

OCTOBER 5, 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 September 21, 2023
2. Closed Session of September 21, 2023

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 7:01 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

Administration/Borough Clerk: Andrew J. Casais, Business Administrator

Reminder the election is upcoming and the Board of Elections is seeking poll workers, especially bi-lingual poll workers. The Board of Elections will be at the Fiesta Hispana y Latina next Friday as well. If you are interested in being a poll worker, please call the Board of Elections at 908-527-4123.

Recently had the privilege of speaking with about 80 to 90 individuals involved in the Community Development process with the County. Roselle Park was spotlighted as a municipality and public entity that follows the process well, gets the job done, spends the money that we are given and does it effectively to the benefit of those who qualify for that funding.

Happy to report that we are done with our Year 49 Grant, even though the cycle started September 1st. We paved Clay Avenue and are substantially complete and will be drawing down on that within the next month.

Made mention we are going to be conducting a Bond Sale this year for the first time since 2018. The Borough's current rating is DoubleA3; which is pretty much the highest we can have given our size and density.

Happy to say on the special project side that Dalton Street, Myrtle Avenue, Clay Avenue, Beechwood Avenue and Webster Avenue are all substantially complete; subject to punch list items. The Central Business Sidewalk program is substantially complete. Trees should be planted in the tree wells along the Central Business District within the next two weeks. Tree well grates are expected in November and December. They will be slightly delayed, but will not take away from the project. Roadway striping and the installation of meters will be within the next two to three weeks, and that will include the numbering of spots.

Finance Department: Kenneth P. Blum, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

Reiterated what Mr. Casais said regarding the Bond Sale, and we should know our new rating by October 11th.

Friendly reminder the Tax Sale will be in November and a list will be published in the newspaper within the next few weeks. So, if you owe for 2022 taxes or sewer, please get that payment in if you can make it.

Noted regular taxes will be due November 1st.

Code Enforcement Department: Richard Belluscio, Construction Official

Reported that as of September 2023, a total of 171 permits were issued. He indicated that the total revenue related to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) through the end of September was \$756,473; there were \$4,005 in sewer connection fees and \$436,053 COAH Development Fees. He reported that the number of UCC violations was six for the month of September. With respect to property maintenance enforcement, there were 18 Court dispositions and fines year to date were \$25,283; 70 violations were issued and 16 Court summons were issued during September 2023.

He said 10 West Westfield Avenue, Building A, is in the process of completing all finishes for all apartment units. The exterior finishes are 98% complete. The interior rough inspections for Building B are completed for the residential units, and interior finishes have commenced.

He noted a beyond footing and foundation release has been issued for 140 West Webster Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC, and footing and foundation work is complete.

Noted the Dowling's Pub project expanded tremendously and they have made major changes to the design. They are elevating the first floor and will have three entrances to the building.

Councilman Johnson asked if he had any updates regarding the glass company on Berwyn.

Mr. Belluscio said that property was purchased by the glass company and intends to go before the Municipal Land Use Board because it does require a use variance. However, there is a legal issue on the owner's side because he did not purchase the property contingent upon Board approval. In the meantime, we just issued a second Unsafe Structure Notice. Mr. Belluscio said he is concerned with all the electric in the building and is having PSE&G cut the electric at the pole on his order. Once the owner receives the second notice, they have 15 days to notify us or file an appeal with the Union County Board of Appeals. If they fail to do that, then we follow the process of the Penalty Enforcement Act and go to Court under a process called Summary Proceeding, in which we will ask the judge to rule in our favor for enforcement purposes.

Mayor Signorello said the whole issue stemmed from they started work without permits.

Mr. Belluscio said yes; they started ripping the building apart without permits and proper precautions.

Councilman Robaina asked are they looking at total renovation of the exterior foundation or is it at a point where it is going to fall apart, and he is going to have to start from scratch.

Mr. Belluscio said his opinion is that the entire structure should go down to the foundation.

Mayor Signorello said if at some point it becomes unsafe, we may have to compel them to take it down.

Mr. Belluscio said there are two options to make: either they have to take it down or under Title 5 we can take it down. He said the problem with that is that we would have to foot the bill for the demolition.

Mayor Signorello asked does it look like we are going to need to take it down.

Mr. Belluscio said he hopes the owner will come in once he receives the second notice.

Councilman Signorello asked for an update on the opening of the Gordon Street Bridge and hopes there is a walkway for residents to use instead of walking in the street.

Mr. Belluscio said his original date was October 30th.

Engineering: Kevin Boyer, Colliers Engineering

Doesn't have a completion date for the Gordon Street Bridge, but by the looks of it, it will be done and open around Christmas time.

Noted the Locust Street paving was delayed due to the weather and we are waiting on an updated schedule for that; but it will be night time work.

We are waiting on Elizabethtown Gas scheduling for East Grant and Hemlock paving.

Noted traffic counts were done for the stop control intersections at Valley and West Webster, and Walnut and East Clay. All the data will be reviewed and will have recommendations by next week.

The stormwater project is still status quo and are working with the Grant Writer to apply for grants.

Police Department: Dominick Frino, Police Chief

Noted he submitted his report, but wanted to highlight a few items.

On September 12th he and Captain Wintermute attended a meeting with members of the National Chaplains Association sponsored by Hudson Regional Medical Center and met with members of the Jewish community from across the state who briefed everyone on "The High Holidays" which consist of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot that are all celebrated in the month of September and October. It gave everyone a better understanding regarding the customs and behaviors observed by the Jewish community during these holy times. The information was brought back and shared with members of the Roselle Park Police Department as to better serve the Jewish members of the community.

Made note of the intersection at Sheridan and East Lincoln and that there have been numerous motor vehicles accidents there within the last year, all due as a result of someone failing to stop at a stop sign. He said we replaced some of the stop signs with updated ones, lowered one, put in rumble strips across the road and painted slow and stop on the road. Chief Frino thanked all those involved to make this roadway/area safer.

Councilman Johnson thanked Chief Frino and asked him to pass along his thanks to Officer Anthony Mastrocola for helping out during the free CPR Training Event. He said Officer Mastrocola was

very professional, knowledgeable, and very interactive with the public and did an outstanding job. He also thanked Officer Jessica Cambronero for helping out at the event as well.

Councilman Signorello thanked Chief Frino and everyone in the Police Department for the speedy process with the intersection of Sheridan and East Lincoln.

Fire Department: Steven A. Thompson, Fire Chief

Noted continuing with the annual testing of bottles that is coming up very soon.

Noted we just put in for the preventative maintenance on some of the apparatus.

Noted have a Live Burn scheduled for the department in November at the Linden Fire Academy.

Stated we have a walk through planned next month at Hexacon, where we had an incident early last year during the winter.

Reminder that next week is Fire Prevention Week and asked everyone to check their smoke detectors and test them to make sure the batteries are good, and to have an escape plan for their family.

Noted will be visiting in the schools over the next week or two to go over fire safety with the kids in town.

Public Works Department: Paul Baiamonte, Superintendent of Public Works

Noted the DPW is currently running with a 10 person, full time staff consisting of one Superintendent, one Clerical, one Mechanic, two Operators, two Class II Laborers and three Class I Laborers.

Sanitary Sewer: In the month of September, we only had four sewer calls; three of which needed jetting. Two of the calls were on Westfield Avenue, one on Willis and one was on East Lincoln. He said there were no emergency repairs last month, and no new projects scheduled at this time related to sewer and sanitary.

Potholes: Yesterday had a crew out repairing potholes. We had two tons of asphalt and were able to hit 18 different locations throughout the town. Didn't focus on one area, but tried to spread out across the town.

Noted the street sweeper has been out almost the entire month of September, with the exception of days we were repairing it in-house.

Borough Vehicle Maintenance: Every Wednesday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., the Police do a fluid check; where they check oil, transmission and windshield wiper fluids, etc. Noted the street sweeper had been repaired in-house and the vacuum tube had been replaced and some of the lights have been changed out. The transport bus also had some maintenance, the Dodge pickup truck had a radiator replaced, and a loader needed a new injector pump. He said in terms of vehicle maintenance, there is always a vehicle in the garage at all times.

Trees and Property Maintenance: From September 1st to September 22nd, there were approximately 15 working days and we worked on three tree removals and nine tree trims and elevations. From the dates

after that, September 27th, 28th and 29th (3 consecutive working days), we had four trees removed and 15 tree trims.

Sidewalk Program: The program was awarded to a contractor and the work is scheduled for the first two weeks of November. He said we ordered 13 Arborvitae trees, and they will be planted next week for LaMonaco Perry Park to screen the County Emergency Management building from LaMonaco Perry Park.

Recreation Department: John Ranieri, Recreation Director

Provided an overview of the goals of the Roselle Park Recreation Department.

Currently have over 325 recreational members and 120 members of the Homework Club and After Care. We are transporting and chaperoning over 82 students daily from our Elementary and Middle School.

Noted the following upgrades to the After Care Program: Science Fun, Art, Stem, Magna Tiles, Legos, Kinetic Sand and Bingo Fridays to name a few.

The Youth Center recently hosted or plan to host the following: Girls Scout Meetings, Cub/Boy Scout Meetings, Back to School Night Drop & Go, Recreation Committee Meetings, Diversity & Inclusion Meetings, Public Affairs & Community Events Meetings, SEPEG Meeting & Halloween Event, NJSIAA Official Meeting, Home Town Hero's Committee Meetings, PTA Meetings, RP Arts Festival Event, DMV Events and Flag Football End of Year Party to name a few.

Recreation Sports and Activities: Registration is open for the following: Adult Pickleball, Middle School/High School & Adult Fitness, Elementary/Middle School Volleyball, Flag Football, Off Season Basketball, and Off Season Wrestling.

Continuing to collaborate with the Mayor, Council and the Business Administrator with regard to the Acker Park Renovation Project, and is proud to report your feedback is being taken into consideration as we move forward with the design features.

Provided contact information.

Scheduled Verbal Reports:

1. Administration and Borough Clerk; Andrew J. Casais, Business Administrator
2. Code Enforcement Department; Richard Belluscio, Construction Official
3. ~~Community Center; Rupen Shah, Community Center Director~~ **Excused**
4. Engineering; Kevin Boyer, Colliers Engineering
5. Finance Department; Kenneth P. Blum, Jr., Chief Financial Officer
6. Fire Department; Steven A. Thompson, Fire Chief
7. Police Department; Dominick Frino, Police Chief
8. Public Works Department; Paul Baiamonte, Superintendent of Public Works
9. Recreation Department; John Ranieri, Recreation Director

Written Reports Received:

1. Police Chief's Report for September 2023
2. Community Center Director's Report for September 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. 2752

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 34 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK ENTITLED, "ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION," WITH SPECIFIC AMENMDENTS TO SUBSECTION 2 ENTITLED, "MEMBERS; TERMS; VACANCIES"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter 2, Section 34, Subsection 2 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments Related to Green Team Operations

§ 2-34.2 Members; Terms; Vacancies.

a. Regular Members.

1. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Mayor, one of whom shall also be a member of the Municipal Land Use Board and all of whom shall be residents of the Borough of Roselle Park. Members shall serve without compensation except as hereinafter provided. The Mayor shall designate one (1) of the members to serve as Chairman and presiding officer of the Commission. Members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years and until the appointment and qualification of their successors pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 et seq.
2. The Mayor or Governing Body may remove any member of the Commission for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel. A vacancy on the Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

Reasoning for a removal for cause may include, but shall not be limited to, a continued absence of a member for five (5) consecutive meetings (regular or special meeting) of the Environmental Commission without good cause shown.

b. Alternate Members.

1. The Mayor may appoint not more than two (2) alternate members, to be designated "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2."

2. The terms of the alternate members shall be for two (2) years. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term only.
3. An alternate member shall not be permitted to act on any matter in which he has either directly or indirectly any personal or financial interest. An alternate member may, after public hearing if he or she requests one, be removed by the Governing Body for cause.
4. An alternate member may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member. In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member is to vote, Alternate No. 1 shall vote first.

c. ~~Green Team Subcommittee; Membership.~~

1. Established. There is hereby established, ~~within~~ **synonymous with** the Borough of Roselle Park's Environmental Commission, the Roselle Park Green Team. ~~which shall exist as a standing subcommittee of the Commission on matters of sustainability. Such Green Team is hereinafter established in accordance with the policies and requirements of the Sustainable Jersey certification program.~~
2. Mission. ~~The mission of the~~ **The Roselle Park Green Team and the Roselle Park Environmental Commission shall be a singular entity. The Commission, in fulfilling its role as the Roselle Park Green Team shall be to have a mission to** advise and recommend methods for improving municipal operations with environmentally friendly initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation. ~~The goals and objectives of the Roselle Park Green Team shall be to work collaboratively within its own membership, municipal employees, community leaders, and local stakeholders to submit reports and recommendations to the Environmental Commission for ultimate submission to the governing body, which include:~~
 - (a) ~~Initiatives involving the Borough of Roselle Park that keep with the Sustainable Jersey Program.~~
 - (b) ~~Plans, programs, and educational opportunities that support the creation of a sustainable community.~~
 - (c) ~~Suggested best practices for more environmentally conscious municipal operations.~~
3. Composition; Appointment of Members; **Removal of Members. The membership of the Roselle Park Environmental Commission, including any alternate members, shall be in name and operation, identical to the Roselle Park Green Team. Individuals shall not be appointed separately from the appointments made to the Roselle Park Environmental Commission. All appointments and removals from the Roselle Park Green Team membership shall be in manner and practice identical to that which is enumerated in § 2-34.2a and § 2-34.2b.** ~~The Roselle Park Green Team shall consist of~~

~~not more than 20 members, who shall be residents or employees of the Borough of Roselle Park, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Borough Council for a term of two years; all terms shall expire on each second year succeeding December 31, 2019. Any vacancy which occurs prior to the term's expiration shall be filled by appointment as outlined herein for the unexpired term only.~~

~~(a) The Chairperson of the Roselle Park Green Team shall be appointed from amongst the membership of the Green Team by the Chairperson of the Environmental Commission.~~

~~4. Removal of Members. The Governing Body may remove any members of the Roselle Park Green Team for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing therein at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel. Reasoning for a removal for cause may include, but shall not be limited to, a continued absence of a member for five consecutive meetings (regular or special meetings) of the Roselle Park Green team without a good cause shown.~~

5.4. Liaison. The Mayor shall appoint a member of the Borough Council to serve as the Liaison to the Roselle Park Environmental Commission for a term of one (1) year beginning on January 1st, and terminating on December 31st of each year. The member of Borough Council so appointed shall also serve as the Liaison for all Green Team activities. The member of the governing body who serves as the liaison to the Environmental Commission shall serve concurrently as the liaison to the Roselle Park Green Team.

SECTION 2. Invalidation

If any section or portion of a section of this Code shall be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Captions.

Captions contained in this Ordinance have been included only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section. Likewise, all strike through text, ~~thusly~~, should be considered a deletion from Borough Code, and all bolded text, **thusly**, should be considered an addition to Borough Code.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Adoption prepared by the Office of the Borough Clerk. Upon the effective date of this Ordinance all terms of the independently appointed Roselle Park Green Team shall end.

Councilman Signorello moved that Ordinance No. 2752 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on October 19, 2023; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2752		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"/>

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2753

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK SO AS TO ADOPT DESIGN STANDARDS WITHIN THE B-2, CENTRAL BUSINESS, ZONE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Planning Board” and the “Borough”) adopted a revised Master Plan on October 20, 1997 (hereinafter the “Master Plan”); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted a Master Plan Re-Examination Report on December 29, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted a Vision Plan (hereinafter the “New Directions Vision Plan”) in January 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted a Master Plan Re-Examination Report on December 14, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Board of the Borough adopted a Master Plan Re-Examination Report on August 15, 2016 (hereinafter, the “2016 Master Plan Re-Exam”); and,

WHEREAS, the 2016 Master Plan Re-Exam found that the following objectives of the Master Plan were still valid:

Improve the appearance of the CBD through implementation of a streetscape improvement program, support for façade improvements and the adoption of design standards. (Land Use-Commercial, Objective 3)

Ensure that new development is visually and functionally compatible with the physical character and desired image of the Borough (Community Design, Objective 1).

Improve the visual and physical appearance of all nonresidential areas, while protecting residential neighborhoods from nonresidential encroachment. (Community Design, Objective 2).

Ensure that all development is designed with respect to architectural heritage, including buildings, streetscape and landscape. (Community Design, Objective 3).

WHEREAS, the 2016 Master Plan Re-Exam noted that the Community Design Principles of the New Directions Vision Plan were still valid; and,

WHEREAS, the 2016 Master Plan Re-Exam recommended that The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roselle Park, 2007 (hereinafter, the “Ordinance”) be amended to include design standards that incorporate key principles of community planning as described within the New Directions Vision Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to amend the Ordinance to adopt design standards within the B-2, Central Business, Zone District as recommended by the Master Plan and the New Directions Vision Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended and supplemented with insertions noted by **bold text** and deletions noted by ~~striketrough text~~ as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments to Chapter 40, Land Use

Part II: Land Subdivision And Site Plan Review

ARTICLE VI, Definitions

§ 40-601. TERMS DEFINED.

The following words, terms or phrases, when used in Chapter 40, Land Use, shall have the meanings ascribed in this section:

[...]

CONFORMING BUILDING, LOT, STRUCTURE OR USE — Shall mean a building, lot, structure or use that conforms to the regulations herein made for the district in which such building, lot, structure, or use is located.

CORNICE – **Any horizontal member, structural or nonstructural, projecting outward from the exterior walls at the roofline, including eaves and other roof overhang.**

[...]

DWELLING UNIT — Shall mean any room or group of rooms located within a dwelling forming a single habitable unit, which includes facilities for living, sleeping, cooking, eating, bathing and toilet purposes.

FAÇADE — **The exterior portion of a building exposed to public view**

FACADE, PRINCIPAL — **That face of a building which is most exposed to public view, such as a street, park, or plaza.**

[...]

FAMILY DAY CARE — Shall mean a private residence which is registered as a family day-care home pursuant to the Family Day Care Provider Registration Act, N.J.S.A. 30:5B-16 et seq., and is further defined as a private residence in which child-care services are provided for a fee for not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) children at one time for no less than fifteen (15) hours per week; except that the division shall not exclude a family day-care home with less than three (3) children from voluntary registration.

FASCIA – a vertical frieze or band under a roof edge, or which forms the outer surface of a cornice, visible to an observer.

[...]

Part III, Zoning

Article XXIII, B-2 Central Business District

§ 40-2301 APPLICABILITY OF REGULATIONS.

The regulations set forth in this Article or set forth elsewhere in Part 3 of this chapter and referred to in this Article are the district regulations in the B-2 Central Business District (**hereafter referred to as the “District”**).

[...]

§ 40-2306 DESIGN STANDARDS.

The purpose of this section is to provide a clear approach to design and construction of the built environment in order to guide the design of buildings constructed or modified in the District to ensure that, through appropriate use of facades, windows, building orientation and architectural details, new structures and alterations of existing structures are physically and visually compatible with other buildings in the surrounding area. A goal of these Design Standards is to create buildings that are attractive, and to allow for flexibility and creativity while encouraging high-quality development within the District. Additionally, signage and other streetscape improvements should reinforce the goal of improving the appearance of the District.

A. General.

- 1. No construction permit shall be issued for signage, exterior construction, and/or exterior alteration or renovation for any building in the District without the review and approval of plans by the Zoning Officer.**
- 2. Nothing contained here shall exempt any property owner, tenant, or applicant from compliance with any requirement of the Building or Zoning Department of the Borough of Roselle Park, the New Jersey State Building Code, and other applicable laws and codes.**

B. Façades.

- 1. Brick and stone are encouraged, as they are highly durable building materials that extend the life of a building and reduce maintenance, which is particularly important for building facades. Where these materials exist as original materials, they should be stripped of applied siding materials and restored. Restoration may include cleaning, pointing, sealing and, where appropriate, painting.**
- 2. Large areas of blank stucco require additional detailing to create three-dimensional quality. This may be accomplished in stucco or wood by recreating reveals, moldings, accent trim, fascias and cornices, as well as variations in color. Accent trim elements**

include window and storefront frames, roof cornices, shutters, trim, moldings, brick banding and other architectural details.

3. Changes in materials and tones are also encouraged to add variety and break monotonous repetitive rhythm;
4. When facade changes are made, hidden architectural elements and original materials shall be restored or replaced to match the original architecture of the building where practicable and if reasonable. Existing, architecturally significant elements shall not be covered or hidden.
5. The architectural treatment of a building facade shall be completely continued around all principal facades of a building.
6. Buildings with two (2) or more principal façades should be designed specifically to respond to these more prominent locations;
7. Upper and lower façades should be clearly delineated, and shall have a hierarchy defined in some part by the stepping from the principal façades of the building either forward or back.
8. Breaks in the building line may be achieved through offsets, dormers, gables, cupolas, or towers, pillars or posts, windows, decorative corniced, ground-floor colonnades, port- cocheres, porches porticos arcades and terraces.
9. Depth and shadow are encouraged, and may be created by projections and recesses such as awnings, punched openings, protruding bays, terraces, and overhanging eaves.
10. Buildings should be composed of simple volumes and should avoid overly complex massing.
11. Simple and uniform textures and patterns are encouraged to create shadow patterns and enhance visible interest.
13. Buildings should be designed to present a harmonious appearance in terms of style and use of exterior materials, fenestration, and roof type;
14. Exterior walls shall be articulated to reduce the scale and the uniform appearance of buildings and to provide visual interest that will be consistent with the community's identity, character and scale.
15. New facade details and articulation should be compatible with the design of similar nearby buildings within 200 feet.
16. Building openings should generally stack in alignment above other openings and solid areas in the facade and should stack above structural elements.
17. Building façades should be comprised of a series of patterns that create an inherent rhythm, generally by utilizing symmetry, repeated bays with expressed structural elements, and the repetition of windows and doors.

18. **Building cornices, sill heights, floor levels, decorative moldings, and windows should be carefully designed to align so that there is a general consistency within a single building.**
19. **Window spacing should be consistent and balanced on a single facade. The number of windows per building is dependent on the length of the building facade, however windows should be equally distributed across the face of the building.**
20. **Upper floors generally should employ a larger ratio of solid area versus opening area through the use of smaller, vertically oriented windows in a regular pattern.**
21. **Upper story windows should align from one level to the next. Unifying patterns should include a common window lintel and sill line, as well as aligned vertical centerlines.**

C. Storefronts and Ground Floor Uses.

1. **Street level storefronts should utilize large, transparent windows, good lighting and thoughtful window displays which allow views to the interior activity or display areas, are encouraged.**
2. **Storefront window glazing shall not exceed 70% transparency.**
3. **Ground floors should be designed with 70% to 80% transparency, excluding doors.**
4. **Buildings should provide an overall minimum solid to void ratio of 60% to 40%.**
5. **Multiple storefronts within the same building should be visually compatible in terms of scale, alignment, and general storefront design, and distinguish between various shops using color, signage, and awnings.**
6. **All entrances to a building should be defined and articulated by utilizing lintels, pediments, pilasters, porticoes, porches, overhangs, railings, balustrades and other details that are appropriate to the architectural character and style of the building.**
7. **Building entrances must be architecturally emphasized and visible from the street.**
8. **Buildings should be located and configured such that their primary entrances face the primary street or adjacent public space.**
9. **At corner conditions, buildings shall be configured to allow for multiple entrances.**

D. Colors.

1. **New buildings should be predominantly clad in “brown/ black brick” and/or stone.**
2. **Preferred colors for exterior building finishes are earth tones, creams and pastels of earth tones. High-intensity primary colors and metallic colors may be utilized as trim and detail colors but shall not be used as primary wall colors.**
3. **Building colors should not be chosen to stand out and compete for attention.**
4. **Accent colors may be used to express corporate identity.**
5. **The total number of colors for an entire building facade, including the facade, awning or canopy, and accent elements should be limited to four (4) colors.**

6. Aluminum gutters, downspouts, parapet capping and metal fire escapes should be painted a soft metallic color to blend in with the facade color.

SECTION 2. Invalidity

If any section or portion of a section of this Ordinance shall be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Captions and Editing Indications.

Any captions contained in this Ordinance have been included only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Adoption prepared by the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Councilman Signorello moved that Ordinance No. 2753 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on October 19, 2023; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Patel asked to highlight the design standards.

Mayor Signorello said there are so many. He said in broad strokes, it's something that we worked with the Borough Planner and the Construction Official to iron out. We are just trying to bring some uniformity to the downtown, such as facades and the look and feel we would like for the downtown.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2753		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"/>

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. 281-23

AUTHORIZING, DIRECTING, AND OTHERWISE RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE ACTIONS OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN INSTITUTING A LAYOFF ACTION INCLUDING TWO (2) SHADE TREE BUCKET OPERATOR POSITIONS

WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council seeks to increase efficiency within the Department of Public Works, with specific focus on its forestry functions; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council likewise seeks to reduce the number of retained personnel, specifically Shade Tree Bucket Operators, within the Department of Public Works in exchange for contracted services; and,

WHEREAS, discontinuing the use of a certain number of Shade Tree Bucket Operators within the Department of Public Works effectuates the need for a layoff action; and,

WHEREAS, such layoff action will impact two (2) members of Borough personnel: Keith Muller and Brian Flynn; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of the foregoing Resolution shall be to provide the Chief Administrative Officer with the express legal authority to undertake such aforementioned layoff action, and otherwise ratify and affirm actions already taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes, directs, ratifies, and affirms the actions of the Chief Administrative Officer in instituting a layoff action including two (2) Shade Tree Bucket Operators within the Department of Public Works in the manner prescribed by Article 19, entitled "Layoff and Recall," of the prevailing collective bargaining agreement between the Borough and its Department of Public Works employees; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of Borough personnel employed as Shade Tree Bucket Operators subject to the authorized layoff action shall be Keith Muller and Brian Flynn.

RESOLUTION NO. 282-23

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MICHELLE DUNN
FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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 Michelle Dunn from the Environmental Commission effective September 18, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 283-23

APPROVING THE INSERTION OF A BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT
AS A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$2,019.96

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

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 the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$2,019.96 which item is now available as a revenue from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant pursuant to the provisions of statute; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$2,019.96 is hereby appropriated under the caption of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk forward a certified copy of this Resolution with enclosures to the Chief Financial Officer to submit the Resolution electronically to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 284-23

CO-SPONSORING THE 2024 ARTS FESTIVAL WITH ROSELLE PARK LOVES ART, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Borough of Roselle Park hereby extends its support in co-sponsoring an Arts Festival with Roselle Park Loves Art, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, to be held along the Chestnut Street corridor on Saturday, September 28, 2024 with a rain date of Sunday, September 29, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 285-23

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF PARTH SHAH
FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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 Parth Shah from the Board of Health effective September 26, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 286-23

AUTHORIZING A ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION TO THE GOODS AND SERVICES
CONTRACT WITH SUBURBAN DISPOSAL, INC. FOR VEGETATIVE WASTE
COLLECTION SERVICES COMMENCING APRIL 1, 2024 AND EXPIRING
DECEMBER 31, 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$195,000.00

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, at the Regular Meeting of Thursday, January 19, 2023, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park adopted Resolution No. 52-23, "Extending the Goods and Services Contract with Suburban Disposal, Inc. for Vegetative Waste Collection 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;" and,

WHEREAS, anticipating the immanent expiration of the extension awarded pursuant to Resolution No. 52-23, the Chief Administrative Officer inquired as to Suburban Disposal, Inc.'s willingness to engage in a second and final contract extension; and,

WHEREAS, Suburban Disposal, Inc. agreed to a second and final contract extension covering April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 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 2024 contract amount, not to exceed one-hundred ninety-five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$195,000.00), represents no cost increase over those which are anticipated and were realized in 2023, and is further noted to be in conformity with the index rate provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2* comparatively considered year-over-year; and,

WHEREAS, Suburban Disposal, Inc. has 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, and the exceptions and modifications approved within Resolution No. 52-23.

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 current contract with Suburban Disposal, Inc. of 54 Montesano Road, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 for Vegetative Waste Collection Services be and hereby is extended for a second and final one (1) year term commencing April 1, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed one-hundred ninety-five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$195,000.00); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and memorialized that this extension is being approved in conformity with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15* and Subsection 1.1U of the advertised bid specifications; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and memorialized that the Mayor and Council find that the current services being rendered by Suburban Disposal, Inc. are being performed in an effective and efficient manner, and that the terms and conditions of the extended contract will remain substantially the same as that which was awarded pursuant to Resolution No. 99-21, and the modifications approved within Resolution No. 52-23.

RESOLUTION NO. 287-22

GRANTING PERMISSION TO ROSELLE PARK YOUTH FOOTBALL TO OPERATE A SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT GRANTED BY THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL IN MICHAEL J. MAURI PARK AS PART OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK'S 2023 WINTER MARKET

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park plans to hold its 2023 Winter Market upon public lands within and around Michael J. Mauri Park on Friday, December 1, 2023, Saturday, December 2, 2023, and Sunday, December 3, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Roselle Park Youth Football wishes to sponsor and otherwise operate a beer/wine garden in connection with and as part of the Borough of Roselle Park's 2023 Winter Market; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3-1.3 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park requires that the governing body adopt a Resolution approving the use of public property by a bona fide non-profit organization for the service and/or consumption of alcohol in connection with a Social Affair Permit Granted by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby grants permission to Roselle Park Youth Football with its principal incorporated address located at 415 Spruce Street, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, to provide for service and/or consumption of alcohol upon public lands within and around Michael J. Mauri Park at the Borough of Roselle Park's 2023 Winter Market on Friday, December 1, 2023, Saturday, December 2, 2023, and Sunday, December 3, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such permission shall be contingent upon the approval of a Social Affair Permit issued by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and continued cooperation with the Roselle Park Police Department; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should any situation arise such that the approvals granted within the foregoing Resolution be deemed a matter of imminent adverse and/or undue public safety the Chief of Police, or his designee, shall have the authority to revoke such approvals without the need for further action of Mayor and Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 288-23

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REDUCTION AND/OR REFUND ON ONE (1) SEWER UTILITY BILL FOR BLOCK 421, LOT 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 603 FILBERT STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00 DUE TO A WATER UTILITY DISCREPANCY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a reduction and/or refund on one (1) sewer utility bill totaling sixty dollars and zero cents (\$60.00) due to a water utility discrepancy:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Original Bill</u>	<u>Reduction/Refund</u>	<u>New Bill</u>
421	1	603 Filbert Street	\$660.00	\$60.00	\$600.00

REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Robaina

As Liaison to the Board of Health, noted on October 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the Union County Office of Health Management in Partnership with Maternal & Child Health of Northern New Jersey will be offering a Lead Screening Event for families and children at the Youth Center; with training for professionals. On October 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the County will be hosting a clinic at the Casano Center for anyone interested in flu shots. Also noted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Noted October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, affecting 10 million Americans a year. October is also Anti-Bullying Month. So, between domestic violence and bullying, don't let anyone tell you, treat you or call you a nobody. Remember everybody is somebody. With that being said, the Union County Board of County Commissioners, Sheriff's Department and Office of Women are hosting a Self-Defense Demonstration and Safety Preparedness Program for women 18+ on October 17th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Cranford Rec Center.

On September 28th joined his wife and Special Education Parent Advisory Group Co-Founder, Jackie Garcia, at the SEPAG table during the High School's Back to School Night.

On September 28th participated in the Greater Union Chamber of Commerce's Executive Board Meeting. He said Chamber member, Just Jubilant, held their Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, and celebrated their 2nd Anniversary in town; now at a new location, having moved from Westfield Avenue to Chestnut Street.

Noted he attended two webinars last week, Safe Routes to High Schools and Local Road Safety, hosted by USDOT and Federal Highway Administration.

On September 30th attended the Arts Festival and visited with a number of local vendors.

Reminder October 12th is the Borough College & Career Fair at the Casano Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Noted September was Emergency Preparedness Month and the Roselle Park Police Department has shared emergency preparedness checklists on their social media page.

On September 23rd attended the CPR Event and renewed his BLS certification, and thanked Councilman Johnson and all those involved.

Reminder to all that it's Hispanic Heritage Month until October 15th and Italian Heritage Month is all month. He said there are plenty of places in town and in our area to appreciate the cuisines and cultures.

Noted today he and his wife, Jackie, are celebrating their 15-year wedding anniversary.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Robaina left the meeting at this time.

Councilman Patel

As Chairperson of the Roselle Park Commerce Council, attended the Ribbon Cutting Event for Just Jubilant located at 128 Chestnut Street on September 30th, as they moved to their new location.

On September 30th attended the Arts Festival to see the performances and the talent of our artists.

Noted that on October 29th the Roselle Park Boy Scout Troop 56 will be holding the Pinewood Derby. The registration cost is \$25 and will include the materials.

As Liaison to the Environmental Commission attended the Commission Meeting on September 20th and discussed a potential Repair Café project for the Commission. The next Environmental Commission Meeting will be on October 11th.

Noted the Festival of India is on Saturday, October 7th at the High School at 5:00 p.m., and hope to see you all there.

Provided contact information.

Councilwoman Lyons

Noted it is “National Do Something Nice Day” and “Italian Heritage Month.”

Noted the Arts Festival was truly amazing, and thanked all those who participated.

Made mention of Just Jubilant ribbon cutting and is very happy to see them in the center of town.

Noted the Casano Community Center is officially open and it looks great.

Mentioned she was invited to Iorio Deli from the Jersey Sandwich Joint. Iorio Deli was the winter of the Best Sandwich Award for 2023.

Provided an overview of upcoming events: Roselle Park Walking Club which meets seven times a week at 6:30 a.m.; October 7th is the Festival of India at the High School at 5:00 p.m.; October 12th is the College Fair at the Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; October 13th is the Fiesta Hispana y Latina at the Gazebo from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; October 17th is the MVC Mobile Unit at the Gazebo; October 18th is free flu shots at the Community Center from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and October 30th is the Mischief Night Concert at the Gazebo from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Petrosky

Expressed condolences to the McDermott-Ficarra, Lafferty, Kaye-Adamson and Ficarro families.

On September 23rd attended the CPR Event; was a good event.

On September 30th attended the Just Jubilant ribbon cutting at their new location on Chestnut Street.

On September 30th attended the Arts Festival.

On October 5th attended the Fire Department Meeting.

Thanked Mayor Signorello for the banner on Galloping Hill Road.

On October 4th attended a Special Meeting of the Joint Sewer.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Johnson

Thanked all those who participated and attended the 2nd Annual Community Preparation Free CPR Seminar; especially the Garwood First Aid Squad and the Roselle Park Police Department for their outstanding assistance with teaching this program. Extended special thanks to Chief Dominick Frino, Officer Jessica Diaz and Officer Anthony Mastrocola for a job well done.

Noted he attended the EZ Ride 2023 Annual Recognition Event – Champions for Change at Kean University, and thanks to our concerted efforts, Sherman School has been awarded the silver ranking with the New Jersey Safe Routes to School program. He thanked Principal Tara Lechner for embracing this program.

On September 30th attended the Arts Festival, and congratulated Just Jubilant on their relaunching.

Acknowledged October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and said he lost his sister earlier this year to breast cancer.

Please remember your voice matters, and as 1st Ward Councilman, he will always place the concerns of residents within the Borough first because local concerns matter.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Signorello

Reminded the Walking Club to please wear safety/bright vests, as it is getting dark in the morning and to please be careful.

Attended most of the events the other Councilmembers attended.

Acknowledged and thanked all those who participated and attended the CPR Training Event, and commended the vendor on doing a really nice job.

Thanked those involved for the speedy process at the intersection of Sheridan and East Lincoln.

Attended the ribbon cutting for Just Jubilant at their new location on Chestnut Street.

Noted October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and acknowledged the loss of his mother nine years ago to breast cancer.

Provided contact information.

Mayor Signorello

Noted he is looking to get some trees planted this fall, above and beyond what we are doing in the downtown. He said there are a lot of tree wells that are available on Westfield Avenue that are not being utilized, and that will be part of the beautification of Westfield Avenue and Roselle Park.

Noted Halloween is his favorite holiday and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mischief Night Event.

Provided contact information.

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Signorello moved at 8:08 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Johnson, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Diane Kurz, 132 West Lincoln Avenue

Spoke about an idea she had for the clock on the corner of Chestnut Street and Westfield Avenue that has not worked in the 37 years since she lived here. Why couldn't an artist cut out a round piece of wood to be placed on each side that is painted with either our logo or a beautiful scenery on both sides. This would then be something visually beautiful to see.

Mayor Signorello said there are a few complicated factors. He said he and Councilwoman Lyons are working on getting some murals downtown, under the train tracks on Chestnut Street, that would welcome people to Roselle Park. He noted, unlike the other clock in Michael Mauri Park, which we own; the other one is private property. Mayor Signorello said he will reach out to Mr. Boyle, who owns the property, to run the idea by him.

Ms. Kurz commended Mayor and Council on being very active and getting a lot done; she is very impressed. She asked since we are going to be having a lot more people living in Roselle Park, are there going to be more Council seats.

Mayor Signorello said those wards may shift again. He said the only way to change the Council setup would be to re-incorporate as a town.

Borough Clerk Casais said we can't add more Councilmembers; however, as the population grows in Roselle Park, the boundary lines will shift and the boundary lines within the districts within the ward will shift. He said right now, we have five wards with two districts in each ward. Mr. Casais said there is potential for the growth of a district because there are statutory guidelines to add a district; but not a ward. More than likely the 3rd or 5th ward may have a third district added within that ward.

Mayor Signorello said this is for voting purposes, and has nothing to do with what a Councilperson manages.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Signorello moved at 8:15 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Johnson, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Signorello moved at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Johnson, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk