

November 25, 2024

The Council Regular 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:

November 13, 2024

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

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

PRESENTATIONS:

- Certificate of Appreciation – Doreen Clark / Sustainable NJ

The mayor reported that a couple of years ago we started a Green Team and the purpose of which it hands some sustainability in the Community. It's a state-run program called sustainable Jersey. This year the Borough of Riverdale obtained the bronze certification and he would like to call up Michael Carelli and Doreen Clark. These are two of our members of the Green Team. Doreen went to the League of Municipalities and accepted the bronze certificate award on behalf of the Borough of Riverdale. The mayor presented Doreen with a plaque.

- Check Presentations – Riverdale Day First Responders 5K Walk Run

The mayor reported that we have been doing the 5K race for about 5 years and that event is to raise money to our first responders, primarily our Pompton Lakes Riverdale First Aid Squad, Riverdale Fire Department and our Riverdale Police Department. Tonight, he would like to present checks to each organization and thanking them for all that they do. \$1000.00 to Riverdale Fire Department. \$1000.00 to Riverdale PBA. \$1000.00 to the First Aid Squad.

- Check Presentation – Riverdale Carnival 2024

The mayor reported that this is the second year of the annual carnival. The fire Department, Woman's Club and the Pompton Lakes Youth Organization ran the Games of Chance. He presented the Fire Department with a \$500.00 check and the Woman's Club with \$1000.00 and to the Pompton Lakes Youth Organization a check for \$2000.00.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 08-2024

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE TO ADD COMMERCIAL INDOOR RECREATION AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE HB ZONE

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

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ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Absent: Purcell
(5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 Absent motion carried)

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets,

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 08-2024 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Absent: Desai, Purcell
Abstain: None
(4 ayes – 0 nays – 2 Absent - motion carried)

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2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 09-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ESTABLISHING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING – PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT-2 (AH-PRD-2) INCLUSIONARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ZONE

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell,

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 09-2024 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Absent: Desai, Purcell
Abstain: None
(4 ayes – 0 nays – 2 Absent - motion carried)

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Council Kheyfets to approve the following resolutions:

- 143-2024:** APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DEXTER'S, INC. FOR THE 2024/2025 LICENSE YEAR
- 144-2024:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR LAWRENCE FELD, 10 Arlington Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 15, Lot 16
- 145-2024:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 25, 2024 FOR 2024 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$961,726.98
- 146-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
- 147-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SOPHIA JEFFERY TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$19.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 25, 2024

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

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MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Carell reported that the sewer expansion Phase V started last week briefly and hopefully that will continue this week. We hope to have that project done in three months or sooner. Phase VI we are still waiting for the DEP's approvals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that when he was at the League, he ran into someone that refurbishes fields and he was hoping that we could look into getting a price on taking out the grass on the both base lines. The mayor responded that applications are being accepted for what they call local recreation grant. We might want to apply for a grant for the playground.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that we have the Holiday Gathering on Wednesday, December 4th starting at the school and then ending at the Community Center. There is a holiday craft fair on Saturday, December 7th from 11AM – 3PM at the Community Center.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that Chief Regeling had nothing for us tonight he is at a meeting. Chief Quant also had nothing to report. Councilman Revis thanked all the First responders for keeping Riverdale safe. Also, thank you to all the other organizations that work hard for Riverdale.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that last week he attended a couple of sessions regarding the new affordable housing regulations in New Jersey. The state of New Jersey has passed this year, new legislation guiding Municipalities for what our responsibilities will be towards affordable housing going forward. We will need to submit to the state just the numbers, a full plan on how we will be getting to those numbers and what we think our numbers are going to be and why. It has to be submitted to the DCA in a specific format by January 31, 2025. The mayor reported that they did come up with a number of 110 in order to get 110 affordable housing you have to multiply that by five. Dave will be appointed at the next meeting the liaison for Affordable Housing.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

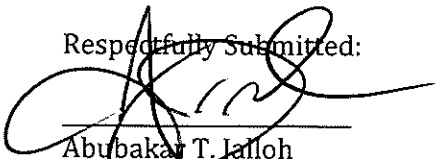
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:13PM

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AJ', is written over a horizontal line.

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk