

JANUARY 19, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

READING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW ARTICLE

Mayor Signorello read the following statement into the record:

This meeting is called to order pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was included in the Annual Notice of meetings published in the Union County Local Source and the Newark Star-Ledger on January 12, 2023. Said notice was posted on the bulletin board reserved for public notices in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as required by Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

All contracts awarded by Mayor and Council must comply with the affirmative action requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127.

Fire exits are located in the directions I am indicating. If you are alerted for a fire, please move in a calm, orderly manner to the nearest smoke-free exit.

Proper notice having been given; the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

ROLL CALL

The following is an accounting of the Mayor and Council’s attendance upon roll call called by Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Joseph Petrosky	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Gregory Johnson	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Joseph Signorello, Jr.	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Jay Robaina	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Rosanna Lyons	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	7:00 PM
Khanjan S. Patel	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Joseph Signorello III	Borough of Roselle Park	Mayor	P	7:00 PM

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais read a short prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

Councilman Signorello moved to approve the following minutes, pending any corrections; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

1. Regular Meeting of December 1, 2022
2. Regular Meeting of December 15, 2022

MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ AND PASSED FOR PAYMENT

Councilman Signorello moved that bills and payrolls be not read and passed for payment; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Signorello moved at 7:02 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Signorello moved at 7:02 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

Scheduled Verbal Reports:

None (Scheduled for February 2, 2023)

Written Reports Received:

1. Animal Control Officer's Report for December 2022
2. Construction Official's Report for December 2022
3. Construction Official's 2022 Year-End Report
4. Court Administrator's Report for December 2022
5. Treasurer's Report for December 2022
6. Fire Chief's Report for January 2023

Councilman Signorello moved to approve the following written Reports of Departments; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

None

INTRODUCTION

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2712

A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PHASES II(B), III(B), IV, V AND VI OF THE LOCAL UNIT'S ALLOCABLE SHARE OF THE FLOOD MITIGATION FACILITIES PROJECT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES,

BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "LOCAL UNIT"); APPROPRIATING \$1,925,000
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,925,000 BONDS OR
NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union,
State of New Jersey, with not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring, as
follows:

SECTION 1.

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties (the "Joint Meeting") on behalf of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "Local Unit") as general improvements. For the said improvements stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$1,925,000. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"), no down payment is required as this bond ordinance authorizes obligations for environmental infrastructure projects which are funded by loans from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank") and the State of New Jersey, acting by or through the Department of Environmental Protection.

SECTION 2.

For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the \$1,925,000 appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Local Unit are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,925,000 pursuant to, and within all limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Local Unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,925,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3.

The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said debt obligations are to be issued are for the Local Unit's allocable share of capital improvement projects being undertaken by the Joint Meeting for (a) the unfunded portion of Phase II of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (Co-Generation Upgrade) consisting of (i) upgrades to the existing Co-Generation Facility to power an Effluent Pumping Station, two stormwater pumping stations, and the Sludge Dewatering Facility, (ii) the acquisition and installation of two engine generator sets and associated equipment including all required electrical and instrumentational connections to integrate the new engines into the existing systems, (iii) the acquisition and installation of digester gas and natural gas piping to the new engines, (iv) construction of a new substation at the Sludge Dewatering Facility, and (v) the installation of medium voltage connections to the Co-Generation grid ("Phase II(b)"); (b) the unfunded portion of Phase III of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (Main Treatment Plant Walls) consisting of, but not limited to, the construction of reinforced concrete flood protection walls around the Main Treatment Plant site including, but not limited to, the installation of four (4) flood protection swing gates, the demolition of the existing guard house and the construction of a new guard house, the construction of five (5) storm sewer isolation chambers with sluice gates and electric actuators, the realignment and repaving of various treatment plant roadways, the construction of a new emergency access roadway, the relocation and protection of existing utilities, and associated grading and site restoration ("Phase III(b)"); (c) Phase IV of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (Stormwater Pumping Station) consisting of the rehabilitation

of the existing Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Stormwater Pumping Station including the removal of existing equipment, modifications to the existing pumping station structure, installation of three (3) new storm water pumps and discharge piping, replacement of two (2) existing sluice gates, installation of two (2) new sluice gates, modifications to the existing storm water piping influent to the pumping station, replacement of storm water inlet gratings, installation of a new seal water service to the pumping station, installation of new electrical power to the pumping station, and site restoration (“Phase IV”); (d) Phase V of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (Biosolids Site Wall) consisting of the construction of reinforced concrete flood walls on piles with steel sheeting subsurface cut-off walls around the four (4) sides of the Biosolids Facilities Site including installation of flood gates for vehicular access, modifications to the existing entrance roadways, construction of stormwater facilities to redirect on-site stormwater to the proposed Biosolids Stormwater Pumping Station, and coordination with and/or relocation of various utilities within the project area (“Phase V”); and (e) Phase VI of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (Biosolids Stormwater Pumping Station) consisting of a below ground reinforced concrete stormwater pumping station for the Biosolids Facilities Site including modifications to the site stormwater collection system to redirect the flow of on-site stormwater into the pumping station, installation of submersible stormwater pumps and associated piping, valves, electrical and instrumentation equipment, and site restoration (“Phase VI” and together with Phase II(b), Phase III(b), Phase IV, and Phase V, the “Project”).

- a. All improvements shall include, as applicable, all work, materials, equipment, engineering services and design, architectural services and designs, surveying, environmental consulting work, environmental testing and remediation, preparation of plans and specifications, governmental permits, bid documents, conducting and preparation of reports, plans, analysis, and studies, equipment rental, labor and appurtenances necessary therefore or incidental thereto.
- b. The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued by the Local Unit for said improvements or purposes is \$1,925,000.
- c. The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes to be paid by the Local Unit is \$1,925,000.

SECTION 4.

In the event the United States of America (including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”)), the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Union make a loan, contribution or grant-in-aid to the Local Unit for the improvements authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Local Unit prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America (including FEMA), the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Union. In the event, however, that any amount so loaned, contributed or granted by the United States of America (including FEMA), the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Union shall be received by the Local Unit after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Local Unit as a result of using such funds from this bond ordinance as “matching local funds” to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit, provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Infrastructure Trust Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11B-1 ("NJIT Act"). The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit shall determine all matters in connection with the bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.1 of the Local Bond Law and, as applicable, the provisions of the NJIT Act. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6.

The Local Unit hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Local Unit is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 7.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- a. The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements which the Local Unit may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
- b. The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 30 years.
- c. The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Local Unit and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that, while the net debt of the Local Unit determined as provided in said Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance, the gross debt of the Local Unit, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes

provided for in this bond ordinance by \$1,925,000 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

- d. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$621,622 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements hereinbefore described.
- e. This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Local Unit solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for purposes that are deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from gross debt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).
- f. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:63-134, bonds authorized and issued by the Local Unit to finance improvements or works for the Joint Meeting shall not be taken to be included within or governed by any limitation fixed by law to the amount of bonds authorized to be issued by the Local Unit.

SECTION 8.

The full faith and credit of the Local Unit are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the debt obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The debt obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Local Unit, and the Local Unit shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property located within the Local Unit for the payment of the principal of and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9.

The Local Unit reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Local Unit's official intent to reimburse any expenditure toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 150-2.

SECTION 10.

The Local Unit covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance on a tax-exempt basis.

SECTION 11.

Upon adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Local Unit shall forward certified copies of this bond ordinance to Everett M. Johnson, Esq., Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., bond counsel to the Joint Meeting, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

SECTION 12.

Upon adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Local Unit shall forward certified copies of this bond ordinance to Everett M. Johnson, Esq., Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., bond counsel to the Joint Meeting, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

Councilman Signorello moved that Ordinance No. 2712 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on February 2, 2023; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2712		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adopted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lyons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Patel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTIONS

Borough Clerk Casais read all Resolutions by title into the record.

The following Resolutions listed on Consent Agenda were offered by Councilman Signorello; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 39-23

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JAMIE O’CONNELL FROM THE MAYOR’S HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the resignation Jamie O’Connell from the Mayor’s Health and Wellness Committee effective January 9, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-23

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MEGAN APPELLO FROM THE MAYOR’S HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the resignation Megan Appello from the Mayor’s Health and Wellness Committee effective January 9, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-23

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF UNION TO CLOSE CHESTNUT STREET FROM GRANT AVENUE TO WEBSTER AVENUE ON MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. FOR THE 2023 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park will host its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned event will be held, in part, on Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby requests approval from the Union County Board of County Commissioners to close Chestnut Street, from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue, on Monday, May 29, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in order to hold its 2023 Memorial Day Parade.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-23

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF UNION TO HANG A BANNER OVER CHESTNUT STREET FROM MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023 UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023 ADVERTISING THE 2023 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND SUMMER KICK-OFF PICNIC

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby request permission of the County of Union to hang a banner advertising the Borough's 2023 Memorial Day Parade and Summer Kick-Off Picnic from Monday, April 24, 2023 until Tuesday, May 30, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to execute an indemnification agreement with the County of Union for the hanging of the above referenced banner.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-23

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF UNION TO HANG A BANNER OVER CHESTNUT STREET FROM TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023 TO FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023 ADVERTISING THE 2023 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby request permission of the County of Union to hang a banner advertising the Borough's 2023 Independence Day Celebration from Tuesday, May 30, 2023 until Friday, July 7, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to execute an indemnification agreement with the County of Union for the hanging of the above referenced banner.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-23

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF UNION TO HANG A BANNER OVER CHESTNUT STREET FROM TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 ADVERTISING THE FIESTA HISPANA Y LATINA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby request permission of the County of Union to hang a banner advertising the Borough's 2023 Fiesta Hispana y Latina from Tuesday, August 1, 2023 until Monday, September 11, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to execute an indemnification agreement with the County of Union for the hanging of the above referenced banner.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-23

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF UNION TO CLOSE CHESTNUT STREET FROM WESTFIELD AVENUE TO WEBSTER AVENUE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. FOR THE 2023 ARTS FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park will host its annual Arts Festival on Saturday, September 30, 2023, or on Sunday, October 1, 2023 in the event of inclement weather; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned event will be held, in part, on Chestnut Street from Westfield Avenue to Webster Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby requests approval from the Union County Board of County Commissioners to close Chestnut Street, from Westfield Avenue to Webster Avenue, on Saturday, September 30, 2023, or Sunday October 1, 2023 in the event of inclement weather, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., in order to hold its 2023 Arts Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-23

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF UNION TO HANG A BANNER
OVER CHESTNUT STREET FROM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 TO
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023 ADVERTISING THE 2023 ARTS FESTIVAL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby request permission of the County of Union to hang a banner advertising the Borough's 2023 Arts Festival from Monday, September 11, 2023 until Monday, October 2, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to execute an indemnification agreement with the County of Union for the hanging of the above referenced banner.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-23

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF UNION TO CLOSE CHESTNUT STREET
FROM WESTFIELD AVENUE TO GRANT AVENUE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023 FROM
1:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. FOR THE 2023 MISCHIEF NIGHT CONCERT AND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park will host its annual Mischief Night Concert and Program on Monday, October 30, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned event will be held, in part, on Chestnut Street from Westfield Avenue to Grant Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby requests approval from the Union County Board of County Commissioners to close Chestnut Street, from Westfield Avenue to Grant Avenue, on Monday, October 30, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in order to hold its 2023 Mischief Night Concert and Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-23

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF UNION TO HANG A BANNER OVER
CHESTNUT STREET FROM MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023 TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023
ADVERTISING THE 2023 MISCHIEF NIGHT CONCERT AND PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby request permission of the County of Union to hang a banner advertising the Borough's 2023 Mischief Night Concert and Program from Monday, October 2, 2023 until Tuesday, October 31, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to execute an indemnification agreement with the County of Union for the hanging of the above referenced banner.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-23

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF UNION TO CLOSE CHESTNUT STREET FROM CHARLES STREET TO GRANT AVENUE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023, AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. FOR THE 2023 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND WINTER MARKET

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park will host its annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Winter Market on Friday, December 1, 2023, Saturday, December 2, 2023, and Sunday, December 3, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned event will be held, in part, on Chestnut Street from Charles Street to Grant Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby requests approval from the Union County Board of County Commissioners to close Chestnut Street, from Charles Street to Grant Avenue, on Friday, December 1, 2023, Saturday, December 2, 2023, and Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in order to hold its 2023 Christmas Tree Lighting and Winter Market.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-23

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF UNION TO HANG A BANNER OVER CHESTNUT STREET FROM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023 TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 ADVERTISING THE 2023 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND WINTER MARKET

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby request permission of the County of Union to hang a banner advertising the Borough's 2023 Christmas Tree Lighting and Winter Market from Tuesday, October 31, 2023 until Monday, December 4, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to execute an indemnification agreement with the County of Union for the hanging of the above referenced banner.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-23

EXTENDING THE GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SUBURBAN DISPOSAL, INC. FOR VEGETATIVE WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING APRIL 1, 2023 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$195,000.00

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021 the Borough of Roselle Park (the "Borough") formally received and opened sealed bids for Vegetative Waste Collection and Disposal Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (also referred to as the "Mayor and Council") of the Borough adopted Resolution No. 99-21 on March 4, 2021 which awarded a Good and Services Contract to Suburban Disposal, Inc. of 54 Montesano Road, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 for the provision of Vegetative Waste Collection and Disposal Services for contract years 2021 and 2022 in an amount not to exceed three-hundred eighty-five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$385,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15* the Borough may extend certain contracts for up to two (2) additional years subject to certain statutorily set and enumerated limitations; and,

WHEREAS, during its initial procurement solicitation for Vegetative Waste Collection and Disposal Services, the Borough reserved the right, through its project bid specifications, to extend the Good and Services Contract for two (2) additional contract years, on a year-to-year basis subject to the provisions of statute; and,

WHEREAS, upon the expiration of the contract awarded pursuant to Resolution No. 99-21, the Chief Administrative Officer inquired as to Suburban Disposal, Inc.'s willingness to engage in a contract extension; and,

WHEREAS, Suburban Disposal, Inc. agreed to a contract extension covering April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for an amount not to exceed one-hundred ninety-five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$195,000.00) for the extended term; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed 2023 contract amount not to exceed one-hundred ninety-five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$195,000.00) is found to be in conformity with the index rate provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2* when compared to the 2022 contract amount not to exceed one-hundred ninety-four thousand dollars and zero cents (\$194,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, Suburban Disposal, Inc. also agreed to terms and provisions substantially similar to the base bid specification originally solicited by the Borough and awarded pursuant to Resolution No. 99-21, except that the actual cost for the disposal of Type 23 Waste as defined by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection would be the responsibility of the Borough either on a weight or volume reimbursement basis, or paid directly to a disposal facility; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey authorizes a one (1) year extension to the Goods and Services Contract with to Suburban Disposal, Inc. of 54 Montesano Road, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 for the provision of Vegetative Waste Collection and Disposal Services in an amount not to exceed one-hundred ninety-five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$195,000.00); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this foregoing authorized extension is made effective April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and shall be made substantially pursuant to the Base Bid of the advertised bid specifications for “Vegetative Waste Collection and Disposal Services” and the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15*.

RESOLUTION NO. 53-23

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO AUCTION UNCLAIMED VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) no longer has use for the automobiles listed herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council (hereinafter, the “Governing Body”) of the Borough believes it to be advantageous to dispose of this now surplus property; and,

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13*, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.1*, and various other statues and administrative regulations of the State of New Jersey permit the Borough to dispose of surplus property no longer needed for public use by auction and to authorize such action by Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to sell the listed items, as is, at public auction beginning at 10:00 a.m., local prevailing time, on Friday, February 10, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said auction will be advertised by way of the following printed and electronic media: (a) The Union County Local Source, and (b) Borough of Roselle Park website; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said auction shall be conducted by the Borough Clerk or by any person so designated by him with the following explicit provisions of sale:

1. Said property is being sold “as is”.
2. All prospective purchasers are put on notice to personally inspect the property.
3. At the date, time and place of sale, a purchaser shall deposit the entire purchase price with the Borough Clerk in cash or certified check made payable to the “Borough of Roselle Park.”

4. If the purchaser fails to take title and possession within ten calendar (10) days of the date of purchase, the Governing Body of the Borough may declare the contract of sale to be terminated and may retain all monies paid there under as liquidated damages; likewise, the Borough may re-sell said property or pursue such other and further legal and equitable remedies as it may have; furthermore, if the purchaser fails to take title or possession within said ten (10) days, purchaser will be liable for reasonable storage fees.
5. If the title to this property shall prove to be unmarketable, the liability of the Borough shall be limited to the repayment of the amount of any sums paid by said purchaser to the Borough without any further costs, expense, damage, claim against or liability upon the Borough.
6. The Borough of Roselle Park reserves the right to reject bids and shall not be obligated to accept any bids.
7. All prospective purchasers are put on notice that no employee, agent, officer, body or subordinate body has any authority to waive, modify or amend any of the conditions of sale.

Year	Make	Model	Identification Number	Minimum Bid	Location
2013	Jeep	Wrangler	1C4AJWAG9DL660820	\$450.00	Sisbarro's
2004	GMC		1GKDT13S342257406	\$450.00	George's
2008	Chevrolet		2G1WD58C989257677	\$450.00	George's
2006	Nissan	Sentra	3N1CB51DX6L590874	\$450.00	George's

RESOLUTION NO. 54-23

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH THE JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGHWAY MAINTINANCE AND CONTROL IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOROUGH'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation has requested that an agreement be entered between the Borough of Roselle Park and the State of New Jersey, which would allocate the jurisdictional responsibilities for highway maintenance and control between the Borough of Roselle Park and the State of New Jersey with reference to certain intersections of Route 28 and streets within the Borough of Roselle Park; and,

WHEREAS, maps outlining the jurisdictional limits of each have been reviewed and approved by the Borough of Roselle Park and are attached to the foregoing Resolution as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Mayor Joseph Signorello III and Borough Clerk Andrew J. Casais are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement between the Borough of Roselle Park and the State of New Jersey in connection with the Central Business District Sidewalk Improvement project.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-23

ADOPTING THE "2022 AFFORDABLE HOUSING REGIONAL INCOME LIMITS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE" CHART AS PREPARED AND ISSUED BY THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROFESSIONALS OF NEW JERSEY (AHPNJ) ON APRIL 28, 2022

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Professionals of New Jersey (hereinafter, the "AHPNJ") annually prepare and release a chart of regional income limits by household size for (6) regions encompassing all twenty-one (21) counties in the State of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the income limits released by AHPNJ are not officially adopted by the State of New Jersey, but, instead, much be adopted and otherwise made applicable by each municipal jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) is located within Union County which is located within Region No. 2; and,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Borough’s Affordable Housing Attorney that the “2022 Affordable Housing Regional Income Limits by Household Size” chart released by AHPNJ on April 28, 2022 be adopted by the Mayor and Council for use within the scope of the administration of the Borough’s affordable housing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the “2022 Affordable Housing Regional Income Limits by Household Size” chart – attached to the foregoing Resolution as Exhibit A - released by AHPNJ on April 28, 2022 be adopted by the Mayor and Council for use within the scope of the administration of the Borough’s affordable housing program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough’s Affordable Housing Liaison be authorized and directed to forward a fully executed copy of the foregoing Resolution to the Borough’s Affordable Housing Attorney and the Borough’s Administrative Agent for Affordable Housing.

RESOLUTION NO. 56-23

AWARDING AN OPEN-ENDED GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACT TO NATURE’S CHOICE CORPORATION FOR VEGETATIVE WASTE ROLL-OFF SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE BASE BID OF THE ADVERTISED BID SPECIFICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$740.00 PER CONTAINER FOR THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent of the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) received and opened sealed bids at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 for “Vegetative Waste Roll-Off Services;” and,

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent of the Borough recommends that the Mayor and Council award a contract to the below captioned vendor, identified as the lowest responsive responsible bidder, at the price(s) and contract term so specified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Qualified Purchasing Agent, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards an open-ended goods and services contract to Nature’s Choice Corporation of 1106 Millstone River Road, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844 pursuant to the Base Bid of the advertised specifications for “Vegetative Waste Roll-Off Services” in the amount of seven-hundred forty dollars and zero cents (\$740.00) per container for a two (2) year contract term beginning February 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing Resolution be explicitly adopted on the basis that the Borough of Roselle Park may utilize the goods and/or services of this open-ended contract with an aggregate cost in exceedance of the bid threshold; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall certify as to the availability of funds before all purchases are made pursuant to the prevailing provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and any regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey related thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-23

REJECTING ALL BIDS PURSUANT TO *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2* RECEIVED JANUARY 4, 2023 FOR THE PROJECTS: 2023-2024 STREET SWEEPINGS ROLL-OFF SERVICES, 2023-2024 SOLID WASTE (GARBAGE) ROLL-OFF SERVICES, AND 2023-2024 CONCRETE ROLL-OFF SERVICES, AND RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE CHIEF

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S ACTIONS IN RE-BIDDING THE SAME

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent received sealed bids at 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 for the projects 2023-2024 Street Sweepings Roll-Off Services, 2023-2024 Solid Waste (Garbage) Roll-Off Services, and 2023-2024 Concrete Roll-Off Services, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, upon review of all bids received, it is the recommendation of the Qualified Purchasing Agent, in consultation with applicable Borough Departments, to reject all bids and re-advertise utilizing sealed public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that all bids received on January 4, 2023 responsive to the projects 2023-2024 Street Sweepings Roll-Off Services, 2023-2024 Solid Waste (Garbage) Roll-Off Services, and 2023-2024 Concrete Roll-Off Services, are hereby rejected in accordance with the recommendations of the Qualified Purchasing Agent pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2*, with statutory reasoning as follows:

1. The lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods and services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body ratifies and affirms the actions of the Qualified Purchasing Agent in re-advertising bid specifications for the projects so stated within the foregoing Resolution.

Mayor Signorello and Councilman Signorello recused themselves from discussion and advancement of Resolution No. 38-23. The chairmanship of the meeting was yielded to Councilman Petrosky as the most senior member of the governing body.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Johnson; seconded by Councilman Robaina:

RESOLUTION NO. 38-23

APPOINTING JOSEPH SIGNORELLO, JR. AS DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF OF LORRAINE FIREHOUSE (STATION NO. 1)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Joseph Signorello, Jr. of 625 Woodland Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204 be and hereby is appointed as Deputy Fire Chief of the Lorraine Firehouse (Fire Station No. 1) for a term set to expire December 31, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as Deputy Fire Chief, Joseph Signorello, Jr. shall be fully bound by the requirements and restrictions set for in Section 2-26.6 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Roselle Park, *N.J.S.A. 40A:14-68*, and any other law or regulation governing the service of elected officials as members of volunteer fire companies.

Vote Record – Resolution 38-23					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adopted	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted as Amended	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	Signorello, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	Lyons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Patel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Signorello; seconded by Councilman Johnson:

RESOLUTION NO. 51-23

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON SYSTEM AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 28 AND JEROME STREET

WHEREAS, a traffic conditions exists at the intersection of Route 28 and Jerome Street in the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, which requires the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon System; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expedite the safe movement and conduct of pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has indicated its willingness to install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon System at said intersection; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has proposed a form of Agreement pertaining to operation and maintenance of said Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and hereby are authorized to execute and enter into an Agreement with the State of New Jersey, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation, for the purpose aforesaid.

Councilman Patel noted where are the flashing beacons going to be installed.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais noted that the system would be similar to the Dalton Street intersection configuration with Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). He noted that it would be partially on the center island and on either side of Jerome Street.

Councilman Patel asked will it impact the parking by Joe’s Rotisserie.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais stated it should not; it would serve simply to highlight the existing crosswalk.

Councilman Robaina concurred with the assessment of Mr. Casais and stated that any existing parking restrictions would remain as they were, but the system of RRFBs would not impact parking allowances in the area.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution -51-23		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	Lyons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Patel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Signorello

Noted and thanked all the parties who were involved with the Pershing Avenue and Grant Avenue roadway collapse; stated that it was a quick turnaround. He noted that residents were wondering if the Borough could keep traffic cones in the same area to have people slow down along Grant Avenue; stated it was something he would like to look into going forward.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Johnson

Noted and agreed with the sentiments of Councilman Signorello regarding the cones/indicators that would have people slowdown in the Grant Avenue area.

Noted his attendance at two school board meetings as the new school board liaison. Stated that he had several discussions with Lisa Lee, Deputy Department Director from EZ-Ride pertaining to what the Borough could coordinate with Principal Lechner at Sherman Elementary School; stated that he had hope of getting Sherman Avenue School nominated for the Silver Award through the EZ-Ride/Safe Routes to Schools Program.

Noted and thanked the Council for approving the placement of the flashing beacons and pedestrian crosswalks. Reiterated his support for Councilman Signorello's idea. Noted that at the next meeting of the Board of Education he would mention and look into Safe Route to Schools. Reiterated his sentiment that it would be a great opportunity to make local schools safer, promote awareness and also grant opportunities. Thanked Councilman Robaina for introducing Lisa Lee to him— he noted that because of that introduction the Borough holds the rank of "Gold." Noted that the Council has been very active and it has the recognition to support that.

Noted the "Hometown Heroes Program." Stated that he wanted to give a special thanks to Councilman Robaina, Richie Templeton and Roger Thomas for pushing him to help initiate and push the endeavor. He requested information about the program to be shared on the Borough website in order to help promote, acknowledge and support veterans.

Noted that he attended a Diversity & Inclusive Committee Meeting. Congratulation Chris Monroe who was unanimously elected as the Chair. Welcomed Michael Anne Regan to the Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

Noted as Chair of the Public Services & Administration Committee he looked forward to working with Councilman Patel and Councilwoman Lyons.

Noted and thanked the Mayor, Council, Police Chief McCaffery and many others who came to his aide during the past few weeks due to the passing of his sister. Expressed that death of his sister has been a struggle. Also, thanked those who donated to PBA 105 for his sister.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Petrosky

Expressed condolences to the Siciliano, Gray, Matarredona, and Johnson families.

Attended December 18th Santa Parade of Lights.

Congratulated Councilwoman Lyons and Councilman Patel for being part of the Council.

Thanked Michael Connelly and Jodi Bellomo for serving on Council.

Noted and congratulated Mayor Signorello on his re-election.

January 9th attended the Fire Department Meeting.

January 11th attended the Recreation Department Meeting.

January 19th attended the Joint Sewer Meeting. Stated that the Commissioned voted on new officers; also, voted on bids for the upcoming year.

Noted and thanked everyone for the help and quick service with the Pershing and Grant Avenues water break and street issues.

Thanked the Roselle Park Parking Enforcement officers for doing a great job.

Provided contact information.

Councilwoman Lyons

Noted and thanked Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais for sending information and being connected always, but particularly during the Grant Avenue and Pershing Avenue issues.

Noted and expressed condolences to everyone who lost someone mentioned earlier during the meeting.

Noted that she was invited by Megan Kelly at Meridia to a painting workshop. Stated that it was great to see and interact with the residents of the new development.

Attended the Winter Gala at the American Legion; it was great speaking with the veterans. Stated that she was hoping to do some events there in the future.

Stated that on January 18th she attended the Community Affairs reorganization meeting. Welcomed Miriam Cespedes and Evan Collier to the committee and looked forward to working with them. Stated that she had been part of the Community Affairs Committee for over a year and it was a great year. Commended Director Rupen Shah for a great 2022 with events.

Stated that she attended the Library Board Meeting; they will also have great events coming up.

Noted she was looking forward to visiting all the businesses in town soon.

Councilman Patel

Stated that he attended the Meridia painting workshop with Councilwoman Lyons.

Communicated a reminder to local businesses to take advantage of the small business lease grant offered by New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Noted and highlighted two new businesses which he visited; Lidio's Café and Landz Music.

Stated that if there were any business would like him to visit and to help promote their business to please reach out to him.

Stated that the Environmental Commission would be meeting next on February 15th at the Casano Community Center.

Noted several resident complaints that were addressed.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Robaina

Welcomed Councilwoman Lyons and Councilman Patel to Council. Congratulated the Mayor on his re-election.

Noted in the last few weeks he followed up with resident concerns from parking, trees, rodents and code enforcement. Thanked Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais, Superintendent Baiamonte, Community Center Director Shah and Police Chief McCaffery for always being available and responsive. His constituents appreciate it.

Noted and thanked the Governing Body for their support of Resolution No. 51-23; the rapid flashing beacons on the West Side of the Borough.

Attended the Land Use Reorganization Meeting on January 16th. Stated that an application for a sub-division and single-family house on Sherman Avenue was approved.

Noted on Tuesday, January 17th the Division of Aging visited the Casano Center. He noted that while the event was only slotted for one hour, County staff was on hand for nearly two hours; answering questions, providing information, and giving resources to our seniors. Thanked Union County Department Human Services and Division of Aging for visiting Roselle Park.

Attended the Board of Health Reorganization Meeting on January 17th. He noted that COVID cases were up in December, but only 25% of seniors and 11% of children had a COVID booster - Please call Westfield Regional Health of booster clinics or any related concerns.

Noted he received good news from Phillips 66 in Linden who will be donating nearly \$2,000 to purchase benches for the new sensory friendly playground at Loreti Park.

Noted it's important to support small businesses in Roselle Park.

Noted that the Borough will be partnering with the Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce; stated that this collaboration is intended to provide strength in numbers, resources and shared services.

Asked the public to save the date for May 20th; which will be the Annual Bike Clinic and July 2023 will start the next round of Community Cool Downs.

Stated that on January 27th the Union County Office of Health Care Management will have a presentation at the Casano Center.

Provided contact information.

Mayor Signorello

Noted that over the last three months he received a lot of inbound interest in the Borough's upcoming affordable housing units- stated that he believed the new demand was due to the fact that this would be Roselle Park's first time having affordable housing. He stated that the Borough is going to be working on a formal press release for those who wish to join a wait list.

The Mayor stated that he would be posting on his Facebook with an early registration link to apply for the upcoming affordable units. Mayor Signorello also noted there are certain requirements that constitutes affordable housing - More information will follow.

Provided contact information.

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Signorello moved at 7:37 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Signorello moved at 7:37 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Mayor Signorello asked Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais to read the Closed Session Resolution into the record.

Borough Clerk Casais read the following into the record.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park wish to discuss matters which are described in the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act "Sunshine Law" N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the general nature of the subjects to be discussed in Closed Session are:

1. Ongoing Litigation – DiLascio v. Borough of Roselle Park
2. Potential Litigation – United Methodist Church v. Borough of Roselle Park

WHEREAS, the time when and the circumstances under which the items discussed in Closed Session will be disclosed to the public are at a future time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey adjourn the open portion of the meeting and open a closed portion of the meeting to discuss the aforesaid items.

Councilman Signorello moved at 7:38 p.m. to adopt the Closed Session Resolution and go into Closed Session; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Signorello moved at 8:12 p.m. to end Closed Session and return to the open portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Borough Clerk Casais disclosed that the Governing Body discussed the following matters in Closed Session:

1. Ongoing Litigation – DiLascio v. Borough of Roselle Park
2. Potential Litigation – United Methodist Church v. Borough of Roselle Park

Borough Clerk Casais stated there was no resolution to the matters discussed or formal action to be taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Signorello moved at 8:13 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk