

OCTOBER 3, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

READING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW ARTICLE

Mayor Signorello read the following statement into the record:

This meeting is being held in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published in the Union County Local Source and the Newark Star-Ledger. Said notice was posted in the Municipal Building, and a copy is on file with the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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	A	----
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/PRAYER

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 Petrosky moved to approve the following minutes, pending any corrections; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

1. Special Meeting of September 16, 2024
2. Regular Meeting of September 19, 2024

MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ AND PASSED FOR PAYMENT

Councilman Petrosky moved that bills and payrolls be not read and passed for payment; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:01 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Anthony Peters, 7-D Colfax Manor

He said he is here representing a few unit owners and residents from Colfax Manor. The reason why he is here is because of the handicapped parking space that was erected at Colfax Manor on the public street. The problem is that it has been registered to a specific unit owner who has yet to really use it. We are limited on parking and parking is a nightmare. As a matter of fact, today there is an event going on at school and there is no parking except for that parking space, which is always open and is not being used. He has gotten a lot of complaints from unit owners. He said he is a Board member and Vice Present of the Board at Colfax Manor and we are here as a group to try to see if, not to remove the handicapped parking space, but to get it undesignated. There was an incident last week where one of our unit owners didn't see the sign on the handicapped parking and she parked there and she has a handicapped space. She is 20 feet from that parking space. Someone called and complained and knocked on her door to move her car. He said he doesn't think that's fair. The reason why this parking space was erected from what he gathered from the group is because we were preventing a unit owner from using our private handicapped parking space. That is a lie. We never stopped him from using that handicapped parking space ever; even though his private parking was removed for personal reasons, but they were removed. So here we are a couple months later and he knows several of Council have pictures throughout the days and months of him parking in their private handicapped parking space; not utilizing that new parking space that is designated for him alone. So they ask at Colfax Manor that the Governing Body consider rescinding that and just leaving it a public handicapped parking space.

Edward Silecchia, 26-C Colfax Manor

He said he is the unit owner that has the handicapped parking spot. The spot was reserved for him because for reasons he lost his two parking spots. When he applied for it, his wife was handicapped in a wheelchair. He applied for it the legal way, went through the town, which Colfax Manor has no business talking about because they don't own the street. He said he got a doctor's note and everything. The handicapped parking spot in the back is not reserved; anybody can park there. So that's a lie and you can't even read the sign. He said he has pictures of all the other unit owners that live in Colfax Manor that park in the street. However, they are more concerned about getting revenge on him because they have been disagreeing. All these people that live there, park in the street and have two reserved parking spots in the back.

He said the spot was reserved for him because of his wife. He said he parked there yesterday and the day before. His wife has a lot of doctor's appointments and it's tough to get a handicapped person over the rail. He had a heart attack in June; so it's tough to wheel her over the rail, so therefore, he parks in the back. Nobody else complains about parking in the back. He parks in the street sometimes; he parks in the back and it's a lie he doesn't park there, he just parked there last night and the night before. He said it's more of a revenge factor from the Board who he is in disagreement with.

He said he has a reserved parking spot on the street that was given to him that is not owned by Colfax Manor. If they want to do something, go after the unit owners that park in the street. Some people

have two cars and two parking spots and they park both cars on the street, and he has pictures of it and can prove it, and all they want to do is get revenge on him because some people do not like him. They shut him out of Zoom meetings because he speaks his mind; everybody else is afraid to speak their mind in front of them. He feels like he is being persecuted by a Board that has something against him, not for just that reason; they took two of his parking spots away in the back. Part of the law was he cannot have a parking spot reserved or a garage, which he didn't have. He got his notes from the doctor, all done legally; got the handicapped parking spot and just because they want to get revenge on him, they want to take his parking spot on the street away. If they want him to continuously park on the street, that's his business and the town's business; not their business. If he wants to park in the back; first of all he never heard of a private handicapped parking spot in the back that is owned by Colfax Manor. Handicapped means anybody can park there; you don't have to be a unit owner or anybody. He totally disagrees with it and should keep that parking spot. He said somebody who went and cut down the placard before this meeting, which is illegal and he knows someone who has seen the person do it, but he is not going to mention any names. It is totally illegal if they were walking down the street with them in their hand because another person told them they could do it. That's why he came here a couple of weeks ago to argue it out.

He said it is his parking spot; it is a handicapped parking spot. If you guys want him to park there all the time, he has no problem; but when he comes home at night and his wife is with him, he has to take her out of the car and wheel her all the way down the driveway and he cannot park in the other handicapped lot because there is no handicapped access. There are steps; two steps, two steps and then three steps. If you have handicapped parking, you should have handicapped access for people to get up there. He thinks he should keep the spot; it's just a revenge tactic against him because they have nothing to do with the street. It's not their jurisdiction and it's not for them to say who can park on the street and who can't. If they are so concerned about parking, go after the people that park on the street that have reserved parking spots that don't park there. They don't call about that; they just care about going after him. As you can see, they are all here to go up against him.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:10 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

Code Enforcement Department: Richard Belluscio, Construction Official

Reported that as of September, a total of 228 permits were issued. He indicated that the total revenue related to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) through the end of September was \$636,268; sewer connection fees year to date were \$510,749; COAH Development fees were \$2,760; there was also an off-site improvement fee that was collected of \$50,000; and the number of UCC violations were 9 for the month of September. With respect to property maintenance enforcement, there were 13 Court dispositions and fines year to date were \$19,681; there were 14 violations issued and 16 Court summons issued during September 2024.

10 West Westfield Avenue, Building A was issued a TCO on October 1, 2024 for all residential units.

Mayor Signorello asked if they have the parking to support that now.

Mr. Belluscio said yes; they do because he also issued a TCO for the grade level parking area under Building B.

Mayor Signorello asked how many units do they have rented out.

Mr. Belluscio said he is not sure how many units have been rented out, but the total number of units on the building is 167.

450 West Westfield Avenue, a full TCO has been issued and they are ready to go.

404 West Westfield Avenue, Fernmore Homes, is also moving along nicely.

Mayor Signorello asked if we landed on a final design for the center piece.

Mr. Belluscio said he is still waiting on that and it might be beneficial if Mayor Signorello could make a call on that. He said he has been on them for that and heard nothing back.

Mayor Signorello said the Land Use Board approved a design, so if they are going to give us an alternate, they need to present that or make what they said they were going to make.

Mr. Belluscio said his understanding is that it was going to be amended, but basically the same concept with a tree in the middle.

140 West Webster Avenue, the Hunter Project, is progressing; a redesign of the barrier free accessible ramp will be submitted for review within the next week.

Councilman Robaina asked if there were any updates on the Marconi plaque for Fernmore.

Mr. Belluscio said yes; if he remembers correctly Borough Clerk Casais received an email on that recently.

Borough Clerk Casais said yes and we provided approval of the design.

Councilman Robaina asked if we had a date.

Borough Clerk Casais said no; we do not have a date yet, but he knows it went to the Forge after it was designed and that was last week or the week before. He will follow up with them.

Community Center: Rupen Shah, Community Center Director

The Community Food Pantry will continue providing food to qualified Roselle Park residents during the 2024-2025 school year. Thanked the Roselle Park School District for helping reach out to those most vulnerable students and their families through the Lunch Program and thanked the Community United Methodist Church and residents for their generous donations to help maintain a stocked food pantry. The food pantry is open every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Roselle Park residents.

September 17th and 24th, 15 seniors enjoyed an “Afternoon of Rock & Roll and R & B Music” and the music of Abba (Arrival from Sweden) at the PNC Art Center.

September 23rd the MVC mobile unit assisted more than 60 residents with their registration, Real-ID, and more. Their next visit is on November 18th and 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration for these visits will open on November 10th on NJmvc.gov.

September 23rd, nine seniors visited the New Jersey State House. Thanked the Office of Assemblywoman Linda Carter for arranging the trip and for a warm welcome.

October 15th, the County Office of Health Management will be giving a presentation on breast cancer awareness at 12:00 p.m. at the Casano Community Center.

September 9th, over 300 residents joined the Annual Fiesta Hispana y Latina. Thanked all those who participated and attended the event.

September 11th, the Borough came together to honor the lives lost and the heroes who emerged on September 11, 2001. Thanked all those who participated and attended this event.

September 28th despite the rain, the 10th Annual Arts Festival was a great success. Thanked all those who participated and attended this event.

October 5th the Borough will be celebrating its 9th Annual Festival of India at the Roselle Park High School. The festival begins at 5:00 p.m. and the event is free and open to all.

October 19th the Borough will be hosting its first Italian Heritage Festival at Michael Mauri Park from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The festival will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in Italian culture heritage.

October 30th the Borough will be hosting its third Annual Mischief Night Concert and Program at Michael Mauri Park from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The program will feature a Tesla Light Show, Trunk or Treat and a special dance performance by M.A.D.E. Stars Dance Studio.

Police Department: Dominick Frino, Police Chief

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

On September 12th, Captain Wintermute, Lieutenant Harms and he conducted interviews for the position of Parking Enforcement Officer. Six applications were submitted for the position. After careful review of each application, four applicants were called in for an interview. A background investigation was then conducted on the top candidate. The candidate he is submitting this evening for consideration for hire for the position of Parking Enforcement Officer is Michael Foreman. Mr. Foreman is a 2017 retired Police Lieutenant from the Roselle Police Department who retired in good standing. He believes this candidate will do an excellent job in this position if hired.

On September 13th, he attended and participated in the Union County Prosecutor's Office Gun Surrender Meeting. In conjunction with the Union County Prosecutor's Office, in a collective effort to reduce gun violence and enhance community safety, all law enforcement agencies in Union County will be hosting a Gun Surrender Event on October 5, 2024. This event will provide a safe and anonymous opportunity for individuals to dispose of unwanted firearms with no questions asked. The Gun Surrender will take place at various locations within Union County from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Roselle Park location will be at 345 West Westfield Avenue (Church of the Assumption Hall). Please be sure to bring your firearm to the event unloaded in a bag or box. All firearms will be destroyed at a later date. We are also accepting unwanted ammunition and prescription drugs that day. For additional locations, feel free to visit the Roselle Park Police Department Facebook page for details.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Petrosky thanked Chief Frino for putting radar detectors on Galloping Hill Road and East Roselle Avenue.

Recreation Department: John Ranieri, Recreation Director

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

Currently have over 300 recreational members and 111 members of the Homework Club and After Care. We are transporting and chaperoning over 88 students daily from our Elementary and Middle School.

Made mention of Recreation sports and activities happening now: Middle School/High School & Adult Fitness; Elementary/Middle School Volleyball; Flag Football; Cheerleading; Off Season Basketball and Off Season Wrestling.

Noted the following changes to the Recreational programming: created a Borough After Care & Homework Club schedule independent of the Roselle Park School District full day calendar; Half School Day programming for Back to School Nights and Teacher Conferences; Back to School Night events for members and Parents Night Out.

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 & Halloween Costume Party which is October 20th at the 112:00 Noon in the ASYC Gym, Diversity & Inclusion Meetings, Public Affairs & Community Events Meetings, SEPEG Meeting & Halloween Event, PTA Meetings, 5th Grade Parent Meetings, DMV Events, Recreational Sport Meetings, CPR & AED Certifications, Festival of the Arts Event and Mischief Night Event to name a few.

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

Noted Resolution No. 238-24 for a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant, we have been lucky to receive that grant in the past years. This is a little bit of a higher award than last year. It's a matching grant program which provides pretty much what it says, bulletproof vests to our officers. Hopefully, they will never need them, but God forbid, they will have them.

Noted Resolution No. 239-24 is the retirement of Rose Cooper. Ms. Cooper is a long-time Deputy Court Administrator of our Municipal Court. He just wanted to take the opportunity to wish her a long and happy retirement. She will be retiring effective January 1, 2025.

He said a little bit of an oddity, Resolution No. 242-24 for rock salt, which is really nothing noteworthy, however, this amount is a reversion to a previous vendor that we used, Morton Salt. They're pretty big in the industry as you can imagine by the name. The current tonnage price that we are paying was \$78 a ton; so this is one of the rare opportunities we have to reduce our cost by about \$4.47 a ton. We typically authorize a purchase of up to 900 tons of salt a year; so that translates to a potential savings of over \$4,000, which is a good thing.

Noted this is a Presidential Election year and everybody who would be engaged is very engaged in the democratic process this year. As a Municipal Clerk, he is in charge of the elections locally here and is very happy and excited about it. The voter registration deadline to be eligible to vote in the General Election is coming up on October 15th. He wants the public to understand that his office doesn't care how you vote; we care that you can vote and we care if you do vote. It does not matter if you vote democrat, republican or otherwise. For the people up here and the people in the audience, it does not matter to him and it does not matter to his office. If you need help registering to vote, his office will be open until 7:00 p.m. on

October 15th and we are open every day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also register to vote on-line and if you need immediate assistance, you can call his office at 908-245-6222, extension 78 and we will be happy to facilitate the process for you.

Mayor Signorello said he will talk about the sewer price and will have CFO Blum do his update afterwards. He said as everyone knows, you received a letter stating the City of Elizabeth sued us; we settle with them and hashed out that discussion several times. If anyone wants to talk about that later, we definitely can. We were lucky in getting and securing in the State budget this year, \$3 million in aid to help offset that. We have asked people not to pay their second sewer payment in the hopes that we would get those funds before the payment; this way we would be liquid and be able to pay everything off. Unfortunately, we are very frustrated with the State. It moves slow and they are doing this as part of a grant process, which is incredibly frustrating. They are also on a different fiscal year cycle; so their fiscal year ends June 30th. So they can give us the money in June before their fiscal year ends. Our fiscal year ends December 31st, so we need it before December 31st.

When he says that he and Borough Clerk Casais have been almost every day on a call with the State, on a call with the Senate President's Office and Assembly Office trying to get this through on time, he would say probably four days a week they have been on call with them. The most assurance we can get, is it will probably get here by December. Unfortunately, we can't go on probably. We need to make sure we have enough to pay our bills. So unfortunately, we are going to extend the payment for that second payment. That second payment is going to have to happen this year, which stinks and is terrible. He said it is not what he wanted out of the outcome and he is incredibly frustrated and embarrassed. Candidly he thinks it's a little sickening that the State cannot get its stuff together, so we can have that operating aid when it's essential for this year and he has voiced his frustration on this several times.

He said he does think the positive result is, so already next year we were going to look at a very significantly lower bill. This will go to paying off entirely what we owe for Elizabeth; so basically, we will be Scott-free from our payments theoretically next year. When we were going to see a little bit of a dip next year; we are going to see a huge dip next year. A lot of people tell him this stinks, but he's hoping this is a one-time off. This will be a one off and we will have a crappy year this year, and then we will normalize the payments next year and hopefully bring it down. Definitely, bring it down; but bring it down as much as we can. He said you can come yell at him during the next public portion and asked if CFO Blum had anything else to add.

CFO Blum said the only thing with payments next year is we will still have current payments until we do the new sewer system; but the \$4 million should be gone after next year's payment.

Mayor Signorello said it will be reflected in our next year's budget.

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
4. ~~Engineering; Kevin Boyer, Colliers Engineering~~ **Excused**
5. Finance Department; Kenneth P. Blum, Jr., Chief Financial Officer
6. ~~Fire Department; Steven A. Thompson, Fire Chief~~ **Excused**
7. Police Department; Dominick Frino, Police Chief
8. Recreation Department; John Ranieri, Recreation Director

Written Reports Received:

1. Police Chief's Report for September 2024

2. Construction Official's Report for September 2024

Councilman Petrosky moved to approve the following written Reports of Departments; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2789

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 39, SUBSECTION 2 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, ENTITLED "HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREETS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENCES"

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2789 seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Edward Silecchia, 26-C Colfax Manor

He said there is handicapped parking and some people that have handicapped parking have reserved parking spots and they still park in front of their home on the street. As far as people that say, okay I can use a handicapped parking spot; well go through the system and go to the town to apply for it. Don't come and cry because you are parked in someone's spot and say I want handicapped parking, and why can't I park there. You have a reserved parking spot; therefore, you cannot have a reserved handicapped parking spot. He thinks it is totally going up against him and if it were anybody else, no one would complain. He's had a lot of problems and a lot of issues with the Board and he just doesn't think it's fair. Someone said he had a reserved handicapped parking in the back. There's no such thing as a reserved handicapped parking spot in the back; that's what you were told. There are no reserved handicapped parking spots; it's first come, first serve. If nobody parks there, anybody can park there.

He said if he comes in with his wife from the doctor and he has to park somewhere, say permit parking, where you can't park down the block even though people have two cars, they park in their driveways and the streets are empty; it's almost like the same thing. He has pictures of all the cars that park on the street that have reserved parking spots, but they do not want to enforce that because they just want to come after him. That's the only reason why; it's more revenge than anything else. He does have pictures you can see of all the cars parked on the street that have two parking spots and they never park in their parking spots. So, why don't they go after them; because they don't want to go after them because they don't have a conflict with them.

Phil Lapore, 46-C Colfax Manor

He said as far as this handicapped parking spot goes, so much time has been wasted on it and it is getting ridiculous at this point. He said the person it was assigned to does not use it. It could be used for a regular parking spot or keep it as a handicapped spot that is not designated for an individual. We have a lot of senior citizens and a lot of handicapped people at Colfax Manor that could use that spot. As far as designating it for an individual, he doesn't think it's the right thing to do.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2789; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Mayor Signorello said he would like to pause here and if he needs to take a roll call for this, please let him know. He said we have a Closed Session item pertinent to this, so the proposal would be let's have the Closed Session and then speak to the lawyers before we actually vote on this. Just for everybody, we will do a little private huddle on this about some of the impact and then vote on it afterwards.

Councilman Johnson said he would like a discussion.

Mayor Signorello said we will entertain a discussion, but he figured the Closed Session.

Councilman Johnson said he was the one who suggested the Closed Session, but no one got back to him that we were having a Closed Session.

Mayor Signorello said he thinks it's on the agenda. Maybe it's a typo; there are no items on for Closed Session.

Councilman Johnson said if you want to do the Closed Session first, he is fine with that rather than hitting it twice.

Mayor Signorello said he figured we could get the Closed Session out of the way and then if there's still public discussion you want to have, we can do that. He said let's do it now, so that everyone is not here all night tonight. He will ask everyone to leave, we'll do our Closed Session and then we'll have a public session and then will vote on it. He said we will talk in here, once we are done and it shouldn't take that long and will knock on the door once we are done and you can come back in. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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. Attorney/Client Privilege involving Ordinance No. 2789

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 item.

Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:37 p.m. to adopt the Closed Session Resolution and go into Closed Session; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:57 p.m. to end Closed Session and return to the open portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

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

1. Attorney/Client Privilege involving Ordinance No. 2789

Borough Clerk Casais said the subject matter discussed in Closed Session was a matter of Attorney/Client Privilege involving Ordinance No. 2789. He does believe the Governing Body is looking to take some form of action on this ordinance.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2789 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to table Ordinance No, 2789 until we get additional information; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Table Ordinance No. 2789					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	Lyons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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. 2790

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF POLICE PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEARS 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 AND 2029

Mayor Signorello said just before we continue, he wanted to explain what a tabling is. There is a motion to send it to the next scheduled meeting. We have some more analysis that we want to do as Council, specifically when it comes to legal ramifications. He thinks there are bits that need to be sorted out before we feel comfortable to vote on it; for everyone’s edification.

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2790 seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2790; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2790 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2790		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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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. 2791

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, SECTION 9 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK ENTITLED, “PEACE AND GOOD ORDER”

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2791 seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

John Poulos, 731 Woodland Avenue

He said he is concerned about this ordinance because it clearly guts the best ordinance Roselle Park has. One that makes people able to live in peace and harmony and enjoy their property and these ridiculous taxes we have to pay. Now this takes away and comes up with electronic devices which is going to cost the town how much money and was discussed last time, \$10,000 to \$40,000 or whatever that is for each unit because you have to have a couple of units and train the people which costs money. It is going to simply again, as it is even put in there, the discretion. Discretion means if I don't want to do my job, I don't have to; that's what it means. Instead of simply you are the boss of the Chief, telling the Chief to enact the policy. One call to get a warning and the second call they get a citation; no if's, and's or but's. They can come to Court and if the Judge throws it out, you're free and if not, you pay the \$100 or \$125 fine. For people that are going to have a wedding in their backyard, that extra \$100 isn't going to be a big deal when they buy food, DJ and whatever. It's like a parking ticket. Sometimes you just say what the heck, I have to park here and I'll take the ticket and pay it. It still means something will get done. So at least when someone calls, the officer writes a ticket that's all they can do. He doesn't expect them to arrest the person or get out of hand. If it's just a matter of noise, they should be cited; the same as all these parking ordinances that were changed and permit parking. You park in the wrong spot; they get a ticket; it's not a big deal. You make too much noise; you get a ticket. He doesn't see the big deal. Clearly, the old ordinance says “that shall annoy any person.” So if you call, that means you are annoyed and it meets the standard.

Mayor Signorello said he will let Councilman Johnson talk because he has strong opinions on this, but this is where he would push back. He thinks what this is trying to do and what he thinks does right, is take the subjectivity out of it. Annoyance is subjective. He said he can be singing opera here and Councilman Johnson could say that's cool and thinks it's lovely and Councilman Patel could say that's annoying. Having an actual decibel reading, he thinks, takes that subjectivity out of it.

Councilman Johnson said also annoyance could be I don't like my neighbor and just want to screw them. He said his definition of discretion is a little bit different than Mr. Poulos's. To him, discretion is every situation has its own slight nuance. No two situations are the same. We don't know if someone had a death in their family. You have to allow police to do their job, to see what is going on, what's the problem

and access. Just because you might feel like case closed, it may not be that. It just may be a simple warning. This also gives us a little more bite. The police can actually professionally do their job because now we have the equipment that will say this is the mark; not you just feel that way or I don't like my neighbor.

Mr. Poulos asked what is the sensible reading that is the standard.

Borough Clerk Casais said it is in the New Jersey Noise Prevention Act.

Mr. Poulos said thankfully the one neighbor moved, but every Christmas they put up these noise making bad Chinese Christmas music that would be blasting all night or Halloween decorations that would blast.

Councilman Johnson said for the 4th of July; are we going to cite the whole town.

Mr. Poulos said fireworks are illegal in New Jersey.

Councilman Johnson said you have to have discretion. He guesses the Police Chief is going to give the whole town tickets. Realistically, we can't rule out discretion.

Mr. Poulos said if you are lighting aerial fireworks that are illegal in New Jersey, you should get a ticket.

Councilman Johnson said he respects Mr. Poulos's opinion, but our definitions are a little different. He thinks this is solid and if his other colleagues vote no, it will go nowhere.

Mr. Poulos said he brought his son here to teach him about democracy and how it works; and he said whatever happens, happens and he feels he has to speak.

Councilman Johnson said he thinks they are on the same page and some of the concerns Mr. Poulos said, this ordinance actually meets that criteria. It actually gives the police an opportunity to do their job without retaliation. He thinks this is really a solid piece.

Mr. Poulos said we can disagree and sees that you are totally gutting it and might as well throw it away; just like the permit parking that you want to let people park wherever they want when they have a permit. What's the point of that; just let it be first come, first serve. The ordinance should be enforced strictly. There is no reason for somebody to have a loud band or loud DJ. At least on his block, people are pretty respectful. Unfortunately, a couple of blocks over is another story. If someone has a small radio playing in their backyard while grilling outside, nobody is going to care. However, if my house is shaking while I'm trying to watch television on a Saturday or Sunday night; it's not from the surround sound, it's from the neighbor. That's a problem and he shouldn't have to call four times.

Councilman Johnson thinks this minimizes the four times. He thinks what happens is the police are always probably going to give that courtesy or discretion. We are in a different world with community policing. He thinks it gives police a little bit more protection because they came and gave a warning and now come back and cite them because they passed the decibel reading.

Mayor Signorello said it is also for repeat offenders. You can't guarantee the same cop is going to come and discretion varies.

Councilman Johnson said the discretion is also what if the equipment breaks. It's not really just what you are describing. The discretion is, say that the equipment breaks, the cop has to go back to his own

intuition, is this wrong or is this right. So you kind of have to leave that there. What if someone called out that was trained and is not there, so we're not going to write no ticket.

Mr. Poulos said then there's the excuse not to do anything. It needs to be made simple; you make a call, a warning and the next call, a ticket.

Councilman Johnson said we both agree that some language needs to be removed, such as phonograph; that technology doesn't exist right now.

Mr. Poulos said some people still play records, look at vinyl, that came back. He was glad when they got rid of records and went to CD's. They sound ten thousand times better and now people are buying records again. It doesn't matter whether it's a CD, it's a MP3 or whether it's a live band.

Councilman Johnson said he thinks this makes it fair and it prevents discrimination.

Mr. Poulos said if you're rude, you're rude. It doesn't matter what group you belong to if you can't respect your neighbors.

Councilman Johnson said Mr. Poulos may say that, but other people are still biased in this community and outside this community. He has experienced it personally; even here in Roselle Park himself.

Mr. Poulos said he's not saying it doesn't exist. He doesn't care what creed or group you belong to, if you are making his life miserable, then he has a problem with it. If you are being respectful and a good neighbor and we are buddies, he doesn't care what color you are; it doesn't bother him. If he can't sleep and he has to get up at 4:00 a.m. to go to work, then he is not a happy camper.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2791; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2791 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2791		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2792

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2781, FIXING THE SALARY RANGES OF NON-UNION EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2792 seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2792; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2792 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

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	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"/>
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INTRODUCTION

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2793

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION,” ESTABLISHING SECTION 3 THEREOF TO BE ENTITLED “ELECTRIC BIKE / SCOOTER CHARGING”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Chapter 22 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection Title

§ 22-3 ELECTRIC BIKE / SCOOTER CHARGING.

SECTION 2. Legislative Intent

§ 22-3.1 Purpose and Scope.

The purpose of this Subsection shall be to establish regulations for the safe installation and operation of electric bicycles, also known and referred to herein as E-Bikes, and electric scooters, also known and referred to herein as E-Scooters, charging stations within residential and commercial buildings within the Borough of Roselle Park, ensuring compliance with prevailing fire safety standards. With respect to scope, this Subsection applies to all new and existing e-bike and e-scooter charging stations installed or operated within the Borough of Roselle Park. It likewise encompasses requirements for electrical installations, fire prevention measures, and safety protocols related to the charging of e-bike and e-scooter batteries.

SECTION 3. Definitions

§ 22-3.2 Definitions.

a. E-Bike / E-Scooter:

Shall be defined by the prevailing laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey including, but not limited to Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulation.”

b. E-Bike / E-Scooter Charging Station:

Shall mean a designated area within a building equipped with facilities for the charging of electric bicycle or electric scooter batteries.

SECTION 4. Acceptable Charging Locations

§ 22-3.3 Charging Locations.

a. E-Bike and E-Scooter batteries shall only be charged in designated areas approved for such purposes within residential and commercial buildings.

b. Charging stations shall be located away from combustible materials and in areas with adequate ventilation, as per ASHRE 62, inclusive of corridors, apartments, common stairways, and common areas.

SECTION 5. General Safety

§ 22-3.4 Ventilation and Fire Safety.

a. Charging areas must have proper ventilation to disperse any gases emitted during charging and prevent the buildup of flammable vapors.

b. Ventilation systems shall comply with *N.J.A.C. 5:23-6.12*, New Jersey Rehabilitation Subcode, the latest New Jersey editions of the International Residential Code (IRC) and the International Building Code (IBC).

c. Charging areas shall be equipped with fire extinguishing equipment appropriate for electrical fires, including Class C fire extinguishers.

SECTION 6. Infrastructure

§ 22-3.5 Charging Infrastructure Requirements.

a. Electrical outlets used for E-Bike charging must be properly rated and installed according to the latest edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC).

b. Each charging station shall be equipped with surge protection devices to prevent damage from electrical spikes.

c. Chargers and power cords must be in good conditions, without signs of wear or damage, and shall be rated for the voltage and current requirements of the E-Bike or E-Scooter batteries.

SECTION 7. Labels

§ 22-3.6 Labeling and Instructions.

- a. Each charging station shall be clearly labeled with instructions on how to safely use the equipment and emergency contact information.

SECTION 8. Maintenance

§ 22-3.7 Inspections and Maintenance.

- a. Regular inspections of charging infrastructure may be conducted to ensure compliance with safety standards by the Roselle Park Fire Department, through its Bureau of Fire Prevention, or an entity otherwise legally designated by the Borough of Roselle Park.
- b. Maintenance shall be performed by qualified personnel to ensure continued safe operation of the charging stations.

SECTION 9. Notifications

§ 22-3.8 Notification to Authorities.

- a. Building owners or managers shall notify Roselle Park Fire Department, through its Bureau of Fire Prevention, about the installation of E-Bike and/or E-Scooter charging stations to ensure awareness and compliance with fire safety regulations.

SECTION 10. Enforcement

§ 22-3.9 Violations and Penalties.

Any person or entity who refuses to comply with any part or provision set forth in this Subsection of the Code shall be in violation of the same and subject to enforcement. Unless otherwise specified by New Jersey State Statute or the provisions of this Subsection, violators shall be subject to a penalty of not less than five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Each and every day in which a violation of any provision of this Subsection exists shall constitute a separate violation subject to attributable penalties.

SECTION 11. 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 12. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed

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

SECTION 13. 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. Likewise, editing indications are structured such that all strikethrough text, ~~thusly~~, should be considered a deletion from existing Borough Code, and all bolded text, **thusly**, should be considered an addition to existing Borough Code.

SECTION 14. Effective Date.

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

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2793 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on October 17, 2024; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

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Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2794

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 17 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, ENTITLED “RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Chapter 7, Section 17 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section Statement

§ 7-17 RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING.

No person shall park a vehicle on streets or parts of streets **within the parking zones** as described ~~enumerated~~ within the following sections **Section** unless ~~an appropriate and a~~ current parking permit, as issued by the Borough of Roselle Park, is displayed on said vehicle for ~~those streets or parts of streets as such zones. described or listed within the following sections.~~

SECTION 2. Administrative Provisions

§ 7-17.1 ~~Preferential Parking Zone Established.~~ **Permits, Fees and Conditions.**

~~a. Establish a preferential parking zone as described in Subsection 7-17.2.~~

a.b. Issuance of Permits.

1. Issuing ~~a~~Authority. The Borough Clerk shall issue ~~permits for preferential parking~~ **residential parking permits**. Applicants for such permits shall be qualified by the requirement that they present one proof of residency for dwelling units which front or side in ~~areas designated as preferential~~ **residential** parking zones, together with a copy of a valid vehicle registration bearing the name of the applicant. The number of permits issued to a qualified applicant who resides in a dwelling unit, or dwelling unit complex up to and including four (4) dwelling units shall only be limited to the number of vehicle registrations provided by the qualified applicant. The number of permits issued to a qualified applicant

who resides in a larger dwelling unit complex, with five (5) or more dwelling units, shall be limited to one permit per dwelling unit. Multiday and daily visitor passes may be issued to qualified applicants, for the fee set forth below. Multiday visitor passes shall be limited to one pass per dwelling unit. There shall be no limit on the number of daily visitor passes issued to qualified applicants.

2. Fees. There will be no cost for the permit issued. The fee for multiday visitor passes shall be \$10 per pass. The fee for daily visitor passes shall be \$5 per pass.
3. Duration of Permits. Permits issued pursuant to this ~~subsection~~ **Section** shall remain effective for the term July 1st through June 30th, ~~or fraction thereof,~~ or as long as the applicant continues to reside in the qualified dwelling unit for such permit, or until the ~~preferential residential~~ parking zone for which such permit was issued is eliminated **or amended in a way that eliminates eligibility**, whichever period of time is less. Multiday visitor passes shall remain effective concurrently with, and otherwise restricted in the same manner as the permits to which an underlying dwelling unit is tied. Daily visitor passes shall remain effective only for the calendar day for which it is applied. Renewals for any permits shall be applied for and issued during the month preceding the period for which a renewal is sought. Each renewal shall be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as any new application.
4. Conditions of Permits. Each permit issued shall be subject to all the conditions and restrictions set forth in this ~~e~~Chapter and of the ~~preferential residential~~ parking zone for which it was issued, including conditions or restrictions which may be altered or amended from time to time. The issuance of such permit shall not be construed to be a permit for or approval of any violation of any provisions of this Code or any other law or regulation.

~~b.e.~~ Prohibitions.

1. No vehicle shall be parked or stopped adjacent to any curb in a ~~preferential residential~~ parking zone in violation of any posted or noticed prohibition or restriction, unless such vehicle shall have permanently displayed on or by the left lower corner of the rear window thereof a permit indicating an exemption from such restrictions or prohibitions; or, shall have a multiday visitor pass hung from the rearview mirror at the front of the vehicle; or shall have a daily visitor pass displayed as a placard on interior of the windshield of the vehicle.
 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, rent, transfer or lease, or cause to be sold, rented, transferred or leased any ~~preferential residential~~ parking permit or visitor pass. Upon conviction for a violation of this ~~subsection~~**Section**, all ~~preferential residential parking~~ permits issued to, or for the benefit of, the dwelling unit for which the sold, rented, transferred or leased permit was authorized shall be void and shall be returned to the Borough Clerk's office.
 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to buy any ~~preferential residential~~ parking permit or visitor pass except as otherwise provided for in this chapter.
- ~~c.d.~~ Penalty for Violation.** The penalty for violation of this ~~s~~Subsection shall be a fine not exceeding one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or imprisonment for a period of ninety (90) days, or both, and revocation of the parking permit privilege.

SECTION 3. Zones

§ 7-17.2 Preferential Parking Zones: Locations and ~~Restrictions~~ **Hours**

The following is a list of designated ~~preferential residential~~ **residential** parking zones wherein, on the specified dates and times, no parking shall be allowed except by **residential parking** permit. **Parking shall not be permitted, with or without a residential parking permit, in any “no parking” area as outlined by this Chapter, County Ordinance, or New Jersey State Statute.** ~~and to that extent shall be considered an exception to the provisions of § 7-15, No Parking Certain Hours on Certain Streets.~~

As a matter of general reference, Zone Number 1 shall be certain streets, as enumerated, within the area nearest to the Roselle Park Train Station; said area is geographically bounded to the north by Colfax Avenue, to south by Clay Avenue, to the west by Locust Street, and to the east by Chestnut Street. Zone Number 2 shall be certain other streets, as enumerated, not within the area nearest to the Roselle Park Train Station.

Street	Zone Number	Sides	Hours and Days	Location
Beechwood Avenue	2	Both	2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between West Webster Avenue and West Lincoln Avenue
Bridge Street	2	East	12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Every Day	Entire Length
		West	12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Every Day	Between a point 130 feet north of the northerly curblineline of Westfield Avenue (Route NJ 28) and the southerly curblineline of Webster Avenue
Chestnut Street	1	East	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Clay Avenue and Colfax Avenue
		West	2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Clay Avenue and Colfax Avenue
	2	East	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Sumner Avenue and Colfax Avenue

		West	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Sumner Avenue and Colfax Avenue
		East	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Grant Avenue and Clay Avenue
		West	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Grant Avenue and Clay Avenue
Clay Avenue		South	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Park Place to Walnut Street
		North	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Locust Street to Walnut Street
	2	Both	12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. every day	Faitoute Avenue to Locust Street
	1	North	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Locust Street to a point 160 feet west of Chestnut Street
Clover Place	2	East	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Entire length
		West	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday	Entire length
Colfax Avenue		North	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Walnut Street and Larch Street
		South	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Walnut Street and Larch Street
	1	North	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Locust and Chestnut Street
		South	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Locust and Chestnut Street
	2	North	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Larch Street and Locust Street; and between Chestnut Street

				and Walnut Street
		South	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Larch Street and Locust Street; and between Chestnut Street and Walnut Street
Columbus Place	2	Both	12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. every day	Entire Length 100-Block between Westfield Avenue (NJ Route 28) and Clay Avenue
Donald Place	1	East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Entire Length Between Lincoln Avenue and Colfax Avenue
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Entire Length Between Lincoln Avenue and Colfax Avenue
Elm Street	2	East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Colfax Avenue and Roselle Avenue; and between Webster Avenue and Colfax Avenue
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Colfax Avenue and Roselle Avenue; and between Webster Avenue and Colfax Avenue
		East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Webster Avenue and Colfax Avenue
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Webster Avenue and Colfax Avenue

Filbert Street	1	West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Clay Avenue and Roselle Colfax Avenue
		East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Clay Avenue and Roselle Colfax Avenue
	2	West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	From West Roselle Colfax Avenue to West Sumner Avenue
		East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	From West Roselle Colfax Avenue to West Sumner Avenue
Hamilton Place	2	East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Colfax Avenue and Roselle Avenue
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Colfax Avenue and Roselle Avenue
		East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	From the northeast corner of Hamilton Place and East Roselle Avenue to northerly end
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	From the northeast corner of Hamilton Place and East Roselle Avenue to northerly end
Hawthorne Street	2	Both	4:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. every day	Entire Length Between Westfield Avenue (NJ Route 28) and Clay Avenue
Hazel Street	2	East	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Entire Length Between West Colfax Avenue and West Roselle Avenue

Jerome Street	2	East	2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	500 Block Between Webster Avenue and Beechwood Avenue
Larch Street	2	Both	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Lincoln Avenue and Colfax Avenue
		East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	From West Webster Avenue to West Lincoln Avenue
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Webster Avenue and Colfax Avenue
		East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Webster Avenue and Colfax Avenue
Lincoln Avenue	2	North	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Pine Street and Walnut Locust Street; and between Chestnut Street and Walnut Street
		North	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Walnut Street and Spruce Street
Lincoln Avenue	2	South	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Pine Street and Walnut Locust Street; and between Chestnut Street and Walnut Street
		South	2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Walnut Street and Spruce Street
	1	North	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Locust Street and Chestnut Street

		South	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Locust Street and Chestnut Street
Locust Street (CR 619)	1	West	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Colfax Avenue and Grant Clay Avenue
	2	West	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Colfax Clay Avenue and Grant Avenue
Park Place	1	East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Entire Length Between Clay Avenue and Webster Avenue
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Entire Length Between Clay Avenue and Webster Avenue
Pershing Place Avenue	2	Both	5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. every day	Between Westfield Avenue (NJ Route 28) to Madison Avenue
Pine Street	2	Both	2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. every day	700 Block Between West Roselle Sumner Avenue and West Colfax Avenue
		Both	2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. every day	800 Block Between Roselle Avenue and West Sumner Avenue
Roosevelt Street	2	Both	4:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. every day	100 Block between Between Westfield Avenue (NJ Route 28) and Clay Avenue
Roselle Avenue	2	Both	2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Every day	Between Hazel Street and Larch Street

		North	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Walnut Street and Willis Place Locust Street
		North	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Willis Place to Locust Street (CR 619)
		South	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Walnut Street and Willis Place Locust Street
		South	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Willis Place to Locust Street (CR 619)
Seaton Avenue	2	Both	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Westfield Avenue (Route NJ 28) and Amsterdam Avenue
Spruce Street	2	East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between East Grant Avenue and East Clay Avenue
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between East Grant Avenue and East Clay Avenue
Valley Road	2	East	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day	From West Webster Avenue to West Lincoln Avenue
Walnut Street	2	East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Lincoln Avenue and Colfax Avenue; Between Clay Avenue and Webster Avenue; and between Colfax Avenue and Roselle Avenue
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Lincoln Avenue and Colfax Avenue; Between Clay Avenue and

				Webster Avenue; and between Colfax Avenue and Roselle Avenue
		East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Clay Avenue to Webster Avenue
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Clay Avenue to Webster Avenue
		East	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Colfax Avenue to Roselle Avenue
		West	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Colfax Avenue to Roselle Avenue
Webster Avenue	2	North	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Larch Street and Locust Street (CR 619)
		North	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Laurel Avenue and Chester Avenue
		North	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	From the westerly curblineline of Locust Street (CR 619) to a point 542 feet westerly therefrom
		North	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Locust Street (CR 619) and Walnut Street
		North	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday - Friday	Between Walnut Street and Spruce Street
		South	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Bridge Street and Jerome Street
		South	6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday - Friday	Between Bridge Street and Jerome Street

		South	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	From the westerly curbline of Locust Street (CR 619) to a point 542 feet westerly therefrom
		South	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Locust Street (CR 619) and Walnut Street
		South	2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday	Between Walnut Street and Spruce Street

SECTION 4. 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 5. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed

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

SECTION 6. 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. Likewise, editing indications are structured such that all strikethrough text, ~~thusly~~, should be considered a deletion from existing Borough Code, and all bolded text, **thusly**, should be considered an addition to existing Borough Code.

SECTION 7. Effective Date.

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

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2794 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on October 17, 2024; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

Councilman Robaina asked if we could get a brief synopsis of the changes.

Borough Clerk Casais said this was a matter and correct me Councilman Patel if I'm wrong or missing anything. This was a matter raised by Councilman Patel with regard to how our residential permit parking system works. The basic framework, other than some of the obvious components, is that each street in the Borough that is permit parking, not every street, but ones that are designed by the Code are their own zones. So if you live on a certain street and it's a permit parking street, you can come in, free of charge, and get a residential parking permit from the Borough through the Clerk's Office. That parking permit then entitles you to park on that street. If you are on a corner, you can get a permit for two streets because you are a corner property and you have frontage and side yard in the permit parking area. Where, he believes and correct me Councilman if I'm wrong, there is some conflict in some of the more congested areas where

you have this. He knows particularly along the West Clay Avenue corridor is problematic because you have people who live two houses into a certain block. They park on the cross street and if they are at odds with their neighbors or if police are going and enforcing particularly during the overnight time, those people are technically even though they maybe live 100 feet away, they are in violation of the ordinance and they are not parked in their zone and they either get a summons or could get a summons through the enforcement process.

Borough Clerk Casais said so what this ordinance does is it establishes zones that are not street based. There are two zones. Zone 1, which is in the ordinance, is a zone for the area immediately around the train station, which meets the criteria of the initial intent of residential permit parking in Roselle Park, which was to avoid over-congestion in the transit hub by the train station. Zone 2 is everywhere else that has permit parking. So the people that live in Zone 1 and get a Zone 1 permit, can park in Zone 1. People who live in Zone 2, can get a permit for Zone 2 and can park in Zone 2. So those people who live on Hawthorne Street off of Clay Avenue, can park on both Hawthorne and Clay Avenue and potentially Columbus Place and a couple of other streets right around there. The area that is specific to Zone 1, again the transit hub, this ordinance defines as the area between on the north and south side between Colfax Avenue and Clay Avenue and east and west as Locust Street and Chestnut Street. So there's that rectangular area around the transit hub that kind of protects it from being overwhelmed by commuters and other people. That basically, unless Councilman Patel he got anything wrong, that's the ordinance.

Councilman Patel said the other thing it also does is it makes the Clerk's job a little bit easier because when the residents do come in, they have to give them a sticker for wherever they live and print it out, and also, he assumes it makes the cops job easier because it's by zone. So if you live around that area, you already know that Zone 2 could park here; you don't have to look it up and run the plates to see if the resident lives here at this address.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2794		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	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 Petrosky; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 238-24

**APPROVING THE INSERTION OF A BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT
AS A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$3,962.75**

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 2024 in the sum of \$3,962.75 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 \$3,962.75 is hereby appropriated under the caption of the National Opioid Settlement Fund 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. 240-24

AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN GRANT RECEIVABLE
AND RESERVE BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) has grants that are completed or expired; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the grant receivable and reserve balances must be canceled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer to take all necessary steps to cancel the following grant receivable balances:

<u>GRANT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:	
Municipal Alliance Fund Grant - 2023	\$ 246.74
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	\$ 246.74
HUD/CDBG Trust Fund:	
CV022-925	\$ 54,409.73
Total HUD/CDBG Trust Fund:	\$ 54,409.73
Grand Total	\$ 54,656.47

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby additionally directed to take all necessary steps to cancel the following grant reserve balances:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>GRANT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund		
02-3372-00-20230-002	Municipal Alliance Fund Grant	\$ 246.74
Total Federal and State Grant Fund		\$ 246.74

HUD/CDBG Trust Fund:		
14-9920-00-23022-925	CDBG – CARES Act	\$ 54,409.73
Total HUD/CDBG Trust Fund:		\$ 54,409.73
Grand Total		\$ 54,656.47

RESOLUTION NO. 242-24

AUTHORIZING THE OPEN-ENDED PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT FROM MORTON SALT, INC. PURSUANT TO UNION COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT NO. UCCP-33-2024 AT \$73.53 PER TON

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park desires and requires to purchase goods and/or services necessary for the acquisition of rock salt; and,

WHEREAS, in furtherance of such purchase, the Chief Administrative Officer has researched and recommended the procurement of such goods and/or services from an authorized vendor under Union County Cooperative Pricing System; and,

WHEREAS, Morton Salt, Inc. of 444 West Lake Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60606 has been awarded Union County Cooperative Pricing System Contract No. UCCP-33-2024 for the provision of certain goods and services inclusive of Rock Salt.

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 open-ended purchase of Rock Salt be and is hereby authorized from Morton Salt, Inc. of 444 West Lake Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60606 pursuant to Union County Cooperative Pricing System Contract No. UCCP-33-2024, expiring September 25, 2025, at \$73.53 per ton; 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.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Petrosky; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

RESOLUTION NO. 239-24

ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF ROSE COOPER
FROM THE POSITION OF DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the retirement of Rose Cooper from the position of Deputy Court Administrator effective January 1, 2025.

Councilman Signorello wished Ms. Cooper a happy retirement and thanked her for all her years of service. She did a fine job and wished her the best on her retirement.

Borough Clerk Casais said she is now one of the longest serving Borough employees that we have.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution No. 239-24		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"/>
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	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Petrosky; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

RESOLUTION NO. 241-24

**APPOINTING MICHAEL T. FOREMAN TO THE POSITION OF
PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for one or more Parking Enforcement Officer(s) within the Roselle Park Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended Michael T. Foreman for appointment to the position of Parking Enforcement Officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to act upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police and fill said position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby appoint Michael T. Foreman of 157 Country Club Lane, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 to the position of Parking Enforcement Officer effective October 7, 2024 at the rate of \$30.00 per hour not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours per week.

Councilman Signorello said he knows Mr. Foreman for a long time and he is a fine Roselle retired Police Officer. He will be a good asset.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution No. 241-24		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Petrosky; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

RESOLUTION NO. 243-24

**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE SECOND PAYMENT
OF SEWER UTILITY BILLS FOR THE YEAR 2024 UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the extension of the grace period for the second payment of sewer utility bills for the year 2024 until October 31, 2024.

Councilman Johnson said he thinks this is a good resolution. He was wondering if we can add or does it make sense to create a new resolution because he would like to suspend interest on the second payments. Say that the residents can't come up with that second portion, he doesn't feel like, everyone

knows the \$3 million is coming, why is it still under those type of ramifications. He would like to suspend that as well.

Mayor Signorello said he could take a stab at one and then he will defer to the professionals on the other. He thinks it's a good idea if possible. The hard reality of why we need to do a second collection is because we ran into a cash flow problem at the end of the year. So we still have to pay to the Joint Sewer Authority and one of the other ones; right CFO Blum.

CFO Blum said yes.

Mayor Signorello said so we just straight up ran out of money, unless the money got here earlier; which is why we were waiting. It stinks for everybody to get this last minute, but he'd rather everybody be upset with him trying his hardest to the last minute to get the money. If we got the money in, then we'd have the cash flow; unfortunately, we don't have the cash flow.

Borough Clerk Casais said he can kind of talk to that also. He said the answer to your question Councilman Johnson is yes, it is possible to do that; he believes it is. The issue becomes, and again policy decision, Council's decision, it doesn't really incentivize people to ever really pay. So if it is possible, and he will defer to CFO Blum and the Attorney, he has never seen us do it. It may be wise to potentially contemplate kind of like an absolute deadline before interest does start because if you leave it open-ended, people may just never pay.

Councilman Johnson said he is open at least to an extension on that.

Mayor Signorello said maybe if we did three months interest free or something like that.

Councilman Johnson said it almost looks like we are punishing the residents, and he doesn't want that.

Mayor Signorello said he thinks it's a great idea.

Councilman Johnson said he does agree with Borough Clerk Casais.

Borough Attorney DeMarco said he would just do it in a separate resolution. He would pass this tonight and let people know they still have time, the 31 days. At your next meeting, you can have a discussion. There are different ways to do it. One of the ways would be its interest is deferred or not accrued if you paid within 90 days. However, if you paid on the 91st day, you have to go back as if interest was in. There's a little bit of incentive to get it in on that day, otherwise we add interest back; that's the process. He said he thinks you have to pass this resolution tonight.

Mayor Signorello asked CFO Blum if he had something to chime in on.

CFO Blum said you definitely need to pass this one as is tonight, otherwise you are not going to be able to extend the grace period. We can have further discussions before the next meeting about the other possible way. He also has to see if this system can handle that type of adjustment. Unfortunately, this is unique and he has not heard of that before, but he is not saying that it is not out there. He said the only thing that he would request is if it is not possible, that it is no fault of anybody's here. We are trying, but the law is if it is not paid the following year, it goes to tax sale.

Borough Clerk Casais said that's the incentive to pay. Ultimately, if we are able to leave it indefinitely, which he doesn't know, the statute covers it. You may be interest free, but ultimately you are

going to have to pay at some point; otherwise there will be a lien on your house and there will be lienholder that you will have to pay interest to, which is probably more painful than the interest you're getting on your sewer bill.

CFO Blum said that would be the only thing he had to say that might run into an issue.

Borough Clerk Casais said so that is something Councilman Johnson that we will continue to dialog on for the October 17th Meeting.

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REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Petrosky

Expressed condolences to the families of Steven Rodak, Julia Donnelly Besante and Margaret Joy Stephens.

September 21st attended the Oktoberfest at the American Legion; it was a great event.

September 28th attended the Arts Festival.

September 30th attended the Fire Department Meeting.

October 20th will be the Halloween Costume Party at the Youth Center.

Reminded everyone to please keep Paul Devito and his family in your prayers and wished him well.

Mentioned the American Legion Post 60 needs our support and help.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Robaina

Last week, along with Councilman Johnson, Superintendent Gois and Principals Queiruga and Dougherty, attended the 2024 EZ Ride Recognition Event where the Borough proudly received a Gold Level Award for the New Jersey Safe Routes to Schools Program and four of our five schools received recognition. This honor is a testament to our collective, unwavering commitment to enhancing the safety and well-being of our children as they commute to school.

Announced that Son-Rise Document Solutions has been nominated as Roselle Park's October Business of the Month. For over 40 years Son-Rise has been a cornerstone of our community providing exceptional document management solutions and services that have helped countless local businesses thrive. Their dedication to our community reflects the spirit of collaboration and support that we value so deeply. Congratulated Son-Rise Document Solutions on this well-deserved recognition.

As we celebrate National Disability Month, wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible commitment our town has made to inclusivity and support for all individuals.

Reminded everyone about the upcoming Roselle Park SEPAG Meeting on October 17th vis Zoom where InRoads to Opportunities in Roselle will lead discussion on vital topics such as transitioning from school to work, vocational programs, job placement and coaching, along with day habilitation, and mental health support.

Noted Roselle Park proudly embraces our diverse community, which includes approximately 400 students – just over 20% of our student population – who have physical, mental, learning, or other disabilities. We are particularly fortunate to have spaces like the Sensory Friendly Park, designed to be welcoming for all. While some may view it as a misallocation of resources, it was developed using County funds specifically to uplift our community. This park stands as a testament to our shared commitment to inclusion and support.

Highlighted our efforts to ensure that property owners and associations of multi-family units are compliant with ADA requirements. We tabled tonight's ordinance and we are hoping to an amicable understanding and resolution on it.

Thanked the Greater Union Chamber; over 450 runners and a record 96 sponsors took part in the 13th Annual Mayor's Day 5K Run. Thanked each and every business that sponsored the event.

May we recognize the good in one another and strive to be a community of neighbors, helping one another and not tearing each other down.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Johnson

Noted last week he had the opportunity to attend the EZ Ride Recognition Event with Councilman Robaina.

September 26th attended the Oktoberfest at the American Legion Post 60. Expressed sincere thanks to SAL and the Women's Auxiliary for helping the veterans to put together such a wonderful event that raised a decent amount of money. They will continue to do community events and explore other options, such as grants, to try to mitigate their situation. Please try to help out the veterans in any way you can.

September 28th attended the Arts Festival and purchased two shirts.

Noted the Greg Johnson Civic Association did the clean up on Westfield Avenue and have plans to do a CPR Event. When available, the information will be shared on Facebook and his post.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Patel

Noted the Environmental Commission will be hosting a Repair Café on October 5th at the Roselle Park High School Cafeteria starting at 10:00 a.m.

October 5th is the Festival of India at the Roselle Park High School starting at 5:00 p.m.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Signorello

Noted Fire Prevention Week is coming up in October. Just a reminder to please have a smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector and a fire extinguisher in your homes or apartments. If you don't have them, the State can get us the smoke detectors.

Made mention if you have a street light out in your neighborhood, email or call the Borough Clerk's Office.

Congratulated his wife on her retirement from the Roselle Park School District after 15 years of service.

Provided contact information.

Mayor Signorello

Noted he is very excited about the events coming up this Fall. Unfortunately, he is going to miss the Festival of India this weekend, as he has to travel for work the next week.

Stressed how disappointed he is with the way this sewer system thing is shaking out. We were elated this year to get the relief and he is happy to call out the State when the State can't do something right. It's amazing to him, you can fit something that massive in the budget and it is in there as a line item as a Fiscal Year 2024 item and still not be able to guarantee that it will come this year. It is something that needs to be rectified going forward. We cannot operate in this way. He thinks it's a good thing that we will have relief going forward, but it's very, very frustrating. Not the least of which the communications; do you pay or do you not pay and now you have to pay. The whole thing stinks. He understands that there is frustration. He would be frustrated too. The only reason we did not make a decision sooner was because we really tried until the eleventh hour to get some confirmation that the monies were going to come in and save everybody the second payment. However, he would rather everyone be mad at him for waiting and trying his best then calling it in early and giving it out of pocket. He wished he did better.

Provided contact information.

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Petrosky moved at 8:38 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Anthony Peters, 7-D Colfax Manor

He said when we took our break, a couple of unit owners had voiced some things that he didn't point out when last speaking. He wants everyone to know that with this thing with the handicapped parking space, Mr. Silecchia had his own private parking space at Colfax Manor. He had it for years, but because of some issues he lost that privilege. He was the one and only unit owner that was granted a private Zoom meeting with the Board to try to resolve this; first and ever. He knows Mr. Silecchia had said we are kind of picking on him, but we have never had presented a Zoom meeting for a unit owner solely. That has always been a joint meeting. Unit owners, you come in and we have a meeting once every few months. He just wants everybody to realize that Mr. Silecchia did have his private parking spot for years and lost it.

Councilman Johnson asked do you ever have an attorney at these meetings.

Mr. Peters said David Burns is our attorney and he has been at three unit owners' meetings that he can remember. This particular private meeting was just the Board, our Property Manager and Mr. Silecchia at this meeting when it was about revoking his parking space and why we were. So there was transparency throughout.

Edward Silecchia, 26-C Colfax Manor

He said the dispute was over some work that he had done that they never got back to him about. He called management, which is MEM Property, and this guy that worked there named Sal said he would always call him back. Mr. Peters and Mr. Lapore are the plumbers and they did the plumbing in his house. They are also on the Board, which is a conflict of interest in his opinion because they do the work and submit the bill to themselves. They can make it for whatever they want.

Mayor Signorello said just for the record, this Governing Body is here to make a decision on the merits of the ordinance.

Mr. Silecchia said it had nothing to do with taking his parking spots away and you let Mr. Peters say it, but now he can't.

Mayor Signorello said you can; but wanted to say for the record we are not Council referees here.

Mr. Silecchia said just because we had a dispute and Zoom meetings and he has pictures of it and has witnesses that said that they locked him out of Zoom meetings. While Zoom meetings were going on and he was voicing his opinion, they shut him out and it said waiting in this room and he has pictures of it. He went to his neighbor's house during the Zoom meeting and showed him he was locked out of it and he was watching it. He heard the whole thing from behind the neighbor's computer. As far as losing his two parking spot, which in his opinion he thinks is illegal, he talked to Daniel his accountant and he started paying him an extra \$25 a month. He said this has nothing to do with this; so this is something else.

Councilman Robaina asked if Mr. Silecchia has access to the lot behind his complex and the ADA spots that are there. He believes there are four spots because he has been back there to see it. Do you have access to those spots.

Mr. Silecchia asked what spots are they. He said he has no reserved parking spot and no garage.

Councilman Robaina said he is not saying they are reserved. They are four ADA spots in Lot B.

Mr. Silecchia said there is one handicapped parking spot in the parking lot where he is on the side. The other side has two handicapped parking spots, but it is not handicapped accessible because there are steps; two steps, three steps and then two steps.

Councilman Robaina asked if his unit is on the first floor or the second floor.

Mr. Silecchia said the second floor.

Councilman Robaina asked if there is an elevator in your building.

Mr. Silecchia said no. There is one handicapped parking spot; that's it. On the other side there are two, but there is no handicapped access, just steps and there should be handicapped access in one of them.

As far as the dispute, that has nothing to do with this. This is about parking on the street at Colfax Manor which he applied for and filled out all the paperwork and followed all the rules. Colfax Manor has no right to tell him he can't park on the street, when the town gave him permission to do so. They do not own the street; they think they own everything. In his opinion, he thinks it's revenge. He is not here about taking away his two parking spots. He is here about the handicapped parking spot. So, therefore, he thinks he should get the handicapped parking.

Mayor Signorello said unfortunately Mr. Silecchia you are out of time. He said we heard it and we are going to take this under consideration and it is tabled right now.

Bill Crossett, 412 Galloping Hill Road

He said he had a quick question he forgot to ask at the last meeting. Is there going to be a "Meet the Candidates" for those people running for election this year.

Mayor Signorello said nobody has organized it. Usually it's like some random third party that does it. He thinks there is one on the Board of Education side, but he hasn't been approached from a municipal side. First off, in the past it hasn't been the Borough of Roselle Park doing it. We have allowed neutral parties to use this forum for that, but the Borough of Roselle Park does not do that. Now with his other hat on as Chairman of the Democratic Party, if the Chairperson of the Republican Party wants to set something up, he is open to it, but it's not a Borough decision.

Mr. Crossett said in reference to the gentleman who was up here before about the noisy neighbors; Woodland is behind him on Galloping Hill Road and he knows the house he is talking about. Habitual offender would not even define it. If he said the DJs were still going on at midnight, it would not be an exaggeration. He has no clue how many people were over there, but you could hear the people above the music because they had to talk loud. So again Councilman, his concern is how are they going to enforce it. The police have other things to do as well, but there has got to be enforcement behind the ordinance.

Councilman Johnson said he thought they spoke about this after the last meeting. Our plans are to train several of the law enforcement officers and try to acquire one or two of the devices to effectuate that. So that's pretty much it in the nutshell. He said most of these guys are trained and it should be a no brainer if the Chief or anyone gets dispatched over there and they operate their equipment and it comes up that they are past the decibels. That's an easy citation. He thinks it takes the guess work out of the guessing.

Mr. Crossett thanked the Councilman and the Chief for putting up the speed sign on Galloping Hill Road. Yesterday he happened to go in and out a few times, so he stopped at the end of the driveway just to watch, and not one vehicle that went by that sign was below 30 mph. There were at least two, in the short time he was watching, that were at 45 mph. He appreciates the effort and again, it comes to enforcement. We can't ask the Police Department to sit there 24 hours a day watching the guys, but we're trying.

Phil Lapore, 46-C Colfax Manor

He said getting back to the handicapped spot, of course. Where he was sitting, he doesn't know if anybody noticed the elderly woman sitting behind him and all the help she needed getting up out of the chair. The spot that we are questioning, that is 20-25 feet away from her house where she lives. If anybody could use a spot, it is her. Please take all of this under consideration when making your decisions. He knows you have to talk legal, but take this all under consideration, please.

Councilman Johnson asked how far are the other parking spots. He went there, so how far are the other ones.

Mr. Lapore said in our parking lots, we have ADA spots.

Councilman Johnson said yes; but how far, because you brought up distance.

Mr. Lapore said 200 to 300 feet.

Councilman Johnson said similar to the one that is on the street, correct and actually the one with the steps is even further.

Mr. Lapore said the one with the steps is further. The one on the street is closest to this woman's house that he was just referring to. So, once again, we do have a lot of elderly people.

Councilman Johnson said you have a lot on the property and it pretty much depends on where your unit is. Technically some of those spaces would be further from her as well.

Mr. Lapore said yes. Once again, he said nobody ever removed an ADA spot from Mr. Silecchia. Mr. Silecchia has full access to any ADA spot he wants on the property. His private parking, his non-ADA spots, that was removed for non-payment of HOA fees and that's the bottom line. Take this all into consideration when you make your decision, please.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 8:50 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Petrosky moved at 8:50 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk