

Borough of Palisades Park
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council
April 11, 2022

Mayor Christopher Chung opened the meeting.

Statement: This is a Special Meeting of the Mayor & Council, and notice was given as follows:

1. Notice was filed April 6, 2022 with The Record & Newark Star Ledger, both official newspapers of the Borough.
2. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board.
3. Copy is preserved in the Clerk's Office.

Pledge of Allegiance Led By Councilperson: **PAUL KIM**

Moment of Silence for Our Troops

ROLL CALL:

Councilperson	Jang	Present
"	Kim	Absent
"	Min	Present
"	Park	Present
"	Pirrera	Present
"	Vietri	Absent

Motion Made By Councilperson: Min

Seconded by Councilperson: Park

To Excuse Councilman Kim and Councilman Vietri from the Special Meeting

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

Borough Attorney John Schettino, Esq. Present

Borough Administrator David Lorenzo Present

Mayor Chung said he called the Special Meeting to discuss the following: the Police Advisors' contracts and Authorization of Contract with Top Floor Elevated Solutions. He said that one of the Police Advisor's contracts had expired at the end of March and the two others were to be discussed and reviewed at the end of March. Upon much consideration, he recommended to the Council not to renew the contracts due to the fact that their visions for the police department did not measure up to their expectations. He asked for a motion not to renew the Police Advisors' contracts. The Borough Attorney suggested opening up the meeting to the public before taking action.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Pirrera

Seconded By Councilperson: Jang

To Open Meeting to Public

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Youngmin Jung (50 E. Palisades Blvd) – Spoke about a series of articles that were published in the Record and the Korea Times regarding the police department. Residents had discussed these matters many times, and he asked for a better way to manage the police department.

Marsha Schor (50 Henry Ave) – Wanted to know what the contract with Top Floor Elevated Solutions was. The Borough Attorney explained that a company was hired to do the elevator inspections. The DCA required that a contract be entered into with the elevator company.

Susan Brauer (50 Henry Ave) – Stated that Mr. Jung did not speak on the behalf of every resident. For the one contract that had expired, she wanted to know if that contract was not being renewed automatically. The Mayor stated that all three contracts were up for discussion. She said the contracts should not be renewed if the police department was not benefitting. She suggested waiting for Councilman Vietri to discuss it because it may be unfair to talk about without him at the meeting.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Pirrera

Seconded By Councilperson: Min

To Close Public Portion

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2022-116 Termination of Police Consultant (RE: J. O'Connor)

RESOLUTION 2022-117 Termination of Police Consultant (RE: NJLEG Consultants LLC)

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- RESOLUTION 2022-118 Authorization Not to Renew Contract for Police Consultant (RE: R3 Strategies and Solutions)
RESOLUTION 2022-119 Authorization of Contract with Top Floor Elevated Solutions LLC

Mr. Schettino stated that there would have to be a Resolution for each consultant. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilwoman Jang made the motion. Mr. Schettino advised Councilwoman Jang that if she wanted to terminate the contract, she would have to state such and the effective date. Ms. Jang said an effective date of March 31, 2022. Mr. Schettino said it was already April. The Borough Administrator said the effective date would have to be today or a date going forward.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2022-116: Termination of Police Consultant (RE: J. O'Connor):

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2021-81 appointing James Bernard O'Connor as a Police Consultant for the Palisades Park Police Department; and

WHEREAS, upon review of this matter, the Mayor and Council seek to terminate the appointment of James Bernard O'Connor as a Consultant effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the appointment of James Bernard O'Connor as a Police Consultant be and is hereby terminated effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to James Bernard O'Connor upon its passage.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Jang
Seconded By Councilperson: Park
To Adopt Resolution #2022-116

ROLL CALL:

Councilperson	Jang	Yes
"	Kim	Absent
"	Min	Yes
"	Park	Yes
"	Pirrera	Recused
"	Vietri	Absent

Councilwoman Jang asked about the payment to the Police Consultants. Mr. Lorenzo answered that payment would stop effective immediately.

RESOLUTION 2022-117: Termination of Police Consultant (RE: NJLEG Consultants LLC):

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2021, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2021-213 retaining Richard Molinari of NJLEG Consultants LLC as a Police Consultant for the Palisades Park Police Department; and

WHEREAS, upon review of this matter, the Mayor and Council seek not to renew their appointment of NJLEG Consultants for Consulting services effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the appointment of Richard Molinari of NJLEG Consultants, LLC for police consulting services be and is hereby terminated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Richard Molinari of NJLEG Consultants, LLC upon its passage.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Jang
Seconded By Councilperson: Park
To Adopt Resolution #2022-117

ROLL CALL:

Councilperson	Jang	Yes
"	Kim	Absent
"	Min	Yes
"	Park	Yes
"	Pirrera	Recused
"	Vietri	Absent

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RESOLUTION 2022-118: Authorization Not to Renew Contract for Police Consultant (RE: R3 Strategies and Solutions):

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2021-158 retaining Robert Anzilotti of R3 Strategies and Solutions as a Police Consultant for the Palisades Park Police Department for a term of ten (10) months; and

WHEREAS, upon review of this matter, the Mayor and Council seek not to renew their agreement with Robert Anzilotti of R3 Strategies and Solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the agreement between the Borough and Robert Anzilotti of R3 Strategies and Solutions for police consulting services be and is hereby not renewed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Robert Anzilotti of R3 Strategies and Solutions upon its passage.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Park
Seconded By Councilperson: Jang

To Adopt Resolution #2022-118

ROLL CALL:

Councilperson	Jang	Yes
"	Kim	Absent
"	Min	Yes
"	Park	Yes
"	Pirrera	Recused
"	Vietri	Absent

Mr. Schettino said that if the elevator company was working, they would get paid retroactively, and they would not get paid until they started work. Mr. Lorenzo clarified that they would get compensated at whatever the rate was for the State.

**RESOLUTION 2022-119: Authorization of Contract with Top Floor Elevated Solutions LLC:
RESOLUTION APPROVING TOP FLOOR ELEVATED SOLUTIONS LLC**

WHEREAS the Borough of Palisades Park is in receipt of a proposal from Top Floor Elevated Solutions LLC (T.F.E.S.) to perform inspections and witnessing of tests of elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, stairway chair lifts and wheelchair lifts etc., in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, T.F.E.S.'s proposal shall be for a fee based on eighty-five (85%) percent of the fee schedule established by the Department of Community Affairs and in accord with N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement with T.F.E.S. shall be for one year commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has reviewed the proposal submitted by T.F.E.S., a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and recommends the approval of same; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has prepared an Agreement between the Borough and Topo Floor Elevated Solutions, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and recommends the approval of same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the proposal submitted by Top Floor Elevated Solutions LLC for Elevator Subcode Inspections/Inspector be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED T.F.E.S.'s fee shall be based on eighty-five (85%) percent of the fee schedule established by the Department of Community Affairs and in accord with N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the proposal submitted by Top Floor Elevated Solutions on behalf of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution together with the attached Agreement to Top Floor Elevated Solutions, LLC upon its passage.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Pirrera
Seconded By Councilperson: Jang
To Adopt Resolution #2022-119

ROLL CALL:

Councilperson	Jang	Yes
"	Kim	Absent
"	Min	Yes
"	Park	Yes
"	Pirrera	Yes
"	Vietri	Absent

COUNCIL REPORTS: None

Motion Made By Councilperson: Pirrera
Seconded By Councilperson: Park
To Adjourn the Special Meeting

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest:



Gina S. Kim, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk