be a good idea. Neris Papoters stated she knew the borough was short on DPW employees but the summer prior, she had mentioned, to go and check the owner of Lindbergh School to clean the front, especially on Glen Avenue. Neris Papoters stated when DPW was picking up her garbage, they did it really early in the morning, and the garbage fell. Neris Papoters stated if they went on her street, Glen Avenue, it was full of garbage, but this was their responsibility to go back and clean it. Neris Papoters stated there was a lot of property that was full of garbage. Neris Papoters stated the garbage was sitting there, and it looked disgusting. Neris Papoters stated the DPW didn't take it, they didn't want it and said it was the property owners responsibility to clean it. Neris Papoters stated if she didn't clean it, she would get a ticket because it looked very disgusting. Neris Papoters stated the DPW didn't have to go in her property to clean it. Neris Papoters stated they had to clean it, so she felt like this was making the town look very ugly because a lot of people rented and they felt like they didn't need to clean it. Neris Papoters stated they needed to do that. Neris Papoters stated she felt like that would help their community look better and give less work to the DPW. Neris Papoters stated another thing, was that she knew they were going to have a lot of work coming, and she knew the police officers were going to work more for that because the town was going to have a lot of visitors and strangers coming in and out. Neris Papoters stated she wanted the borough to plan for that to be safe.

Mayor Kim asked for which event.

Councilman Kwak and Neris Papoters replied for the World Cup.

Mayor Kim repeated World Cup.

Neris Papoters stated they were so close to there. Neris Papoters stated the community was going to be in the middle and there were going to be a lot of people drinking. Neris Papoters stated a lot of things were going to go on, so they needed more security to protect the town and have fun with that. Neris Papoters thanked Mayor Kim.

Mayor Kim stated good point. Mayor Kim stated he thought it was a great idea. Mayor Kim stated he was in the supporter advocate for moving personnel. Mayor Kim stated he thought one of the reasons was

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because it was cost competitive. Mayor Kim stated to Roberta Stern he wanted her to find out the other reason why they decided to go to the county. Mayor Kim stated if he was correct, the reason why they had to go to the county was because the system that called the borough instead of calling the county, needed fiber optics. Mayor Kim stated fiber optics costed a lot of money. Mayor Kim stated to Roberta Stern he might have been wrong, but to try to find out how much money they were saving for the county versus how much it would cost to bring their dispatch back. Mayor Kim asked to find out if it was possible if their tech in the old building could be integrated.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't know why the borough changed it, but she knew why they changed in another town that was nearby. Roberta Stern stated it was cost-effective, and they didn't have the room to have a full-fledged dispatch. Roberta Stern stated they had just redone, as Councilman Shin knew, the whole inside of the department. Roberta Stern stated she didn't know where they would put dispatch at this point, quite frankly.

Mayor Kim stated they could do a dual role.

Roberta Stern stated she was just saying. Roberta Stern stated she would find out. Roberta Stern stated she wasn't there when the borough was switched, but usually when a town switched it was cost savings more than anything else. Roberta Stern stated as she said, she would find out.

Mayor Kim thanked Roberta Stern.

Councilman Min stated when he was on the police committee the year prior, they were talking about this. Councilman Min stated in order to have dispatch in town, in the police department, they had to have a 24-hour standby, which was going to cost money.

Mayor Kim stated he remembered, and Councilman Min was right.

Councilman Min stated they had to appoint somebody who was going to do actual dispatch, and not the police officers because it was a different duty. Councilman Min stated that costed money. Councilman Min stated at that time, they were doing shared services with Bergen County servers. Councilman Min stated that was the main key.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was right. Mayor Kim stated he still remembered it was hard to find a part-time jobber for the midnight shift. Mayor Kim stated that was fine, but it would engage with some answers. Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Min. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions from the crowd. Mayor Kim stated of course, Ernest Beerly, he deserved five minutes.

Ernest Beerly stated he was not there last time, so it was going to be five minutes.

Mayor Kim stated they missed him.

Ernest Beerly stated he would try to make it short. Ernest Beerly asked if the crossing guards that the borough hired had to be at their positions for a certain length of time. Ernest Beerly stated the one by the high school was hardly ever there.

Mayor Kim asked which high school.

Ernest Beerly stated the crossing guard was there very good. Ernest Beerly stated in the beginning, the crossing guard was there almost all day long but now, he had been gone before the second group of kids came out of school. Ernest Beerly stated the residents paid this person to be there for however many hours. Ernest Beerly stated the potholes had been a major issue. Ernest Beerly stated they used to have a system that used hot tar with a heated plate that went right over the pothole.

Councilman Kwak stated heated press.

Ernest Beerly stated it filled the pothole up with a hot patch and it would come down and heat the whole area up so it would glue together with the old stuff. Ernest Beerly stated he didn't know if the town still owned that or not or why they got rid of it.

Mayor Kim asked Councilman Shin if he could put Ernest Beerly through this. Mayor Kim stated he didn't know what Ernest Beerly was referring to.

Ernest Beerly stated he didn't know, and he might not have been there long enough.

Councilman Shin stated they didn't have that equipment.

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Ernest Beerly asked if they didn't have it anymore.

Councilman Shin replied no, they didn't have it.

Ernest Beerly stated he remembered police officer Nelson – Councilman Shin interjected and stated yes, they used a hotbox.

Ernest Beerly stated he used to operate that. Ernest Beerly used to see Officer Nelson, and he loved it. Ernest Beerly stated he operated that thing, and it was great.

Roberta Stern stated they probably used to rent it at one point.

Mayor Kim asked if it was a hotbox. Mayor Kim stated it was not a hotbox and asked what it was.

Councilman Shin replied it was rented equipment from Ridgefield and was not the borough's.

Ernest Beerly asked if that was the one they were talking about renting.

Mayor Kim replied that he didn't know. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin was saying the borough used to rent that from Ridgefield. Mayor Kim stated he had no idea.

Ernest Beerly stated he didn't know either.

Councilman Shin stated but Ridgefield charged too much.

Mayor Kim repeated they charged too much. Mayor Kim stated anyways, at that time, they had shared services. Mayor Kim asked what Ernest Beerly's question was.

Ernest Beerly stated that was enough of that. Ernest Beerly stated on the potholes, there were places where, if a pothole was reported, and it was not fixed in 24 hours, and someone would drive over it and damage their vehicle, the town was responsible. Ernest Beerly asked if that was the same case there.

Mayor Kim replied yes.

Roberta Stern replied no.

Mayor Kim stated he didn't know. Mayor Kim stated that was what he recalled.

Roberta Stern stated she would tell them why. Roberta Stern stated here was the deal, because they were protected by Title 59, and they got a lot of tort claims for potholes. Roberta Stern stated if that person could prove that the borough was advised about it, and the person didn't act within a reasonable amount of time, then they could be liable. Roberta Stern stated 9 times out of 10, from what she had seen recently, they either weren't notified about a particular one and something happened because, again, they couldn't be everywhere and they couldn't identify every one of them. Roberta Stern stated basically that was it. Roberta Stern stated they were supposed to cure a situation if they had received official notice about it. Roberta Stern stated official notice didn't necessarily mean the residents had to call up, the residents would write something, and people would have to know.

Mayor Kim stated like a complaint.

Roberta Stern replied yes, basically.

Mayor Kim stated like a paper complaint.

Roberta Stern stated not somebody telling Councilman Min – Mayor Kim interjected and stated to "Get it done. Now you have 24 hours."

Roberta Stern stated that didn't count. Roberta Stern stated it had to be an official notification.

Mayor Kim asked if they had that notification form.

Sophia Jang replied no, they had a tort claim form.

Mayor Kim stated no, they were talking about, like Roberta Stern mentioned that the residents needed to have an official form to say, "Here is my formal complaint, get it done."

Roberta Stern stated no, she said anything written. Roberta Stern stated they didn't have to have an official complaint, they had to have a written complaint.

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Mayor Kim asked written or e-mail.

Sophia Jang replied it was the same thing.

Roberta Stern replied she thought e-mail could be as bad as – Councilman Shin interjected and stated the reports were kept at the DPW, and the DPW had to note all the potholes, so they kept the record when they saw a complaint.

Mayor Kim stated the DPW was the only one that knew and the borough administrator didn't know about it. Mayor Kim stated if the DPW was too busy and forgot about a complaint, and they didn't fix it within a reasonable time, the borough would get a lawsuit.

Roberta Stern stated she thought that was a little broad.

Mayor Kim stated he didn't think it was because the DPW was really busy and they did forget.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't think so. Roberta Stern stated she thought the DPW stayed on top of it. Roberta Stern stated if a complaint came in, they went out to fix it.

Mayor Kim stated someone was going to be blamed if there was a lawsuit. Mayor Kim stated secondly, when Roberta Stern said there was no way of finding all the potholes, he totally disagreed. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin said there were eighty-nine streets. Mayor Kim stated he wanted the DPW to drive around eighty-nine streets and find where the potholes were. Mayor Kim asked if the council agreed.

Councilman Shin replied yes.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin.

Councilman Shin stated this time they would do a pothole patrol in advance, so they would find out where they were.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin. Mayor Kim asked if Ernest Beerly had anything else.

Ernest Beerly replied one more thing. Ernest Beerly stated they talked about bills that came in from vendors. Ernest Beerly stated personally, he thought ninety days was too long. Ernest Beerly asked what vendor didn't send out the bill as soon as possible, because they wanted to get paid. Ernest Beerly stated to had things more efficient, and to put at least sixty days on there.

Mayor Kim stated he thought this was what it was. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to clarify again, but he wanted to make sure Roy Riggitano understood. Mayor Kim stated to correct him if he was wrong, but what Roy Riggitano said was after ninety days, the vendors would have to give the bill to them but if not, they would give the vendors a call asking what was going on. Mayor Kim stated that was what he heard. Mayor Kim stated if he didn't hear that, he thought it was sound. Mayor Kim stated what he wanted from the finance department was that they didn't wait for the vendors, and they called them. Mayor Kim stated he would say the finance department should call them within three months if they didn't give the bill.

Ernest Beerly stated that was too late. Ernest Beerly stated thirty days for him was thirty days. Ernest Beerly stated he was in business – Mayor Kim interjected and stated it took one month for their meeting. Mayor Kim stated Ernest Beerly knew that, but it was at the end of the month.

Ernest Beerly stated he realized that.

Mayor Kim asked what else.

Ernest Beerly replied that was it.

Mayor Kim asked if there was any more. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and return to their Work Session.

Councilman Kwak made the first motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin.

ADJOURN

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and adjourn the Work Session.

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Councilman Kwak made the first motion which was seconded by Councilman Donohue. All joined in favor.

Attest:



Sophia H. Jang, RMC
Borough Clerk