

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

Regular Meeting  
of the Mayor & Council  
March 24, 2026

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

**STATEMENT:**

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

1. Notice was filed January 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 KWAK.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Borough Attorney Allan Roth	Present
Borough Administrator Roberta Stern	Present

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Work Session of the Mayor and Council:	February 17, 2026
Executive Session of the Mayor and Council	February 17, 2026
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Mayor Kim asked the council members if there were any questions or concerns concerning the adoption of minutes. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the adoption of minutes.

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

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

Mayor Kim stated there was an Executive Session that night, but he did not want to disappoint the crowd. Mayor Kim stated they wanted to hear the rest of the Regular Meeting. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to move the Executive Session to the last portion of the Regular Meeting, so people didn't have to wait. Mayor Kim asked Borough Administrator Roberta Stern if that was okay with her. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern if she wanted the Executive Session before the Regular Session.

Roberta Stern replied there were a couple of professionals there, but she would be happy to wait until after the Regular Meeting for the portion she had.

Mayor Kim asked how long Roberta Stern thought the Executive Meeting would last.

Borough Attorney Allan Roth asked the council members how long they thought it would be.

Roberta Stern replied maybe twenty minutes. Roberta Stern stated they just had some paperwork.

Mayor Kim stated they shortened the meeting. Mayor Kim asked if that was okay before they went to the Executive Meeting. Mayor Kim stated they would come back and settle it during the Executive Meeting. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and go to the Executive Meeting.

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

Mayor Kim thanked the public and stated they would be back within fifteen to twenty minutes.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Following the Executive Meeting, Mayor Kim stated if his memory served him correctly, they had to do the second reading of the ordinance, but he wanted the borough attorney to explain about Ordinance 2026-3. Mayor Kim asked what happened there.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE**

- ORDINANCE 2026-3 Authorizing the Sale of Block # 734, Lot #1, On the Current Tax Map of the Borough of Palisades Park 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

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA**

- RESOLUTION 2026-115 Authorizing a Survey of Municipal Property – PASSED AT MARCH WORK SESSION
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Allan Roth stated because the statute allowed them, they put in a minimum bid price that said based upon the appraisal on the feedback from review was that the buffer for the wetlands and the bedrock, was such that they would not be getting a minimum price that they expected and put in the ordinance for the first reading. Allan Roth stated they amended the ordinance to take out a minimum bid where, by statute, they were allowed to do that. Allan Roth stated they took that out and changed the date for the public sale to be April 28<sup>th</sup>, he believed. Allan Roth stated the reason for that was to give bidders enough time to do their due diligence.

Mayor Kim stated he agreed. Mayor Kim stated just to reiterate the borough attorney, there were people interested in that project, but they discovered there were some extreme expenditures in order to do all of it. Mayor Kim stated by the borough restricting that, the minimum value was 1.7 million dollars, and it really discouraged a lot of people that wanted to do a public bidding. Mayor Kim stated bedrock would cost a lot of money to get rid of. Mayor Kim stated it was not the borough’s responsibility to say how much it was going to cost. Mayor Kim stated it was up to the bidders to figure it out, because it was 1.7 million dollars and there was no additional clause or clarification saying, “Whatever it’ll cost you to build. \$700,000 for the bedrock, we’ll deduct it from the 1.7 price.” Mayor Kim stated people were

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discouraged. Mayor Kim stated it was the recommendation from the borough attorney they took away the minimum, which was fine, because it would encourage the bidders to say, "They're going to figure out how much it's going to be worth for them and then provide a public bid."

Allan Roth stated it was a public auction.

Mayor Kim stated bid. Mayor Kim apologized to Allan Roth.

Allan Roth stated they normally considered it to be a bid where the bidders came in and picked up a bid package. Allan Roth stated they submitted it under seal, and the borough opened it. Allan Roth stated that was not the way this worked. Allan Roth stated it was a public auction, just like what was on TV, "Going once, going twice, sold." Allan Roth stated for this one that was the way it worked. Allan Roth stated if the borough had the minimum bid and they only had, hypothetically, a million-dollar bid, they just spent all that time and now they were being delayed. Allan Roth stated they were revising the ordinance, which was what they needed to do because this was a substantial change, this was not the minimalist, they would have to re-allow and reintroduce it, which was what they were doing that day, and take that out. Allan Roth stated if they got a bid for ten bucks, it still gave them the right to reject that offer, but it gave them the ability to have flexibility with the bidders, other than having, as the mayor said, "You can't bid 1.7 and then go, Never mind, I'm only going to give you a million because it's going to cost me \$700,000 to take away the bedrock." Allan Roth stated with that being said, they asked that this ordinance be reintroduced as amended. Allan Roth stated the amendments were taking out the minimum bid price, which was all of Section 3, and changing the date for the public auction to April 28, 2026, and that was to give the bidders a valid opportunity to review the problem.

Mayor Kim stated the bidders still had to worry about how much it was going to cost. Mayor Kim stated the bidders were going to figure it out themselves and give the borough their price. Mayor Kim stated they didn't have to accept anything. Mayor Kim stated this was how they were going to encourage a lot of bidders to compete with one another like Christie's auction sale. Mayor Kim stated to the council members that he thought that was what he would think to do and he needed their support.

Allan Roth stated this was not going to be a second read but was going to be the first read.

Mayor Kim repeated this was going to be the first read.

Allan Roth asked Borough Clerk Sophia Jang if this was right.

Sophia Jang confirmed it was the first reading.

Allan Roth stated he just wanted to make sure. Allan Roth stated Ordinance 2026-3, which was on the agenda for a second read, was now going to be struck out and done on the table, and they would reintroduce it as – Sophia Jang interjected as 2026-5.

Mayor Kim repeated 2026-5.

Allan Roth stated that would be on the first reading, whenever they would do the first reading.

Sophia Jang replied yes.

Councilwoman Lee asked if Section 9 needed to be revised to the preference the minimum had.

Allan Roth asked where it was on.

Mayor Kim and Councilman Donohue replied Section 9. Mayor Kim stated right there.

Councilman Donohue stated ten percent.

Mayor Kim stated ten percent.

Allan Roth replied to Councilwoman Lee no, ten percent. Allan Roth stated that would be the pushing for the regular check.

Councilwoman Lee stated just preference to the middle price. Councilwoman Lee asked what happened, and if they knew.

Councilman Min asked if they got to have the opportunity to reject the bidder.

Mayor Kim and Allan Roth answered yes.

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Councilman Min asked the borough attorney.

Allan Roth replied yes, that was in the ordinance.

Mayor Kim stated like it said, "I wouldn't buy for ten dollars. Well, stated but thank you."

Allan Roth stated that was in the ordinance. Allan Roth stated to give him one second, and he would tell them where in the ordinance.

Councilman Min stated Section 5.

Allan Roth stated Councilman Min was looking at the old one. Allan Roth stated they took it out so it would be Section 4, had the *<speaking indistinctly>*.

Mayor Kim stated but then, Section 9 should have been removed.

Councilman Min asked if this was the new one.

Allan Roth stated the one that he had too, because this was 2026-5. Allan Roth stated Councilman Min was looking at Ordinance 2026-3.

Councilman Min stated he understood.

Councilwoman Lee stated she got the old one.

Allan Roth stated there was a new one, Ordinance 2026-5.

Sophia Jang stated she provided it to the mayor. Sophia Jang stated Allan Roth said he was going to present to the people.

Allan Roth apologized to everyone and stated it was one hundred percent him. Allan Roth apologized and stated he didn't know the council was sitting on it.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she had a question – Allan Roth interjected and asked for one minute, to let him just look at something. Allan Roth stated in Ordinance 2026-3, Section 8 would be stricken. Allan Roth stated it would be the first ordinance without Section 8. Allan Roth apologized to Councilwoman Won-Yoon.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that wasn't her question.

Mayor Kim stated very interesting, but they were just saying, "How are we going to tell? There's no clause that says, 'Are you going to pay for my expense, even though the appraisal is 1.7.'" Mayor Kim stated this would definitely resolve all the problems that they had.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she just wanted to clarify. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if the whole Section 8, under the newly revised one, would be removed.

Allan Roth replied yes, because on the first read it would be stricken.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what that meant and if nobody was required to post the ten percent deposit.

Mayor Kim replied no, just – Roberta Stern interjected and stated they just had to turn that one line. Roberta Stern stated they still needed that ten percent.

Mayor Kim stated all they had to do was in an event - Mayor Kim stated for Allan Roth to go ahead.

Allan Roth stated in the event that it succeeded its own price, the successor would be required to post ten percent of the amount they cashed the certified check for. Allan Roth stated they were going to strike that because the minimum was not there. Allan Roth stated it just started *<speaking indistinctly>* with the set, the successful purchaser shall.

Roberta Stern stated they would be required to post ten percent. Roberta Stern stated they were just taking out the first line.

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Allan Roth stated the successful purchaser would be required to post ten percent of the amount thereof in cash or by certified check as a deposit to the balance of the same ratio as herein said forth for cash at closing.

Councilman Min asked if they were keeping Section 8 and just crossing out the first rate – Allan Roth interjected and stated they were striking that phrase.

Mayor Kim stated the successful purchaser would be required to pay ten percent.

Allan Roth stated it would be read as, “The successful purchaser would be required to post ten percent of the amount thereof in cash or by certified check as a deposit and a balance of the same ratio as herein said forth for cash at closing.”

Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public.

Allan Roth asked if they were doing the first read, and then they would do the second read of Ordinance 2026-4.

Mayor Kim stated he thought they would do a second read.

Allan Roth stated that was fine, he didn’t know how Roberta Stern wanted him to do it. Allan Roth stated they were now going to focus on 2026-5 to the public.

Mayor Kim replied right. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-3 – REINTRODUCED AS ORDINANCE 2026-5:**

Mayor Kim stated the public had three minutes to discuss Ordinance 2026-5. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and come back to the Regular Session.

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

Following the public participation portion, Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass the first reading of Ordinance 2026-5.

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

Councilman Donohue	Yes. Councilman Donohue explained he thought there was enough flexibility and guard rails in this ordinance.
Councilman Kwak	Yes. Councilman Kwak agreed with Councilman Donohue as well as the property was bringing in some tax-rateables, and he thought the public could do some good development on it. He also thought it would help reduce flooding because there was a stream there, so having that developing land would alleviate any kind of potential flooding within that area, so he thought that was also a plus for the residents.
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	No
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	No

Sophia Jang announced there were four “yes” votes and two “no” votes, therefore Ordinance 2026-5 ‘Authorizing the sale of Block #734, Lot #1, On the Current Tax Map of the Borough of Palisades Park in the County of Bergen and Not Needed for Public Use’ was passed.

Mayor Kim stated there was only one second reading of the ordinance. Mayor Kim stated it was going to be Ordinance 2026-4.

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

Mayor Kim asked if there were any questions about this before they continued.

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Mayor Kim requested a motion to open to the public.

Roberta Stern stated no, to approve – Mayor Kim asked what.

Roberta Stern replied never mind.

Mayor Kim stated it was alright and asked what it was.

Roberta Stern and Sophia Jang replied no, go ahead.

Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public for Ordinance 2026-4.

Councilman Kwak made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. All joined in favor.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-4:**

Mayor Kim stated the public had three minutes to talk about Ordinance 2026-4. Mayor Kim stated it was about “Garbage, Rubbish, and Refuse.” Mayor Kim stated to start out with Deputy Mayor Councilman Shin, who was the chair of the DPW, and had to manage the amount of services that they provided for the special pickups. Mayor Kim stated he thought they all agreed on this the last time. Mayor Kim asked if he was mistaken. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close the public portion and come back to the Regular Session.

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

Following the public participation portion, Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-4.

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

Councilman Donohue	Yes
Councilman Kwak	Yes. Councilman Kwak stated this was all for the beautification of Palisades Park. No one wanted to see trash built up on the streets. Councilman Kwak thought this was just what they were there to do and this was attributable to one of their high expenses for DPW – Over tonnage. People were throwing out treadmills, refrigerators, all kinds of things. That weight added up and it was also not good for the DPW to do that. Councilman Kwak stated to let the borough help them out and let them beautify the town.
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Sophia Jang announced there were six “yes” votes, so the second reading of Ordinance 2026-4 was passed.

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA**

RESOLUTION 2026-115	Authorizing a Survey of Municipal Property – PASSED AT MARCH WORK SESSION
RESOLUTION 2026-119	Authorization of Appropriation Transfers
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Mayor Kim asked the council members if they had any questions about Resolution 2026-119.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked regarding the assessment of taxes O/E, if this was money they paid to the appraisal system or something else.

Roberta Stern replied they were transfers.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked where they transferred to. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it said they transferred \$6,300 to the assessment of taxes O/E. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was wondering if this was the payment that they paid to the appraisal systems or if it was something else.

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Roberta Stern stated she didn't understand the question.

Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon's question didn't matter where it was from, but her question was where was the \$6,300 for the assessment of taxes O/E was going, O/E meaning, "Operational Expense".

Roberta Stern replied they had extra money in the \$6,300 and they needed money to go to assessment of taxes O/E.

Mayor Kim asked which one was going to pay for it or if it was part of the pot that the CFO needed.

Allan Roth replied if that was what Mayor Kim was asking, it was all part of the same pot. Allan Roth stated it was moving one line item and spending it on another line item.

Roberta Stern stated it was just like any other transfer.

Mayor Kim stated, "I'm going to use \$5,000 here specifically for that." Mayor Kim stated that was not it. Mayor Kim asked if the appraisal system bounced that pot for the assessment of taxes. Mayor Kim stated that was how they took out from one line item to the other.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what about the next line, "Grants Person." Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what a "Grants Person" was.

Roberta Stern replied it was Millennium.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated every month they paid a certain amount of money to Millennium because they were a contractor.

Roberta Stern stated for whatever reason right now, the CFO just needed to move that money so that money was there for payment when he needed it. Roberta Stern asked Allan Roth if it mattered when doing a transfer, whether it was a contract or not.

Allan Roth replied no, these were line items, not contracts.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated what she was trying to say was when they budgeted, they already knew about this money because they had a contract and Millennium was supposed to get this amount of money from them. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated it must have been budgeted already. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated now it said Millennium needed \$3,200 so they had to transfer to that. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked what was going on.

Councilman Kwak asked if he could clarify.

Mayor Kim replied to give him one second.

Councilman Kwak stated he was going to clarify.

Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Kwak could.

Councilman Kwak stated he thought what Councilwoman Won-Yoon was asking was if this expense amount, out of the purview of the contract with this grant person, was with Millennium Strategies or if it was an additional, outside expense.

Allan Roth replied that was what he was trying to say.

Roberta Stern replied it was not.

Allan Roth stated it was not necessarily the way that worked. Allan Roth stated not every contract had a line item. Allan Roth stated there could be multiple contracts in a line item, and multiple expenses in a line item. Allan Roth stated he couldn't speak specifics, and CFO Roy Riggitano would have to do that. Allan Roth stated, however, this was to tell the borough what they were doing and why the professionals were doing what they were doing. Allan Roth stated it couldn't be pigeonholed as – Roberta Stern interjected and stated a payment.

Allan Roth stated this was the expense removing \$3,000 from the financial administrative line item to pay the contract for Millennium. Allan Roth stated that was not necessarily the case.

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Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they had anybody else working on grants other than Millennium Strategies.

Roberta Stern replied no, they had two different contracts.

Councilman Min asked if they were making this transfer to make certain payments.

Mayor Kim replied no, it was the budget.

Allan Roth replied it was to cover the line item, so it didn't go over. Allan Roth stated he couldn't keep sitting there without Roy Riggitano telling them what each invoice was, and some may not have had an invoice. Allan Roth stated it might just be a prediction of what it might be going forward in the future.

Councilman Min asked \$13,800.

Mayor Kim replied yes. Mayor Kim stated it was not like they were using \$3,000 for a specific reason. Mayor Kim stated it was just going to that line item to balance itself.

Councilman Kwak asked in terms of these operating expenses, what led to the deficiency in those accounts. Councilman Kwak asked if it was just an overage.

Roberta Stern replied "O/E" was other expenses, not operator expenses. Roberta Stern stated for instance, if they had to order something and that was not part of the original price, it was kind of hard to describe if they didn't know all of the expenses.

Mayor Kim asked if Roy Riggitano said at the Work Session that he was going to have to do this transfer.

Roberta Stern replied right. Roberta Stern stated if they looked at all the categories that they had, there were some that said, "other expenses." Roberta Stern stated it was a catch category for those small amounts of different things that weren't itemized. Roberta Stern stated that was the only way she could really explain it and if that wasn't clear, she would try to make it clearer. Roberta Stern stated that was really all it was.

Councilman Kwak stated that made sense.

Roberta Stern stated for instance, administration. Roberta Stern stated if she purchased something, and it wasn't in a specific line then he, the clerk, or whomever, would charge that to other expenses or administration.

Councilman Kwak thanked Roberta Stern.

Mayor Kim stated the bottom line was that the CFO was doing this to balance out the budget.

Allan Roth stated *<speaking indistinctly>*.

Mayor Kim stated not to overspend.

Roberta Stern stated these were appropriation reserves, not expenses.

Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Off Consent Resolution 2026-119.

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

Councilman Donohue	Yes
Councilman Kwak	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	No
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Abstain

Sophia Jang announced Off Consent Agenda Resolution 2026-119 was passed.

Councilman Donohue stated he saw they had authorizations for bus transportations for senior prom, and that was very good. Councilman Donohue stated he had a question on that.

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Sophia Jang stated not yet – Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Donohue didn't mind he could bring it up later.

Councilman Donohue apologized to Sophia Jang.

Mayor Kim stated no problem. Mayor Kim stated they couldn't take away Sophia Jang's thunder.

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RESOLUTION 2026-110	Authorize Bus Transportation for Senior Prom

Councilman Donohue stated he had been out of the loop for a while, and he didn't know if Project Graduation was still going on. Councilman Donohue stated they used to pay for two nice buses. Councilman Donohue stated he could find out the following day from Mary Damacio, and they could put it on the next month's agenda. Councilman Donohue stated that was something they had done in the past, but he would check and see if there was still Project Graduation.

Roberta Stern asked Project Graduation.

Mayor Kim stated these were two different things.

Councilman Donohue stated yes, they were. Councilman Donohue stated the problem was definitely on the agenda.

Mayor Kim stated he got it. Mayor Kim asked the Board of Education Chair Soo Chung if she knew about Project Graduation.

Soo Chung replied not yet.

Councilman Donohue thanked Soo Chung.

Mayor Kim asked Soo Chung if she could get back to Councilman Donohue to facilitate that. Mayor Kim stated to the council members to shoot away. Mayor Kim asked if the council members had any questions.

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RESOLUTION 2026-98            Claims

Councilman Kwak stated he was going to Resolution 2026-98. Councilman Kwak stated this was a sizeable monthly claims list. Councilman Kwak stated he guessed the CFO had the answer, so he had to reserve his question.

Mayor Kim asked what Councilman Kwak's question was.

Councilman Kwak stated the claims list was a sizeable amount for that month. Councilman Kwak asked in what way would this affect the municipal operating budget. Councilman Kwak asked if they would still be whole. Councilman Kwak stated due to the fact that they had some deficits within the municipal budget, if the sixteen million dollars going to have a massive effect to the municipal budget going forward.

Roberta Stern replied it shouldn't. Roberta Stern stated as Roy Riggitano explained, the eight million dollars, which was a substantial part of this, was a functional part of their bond anticipation notes.

Allan Roth stated it was just the capital dedicated money.

Roberta Stern stated it was outside of the budget. Roberta Stern stated that was why it seemed so much, but that didn't affect the budget.

Mayor Kim stated to remember the CFO was at the Work Session. Mayor Kim stated he did ask this a couple of times, but he wanted a financial representative in the Regular Session even though the explanation was done in the Work Session because the audience might ask questions. Mayor Kim stated that even though they were at the Work Session, there was an audience, and there would be council members who couldn't make it to the Work Session. Mayor Kim stated from now on he wanted at least one representative from the finance department to be there to answer questions for the Regular Session.

Roberta Stern stated they were a little short staffed that day because Roy Riggitano was away and she couldn't get somebody who was qualified to answer the questions.

Mayor Kim asked if they would be short staffed the following month.

Roberta Stern replied no.

Councilman Kwak stated he just had a few additional questions from the claims list. Councilman Kwak stated going to page 9, he knew that they had a significant expense for crossing guards from January 5, 2026, to January 18, 2026. Councilman Kwak asked Roberta Stern if she could shed some light on why that \$15,000 expense was for the crossing guards and clarify for the municipality.

Roberta Stern replied in January of 2024 to December of 2025, there were approximately 219 calls when a crossing guard called out. Roberta Stern stated when the police department decided to look into this, it was a very well thought out idea because it freed up police officers and specialists who were called in to fill in 219 spots, to be able to do police work.

Councilman Kwak stated instead of being on the crossing guard – Roberta Stern interjected and stated instead of being out on a corner the last minute. Roberta Stern stated there was overtime and there were all other things that happened. Roberta Stern stated besides the fact that it looked like a lot of money and on paper, when they paid the hires, it might have looked like it was more than what they paid the following year for the same period of time except they were not paying workers compensation or insurance. Roberta Stern stated all of those things were built into the price that they paid these people. Roberta Stern stated before, though it didn't show in salary and wages, they were paying that extra money for the people who worked as their crossing guards. Roberta Stern stated she thought the biggest thing was it was a lot of trouble getting people to fill these positions in general. Roberta Stern stated this company operated in a way similar to Uber. Roberta Stern stated the company had a running list of people that was always available to them. Roberta Stern stated they could pick and choose, and the borough didn't have to worry about filling that spot because the company was filling it. Roberta Stern stated when the borough went to their insurance meetings and when they had people come in to tell them about insurance claims, the highest risk was crossing guards. Roberta Stern stated the most claims that came in were crossing guard claims. Roberta Stern stated PEOSHA, which was also a very important part of the government who came in to inspect, made sure that people were dressed correctly – Mayor Kim interjected and stated mold.

Roberta Stern stated it was a little different from a crossing guard but with crossing guards it was about whether or not they were wearing a vest or if they had the right stop sign. Roberta Stern stated with the borough not having to worry about that, they saved a great deal of money. Roberta Stern stated if they

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compared the prices which they looked at on paper, salary-wise it looked like it was a little bit higher, or they didn't really see the savings. Roberta Stern stated the savings were in all these other things. Mayor Kim asked if they were saving money.

Roberta Stern replied they were saving money, but they were getting a better product without having the police department concerning – Allan Roth interjected and stated the cost savings of the police officers were not included in that price.

Roberta Stern stated a lot of that was part of it. Roberta Stern stated it was such a good idea that other towns around them were joining now as well because they saw how well it was working for the borough. Roberta Stern stated even their neighbor Ridgefield was looking into joining.

Councilman Kwak stated beautiful. Councilman Kwak thanked Roberta Stern. Councilman Kwak asked if it was alright if they went down to page 10 about Interpreter Services. Councilman Kwak stated he knew Councilwoman Won-Yoon had discrepancies about the Spanish translator. Councilman Kwak stated they had an amendment for the salary ordinance in 2026. Councilman Kwak stated he knew that there was a referral about the 2025 ordinance prior and the salary range was now in place for the accredited, professional – Roberta Stern interjected and stated in the new salary ordinance, they changed the range. Roberta Stern stated she thought the borough attorney could explain that better than she could. Roberta Stern stated because this was a special service, if the court required something to provide judicial process for the residents that came in and they needed somebody who had certification as a Korean interpreter, there was a balance. Roberta Stern stated that balance was a lot higher because they got different training.

Mayor Kim stated certification.

Roberta Stern stated certification, but she thought the training with language was different and the person who might have been doing it wasn't handling things quite as well. Roberta Stern stated the judge was very upset.

Mayor Kim stated it was for three months the year prior.

Allan Roth stated the biggest issue was that it costed the borough time, and therefore money. Allan Roth stated if there was a due process violation it had to be tried before the court. Allan Roth stated if there was an appeal it had to be tried before the court. Allan Roth stated if they failed to provide due process, one of two things could happen. Allan Roth stated if the court and IEOSS got sued it would be more litigation and more expenses than they had. Allan Roth stated he had a case similar, but the other issue was that the Department of Justice could come in and could say, "I need a translator. You're not providing appropriate access to the court and therefore you are under investigation." Allan Roth stated they could be subject to fines that could cost money. Allan Roth stated the person who made the complaint to the Department of Justice would get an award from the fine against the municipality. Allan Roth stated all of that would add up the cost. Allan Roth stated the fact of the matter was, the year prior was \$200, and it was well under the threshold that was required. Allan Roth stated they were talking about \$200 versus what it was. Allan Roth stated they had to make sure before anything else they were applying due process at this level.

Councilman Kwak thanked Allan Roth.

Mayor Kim asked what else.

Councilman Kwak apologized to everybody, and stated he just wanted to be thorough.

Mayor Kim stated everybody took their chance.

Councilman Kwak stated on page 22, The Otis Elevator Company. Councilman Kwak stated he saw they had a maintenance service for \$7,000. Councilman Kwak asked if "Budget Buildings & Grounds" was a rebate or – Roberta Stern interjected and asked Councilman Kwak to wait and let her get there.

Mayor Kim stated this was the elevator. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Kwak was asking what the \$7,000 was for. Mayor Kim asked if they were getting reimbursed by the people who asked for this.

Councilman Kwak stated he didn't find that they had a building – Roberta Stern interjected and stated she was going to be honest. Roberta Stern stated she didn't have the information on Otis Elevator, but she was sure that she could find it quickly because she was looking at their contract for Top Floor Elevator. Roberta Stern stated she thought that was the question, and she did not look at this one. Roberta Stern stated she made copies of what Top Floor Elevator was charging and she had that, but Otis Elevator was totally different, and it wasn't brought up to her before. Roberta Stern stated she looked at the wrong elevator one. Roberta Stern stated she didn't have the answer to that and to give her one second.

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Councilman Kwak thanked Roberta Stern.

Roberta Stern stated she was just in touch with finance. Roberta Stern called the building inspector.

Mayor Kim stated he didn't want to put the building inspector on the spot, but they were in the middle of the Regular Meeting, and the inspector was going to be their representative, as it would only be five minutes, and it was a very simple question. Mayor Kim asked if the building inspector had an invoice for maintenance service from Otis Elevator for \$7,1608.68. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Kwak's question was, "We're being charged by this but we're being reimbursed by the people who are using their services, correct?"

The building inspector asked what the name of the elevator company was.

Mayor Kim replied Otis Elevator. Mayor Kim stated they didn't own any elevators.

The building inspector asked if Mayor Kim was sure it was not from Top Floor Elevator.

Mayor Kim replied no, it said "Maintenance Service" for \$7,108.68. Mayor Kim stated they had to go through the borough's vendor to fix things or get the permits.

The building inspector asked if the town owned any buildings with elevators because he didn't think so.

Mayor Kim replied he didn't think so. Mayor Kim stated that was why the question still stood trying to figure out why – The building inspector stated if they didn't have any invoice, Mayor Kim would know by the next morning.

Mayor Kim stated that sounded good.

Roberta Stern asked if 83 Centre Place had an elevator.

Mayor Kim replied 83 Centre Place did have a set elevator. Mayor Kim stated however, she couldn't just assume that.

Roberta Stern stated she was just questioning because like she said this was the first time she passed this because she looked up the other elevator that there was a question on – Mayor Kim interjected and stated that was the only elevator that they had.

Councilman Kwak stated the library.

Mayor Kim stated the library was not theirs and it should come out from the library budget. Mayor Kim stated it said, "Budget Building & Grounds".

Allan Roth stated <Speaking Indistinctly>.

Mayor Kim asked if that was possible.

Allan Roth replied yes.

Mayor Kim asked Councilman Kwak if he had any more questions.

Councilman Kwak replied no.

Allan Roth asked if they could have a look at the contract. Allan Roth stated he wanted to make sure everybody was clear. Allan Roth stated vendor number 2026-00503 Otis Elevator would be removed from the bills list and carried for a month. Allan Roth asked if the council was okay with that.

Mayor Kim, Roberta Stern, and Councilman Kwak replied yes.

Mayor Kim stated they didn't know what they were paying at that time.

Allan Roth stated it was going to be removed from the bills list and maybe reintroduced, but they would just have to note that to the finance office that they would have to relist that.

Councilman Kwak thanked Allan Roth.

Roberta Stern apologized and stated she just wanted to ask Councilman Shin a question.

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Sophia Jang asked if the total price for the claims list had to be changed because they had to remove this part.

Allan Roth replied if it matched, *<Speaking Indistinctly>*.

Sophia Jang stated she would figure it out.

Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Kwak had any more questions.

Councilman Kwak replied no.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Kwak.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked regarding claims, what the concerns were regarding all the agreements with Pitapats and Vision Media, and if they had been done correctly.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't know why she was having so much trouble hearing Councilwoman Won-Yoon and asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon could speak into the microphone.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated at the Work Session she raised the concerns that they were overpaying two vendors, Pitapats and Vision Media, under the resolutions that they passed.

Mayor Kim stated they talked about it at the Work Session.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they talked about it, but it had not been corrected.

Mayor Kim stated that wasn't a correction. Mayor Kim stated the borough administrator explained why it costed that much.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if Roberta Stern did. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if Roberta Stern could explain.

Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern if she could explain why it went up.

Roberta Stern asked if it was because they were paying Pitapats \$2,000 a month.

Mayor Kim replied yes.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied no, it was an extra \$200 in addition to – Roberta Stern interjected and stated no, the extra \$200 was because he was the website administrator. Roberta Stern stated it had nothing to do with Pitapats. Roberta Stern stated he was getting paid individually as the website administrator which was the \$200. Roberta Stern stated the other money was for all the work that was done with the website and everything else that Pitapats was responsible for, which was a great deal of work.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated her understanding was that the only resolution that they had that year was Resolution 2026-62 which was for \$24,000. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that was why there was nothing mentioned about the additional \$200.

Roberta Stern stated it was because they paid \$47,000 for a public relations person who did nothing. Roberta Stern stated this person was getting \$2,000 for the year for doing a lot of work.

Mayor Kim stated to let him explain because maybe Councilwoman Won-Yoon wasn't there. Mayor Kim stated he thought this one was because they saved a lot of money. Mayor Kim stated this was his project. Mayor Kim stated when he was doing the claims, he noticed that the old vendor was taking care of the borough website and making modifications to content that they had to use which changed a lot every single day. Mayor Kim stated if there was an unexpected power surge, they would have to give notice. Mayor Kim stated when that happened, he noticed that if they just changed one content or one sentence, they were charged \$700, \$1400, or \$2700. Mayor Kim stated he still remembered this. Mayor Kim stated they had an average of paying these guys who managed their website and changed the content and even putting on just graphic design. Mayor Kim stated they were charged \$700 for graphic design. Mayor Kim stated he checked the calculations and it was enormous, like \$48,000 or \$50,000 worth of modifications every single year. Mayor Kim stated when that happened he questioned what they could do. Mayor Kim stated to Councilwoman Won-Yoon that he thought she was part of this initiative when they said, "Let's save us long-term money by creating an old website. We'll manage it. We'll get a professional and then we'll put it on a context, so we didn't have to be charged \$50,000 a year."

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Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she thought there was a misunderstanding of communication. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated in Resolution 2026-62, it said, "This governing body authorized amending the contract with Pitapats and for the provision of website administration and graphic design services to reflect a yearly amount of \$24,000."

Mayor Kim stated that was part of the claim.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was talking about the additional \$200. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked why they were paying the additional \$200.

Mayor Kim stated to Roberta Stern to just say it one more time.

Roberta Stern replied the additional money was for an individual who was the website manager. Roberta Stern stated he was handling things that were outside of placing things on the website. Roberta Stern stated she was not a techy but – Mayor Kim interjected and stated he thought he knew what Councilwoman Won-Yoon was getting at. Mayor Kim asked if they required a resolution to give the \$200. Mayor Kim stated he thought that was what Councilwoman Won-Yoon wanted to do.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon thanked Mayor Kim.

Allan Roth replied because it was well under the threshold, and the fact that they had an invoice off the claims list – Mayor Kim interjected and stated it was on the claims list. Mayor Kim stated he got what Allan Roth was saying.

Allan Roth stated Mayor Kim was talking about \$2,400.

Roberta Stern commented that it was like they were talking in circles again.

Mayor Kim stated it was under the threshold within a year, even as per transaction. Mayor Kim stated that was why they didn't require a resolution.

Allan Roth stated Mayor Kim had an invoice – Mayor Kim interjected and stated but Allan Roth did the claims. Mayor Kim stated to Allan Roth he was asking the question. Mayor Kim stated Roberta Stern answered Allan Roth's question.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated her next question had to do with Vision Media.

Mayor Kim asked what page.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied it was page 32, the second from the bottom.

Mayor Kim stated he thought this was the same question as before.

Roberta Stern stated it was.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked why nothing was correct because their certified resolution said \$3,500 a month. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they were paying \$4,000 a month. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she needed answers.

Roberta Stern replied from what the finance office told her, they owed Vision Media money from a different month because she asked Jack Belleza and it wasn't the right amount. Roberta Stern stated Jack Belleza said it was a combination of two things because he owed them money that was underpaid. Roberta Stern stated that was the answer that Jack Belleza gave her and it had nothing to do with the resolution.

Mayor Kim asked how much they were supposed to pay Vision Media each month.

Roberta Stern replied she thought it was thirty-three something.

Sophia Jang and Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated \$3,500.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they had been paying Vision Media \$4,000 every month for the last year.

Allan Roth stated the borough administrator said the reason was the finance office advised they underpaid one invoice, therefore they owed money off an old invoice. Allan Roth stated he wasn't saying it was right or wrong, but the way the finance department listed it was one check for \$4,000. Allan Roth stated

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to the council members if it was \$3,500 then that was what it was. Allan Roth stated the extra \$500 service fee was from a prior invoice but was all going to be cut off from one check.

Mayor Kim stated let them just say Councilwoman Won-Yoon was right. Mayor Kim stated let them just say he was supposed to pay \$3,500. Mayor Kim asked if they could go back and say, "Give us our money back."

Allan Roth replied they were just adjusted but municipalities and corporations did it all the time. Allan Roth stated they paid too much on one end for an overbilling or mistake. Allan Roth stated it was administratively changed in the following month or the month in which they caught it, as long as it was within the same calendar year.

Mayor Kim thanked Allan Roth. Mayor Kim stated to Roberta Stern to answer Councilwoman Won-Yoon's question on why it was \$4,000. Mayor Kim stated Jack Belleza said – Roberta Stern interjected and stated that was what Jack Belleza told her when she asked him.

Mayor Kim stated to Roberta Stern to give the receipts and proof to them after this meeting so by the next month – Roberta Stern interjected and stated Jack Belleza was out of the office for a while, but she would get it to them as soon as she could.

Mayor Kim stated that was fine, Jack Belleza had until the next month's meeting to figure it out. Mayor Kim stated to please give the information to Councilwoman Won-Yoon and the rest of them before the Work Session.

Roberta Stern replied yes, definitely. Roberta Stern stated as soon as she got an answer from Jack Belleza, she would have him print something for her and then she could send it to everyone. Roberta Stern stated it was all in Edmunds.

RESOLUTION 2026-100            Authorizing a Settlement Agreement with Builder's Remedy (Re: Golden Value) -~~STRIKE~~

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if Resolution 2026-100, which was the settlement agreement, was gone.

Mayor Kim stated to give him one second.

Allan Roth replied yes. Allan Roth stated he didn't get the chance to say it, but he would do it at that point because they had not gotten that far. Allan Roth apologized because they just had this conversation in the Executive Session. Allan Roth stated Golden Value, which was Resolution 2026-100, was now off the agenda. Allan Roth stated the government had incurred the document was still not finalized. Allan Roth stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon heard about it in the Executive Session that night, they pulled it, and it would need to be on the agenda for the following month. Allan Roth stated that was part of their affordable housing deadline requirement. Allan Roth stated that would be on the agenda, hopefully for passage.

RESOLUTION 2026-117            Authorizing Payment of First Installment to Swimming Pool Main Line

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated her next question was for Resolution 2026-117 and Resolution 2026-118. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated those were new. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they discussed those at the Work Session.

Mayor Kim replied the "Authorizing Payment of First Installment to Swimming Pool Main Line" was addressed. Mayor Kim asked if this was the one where the hub was broken.

Allan Roth replied yes, this was the \$60,000 payment.

Roberta Stern replied Resolution 2026-117 was the first installment for the swimming pool. Roberta Stern stated Main Line was the company doing the filtration system and they got paid as a percentage of work was done. Roberta Stern stated when the borough gave Main Line the contract, they had completed the demolition on the schedule the council approved. Roberta Stern stated \$50,000 was part of the demolition, and \$10,000 was for restoring the platform that went down into that. Roberta Stern stated that had been done, so that was all they were paying.

RESOLUTION 2026-118            Awarding Contract for Swimming Pool Power-Washing, Cleaning, Painting, and Concrete Patching Work (Re: Balanikas Painting and Contracting)

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Roberta Stern stated they had three quotes for the awarding of the contract for the swimming pool power-washing. Roberta Stern stated the Swimming Pool Director Karen Nascenti worked very hard to get three quotes and it took her a little bit longer to get the last one.

Allan Roth asked if the last one was the lowest.

Roberta Stern replied and the lowest, of course.

Allan Roth stated the last one ended up being the lowest quote.

Roberta Stern stated it was a good thing.

Allan Roth stated he was just making sure – Roberta Stern interjected and stated it was even lower because she called them and got it lowered a little bit more. Roberta Stern stated they needed to get that done in April, because she couldn't do it in May. Roberta Stern stated this was late, but only because they got that last quote late.

Mayor Kim stated he heard the same explanation from Roberta Stern, so he said *<Indistinctly Speaking>*.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they discussed at the Work Session.

Allan Roth replied they discussed Resolution 2026-117 but did not discuss Resolution 2026-118.

Mayor Kim replied they did for Resolution 2026-117 and it was recorded. Mayor Kim stated Resolution 2026-118 was new and Roberta Stern just explained it was because they were waiting for a third quote. Mayor Kim stated luckily the third quote came out late and it was the lowest, so it was a blessing in disguise. Mayor Kim stated he asked why it couldn't be done faster and it was because it was difficult getting people to give them the quote. Mayor Kim stated once they did it, he asked when the swimming pool could be opened. Mayor Kim stated he was told they had to do it at that time in order to open on time. Mayor Kim stated he said that was fine.

Roberta Stern stated they were starting the following week. Roberta Stern stated they gave her a date that day.

Councilman Kwak stated for Resolution 2026-100, Allan Roth was talking about affordable and having to pass that in April. Councilman Kwak asked Allan Roth what the ramifications were.

Mayor Kim asked which one Councilman Kwak was talking about.

Allan Roth replied he could answer if they could discuss that question at the end. Allan Roth stated at that time, they were only dealing with the resolutions on the consent agenda.

Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions.

Councilman Kwak replied no.

Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min if he had something.

RESOLUTION 2026-116      Appointment of Part-Time Code Enforcement Officers/ Traffic Enforcement Officers (Re: M. Karaduman and E. Musaj) ~~-STRIKE~~

Councilman Min replied Resolution 2026-116 was not on the agenda before the Work Session. Councilman Min asked if this was for appointing the new traffic code enforcement officer.

Mayor Kim replied yes, this was why he was going to invite the representative at that time. Mayor Kim asked Police Chief George Beck or Police Director Michael Gardner to come up and explain why this came out at the Regular Session and not at the Work Session. Mayor Kim stated they were talking about Resolution 2026-116. Mayor Kim stated this was not presented in the Work Session, however, they placed this on the agenda. Mayor Kim asked for an explanation on why this wasn't disclosed at the Work Session, and why it was necessary to put it in the Regular Session.

Police Director Michael Gardner replied he sent an e-mail at 4:00PM before the Work Session and the e-mail wasn't responded to.

Mayor Kim asked who Michael Gardner sent the e-mail to.

Michael Gardner replied he sent the e-mail to Sophia Jang and Roberta Stern.

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Mayor Kim asked if Michael Gardner sent the e-mail to Sophia Jang and Roberta Stern.

Michael Gardner replied he believed so.

Sophia Jang stated she didn't receive anything.

Mayor Kim asked if Michael Gardner had proof.

Roberta Stern stated she thought what happened with this was that there was a question about why they were hiring them because they said they weren't going to be hiring anyone.

Mayor Kim stated that was not the question. Mayor Kim stated he had the same question. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was asking why Resolution 2026-116 was not presented at the Work Session. Mayor Kim stated the police director said he requested a resolution, and he said that he sent it to Roberta Stern and Sophia Jang.

Roberta Stern stated he did.

Allan Roth stated he didn't know if it was right before or right after the Work Session, but for the Work Session and for their purposes, from the law division, his understanding was that they were going to hold all hiring until the budget was approved, which was what this was. Allan Roth stated he questioned the CFO and the borough administrator for that. Allan Roth stated he could be wrong, but his understanding was he did not cover and he would be coming as soon as he got out of cleaning the pension system. Allan Roth stated it was addressed that they weren't going to move forward with the hiring, and once he found that out that they were going to hire even if the budget was not presented, they drafted the resolution. Allan Roth stated he could tell them for a fact that he drafted the resolution subsequent to the workshop, but he was not aware they were hiring before the budget was addressed because he thought according to the CFO, they were going to look to hire anyone after the budget was drawn. Allan Roth stated that was the answer. Allan Roth stated he did not know they were hiring anybody. Allan Roth stated he knew there was a request, and he remembered when he saw it. Allan Roth stated once they got direction from, he thought the mayor, they were going to move forward and the resolution was drafted.

Sophia Jang stated she also received it from the police director on March 20.

Mayor Kim repeated March 20.

Councilman Min stated in addition to his question, this resolution was for hiring a part-time code enforcer and traffic enforcer. Councilman Min stated slash meaning both. Councilman Min stated a month back, they hired a bunch of traffic officers.

Allan Roth stated they had hired one in January.

Councilman Min stated no, with the special officers and the traffic officers, it was very recent. Councilman Min stated he knew it was two different months.

Allan Roth stated that was the year prior.

Councilman Min stated recently, they hired one traffic officer and prior to that, they hired a special officer and sent them to the academy a couple months back. Councilman Min stated he saw a lot of those traffic officers working down at the DPW, and they were hiring part-time traffic officers that night. Councilman Min asked what was going on.

Mayor Kim asked for an explanation why, if it was true, they placed a lot of TEOs in DPW. Mayor Kim asked what happened to all the TEOs they hired.

Michael Gardner replied first of all, they didn't hire a lot of TEOs. Michael Gardner stated second of all, he believed there were two TEOs working part-time down in DPW. Michael Gardner stated the DPW was short on staff, some people were out injured, and they were down. Michael Gardner stated with the snow removal and so on and so forth, the DPW needed help. Michael Gardner stated they reached out and the police department had people volunteering to help the DPW out, so they were working a few hours for DPW and a few hours with the police.

Councilman Min asked if it was voluntary to help the DPW out.

Michael Gardner replied yes.

Allan Roth replied it was not voluntarily.

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Michael Gardner stated they weren't working for free.

Allan Roth stated they agreed to do a third slash. Allan Roth stated they covered a couple of hours at DPW. Allan Roth stated to Councilman Min they had a significant number of worker's complaints where either they couldn't support the worker's recommended *<Speaking Indistinctly>* to duty or they didn't have enough sedentary work for them, so the DPW was short. Allan Roth stated historically, the year prior in the summer, the police director asked if they could "spare" a couple hours from their TEOs to go down to DPW. Allan Roth stated to Michael Gardner he remembered that conversation. Allan Roth stated he didn't know the specific answer for this case, but he did know that historically, if there was a shortage, they would ask the TEOs for their time. Allan Roth stated they were not paying the TEOs any extra, they were just paying the TEOs for their hours.

Mayor Kim stated to Councilman Min that they might have a lot of TEOs, but if they didn't ask the TEOs to work for them, the TEOs didn't get paid.

Councilman Min stated with that said, his next question was for Resolution 2026-109.

Mayor Kim stated to give him one second because he wanted to finish Resolution 2026-116.

Councilman Kwak asked Michael Gardner what their staffing was currently for the code enforcers and TEOs, and what the rotation was in terms of on a daily basis.

Michael Gardner replied at that time, they had a full-time code enforcement officer. Michael Gardner stated they called him, "Peter Pan", and he was in his eighties. Michael Gardner stated they had a part-time code enforcement officer, Tack Son. Michael Gardner stated instead of pigeonholing TEOs into one job title, the police department was giving them double titles as TEOs/code enforcement so they could multitask. Michael Gardner stated they were part-time, only a few hours here, a few hours there. Michael Gardner stated the TEOs got hired every year. Michael Gardner stated they had some TEOs that had not been that productive or doing *<Speaking Indistinctly>* or so on, and if people weren't doing their job, they were not giving the people hours. Michael Gardner stated they had to bring in people who wanted to work. Michael Gardner apologized for asking people to work for what they were paid for. Michael Gardner stated he didn't mean to be harsh, but the idea was he wanted people to work and that was why they wanted to bring in these two other people. Michael Gardner stated some people weren't being productive.

Councilman Kwak stated he saw that the new hire was a Magna Cum Laude honor graduate over at his college. Councilman Kwak stated he saw the 3.8 GPA, and all the accreditations. Councilman Kwak asked in terms of having the dual role, was the \$19.50 per hour a separate per hour basis salary for him when he was doing code enforcement compared to the TEO. Councilman Kwak stated it was just to confirm, it was just in a whole bundle of the \$19.50.

Michael Gardner answered same rate of pay.

Councilman Kwak replied perfect and thanked Michael Gardner.

Councilman Min asked if he could – Mayor Kim interjected and stated he was almost done. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min had to let him conduct and then the mayor would give him the opportunity into his space. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min if he was going to talk about something else concerning Resolution 2026-116.

Councilman Min replied yes, he wanted to relate Resolution 2026-116 to Resolution 2026-109.

Mayor Kim stated to let him finish Resolution 2026-116 and then he would give Councilman Min the microphone back. Mayor Kim stated he would like to withdraw Resolution 2026-116 off of the agenda because he agreed that sometimes what they had to do was more important than the procedure because the ending result would be beneficial for the people. Mayor Kim stated he really appreciated this. Mayor Kim stated the police department got accredited, they knew how to follow proper procedures and knew the deadlines. Mayor Kim stated when this was submitted post-mark March 20<sup>th</sup>, which would have been a Friday, it was late. Mayor Kim stated it was not an emergency. Mayor Kim stated they went to the interview with Councilman Donohue and Councilman Shin and spent a lot of time. Mayor Kim stated this was a good idea, but Mayor Kim apologized because at this point, he was going to respect the proper procedure because it was a little more important than what they had to get. Mayor Kim stated it was not an emergency.

Michael Gardner asked what procedure wasn't filled. Michael Gardner stated he would go back to his computer to show the mayor that he put a request in for a resolution. Michael Gardner stated he believed ninety-nine percent that he copied that e-mail to the borough attorney.

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Mayor Kim replied he was looking at the post-mark date. Mayor Kim stated the borough clerk received these requests on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Michael Gardner stated that was a follow-up e-mail because he didn't see it in the Work Session.

Mayor Kim stated he got it, but Michael Gardner didn't have to get upset. Mayor Kim stated he was talking about procedures at that point because it wasn't an emergency. Mayor Kim stated if it was an emergency, they might consider bypassing procedures. Mayor Kim stated it was an internal problem that they had. Mayor Kim stated he didn't want to open up a can of worms talking about who was at fault. Mayor Kim stated this did not follow their policy because everything should have been addressed at the Work Session. Mayor Kim stated this was not a very big emergency and this was his call, so he was going to retract it. Mayor Kim apologized to Michael Gardner and stated he didn't want to reprimand him because the police department worked very hard to be where they needed to be. Mayor Kim stated this was one good example to respect the procedure, and due process. Mayor Kim stated to make a record that Resolution 2026-116 was tabled to the following month.

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

Councilman Min stated he was surprised they were hiring traffic officers. Councilman Min stated if Resolution 2026-109 got passed for suspending parking meters starting from 6:00PM to 10:00AM – Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Min was talking to him or the public.

Councilman Min answered he was talking to the public.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min had to talk to the Mayor and Council – Councilman Min interjected and asked Mayor Kim to stop. Councilman Min stated that was his whole point.

Allan Roth asked if Councilman Min had a question.

Councilman Min replied yes, he had a question to the police chief about this resolution. Councilman Min asked how many parking meter spots they had in town.

Police Chief George Beck replied *<Speaking Indistinctly>* parking meters. George Beck stated Captain James Rotundo *<Speaking Indistinctly>* for the parking and just informed him it was over 200.

Councilman Min asked if they were to suspend starting from 6:00PM until 10:00AM the next day, they were only allowed to feed the meter until 10:00PM.

Mayor Kim replied no, until 6:00PM.

Captain Rotundo replied 6:00PM until 10:00AM.

Councilman Min asked if it was normally from 6:00PM until 10:00PM.

Mayor Kim stated 10:00AM to 9:00PM.

Councilman Min stated they were losing three hours of revenue multiplied by two hundred parking spots by doing this resolution starting from April 1, 2026 until June 30, 2026. Councilman Min asked if they knew how much revenue they were losing by doing this.

Captain Rotundo replied he did and it was about \$500 a day.

Councilman Min asked times ninety days.

Captain Rotundo replied yes, minus Sunday.

Councilman Min stated he was just calculating those numbers. Councilman Min stated they were losing over \$120,000 by doing this resolution.

Mayor Kim asked for three months.

Councilman Shin replied the \$120,000 was for the year, but for three months it would be about \$25,000.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min made a mistake. Mayor Kim stated it was fine, everybody made mistakes, but he thought Councilman Min calculated within a year.

Councilman Min stated they were talking about tickets, too.

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Mayor Kim asked how Councilman Min imagined tickets – Councilman Min replied he was just saying, based off the number of tickets they were issuing.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was asking a question like, “When is it going to rain?” Mayor Kim stated they were not talking about when it was going to rain. Mayor Kim stated the whole purpose was to help commerce because the economy was bad, ICE was coming, and the residents were suffering. Mayor Kim stated it was a good idea to start, and it was a true calculation by Councilman Shin, who was a chair there, and confirmed by Captain Rotundo that it was going to be around \$25,000. Mayor Kim stated it was not about \$100,000.

Councilman Min stated his question still stood clear. Councilman Min asked what metric of measurement was going to tell this was going to help the merchants.

Mayor Kim replied they were only doing three months. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin was the community chair for the police.

Councilman Shin stated they were getting \$600,000 from the parking meters for a year.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin was saying that they were making a generated estimated revenue of \$600,000 a year from parking meters because they had to do parking meters.

Councilman Shin stated if they gave up three hours, that would mean they would lose about \$100,000 per year. Councilman Shin stated for three months, it would be about a total of \$100,000, which was about \$25,000.

Mayor Kim stated that was right. Mayor Kim stated at that time, Councilman Shin calculated this.

Allan Roth stated if Captain Rotundo was giving a number of \$500 per day times six days times twelve weeks.

Chief Beck stated the idea was that the stimulus could go to the businesses and allow them to thrive so that they didn't end up in a situation like they had in the 1980's, where they had shops that were vacant.

Mayor Kim stated it was happening.

Chief Beck stated they understood what was going on with ICE and the community. Chief Beck stated it was a better opportunity to allow businesses to thrive. Chief Beck stated if this was the complaint that after 6:00PM, restaurants could be visited and people didn't have to worry about it. Chief Beck stated they did look at those numbers and determined that a healthier business community was probably worth the investment.

Mayor Kim stated to the council members they all went down to Broad Avenue. Mayor Kim stated one thing that was unanimous from all the merchants was saying, “That was a good idea.”

Councilman Min asked for the suspension of the enforcement starting from 6:00PM to 10:00AM, what would happen if people parked their cars, left, and came back at 9:00AM.

Mayor Kim replied that always happened after 9:00PM. Mayor Kim stated after 9:00PM, anybody could park, especially the apartment residents who didn't have a parking space. Mayor Kim stated that was the reason they allowed those residents to park there. Mayor Kim stated if they did it at 9:00AM, it didn't make a difference what other parking spaces there were because it was pretty much free parking. Mayor Kim stated they were hoping that the residents would take advantage of that.

Councilman Shin asked if they fully discussed this resolution in the Work Session.

Mayor Kim replied they did.

Councilman Shin stated business was declining in this area. Councilman Shin stated if they went to Fort Lee, some business areas had parking until 6:00PM. Councilman Shin stated after 6:00PM, they didn't make money. Councilman Shin stated a lot of people went to Fort Lee's businesses instead of Palisades Park. Councilman Shin stated he tried to find some ways to help the declining businesses in Palisades Park. Councilman Shin stated this was one of the *<Speaking Indistinctly>* and they discussed this fully in the Work Session. Councilman Shin stated he didn't know why Councilman Min brought this back up again.

Councilman Min asked if they limited the parking to two hours.

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Mayor Kim replied no, it was three hours. Mayor Kim asked what Councilman Min meant by limit because he didn't understand.

Councilman Min replied people could park there all day long.

Mayor Kim stated it had been like that the whole time. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Shin said they had this discussion in the Work Session. Mayor Kim stated the council members were quiet about it, and now they were asking this and that. Mayor Kim stated the council members were catching them off guard. Mayor Kim stated there was a moment at the Work Session where they all talked about it. Mayor Kim stated it seemed like no one was complaining but at that time Councilman Min was asking this question. Mayor Kim stated to Councilman Min they were going to get everybody parking all night long, but it had always been like that.

Councilman Min stated that was why markets were complaining, saying people were parking all day long.

Mayor Kim stated let them not talk about all night long because all night long was there before – Councilman Min interjected and stated they would see.

Mayor Kim stated that was why it was just three months. Mayor Kim stated let them just cooperate and give the merchants a break.

Councilman Shin stated this would not be permanent and this was a three-month trial to see what kind of effect they had and if this helped the businesses to grow.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin.

Councilman Min stated he would not worry about the revenue.

Mayor Kim stated they all worried about the revenue. Mayor Kim stated they all decided that they were not there for what they thought anymore. Mayor Kim stated they represented the people, the residents, and the commerce. Mayor Kim stated like the chief said, before the Korean Americans started to invest in this community, the <Speaking Indistinctly> was blocked off with plywood and everything else. Mayor Kim stated it was horrible and right now they were getting back to that phase. Mayor Kim stated he had noticed their most well valued and proudful restaurants and stores were up for sale. Mayor Kim stated he didn't know if Councilman Min noticed that.

Councilman Min replied he did.

Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min did. Mayor Kim stated he understood Councilman Min was worried about it and so was the Mayor and Council, but he hoped instead of the council member saying, "What about that, What about this?", they would provide solutions. Mayor Kim stated this was one solution that they thought they could try out for three months and see how it would go. Mayor Kim stated it was not permanent like Councilman Shin said losing \$100,000 to \$150,000. Mayor Kim stated they were losing \$25,000. Mayor Kim stated to the council members if that was worth it for the merchants, let them support the merchants.

Councilman Min stated he hoped the resolution helped the taxpayers.

Mayor Kim stated they did, too. Mayor Kim stated that was why it was three months.

Councilman Min stated they were not collecting the revenue.

Mayor Kim stated he knew but he thought the TEOs were doing a good job with the tickets. Mayor Kim stated let them give it three months and see how it was. Mayor Kim stated it was in beta phase. Mayor Kim stated let them show the merchants that they appreciated them being there because at the time, they wanted to sell and get out.

Councilman Min stated they were jeopardizing.

Mayor Kim asked jeopardizing what. Mayor Kim stated he thought Councilman Min wanted to spark something.

Allan Roth stated <Speaking Indistinctly>.

Mayor Kim stated this should have been done in the Work Session. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was grandstanding again and he hated it.

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Councilman Min stated all the resolutions on the bottom should have been addressed in the Work Session.

Mayor Kim stated they did. Mayor Kim stated they just talked about it, and he removed Resolution 2026-119 to tell Councilman Min he respected what Councilman Min was trying to do. Mayor Kim stated that process was important.

Allan Roth stated the discussion was enough. Allan Roth stated on the resolution – Mayor Kim interjected and stated Councilman Min was acting like they didn't know they were losing \$25,000.

Councilman Min stated to Mayor Kim to calm down.

Mayor Kim stated to Councilman Min to calm down. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min was telling them they were stupid and saying they didn't know that they lost \$25,000. Mayor Kim stated they knew they were losing revenue, but they were saying, "Is it worth it? Let's do it for three months."

Allan Roth stated to let them do it for the community.

Mayor Kim stated they were trying to do good things for the community. Mayor Kim stated please don't stop it.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the way the resolution was written at that point, it sounded like it was free parking between 6:00PM until 10:00AM. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated the ordinance included parking for limited hours because of cleaning. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated for example, parking was prohibited on Broad Avenue, between 7:00AM and 8:00AM. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this sounded like they could stay parked.

Councilman Min stated <Speaking Indistinctly> enforcement.

Mayor Kim stated the only thing that was changing was that at night, anybody could park and they enforced at 10:00AM because the residents with parking permits would need those spots. Mayor Kim stated they gave the people leeway. Mayor Kim stated this time frame had not changed before he became a council member. Mayor Kim stated that had been there for ages because there were apartment residents. Mayor Kim stated they should allow free parking so anybody could park overnight but then they enforced it in the morning. Mayor Kim stated the enforcement in the morning didn't change. Mayor Kim stated they were reducing the enforcement on the payment for the evening so they could bolster the busiest time for the commerce. Mayor Kim stated he really needed the council members' support on this.

Councilman Min asked when they claimed – Mayor Kim interjected and stated he was not talking to Councilman Min. Mayor Kim asked Allan Roth if he told Councilman Min to do this. Mayor Kim stated he was talking to Councilwoman Won-Yoon at that time and Councilman Min was bothered and grandstanding. Mayor Kim asked why Councilman Min was so angry.

Allan Roth stated the mayor had the floor.

Councilman Min asked who was angry.

Mayor Kim stated to Councilwoman Won-Yoon they should give it a try for three months. Mayor Kim stated maybe they were wrong and Councilwoman Won-Yoon was right. Mayor Kim stated maybe people would take abuse of it. Mayor Kim stated they were going to walk around and ask, "How is business so far? Is it helping?"

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated all she wanted was clarification. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she parked on Broad Avenue at 7:00AM in the morning, was she going to get a ticket.

Mayor Kim replied Councilwoman Won-Yoon would have to pay for a ticket from 10:00AM.

Councilman Min stated no, before 10:00AM.

Mayor Kim stated that law was changed.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she was going to get a ticket because she parked.

Mayor Kim replied no, not until 10:00AM.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated this was confusing because at that time, if they parked on Broad Avenue East between 7:00AM and 8:00AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, they would get a ticket.

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Mayor Kim asked where Councilwoman Won-Yoon would pay quarterly in the kiosk.

Councilman Shin stated *<Speaking Indistinctly>*.

Allan Roth stated this was only for parking meters and was not for alternate parking or anything else.

Councilman Donohue stated *<Speaking Indistinctly>*.

Allan Roth stated Councilman Donohue still had to follow this, it was only parking meters.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if all the spaces were for the meters on Broad Avenue.

Mayor Kim answered yes.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she was talking about how they had prohibited parking hours.

Mayor Kim stated they were not talking about that because they were just talking about the kiosk.

Councilman Shin stated to Mayor Kim there was cleaning on Broad Avenue.

Mayor Kim stated it was cleaning so it was an alternative case. Mayor Kim stated they didn't mess around with it.

Allan Roth stated it had nothing to do with this resolution.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if she parked on Broad Avenue between 7:00AM and 8:00AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, was she going to get a ticket after they passed this resolution.

Councilman Shin replied there was cleaning between 7:00AM to 8:00AM. Councilman Shin stated if Councilwoman Won-Yoon parked on Broad Avenue she shouldn't disturb the cleaning because she would get a ticket.

Mayor Kim stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon was getting confused with the alternate side street.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if they were getting the ticket.

Mayor Kim replied they couldn't do anything about that.

Allan Roth stated it measily got out of hand and they needed to have a clear transcript and the audience needed to know what was going on. Allan Roth stated the audience had to hear everybody. Allan Roth stated to the council members they adopted Robert's Rules and to allow the mayor to identify at that time that Councilwoman Won-Yoon had the floor. Allan Roth stated to write down any comments and the mayor would recognize.

Mayor Kim stated they were going to explain it again. Mayor Kim stated the alternate sides of the street parking were without the meters. Mayor Kim stated that was the same law and they were not changing it.

Allan Roth stated the street cleaning divisions were not being weighed.

Mayor Kim stated to just wait for the kiosk.

RESOLUTION 2026-111      Authorize 2nd Payment for 12 Bellview

Councilwoman Lee asked regarding Resolution 2026-111, what was the current status for 12 Bellview.

Mayor Kim replied they were changing the price because there was more work to be done.

Roberta Stern stated it was not. Roberta Stern stated there was a mistake made.

Councilwoman Lee stated she was not asking about the payment. Councilwoman Lee asked what the current status was.

Roberta Stern replied she just got an update that day and she spoke to public service. Roberta Stern stated the charging station required a line of electricity. Roberta Stern stated the young man who represented Bergen Energy first talked to her about the fact that they couldn't draw energy from the two poles that were close and they were going to have to go to Broad Avenue. Roberta Stern stated then he came back to her and said that was not going to be necessary. Roberta Stern stated she thought that was great. Roberta

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Stern stated he no longer worked for the company and the current person, who was obviously his boss, contacted her and said they did have to wait for public service to bring that line up from 12 Bellview to Broad Avenue. Roberta Stern stated the parking lot itself was going along fine and the building inspector did an inspection that morning.

Councilwoman Lee asked how far along they were, eighty percent or - .

Roberta Stern replied depending on public service, they should have been able to pave the parking lot within the following two weeks. Roberta Stern stated the conduit had been run there, the poles were in for the lights. Roberta Stern stated the lights weren't up, but the poles were in. Roberta Stern stated according to what the Bergen Energy representative told her that morning, they should see the pavement going in. Roberta Stern stated she was trying to get more of an estimate the next day because the construction official was only there that day. Roberta Stern stated she was going to contact the contractor the next day. Roberta Stern stated she spoke to the liaison from public service to see if she could at least push that line being put in, so that didn't hold them up for long.

Councilwoman Lee asked if they had a target date for completion.

Roberta Stern replied if the liaison was going to push for them to come in and get that line in, the paving would happen almost immediately. Roberta Stern stated they were going to put in the first course, but they didn't want to finish that.

Councilwoman Lee stated she was just wondering timing.

Roberta Stern replied she was saying at that point, two or three weeks.

Councilman Shin asked if the borough administrator was picturing all the other *<Speaking Indistinctly>* there, like the parking meters and the signs showing the municipal parking lot, all together.

Roberta Stern replied yes, they were on target with the parking meter part. Roberta Stern stated public service was aware of it and knew that the borough was going to be installing them there. Roberta Stern stated that part was fine.

Councilwoman Lee asked if they expected to be done in the next month or so.

Roberta Stern answered yes. Roberta Stern stated to Councilman Shin they had the two kiosks that were going there for the parking. Roberta Stern stated the kiosks were currently in their possession and they just had to be installed once they were paved.

Mayor Kim stated to Roberta Stern to remember this was a plan where they were supposed to be green energy. Mayor Kim stated the lights for the parking lot should have been solar panels.

Roberta Stern stated they would be.

Mayor Kim thanked Roberta Stern. Mayor Kim stated the only thing was the charging stations that required real electrical currents.

Councilman Kwak stated for Resolution 2026-109, he guessed what Councilwoman Won-Yoon was asking was, "If I do park overnight, I know I don't have to pay but from 7:00AM to 8:00AM street cleaning, do I have to move my car?"

Mayor Kim replied yes. Mayor Kim stated there was confusion that the street kiosk cleaning had to do with street *<Speaking Indistinctly>*. Mayor Kim stated it was not. Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions.

Allan Roth stated for the public record, and the Council, the consent agendas Resolutions 2026-98, 2026-99, and 2026-100 had been removed. Allan Roth stated Resolution 2026-101 through Resolution 2026-114 and Resolution 2026-116 had been removed. Allan Roth stated Resolutions 2026-117, 2026-118, and 2026-119 had already been voted on.

Sophia Jang stated that was the wrong section because Resolution 2026-98, Claims, was with removed item 2026-00503. Sophia Jang and Allan Roth stated just that one. Sophia Jang stated everything was correct.

Mayor Kim thanked Sophia Jang for the correction. Mayor Kim stated he was glad they went through this. Mayor Kim stated if there were no more questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to pass Consent

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Agenda Resolution 2026-98, excluding Otis Elevator, and they removed Resolution 2026-100 and Resolution 2026-116.

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

Councilman Donohue	Yes
Councilman Kwak	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes with the stipulation of the <Speaking Indistinctly>. No on Resolution 2026-99, 2026-103, 2026-104, 2026-105, and 2026-106. Mayor Kim asked Councilman Min to slow down. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Min said no on Resolution 2026-99. Mayor Kim asked what the other no's were. Councilman Min repeated Resolutions 2026-103, 2026-104, 2026-105, and 2026-106. Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Min voted no on the authorization of improvements to repave the road. Councilman Min stated he voted yes on Resolutions 2026-107, 2026-108, and 2026-110. Councilman Min voted no on Resolution 2026-109, and 2026-111, 2026-112 – Mayor Kim interjected and stated to just say no and tell him what Councilman Min didn't want. Allan Roth stated <Speaking Indistinctly> then he could just say yes on everything else. Mayor Kim stated to Councilman Min to start over and give them the nos. Councilman Min stated no on Resolutions 2026-99, 2026-103, 2026-104, 2026-105, 2026-106, 2026-109, 2026-111, 2026-112, and 2026-114. Sophia Jang asked for the record, could she verify with Councilman Min. Sophia Jang stated Councilman Min voted no for Resolutions 2026-99, 2026-103, 2026-104, 2026-105, 2026-106, 2026-107, 2026-111, 2026-112, and 2026-114. Sophia Jang asked if she was correct. Councilman Min confirmed that was correct. Sophia Jang stated everything else was yes. Mayor Kim stated he guessed Councilman Min didn't want repaving.
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes on Resolution 2026-98, except Vision Media and Pitapat. No on Resolutions 2026-103, 2026-105, 2026-106, and abstained on Resolution 2026-109. Sophia Jang stated Councilwoman Won-Yoon voted no for Resolutions 2026-103, 2026-105, 2026-106, and abstained for Resolution 2026-109. Sophia Jang asked if she was correct. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated she stopped right there. Mayor Kim asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon did it stop right there. Sophia Jang thanked Councilwoman Won-Yoon. Allan Roth asked yes on everything else. Mayor Kim replied yes on everything else. Allan Roth asked if all the resolutions had passed.

Sophia Jang announced Consent Agenda Resolution 2026-98 through Resolution 2026-118 with the exception of Resolution 2026-115 were passed.

Allan Roth thanked everyone.

### COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Won-Yoon did not have anything to report.

Councilman Donohue reported he had a very constructive, productive meeting with the Board of Education President Soo Chung, Superintendent of Schools, Roberta Stern, Councilman Kwak, and Mayor Kim to discuss common issues. Councilman Donohue stated he thought it was a very good dialogue and they would continue to talk if this case of issues were permanent to both sides. Councilman Donohue stated they hoped to continue this in the future.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Donohue and stated it was a good, productive meeting.

Councilman Donohue agreed.

Councilman Kwak stated right off the bat, he could attest to Councilman Donohue's meeting with the Board of Education. Councilman Kwak stated he stressed that the Superintendent of Schools, the Board

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of Education President, and the Council did listen to their liaison president for the Board of Education. Councilman Kwak stated the liaison president had a plethora of knowledge and an extreme amount of care. Councilman Kwak stated as a former principal, teacher, educator, and coach, the liaison president had an enormous amount of knowledge and true care for the teachers and the students. Councilman Kwak stated he asked the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to take some great consultation notes from Councilman Min and Councilman Donohue.

Councilman Donohue stated he was sure they would because they were good people, too.

Councilman Kwak stated they were incredible. Councilman Kwak reported they were going to be opening the pool. Councilman Kwak stated there were some changes but not to the effect of affecting the residents. Councilman Kwak stated this would affect outside visitors from outside of Bergen County and New York, because they did have a lot of visitors who came and enjoyed the pool. Councilman Kwak stated there would be some fees increased in terms of membership only. Councilman Kwak stated there was a \$15 difference for seniors from \$150 to \$135. Councilman Kwak stated there was a \$25 difference for individuals from \$275 to \$300. Councilman Kwak stated memberships for couples was changed from \$350 to \$400, and memberships for seniors from Fairview, Cliffside Park, Fort Lee, and Edgewater would be changed from \$160 to \$175, a \$15 change. Councilman Kwak stated individuals from neighboring towns would be \$325 to \$350, and couples would be from \$400 to \$450. Councilman Kwak stated they could see that same pattern. Councilman Kwak stated all other towns would be from \$210 to \$250 for seniors, \$600 to \$650 for families, \$350 to \$400 for individuals, and \$495 to \$550 for couples. Councilman Kwak stated they also had a change in terms of any day pass fees. Councilman Kwak stated Bergen County residents would still be held at \$20, but all others coming from outside of Bergen County would be \$30. Councilman Kwak stated these were the fees that they were looking at because it was just to have almost like a cost of inflation adjustment so that the pool was still whole, and they could still provide. Councilman Kwak stated they had a great spray park that Roberta Stern was working on. Councilman Kwak stated they were looking at every line in the pool. Councilman Kwak stated they were really doing some true improvements so that the pool could be a viable asset for the town and most importantly, for the residents. Councilman Kwak stated every time the season came around, it was a beautiful little place to be at. Councilman Kwak stated a great community was there and he was looking at doing some triangle tents to have some beautiful shade and beautifying the pool. Councilman Kwak stated they looked at it as a place of community and pride, so the pool was being done. Councilman Kwak stated on June 29<sup>th</sup>, they were having a family fun night. Councilman Kwak stated a recreation member took it upon herself to handle that project and provide for the families to have a great family swim night. Councilman Kwak stated for the library, someone asked if it was going to be stucco for renovation, but it was not. Councilman Kwak stated it was going to be metal plating, so it was going to have new metal fascia so that they were not having the same issues that they were currently having with stucco, which was an immense amount of water penetration throughout time. Councilman Kwak stated with stucco, it became very porous and as it weathered through time whether it be through snow or all the elements of rain, there were a lot of problems when it steeped into the stucco and the plywood was rotted, and it was an added expense they didn't need. Councilman Kwak stated they were going to modernize it in the right way. Councilman Kwak stated they had a plethora of events that the director was working on. Councilman Kwak stated he really wanted to highlight that and to please check out the website. Councilman Kwak stated there were some great events for both the children and adults. Councilman Kwak stated they were also having ESL, and he was working on having Korean class that they had the year prior which was wonderful. Councilman Kwak stated regarding the recreation department, they had the Easter egg hunt for the families at the high school on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Kwak stated it was a free event for the residents and to please come and attend, enjoy with the family and bring kids, cousins, parents, everybody. Councilman Kwak stated to come enjoy and have some food. Councilman Kwak stated he really wanted to highlight all the departments he was working with because they were working around the clock and doing really great things to contribute for the residents.

Mayor Kim asked to piggyback on Councilman Kwak's two great events, if he was going to confirm the June 29<sup>th</sup> event with them.

Councilman Kwak replied yes.

Mayor Kim asked if the family night was for residents only.

Councilman Kwak replied yes.

Mayor Kim asked what time it started.

Councilman Kwak replied it should be around 5:00PM or 6:00PM and last until 8:00PM.

Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Kwak could please clarify that later on.

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Councilman Kwak replied he would.

Roberta Stern stated they would have a flyer on it coming up.

Mayor Kim asked when the March 28<sup>th</sup> egg hunt started.

Councilman Kwak replied yes and stated to give him one second.

Mayor Kim stated when Councilman Kwak was talking about increasing the pool membership fees, he was proposing to everyone a heads up on what was going to happen. Mayor Kim stated it had to go through a resolution.

Roberta Stern stated Councilman Kwak, Swimming Pool Director Karen Nascenti, and herself worked on it and sat down to come up with the prices that they thought made sense. Roberta Stern stated they made increases. Roberta Stern stated at the next meeting, the Mayor and Council were going to have a resolution approving it.

Mayor Kim thanked Roberta Stern.

Councilman Kwak stated to Mayor Kim to answer his previous question, the Easter egg hunt would be from 10:00AM to 12:00PM on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the high school. Councilman Kwak stated regarding the family swim night, tentatively, they were looking at Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30PM to 8:00PM at the pool.

Mayor Kim asked if they could swim in there, too.

Councilman Kwak replied swim, enjoy, and they were going to have some food donated. Councilman Kwak stated Rose Lonis had always done great – Roberta Stern interjected and stated it was very successful the year before.

Mayor Kim asked if Councilman Kwak and Roberta Stern were part of it the year prior.

Roberta Stern and Councilman Kwak replied yes. Roberta Stern stated it was great the year before.

Councilman Kwak stated they got a lot of food donated and he would also bring some donations.

Roberta Stern stated she didn't know if they remembered but there was the most beautiful cake.

Councilman Kwak stated that was what *<Speaking Indistinctly>* donated.

Roberta Stern stated it was a huge, beautiful cake with dolphins and mermaids. Roberta Stern stated it was stunning.

Councilman Kwak stated it was wonderful and Rose Lonis worked really hard on it. Councilman Kwak stated all the members, too. Councilman Kwak stated they would have a lot of food options. Councilman Kwak stated the year before, he didn't think they ran out of food, so they had to give some away. Councilman Kwak stated they were only going to do better. Councilman Kwak stated the recreation team, and the departments were working to only elevate.

Mayor Kim asked if that was all.

Councilman Kwak replied yes.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Kwak.

Councilman Min did not have anything to report.

Councilman Shin reported for the DPW, the weather was getting warmer, so they started fixing all the dangerous potholes one by one, street by street. Councilman Shin stated they had eighty-nine streets, so they had the schedule to fix all the dangerous potholes by April 20<sup>th</sup>, or the latest, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Shin stated they got hot plate materials starting from April 1<sup>st</sup>, so they could get started on that day. Councilman Shin stated if any residents or anybody else knew of or discovered any potholes that could be fixed, they could call the DPW to let them know where the pothole was. Councilman Shin stated to see by April 30<sup>th</sup> and after that, there would not be any more dangerous potholes in Palisades Park.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilman Shin.

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Councilwoman Lee reported for the finance side, at the Work Session the week prior, a question was asked about outstanding bills from 2025, and the CFO could not provide a clear answer, so there were concerns about the procurement process of the borough. Councilwoman Lee stated right after the meeting, the CFO assigned the responsibility to Brian Yun, who was a member of the finance department, to be responsible for the procurement process so the borough had a clear understanding of all the outstanding invoices that would be collected by the borough. Councilwoman Lee stated that role would be in effect May 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilwoman Lee stated she hoped to see their financial cares more organized going forward. Councilwoman Lee stated after the budget for 2026, the CFO worked closely with the auditor, and it was not ready for introduction yet. Councilwoman Lee stated when it was ready, she would provide an update.

Mayor Kim thanked Councilwoman Lee.

Councilman Kwak stated he forgot to add but as they were walking down Broad Avenue, they were also taking an initiative to help better the foot traffic and attraction to Broad Avenue businesses, as well as any other businesses in Palisades Park. Councilman Kwak stated they would be doing a big social media push which he would coordinate. Councilman Kwak stated invited if there were any small businesses in town that would love to do an interview, they would have to highlight great business leaders and have them speak about how long they had been in town, why they loved Palisades Park, why they loved to do business there, and why they continued to do business there. Councilman Kwak stated they wanted to do their best to highlight the downtown district and see what they could do to embolden that through social media, which was a massive part in advertising for businesses at the time.

Mayor Kim stated they were going to use social media with Website Administrator Doo Young and Pitapats. Mayor Kim stated they would see a lot of money because Doo Young was going to post that advertisement for debuting a retail that brought them pride and joy, Seoul Taqueria. Mayor Kim stated there was something to be proud about. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Kwak was going to go there to film, introduce, and place the video on the website and on social media. Mayor Kim stated they wanted to help the merchants and that was going to be Councilman Kwak's effort. Mayor Kim stated he really appreciated that. Mayor Kim stated if everybody was done, he would just like to remind them that it was only March of 2026 but throughout the years, whether they did it on purpose or not, they made a lot of mistakes. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to admit he made a lot of mistakes, too, and hoped that they would be humble and recognize they made mistakes. Mayor Kim stated they made those mistakes to improve the quality of life for the people. Mayor Kim stated this was what they swore on the bible, to make things better for the people. Mayor Kim stated they made a lot of mistakes, but he thought they made a lot of improvements. Mayor Kim stated there was a police reform that modernized the management, training, and better policing. Mayor Kim stated they were one of the worst police departments where police didn't want to come. Mayor Kim stated they had a bad reputation. Mayor Kim stated a long time ago, the police were robbing everyone's homes. Mayor Kim stated it was really bad, but now, a miracle happened with new management thanks to the police director, chief, captain, and the new upper management that came about and rose, and now Palisades Park was accredited. Mayor Kim stated only thirty-six percent of all police departments in the state of New Jersey got accreditations. Mayor Kim stated there were benefits from that, and it showed that they were doing proper management, following compliance, and the working environment at the police department was safer and friendlier. Mayor Kim stated that created productivity and resulted in thirty percent of crime rates going down. Mayor Kim stated from the old cops robbing everyone's homes and reducing the prime call rate to thirty percent, that was something to be recognized. Mayor Kim stated there was also borough reform, which they corrected decades of noncompliance, fire, building and health codes that were existing for over fifty years. Mayor Kim stated POSHA came and slapped them with tickets and issues, such as mold and other kinds of issues. Mayor Kim stated they were now complaint and there were no more mold issues, so they were improving that as well. Mayor Kim stated if they saw in the back the little light, that was the check-in and check-out for the employees. Mayor Kim stated they could track if the employees were going to spend two or three hours during their lunch break. Mayor Kim stated it was well organized and they were reforming the borough itself. Mayor Kim stated they were protecting the residents' interests by fighting for many months in the court, for builder remedy. Mayor Kim stated they spent a lot of money to protect themselves and they were trying to make sure to protect the residents. Mayor Kim stated they were very close to stopping future builder remedies and the overgrowth of developments. Mayor Kim stated some people said the mayor wanted to build. Mayor Kim stated the majority of the council members said "yes" to the settlements while some people said "no" because if they didn't pass the mandate, the order from the judge, then any builder would purchase three homes and build forty units over it. Mayor Kim stated they were going to stop that, and they were on their way. Mayor Kim stated it was very important they broke the record for applying for grants and receiving them. Mayor Kim stated before the new administration came about, their record for applying for grants was very minimal. Mayor Kim stated he had estimated grants from 2025 to 2026 of around three million dollars. Mayor Kim stated that meant they didn't take the taxpayer's money and they used the government's money. Mayor Kim stated they went through the rigorous procedures to get the money that they deserved and fought for. Mayor Kim stated that was three million dollars they saved to make their quality of life better. Mayor Kim stated he thought it was a miracle and he wanted to thank everybody for doing that. Mayor Kim stated they were reducing flooding.

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Mayor Kim stated while some council members said “no” to the repaving of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and Roff Avenue, it was not just repaving the road that was dirty but because they discovered the former administration or the building department authorized developments of duplex homes on one side of the street while there were no sewer lines. Mayor Kim stated as soon as a million-dollar home was purchased, if it rained too much, it would get flooded. Mayor Kim stated it was not just about repaving, that was why he asked why they said “no” to fixing the flooding issue. Mayor Kim stated this would prevent one side of the homes that never had a sewage line drain coming out to create that drain so they would avoid the suffering that happened for many years. Mayor Kim stated he thought they were doing a very good job. Mayor Kim stated they were having fewer accidents through enforcement and saved money getting grants to get LED stop signs in prone areas such as Route 46, 5<sup>th</sup> street, and 6<sup>th</sup> street. Mayor Kim stated they enforced it and placed the LED yield signs to show that, and they were in the process of creating speed humps. Mayor Kim stated he thought speed humps were what everybody wanted. Mayor Kim stated they were reducing the number of accidents there. Mayor Kim stated as Councilwoman Lee said they were creating more public parking at 12 Bellview. Mayor Kim stated he remembered for thirty to forty years, Grand Avenue had so many accidents. Mayor Kim stated not one person could tell the county or state, “Could you please install crosswalks going through Grand Avenue because there was a lot of stuff happening at Commercial Avenue? There were a lot of little kids with day school programs.” Mayor Kim stated they couldn’t do all that kind of stuff but Roberta Stern, through her many years of experience with the outside world, convinced Senator Gordon Johnson to create four to five crosswalks on Grand Avenue with all the lights so it could be safe crossing. Mayor Kim stated that was something they could be proud of. Mayor Kim stated they made a lot of mistakes, but they were getting one million dollars from Congressman Josh Gottheimer, because they had a good relationship outside of Palisades Park. Mayor Kim stated he saw vast improvement. Mayor Kim stated to the public to please work with them, believe in them, and give them the opportunity, and they would serve the public better. Mayor Kim thanked everyone.

#### **BA REPORT**

Roberta Stern reported spring had sprung and they were very happy to say the pool filtration system was moving along greatly. Roberta Stern stated as she said, they removed everything and it looked very strange now because it was empty. Roberta Stern stated they would start putting everything back in shortly. Roberta Stern stated the day before and day of, they started removing the concrete for the kiddie pool so the lines for the spray park would be going in. Roberta Stern stated they were breaking ground in the dog park – Mayor Kim asked if this was Councilman Shin’s project.

Roberta Stern replied yes, and she thought Councilman Shin would be talking about it but maybe it was too tough on the phone. Roberta Stern stated they were breaking ground in the dog park, and she met with that contractor. Roberta Stern stated she believed he was going to start the next week or the following week. Roberta Stern stated as she mentioned, April 3<sup>rd</sup> was when the painting was going to start at the pool. Roberta Stern stated that work had to be cleaned because it was a mess and taking out the dead animals was not very nice. Roberta Stern stated all their projects were moving along. Roberta Stern stated pipes were being laid for 4<sup>th</sup> Street, which was the first one the contractor started. Roberta Stern stated it looked pretty good and there were storm drains and pipes being laid along that road. Roberta Stern stated she guessed that time of the year had some rebirth and she was happy that their projects were moving along nicely.

Mayor Kim thanked Roberta Stern and stated not to forget about the nice planters.

Roberta Stern asked what.

Mayor Kim replied the planters along Broad Avenue.

Roberta Stern stated the planters were going to be done by their very own DPW.

Mayor Kim stated DPW Deputy Superintendent Charlie Chung was laughing.

Roberta Stern stated they were not even doing it with an outside contractor that year because their men could do it. Roberta Stern stated all the dead things had been removed and they were just waiting for a decent product to be delivered but all of that wasn’t out yet. Roberta Stern stated she didn’t want to buy too early because those plants wouldn’t last, and they would have to grow a little bit.

Mayor Kim stated not to forget to water them enough because that was one of the reasons *<Speaking Indistinctly>*.

Roberta Stern stated she was out there every day. Roberta Stern asked if Mayor Kim saw her.

Mayor Kim asked if that was it.

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Roberta Stern replied that was it.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked when 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Street were going to be done.

Roberta Stern replied at the rate they were going, that was a Spring project, and they expected to pave those roads by maybe early to late May. Roberta Stern stated pipes were being laid at that time on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and that seemed to be moving pretty quickly. Roberta Stern stated she would get an estimate from the borough engineer, but it looked to her that they were going to be done. Roberta Stern stated it was always meant to be a Spring to early Summer project.

#### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Borough Attorney Allan Roth did not have anything to report. Allan Roth stated everything he had was addressed in the Executive Session.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief George Beck reported they had a very eventful month. Chief Beck stated he wanted to congratulate Detective Sargeant Frank DeCicco because his last day was going to be Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Chief Beck stated he also wanted to congratulate Lieutenant Sean Cottrell because his last day would be April 30<sup>th</sup>. Chief Beck stated he wouldn't go too much into it as the council members said before, but the accreditation agency, Michael Gardner, Captain Rotundo, and himself had gone to the hearing before the board. Chief Beck stated it was a twelve-member panel, and it was a bunch of questions to check if they proved compliance with all the standards of the accreditation requirements. Chief Beck stated he was proud to have one of the members say, "I've been following the police department. I saw it passed and it seems like the cloud has been lifted and there's a new light in Palisades Park." Chief Beck stated they voted "yes" and the member was very proud to do that. Chief Beck stated it was a redemption and it was nice to be in front of this panel, which was in South Brunswick, so even that far out they were following the police department. Chief Beck stated the captain, director and himself were proud of that. Chief Beck stated as far as their community outreach went, it was a very busy month. Chief Beck stated at the last meeting, he said the field training officers were going to take their trainees, one of them being Andy Kim. Chief Beck stated they took their field trainees to an event with the ability tree. Chief Beck stated there was a special needs event with Officer Kim, Officer Chow, Officer Bennett, Officer McDermott, and Officer Cisco, who was always good to have around, and himself. Chief Beck stated they partnered with an adult with special needs and the lesson for the 9<sup>th</sup> was to show the trainees how to interact with people with special needs. Chief Beck stated the overall lesson was how to express kindness as a police officer. Chief Beck stated it was a very good night. Chief Beck stated multiple officers participated that year in "Read Across America" and he had to tell a funny story because Captain Rotundo wrote his own book for this and read it to the class. Chief Beck stated it was a beautiful story, and the story went like this, "Everybody is unique and that's okay. It's okay for you to be unique, it's okay to be different. Just be yourself and you'll be okay."

Mayor Kim asked if Captain Rotundo was the author.

Chief Beck replied Captain Rotundo was the author.

Mayor Kim stated Captain Rotundo did a lot of things but police.

Chief Beck stated the kids loved it, though. Chief Beck stated on March 10<sup>th</sup>, the police officers attended the Palisades Park Cheer Team benefit at the Wendy's Restaurant. Chief Beck stated this was a great opportunity for their officers to just be present and be supportive of their high school community. Chief Beck stated they wished them much success that upcoming season. Chief Beck stated he was happy to report that their partnership with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office with the Arrive Together Program was truly excellent. Chief Beck stated he knew there were some people that had some apprehensions, perhaps civilians, going to mental health calls, but he could assure them that what they had learned in the past six weeks was that there was so much more they could get when they partnered with these mental health professionals because they kept a file of every single event regarding mental health. Chief Beck stated when the representative Dominic came in, he followed up. Chief Beck stated Dominic would go out there and he would see if there were services. Chief Beck stated Dominic would follow up on the computer and see if that person had been handled appropriately by the mental health community. Chief Beck stated if Dominic saw something that could be fixed or adjusted, he would go ahead and take that initiative to do it, and more importantly, if there was some type of situation that could be dangerous. Chief Beck stated their officers were all trained and they hired people who were good at what they did. Chief Beck stated they had the additional benefit of having a mental health professional there who could come offer services and help in the situation where he would like to think that the police department's stance on this was to be proactive and to avoid a situation that could result from a mental health issue. Chief Beck stated the apprehensions were understood in the beginning but in about six

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weeks of this program, it was absolutely excellent and needed. Chief Beck stated that month, Officer Natalia Kim, Officer Mark Larrea, and Officer Hosam Morsey provided an assembly at the Lindbergh School for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Chief Beck stated they instructed very important lessons in cyber safety. Chief Beck stated it was a great opportunity, and the three officers were part of a very great lead program. Chief Beck stated they were in the schools constantly and it was part of the initiative for the children of the community to see these officers, know them, and befriend them. Chief Beck stated if they were needed for something, they were there. Chief Beck stated the children asked a lot of questions. Chief Beck stated Officer Hosam Morsey came to them from Tenafly, Officer Mark Larrea came from Paterson, and Natalia Kim came from Old Bridge about six years prior. Chief Beck stated they were all transfers, they were all doing well for the community, and it was working out well with their efforts in the school. Chief Beck stated what was best about them was that because they built this team approach where the team operated under this command structure umbrella, they brought the initiative to the department. Chief Beck stated it was not like they had to tell the three officers to go ahead and do this initiative for cybersecurity. Chief Beck stated the three officers would come into the captain's office or his office and say, "Does next Tuesday or Thursday work? Do you want to do this?" Chief Beck stated the captain, and his answers were always "thank you". Chief Beck stated their polar bear plunge was March 16<sup>th</sup>. Chief Beck stated their crew raised \$11,162 and was directly donated to the Special Olympics of New Jersey. Chief Beck stated it was a very worthy cause and not required for officers to have these philanthropic endeavors because it was at the kindness of their heart. Chief Beck stated they ended up raising a substantial amount of money. Chief Beck thanked them and everybody who contributed. Chief Beck stated they partnered with Englewood Hospital to instruct their staff at the school, the educators, and CPR. Chief Beck stated they thanked Lisa Panzella who was the instructor for that because she did a wonderful job instructing them. Chief Beck stated this was at no cost to the police department. Chief Beck stated they pitched this idea to Englewood Hospital, and the hospital covered the cost for this training. Chief Beck stated their staff were being trained and this was a series that was going to take place over the next few months with multiple training sessions where their educators could learn some CPR. Chief Beck stated they learned if they were training the staff on CPR, minutes counted if there was a medical emergency. Chief Beck stated as long as they had some training, they could act, potentially save some lives, and there could be nothing but good to come out of that. Chief Beck stated they were glad to partner with Englewood Hospital, and they were glad to offer that. Chief Beck stated on March 19<sup>th</sup>, they had Coffee with a Cop. Chief Beck stated it was a successful event held at Café Mocha. Chief Beck stated their community policing unit, Captain Rotundo and himself, instructed them to seek out another venue. Chief Beck stated their goal was to do one every other month to really engage with the community. Chief Beck stated it was really funny to be out there because of what the community was doing and in wake of what happened with ICE, but it was good to bring people over and have a nice conversation with them. Chief Beck stated if anybody in the Council, the Mayor, or the staff had recommendations of where they could possibly hold the next one, to please reach out to him and he would tell the community policing unit to go out and speak with the proprietor and see if that was something they wanted to do. Chief Beck stated he thought it was a very worthy endeavor. Chief Beck stated the day before, they had critical safety training for the Les Enfants Preschool and the Father Justice Learning Center. Chief Beck stated these were the two schools that occupied the space formerly known as Saint Nicholas School on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, right next to Saint Nicholas Parish. Chief Beck stated they instructed them on the same type of instruction that their public school and private school community would get regarding an active shooter. Chief Beck stated they had the same protocols, and they were going to be giving them safety vests from Triple A when they went to their evacuation plan. Chief Beck stated teachers could also pitch in and help the students cross and be more visible. Chief Beck stated he could only praise the officers because it wasn't something he asked anybody to do. Chief Beck stated they brought it to him and said they wanted to do it. Chief Beck stated the real credit went to the officers who decided to do these endeavors. Chief Beck stated as far as their status report went for that day, they had 5,815 incidents. Chief Beck stated they were a very active police department and there were a lot of calls compared to the neighboring communities. Chief Beck stated it was only March 24<sup>th</sup> and they already closed in on 6,000 calls. Chief Beck stated their officers made 19 arrests since the last council meeting. Chief Beck stated multiple of those arrests were domestic violence related which they didn't discuss, but they did avoid a serious injury when a thirty-six-year-old man from the Bronx was wanted for a domestic violence warrant and the officer *<Speaking Indistinctly>* heard that Leonia was attempting to take him into custody, Officer McDermott went over to assist the Leonia officers. Chief Beck stated usually at that time of night it was low staff, but Officer McDermott went over and the person who was wanted rammed a police car with the officer in it and then hit a Palisades Park police car. Chief Beck stated however, it was just minor damage sustained to their police car and nobody was injured. Chief Beck stated the pursuit began to take off and the speeds had reached a high rate of speed which Officer McDermott used his best judgement for, which they meant for him to do, and decided to terminate the pursuit. Chief Beck stated when it got too fast, the best practice was to terminate the pursuit for the safety of everyone else, especially in a situation where they knew what warrant the person was wanted for. Chief Beck stated they knew who he was and they would get him later. Chief Beck stated they used the best practice and followed protocols. Chief Beck stated what happened was the police ended up arresting him after pursuit and Officer McDermott assisted with that arrest and brought him back in. Chief Beck stated they ended up charging him with alluding for that pursuit he did through the borough. Chief Beck stated on March 9<sup>th</sup>, Sargeant Christolias, Officer Farnese,

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Officer McDermott, Officer Martini, Officer Han, and Officer Bennett, one of the new officers, responded to 4<sup>th</sup> Street and East Palisades Boulevard. Chief Beck stated this was a report for a suspicious person. Chief Beck stated they found a forty-year-old man from East Elmhurst, and he provided them with false information which caused them to look a little further. Chief Beck stated he had multiple warrants from different jurisdictions, they took him into custody, and he had six items of drug paraphernalia on him, and he was also carrying a medium sized safe. Chief Beck stated the officers followed the law and Detective Kunz applied for a search warrant which took about a week. Chief Beck stated they followed the law but unfortunately, he had almost one pound of crystal meth in there, 499 grams. Chief Beck stated his point for telling everyone that was that the officers were out there and taking these initiatives. Chief Beck stated they had a major metropolis right in their backyard in New York City. Chief Beck stated this person was from New York. Chief Beck stated if the officers were not out there detecting these people and finding them, then crime would proliferate in the community, and he was happy to say they were out there doing it and stopping it. Chief Beck stated he didn't see the arrest of that much crystal meth in Palisades Park as a negative. Chief Beck stated he saw it as good that somebody entered the jurisdiction from elsewhere and the officers picked them up. Chief Beck stated they were out there, working hard and he really commended them. Chief Beck stated he would take any questions that anyone had, and that was pretty much it for the report for that month.

Mayor Kim stated just to add, first, Natalia Kim had been serving the school system for many years. Mayor Kim stated Councilman Donohue was the head of the school. Mayor Kim stated he hoped that they had a discussion of how they could allocate shared services. Mayor Kim stated that had to be finalized because they were really well-obtained officers who could do much more work on the street, and Natalia Kim was working at the school. Mayor Kim stated everybody loved her there, but they had to figure that out. Mayor Kim stated second, he was very thankful to the Board of Education Chair Soo Chung for the cheerleading Wendy's event which was for purchasing thirteen to fourteen new cheerleading uniforms. Mayor Kim stated they were complaining that the uniforms were not renewed for years and they were hand-me-downs, and they were working on it. Mayor Kim stated he was there, Councilman Kwak was there, they all came, including Justin Kang, a council candidate who was also there. Mayor Kim stated Justin Kang brought a thousand chicken nuggets and they needed a lot more money, but when the Board of Education heard about that, Soo Chung decided to say, "We're going to finance their uniforms." Mayor Kim stated to Soo Chung he appreciated that and that was a very good job. Mayor Kim stated thirdly, for Coffee with a Cop, the police department did a great job. Mayor Kim stated the last time he was there they had a good time, but he noticed that, because it was during a weekday, even though they wanted to participate they were not able to. Mayor Kim stated maybe the police department wanted to consider doing it on a weekend, but they did a great job. Mayor Kim stated maybe the police director could come into light, but the mayor and the borough administrator had to find personnel for the OEM vehicle. Mayor Kim stated the police director could not drive around in his personal car because that was a liability. Mayor Kim stated they had to find that out. Mayor Kim stated maybe the police director might mention this but the very serious accident that happened maybe the day before where a pedestrian was crossing Broad Avenue on the crosswalk, and this intoxicated person was going straight and hit her, and she was in very serious condition. Mayor Kim stated she was at the hospital. Mayor Kim thanked God she was stable and improving. Mayor Kim stated he believed they had this discussion and they asked him to spearhead a project called Pedestrian Safety First that he wanted them to work on, which was a very good thing. Mayor Kim stated about the parking meter, he had been getting a lot of complaints from people who used the parking meter and saying the enforcements were unfair. Mayor Kim stated there were two sides to this story. Mayor Kim stated one story he heard was, "I was parking my car about to leave and put in my money in the kiosk, but they gave me a ticket and said I should have paid that with my phone." Mayor Kim stated they heard that and they were going to create a policy that could work with both sides, the people who used the kiosks and people who enforced the kiosks. Mayor Kim stated he was very thankful about that and maybe they could shed some light on that.

Chief Beck stated he was excited to say one other thing the next meeting. They confirmed with the accreditation that they would be coming to the borough to present the Police Department with their accreditation certificate.

Mayor Kim commented that was great.

Chief Beck stated they were already accredited but it was just for ceremonial purposes. Chief Beck stated hopefully there would be a lot of cheering, and it would be a nice ceremony the next meeting.

Mayor Kim asked if there would be any food or concessions.

Chief Beck replied they were going to be gracious if Mayor Kim let them go first. Chief Beck stated they ended at 10:00PM.

Mayor Kim stated if it was going to be a ceremony, he would take the money out of his pocket, and they would have some concessions.

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Chief Beck stated hopefully, it was at 6:00PM and it was an accreditation agency. Chief Beck stated the president of the agency was going to come and present it to the police department. Chief Beck stated he would have a lot of nice things to talk about.

Mayor Kim stated they would start that first and then they would have some donuts or something like that.

Chief Beck thanked Mayor Kim.

Michael Gardner reported as Mayor Kim and the police committee requested, they were going to put Operation Pedestrian Safety into implementation on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Michael Gardner stated they were going to pick three crossings on Broad Avenue, and they were going to have a SPO and TEO assigned there from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Michael Gardner stated it was not going to be enforcement, but it was going to be safety. Michael Gardner stated they wanted people to come out, go to restaurants and stores, feel that they were safe, and park down the street. Michael Gardner stated they were going to be helping people cross across streets. Michael Gardner stated if a car didn't stop for a pedestrian, they were going to give the vehicle driver a warning not to do that.

Mayor Kim stated they were not there to make money.

Michael Gardner stated that was not their money maker. Michael Gardner stated it was there for the safety of the pedestrians. Michael Gardner stated as far as the TEO's were regarding summonses, he met with all the TEOs and SPOs the day before and told them he got recourse back, the Mayor got calls, the Mayor called him, and now he was calling the TEOs and SPOs. Michael Gardner stated it went downhill and he wasn't happy. Michael Gardner stated he heard people got summonses from officers while somebody was in the car. Michael Gardner stated he said to the TEOs and SPOs to go up to the car and ask them, "Are you going to be long? We have parking requirements." Michael Gardner stated they would say, "It was going to be a few minutes. Thank you. Have a nice day." Michael Gardner stated they were not the people that they were looking to give tickets to. Michael Gardner stated he said to them, "When you come up on a vehicle, it appears you run that in and they haven't paid the parking. Go the length of the block. Check all the cars and then on your way back, come back. It's going to be approximately five to ten minutes. If they still haven't paid the parking fees, then you can give them the summons. That's giving them five to ten minutes to pay for the ticket, and if you're walking past a kiosk and you see someone paying there, that's probably one of the cars you just passed. You should give warnings every once in a while. Yes, people are supposed to pay them, but we were not out there to bust chops. We don't want people parking there forever." Michael Gardner stated starting Thursday, there was going to be somebody there, and they were going to be out of the cars because they were not going to be sitting in the cars, and if it was raining, they were going to have a raincoat on. Michael Gardner stated Captain Rotundo was going to instruct each and every one of the TEOs and SPOs the proper procedures on how to be a crossing guard. Michael Gardner stated what they had to do for the safety of the patrons of their restaurants and so on and so forth. Michael Gardner stated they were there to help and hopefully with the parking restrictions that had been relaxed for a few months, it was stuck in at 6:00PM. Michael Gardner stated instead of enforcing parking, they were going to be helping people. Michael Gardner stated he thought it was a win-win for the whole town. Michael Gardner stated to Mayor Kim he knew his integrity. Michael Gardner presented a copy of the e-mail he sent on March 11<sup>th</sup>, regarding a request of the – Mayor Kim interjected and stated he got it. Mayor Kim stated it was an internal thing, and they would figure it out. Mayor Kim stated he appreciated Michael Gardner's understanding.

Michael Gardner stated he didn't follow policy, and they knew him. Michael Gardner stated Councilman Shin told him to request the resolution. Michael Gardner stated he did what Councilman Shin told him to do.

Mayor Kim stated they would figure it out. Mayor Kim stated at least Michael Gardner testified it wasn't on the other side. Mayor Kim stated concerning Operation Pedestrian Safety, Councilman Shin was not going to be there so Councilman Donohue was the sub. Mayor Kim stated to please get Councilman Donohue informed and see what was going on. Mayor Kim stated he was sure Councilman Donohue was interested in it.

Councilman Donohue asked when that was going to start.

Michael Gardner replied he believed it was going to start Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Michael Gardner stated they just started changing and he had to wait and see what was going to happen with the parking regarding stopping it.

Councilman Donohue stated in Cliffside Park, there was a police <Speaking Indistinctly>.

Mayor Kim commented it looked good.

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Michael Gardner stated but four of them stopping at 6:00PM. Michael Gardner stated now they used SPOs and TEOs and three different crossings and what they would do would fluctuate. Michael Gardner stated they would see where the most pedestrian traffic was and then they would act accordingly. Michael Gardner stated if they needed more crossings, they would cover more crossings. Michael Gardner stated he didn't want anybody else dead.

Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim thanked Michael Gardner.

#### **ENGINEER REPORTS**

Mayor Kim stated there were no borough engineers at the meeting. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close and open to the public.

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

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Kim stated to the public that they could talk about anything for three minutes. Mayor Kim stated to come up and state their names and addresses.

Bo Kim stated before she began, she wanted to say she was afraid because she loved this community and her family. Bo Kim stated speaking truth to power was never easy, but her fear of staying silent was greater than her fear of speaking. Bo Kim stated she stood there to ask for transparency in the town's police operations. Bo Kim stated she was not a political person, but every time she looked up mobile news about Palisades Park, it had always been about what police leadership was supposed to be. Bo Kim stated George Beck had been the borough's sixth police chief in twelve years. Bo Kim stated that Mayor Kim in the last meeting had assured her that the police department would fully support the immigrant community. Bo Kim stated some of the council members assured her this, personally. Bo Kim stated she held on to this, but then she did her own research and what she found disturbed everything she had hoped for. Bo Kim stated she found videos and social media posts of Police Chief George Beck sitting next to border Sergeant Tom Homan. Bo Kim stated this pinned a Blue Magazine about Tom Homan at a formal event, calling him a true leader and most importantly, their friend. Bo Kim stated they tagged the post "teamtrump" and "realDonaldTrump". Bo Kim stated this was three months before George Beck became the Police Chief. Bo Kim stated she e-mailed Mayor Kim on March 18<sup>th</sup> directly asking, "Does Palisades Park support mass deportation?" Bo Kim stated she gave the council the opportunity to respond proudly, but instead she received silence and a *<Speaking Indistinctly>*. Bo Kim stated that silence was why she was standing there that night. Bo Kim stated George Beck was not only connected to Blue Magazine, but he was its editor and chief. Bo Kim stated George Beck's magazine asked why federal agents were forced into neighborhoods, sidewalks, and parking lots. Bo Kim stated it displayed to police chiefs who protected immigrant communities that their badge was an *<Speaking Indistinctly>* work not for service, but for survival inside political systems. Bo Kim stated in April of 2023, George Beck sat down with Donald Trump and convicted felon, Bernard Kerik, for an exclusive Blue Magazine interview. Bo Kim stated Donald Trump told the law enforcement directory, "The people must object and that includes law enforcement." Bo Kim stated the police chief published that and that was not journalism, but a political act. Bo Kim stated eight months before becoming Police Chief, George Beck received \$175,000 from this borough in a lawsuit settlement. Bo Kim stated George Beck's brother received \$125,000 in the same settlement and also reported directly to his brother. Bo Kim stated the borough had paid over three million dollars in police related settlements in five years. Bo Kim asked if any of this was disclosed during George Beck's hiring.

Mayor Kim stated Bo Kim just passed her three minutes, and he was going to give her thirty more seconds to finish.

Bo Kim asked the town's council meeting *<Speaking Indistinctly>* in 2025. Bo Kim stated they stopped with no explanation and their community deserved to know why. Bo Kim stated public transparency was quietly removed at exactly this moment. Bo Kim stated they must remember that Palisades Park was built by immigrants. Bo Kim stated to Mayor Kim the community deserved transparency.

Allan Roth stated to Bo Kim she had her three minutes, and the members of the public needed to speak. Allan Roth stated to not disrespect – Bo Kim interjected and stated the public needed transparency.

Mayor Kim stated Bo Kim was done and he understood her passion.

Bo Kim stated they must remember that Palisades Park was built by immigrants. Bo Kim stated the Korean community arrived that in the 1990s *<Speaking Indistinctly>*. Bo Kim stated two months prior, George Beck was smiling with Korean war veterans in a community event, but *<Speaking Indistinctly>*. Bo Kim stated their badge was an empty suit. Bo Kim stated the police could not honor their elders one

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day and threaten their children in the back. Bo Kim stated for the Koreans to stay silent at that point would be as bad as those who quietly signed away their rights during the Japanese occupation. Bo Kim stated if leaders in positions of authority were transparent about what was happening in the town, no one would be confused, <Speaking Indistinctly>.

Allan Roth stated Bo Kim was disrupting the meeting.

Captain Rotundo stated for Bo Kim to stop and have a seat because they would like to finish the meeting, otherwise, that was enough.

Bo Kim stated she had filed this.

Mayor Kim apologized.

Neris Papoters stated like she said in the last Work Session, she saw change going on. Neris Papoters thanked the borough. Neris Papoters stated <Speaking Indistinctly>. Neris Papoters stated if they didn't vote for this, they didn't vote for it because they didn't like it. Neris Papoters stated she voted for making the streets look beautiful and paving the street. Neris Papoters stated she thought that was something that would be beneficial for the community. Neris Papoters thanked the police officers for the program that they were doing as mentioned in the Work Session about mental health. Neris Papoters stated she was very happy and hoped <Speaking Indistinctly> to use it. Neris Papoters stated they knew her family, but she was very happy they were doing the initiative. Neris Papoters stated it was more than one <Speaking Indistinctly>, and anybody could be dealing with that. Neris Papoters stated it was really helpful they received training. Neris Papoters thanked the council members for the approval for the <Speaking Indistinctly>. Neris Papoters stated her daughter was doing <Speaking Indistinctly> and she was very excited for that.

Ernst Beerley apologized for giving incorrect information last Work Session regarding the machine he mentioned that did the potholes. Ernst Beerley stated apparently the borough used to rent it, and that used to be done throughout the whole year. Ernst Beerley stated whenever there was a bad spot, they would take the hot plate and put it over the thing, clear it all out, reheat it, and fix it. Ernst Beerley stated in his daily area where Route 5 went up the hill, there was an empty lot adjacent to Route 5. Ernst Beerley stated as they went up Route 5 on the right-hand side, there was an empty lot that used to have beautiful trees, but it went down when Route 5 was rebuilt. Ernst Beerley stated people used to dump there, so the town put up a gate and locked it. Ernst Beerley stated the gate had been open for two years. Ernst Beerley stated if they took a walk there, they could see people dumping stuff. Ernst Beerley stated people were even dumping on Route 5, so that was not a good thing. Ernst Beerley stated the Mayor and Council might want to look into that. Ernst Beerley asked where the temporary police station was supposed to go, that was down by Shoprite.

Mayor Kim asked where it was supposed to go.

Ernst Beerley replied temporary. Ernst Beerley stated if they drove by the lot it was full of cars. Ernst Beerley stated some vehicles were Palisades Park vehicles but that could be a good spot to collect some money.

Mayor Kim asked if Ernst Beerley meant to generate taxes.

Ernst Beerley replied meters. Ernst Beerley asked why not, because it was down <Speaking Indistinctly> there anyway. Ernst Beerley stated other people parked there when they were not supposed to be there. Ernst Beerley thanked the Mayor and Council.

Lucy Yang stated she was a council member candidate. Lucy Yang stated she had Justin Kang as her running member and he was joining her. Lucy Yang stated she was there to address the impression of many of the residents' concerns. Lucy Yang stated the Mayor and Council mentioned what she wanted to ask. Lucy Yang stated they heard the town received a one-million-dollar grant from the congressman to improve the sewage system and she wanted to find out if that was accurate information. Lucy Yang stated she guessed the Mayor and Council could clarify that.

Mayor Kim stated there were some details. Mayor Kim asked Roberta Stern if she would clarify that.

Roberta Stern stated the year prior, they had applied for a congressional funding called discretionary funding. Roberta Stern stated they applied for a million dollars to improve the sanitary sewer connection and pipes in Grand Avenue. Roberta Stern stated it was outdated and too small. Roberta Stern stated they had flooding and sewer calls because people didn't take care of their grease traps and grease would flow down to the lowest point on Grand Avenue. Roberta Stern stated they were very lucky and the mayor mentioned he had a close relationship with Josh Gottheimer, who promised Mayor Kim that when he was

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able to do something like that for the town of Palisades Park, he would. Roberta Stern stated the money was awarded a little over a month prior and it would be a while before that project took place, but there were subsequently other things that needed to be done. Roberta Stern stated for the next funding year, they applied to Senator Cory Booker, Senator Andy Kim and Josh Gottheimer for another 2.5 million for phase two portion of the sanitary sewer. Roberta Stern stated although the pipe was being replaced, the size of it, which was going to be very helpful, was going into the Bergen County Utilities Authority Center where they metered everything that came down from Palisades Park. Roberta Stern stated the new phase two was going to be improving further north, including feeding streets that went into Grand Avenue and then improving paving and everything else that went along with it. Roberta Stern stated they attended a meeting that Josh Gottheimer had set up for both mayors and borough administrators to meet with them to talk about the projects that were important to them. Roberta Stern stated Josh Gottheimer felt New Jersey didn't get enough of the money that the tax dollars went to. Roberta Stern stated Josh Gottheimer had been trying very hard and she hoped Cory Booker and Andy Kim would feel the same way and started sending more discretionary funding to the borough. Roberta Stern stated these were things that were called earmarks. Roberta Stern stated if they remembered through the years, people talked about farmers getting something extra or somebody getting a new building because it was an earmark. Roberta Stern stated that was what this discretionary funding was.

Mayor Kim stated they were very honored. Mayor Kim stated Josh Gottheimer already gave away money to seven towns. Mayor Kim stated those towns were a little over one million dollars and other towns had one hundred fifty. Mayor Kim stated they were very thankful for Josh Gottheimer and the relationship he had with Palisades Park. Mayor Kim stated Josh Gottheimer came, and to let Bo Kim know he was the one that started the reform concerning ICE. Mayor Kim stated Josh Gottheimer came to Palisades Park to announce that he was going to try to convince Washington D.C. to make a guard rail for ICE to be properly educated. Mayor Kim stated police officers took about six months and another six months on the road by seniority to be trained on how to do things and what to do. Mayor Kim stated ICE trained for six weeks or five weeks, and Josh Gottheimer was trying to change that. Mayor Kim stated Josh Gottheimer was a very good man and they were very happy they had that kind of relationship with him.

Lucy Yang stated she thought this was great news and thanked the council for clarification. Lucy Yang stated many of the residents wanted more details about how these bonds would improve the infrastructure. Lucy Yang stated she was looking for implementation if there were more funds on the way.

Mayor Kim stated they hoped.

Roberta Stern stated if they kept their fingers crossed and they kept applying. Roberta Stern stated they had letters of support that were part of the application. Roberta Stern stated they had a very competent grant administrator who helped them with this because the narrative went along with it and everything else was a very complicated system. Roberta Stern stated they were very proficient and she was very happy they worked with the borough.

Soo Chung stated she was a Board of Education President, but she was there as a public citizen, and to please understand she had something in response as a board member. Soo Chung thanked Councilman Kwak and Councilman Donohue for their remarks and compliments about the meeting and Board of Education. Soo Chung stated to Mayor Kim her question was about posting on social media. Soo Chung stated she didn't really do social media, and she heard from *<Speaking Indistinctly>* she worked close to and all the people who brought in questions, that it seemed very interesting what the school did and that school matters. Soo Chung asked in the posting Mayor Kim mentioned about the teacher ceremony and for the cheerleading team, could she interpret that as asking the school board to raise the price because he was asking *<Speaking Indistinctly>* the board members *<Speaking Indistinctly>* of teachers.

Mayor Kim answered no, it was just by social media. Mayor Kim asked Soo Chung if she was coming into capacity as a taxpayer or a chair.

Soo Chung replied chair.

Mayor Kim asked how Soo Chung could ask him about that when she was the chair. Mayor Kim stated it was fine Soo Chung was asking him in the capacity as a chair.

Soo Chung stated it was not about being the chair. Soo Chung stated any taxpayer could receive – Mayor Kim interjected and stated he wanted to identify.

Soo Chung stated the message was all public.

Mayor Kim stated of course, he wrote about how he felt heartbroken. Mayor Kim stated if he had the time, he would go every single year to the Wendy's event with the cheerleaders then the *<Speaking Indistinctly>* for four hours, they provided fifty percent of the income donated to cheerleading necessities

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such as uniforms. Mayor Kim stated when he talked to the vibrant, optimistic and vibrant students, he asked, "How come you guys don't have any uniform?" Mayor Kim stated they said, "I don't know but we can't fund it. We haven't had uniforms in eight years." Mayor Kim stated he said, "Eight years? I don't understand. Don't you graduate in eight years?" Mayor Kim stated they answered, "No, we use the hand-me-downs, and that's been happening for eight years." Mayor Kim stated he said, "That's really hurtful." Mayor Kim stated he told them, "Whatever was going to be missing here from this, I'll pay for it from my wedding account." Mayor Kim stated that was good and then he got a call from a teacher saying, "I'm not getting a positive reaction. Could you remove the fact that they didn't get a uniform for eight years and that the Board of Education decided to pay for those uniforms?" Mayor Kim stated he said, "Not a problem. I'll take it out." Mayor Kim stated concerning the teachers, he said the teachers were still underpaid. Mayor Kim stated he still believed it, and he didn't know what the capacity Soo Chung was coming in as, but as a capacity as a taxpayer and a Mayor, he thought that the Board of Education - and she told the Board of Education she didn't want any management involvement with the Board of Education, so he didn't go to any of the meetings. Mayor Kim asked Soo Chung if she noticed he didn't go to any of the meetings. Mayor Kim stated there was a reason, and he wanted them to do what they had to do. Mayor Kim stated in that retrospect, there was a reason why he felt that the teachers should get paid more because the levels of the guide of teachers expanded from when he was a member of the Board of Education from 2012 to 2014 or 2016. Mayor Kim stated chairman or private taxpayer, the problem still remained that he recommended the system should be changed, not as a referendum but first they had to fix the problem, and then they told the people, "We fixed the problem with every single resource that we have. Now, you slowed our progress. Now, you see the difference. Now, can we have some more money?" Mayor Kim stated the lowest rate of the levels of tax of teachers were first years because teachers who were well educated and very talented, were the last to say, "Come here because the salaries are the lowest." Mayor Kim stated as the rates went up, the teachers grew old and they would stay for fifteen to sixteen years. Mayor Kim stated by then, they would say, "I deserved to get paid more. I don't care about the low level one or two."

Soo Chung stated Mayor Kim mentioned their April 11<sup>th</sup> statement in 2025.

Mayor Kim stated he didn't.

Soo Chung stated she gave it to Mayor Kim, and they were having a conversation about it. Soo Chung stated it was on the website, and it was publicly announced.

Mayor Kim asked why Soo Chung was there at that time, as that was public conduct.

Soo Chung replied she was not talking about that. Soo Chung stated she wanted to correct the misinformation and mention that there was data for the teacher's salary. Soo Chung stated she was not going to say what people generally knew about, but the data was publicly available, and it wasn't true.

Mayor Kim asked if Soo Chung was saying the lowest level wasn't the lowest in New Jersey.

Soo Chung replied, of course not.

Mayor Kim stated that was pretty good.

Soo Chung stated her question was as a taxpayer. Soo Chung stated she tried to *<Speaking Indistinctly>* petition of the board member to the side and trying to generate this conversation as positive. Soo Chung stated she didn't want to misunderstand Mayor Kim, and she wanted to make sure she read his intention and meaning that asking the school board - Mayor Kim interjected and stated he never did that and Soo Chung was making things up. Mayor Kim stated his posting was still on Facebook and he didn't say, "I wanted a referendum." Mayor Kim stated he said, "The teachers deserved a higher salary because we wanted the best cream of the crop." Mayor Kim stated secondly, he didn't understand a school not having a uniform for eight years, but Soo Chung rectified that. Mayor Kim stated Soo Chung saw his post and said, "We're going to forward that." Mayor Kim stated he said, "Thank you very much." Mayor Kim asked how cool that was.

Councilman Donohue asked if he could shed some light on this.

Soo Chung stated she didn't know about the *<Speaking Indistinctly>*.

Mayor Kim stated maybe Soo Chung should have found that out.

Councilman Donohue asked if he could shed some light on uniforms since he lived in the town for twenty-two years and was a head coach. Councilman Donohue stated it was very generous of Soo Chung for the uniforms, but he didn't know it was going to cause a fire storm in the schools because they could only give a certain amount of money towards uniforms. Councilman Donohue stated maybe they received

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it for two or three years and eight years seemed like a long time. Councilman Donohue stated with him, they won a lot of championships, so he had to augment what he was getting from the athletic director. Councilman Donohue stated every time the kids won a big championship, he made sure he paid for their own shirts, and the kids had a really nice dinner at the end of the year. Councilman Donohue stated he was being generous, but it was also quid pro quo those athletes stayed with him. Councilman Donohue stated they didn't go to baseball and stayed on track, so it worked for him. Councilman Donohue stated his point was, they could only pay for so much and couldn't give every coach what he wanted. Councilman Donohue stated they could never pay for the summer athletes to go through summer training, since he knew the teams wanted to go to summer training, but the school couldn't pay that because that was too much. Councilman Donohue stated that had to be raised by the coaches themselves. Councilman Donohue stated they could only give a percentage.

Soo Chung thanked Councilman Donohue. Soo Chung stated that meant Councilman Donohue was generous to the students.

Councilman Donohue stated it was very nice of them.

Mayor Kim stated he was willing to donate more. Mayor Kim stated if they needed air conditioning, let him know. Mayor Kim stated he remembered Soo Chung saying they were two different entities, so he could give her respect. Mayor Kim stated he didn't go to Soo Chung's meeting once and there was a reason for that. Mayor Kim stated he wanted Soo Chung to do what she had to do.

Councilman Donohue stated Soo Chung would get the scholarship for the high school at the end of the year. Councilman Donohue stated that was another great thing.

Mayor Kim stated ten students, a thousand dollars each. Mayor Kim stated he wanted to let the Board of Education members choose because he didn't get the other organization for the school. Mayor Kim stated they did it the year prior, and he hoped Soo Chung could provide them with ten candidates.

Soo Chung thanked Mayor Kim.

Councilman Donohue stated the graduates deserved scholarships.

Mayor Kim asked if there were any more questions. Mayor Kim requested a motion to close public participation portion and return to the Regular Meeting.

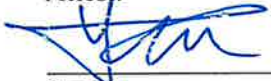
Councilman Kwak made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. All joined in favor.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Kim requested a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Kwak made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. All joined in favor.

Attest:



Sophia H. Jang, RMC  
Borough Clerk