

April 26, 2023

The Council Workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Abstain: Desai, Kheyfets
(4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 Abstain - motion carried)

PRESENTATION:

- Cannabis Presentation / Ronald Mondello, Esq.

Mr. Mondello gave a presentation on Cannabis. The people that make the decisions are the State Cannabis Regulatory Commission and without their approval a Cannabis business can't get a license without your approval they can't even get to the state approval. Discussion on licensing, ordinance and changes, fines and Planning Board approvals.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public session.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell to approve the following resolutions:

73-2023: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 26, 2023 FOR 2022/2023 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,362,076.42

74-2023: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT REQUEST #1 FOR THE NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE AND COTLUSS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO AMERICAN ASPHALT & TRUCKING, LLC, 818 SUMMER AVE FLOOR 1, NEWARK, NJ 07104 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240,944.72

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None
(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

75-2023: RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOM BOORADY OF DARMOFALSKI ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES AS THE PART-TIME ZONING OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

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ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
 Nays: Desai
 Absent: None
 (5 ayes - 1 nay - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 26 - A THROUGH C

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that milling will start tomorrow for Hamburg Turnpike and paving on Friday. It's his understanding that they will mill and pave half of the roadway tomorrow and the other half on Friday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report

UTILITIES: No Report

COMMUNICATIONS: No report

PUBLIC WORKS: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report

FINANCE/SEWR: No report

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

- Sample Tree Removal-Replacement Ordinance (New Stormwater Regulations)

Mayor Carelli reported this was a recommendation as to what the state wanted. Councilman Oswald responded that they have been working on an ordinance from the Shade Tree too. We can look at the two of them and come up with something.

- Altice Franchise Agreement Ordinance (review)

Mayor Carelli reported that Councilman Oswald worked on this last year and there is a new representative. The mayor spoke to the attorney and he said the ordinance was fine.

Councilman Desai responded that the Pompton Lakes Music center would like to use the Community Center and Mayor responded to contact Stephanie.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Bill Gardiner, 25 Halsey asked about updates on the sewer. Mayor Carelli responded that it will require easements to get across Halsey and Newark Pompton Turnpike. It will have to be a yard on Halsey the west side and a yard on Newark Pompton Turnpike. We have decided that there would be no work this year because of the 100-year Anniversary. Phase 5 maybe up next year which is Mead Avenue and Arlington.

Randall Bush, 27 Halsey asked if they could include Halsey in Phase 5 or Phase 6 so everything is done.

Wendy Hanna, 21 Halsey would like to know why we are not renting the Community Center. Mayor responded that we put a lot of money into the building so we have decided to just use

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it as a Community Center. We were considering maybe renting it Saturday and Sunday afternoon only and no more nights. It's used for civic organizations.

There being no further comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Purcell set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:38PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh, Municipal Clerk