

Borough of Palisades Park
275 Broad Avenue
County of Bergen
State of New Jersey

Special Meeting
of the Mayor & Council
September 19, 2022

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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 August 24, 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: **MICHAEL VIETRI**

Moment of Silence for Our Troops

ROLL CALL:

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| Councilperson | Jang | Present |
| " | Kim | Present |
| " | Min | Absent |

Motion Made By Councilperson: Jang
Seconded by Councilperson: Pirrera
To Excuse Councilman Min from the Special Meeting

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

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| " | Park | Present |
| " | Pirrera | Present |
| " | Vietri | Present |

Borough Attorney John Schettino, Esq. Present

Borough Administrator David Lorenzo Absent

The Borough Clerk read a statement into the Record regarding Mr. Lorenzo's absence from the Special Meeting as per his request.

"Dear Ms. Kim,

Please be advised that I will not be in attendance at the special meeting called for this evening at 5 PM. Earlier, I started to experience burning in my eyes and throat and head and general congestion.

I truly believe that it is a reaction to the continued exposure of the mold and associated toxins and conditions which exist in the building and the environment which we have been subjected to work in.

I hope that this evening, the governing body will finally make provisions to have the workers moved to a safer healthier environment for all. I suggest that you in your current state do the same and would hope that the health official and the governing body would recognize the importance of this matter and the safety of all, born and unborn.

My only intent here is to ensure that there is a safe and healthy work environments for everyone regardless of their position or political views and affiliations.

I ask that you read this into the record of tonight's special meeting in and for my absence.

Ill advise you of my condition tomorrow and if I am feeling well enough to return to work."

Mayor Christopher Chung asked for a motion to enter Closed Session.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Kim
Seconded By Councilperson: Vietri
To Enter Closed Session

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

OFF CONSENT:

RESOLUTION 2022-234: Authorization to Enter Closed Session (RE: Municipal Building & Police Personnel Matters)

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park wishes' to discuss the following:

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
POLICE PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

The Borough Attorney stated that the Mayor and Council would be going into Closed Session to discuss personnel and potential contracts to relocate employees. The Mayor and Council would reopen the meeting and may take further action.

The Mayor and Council proceeded with the Closed Session in the Mayor's office.

Motion Made By Councilperson: Jang
Seconded By Councilperson: Pirrera

To Close Closed Session and Reopen the Special Meeting

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote. Councilman Vietri left and was not present for the remainder of the Special Meeting.

Mr. Schettino stated that there were topics discussed regarding the Municipal Building, but no action would be taken. There were other discussions regarding the Police Department, and one item required a vote. Everything else was involving personnel, and no action would be taken.

OFF CONSENT:

RESOLUTION 2022-235: Authorization to Post Interview Process for Open Positions in the Palisades Park Police Department:

WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting of the Governing Body called on September 19, 2022, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, in accordance with past practices and procedures, wishes to post the interview process for the open positions in the Palisades Park Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with a memo received by the Officer-In-Charge, the Officer-In-Charge recommends and requests a promotional process to promote and occupy those positions vacated by Captain Lee and Lieutenant Monteleone, and for the two available positions of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and the Police Committee be and is authorized to schedule the interviews for all candidates whom wish to apply for all said open positions as stated in the Officer-in-Charge's memo and in accordance with past practices; and

WHEREAS, based upon those interviews conducted, the Borough Administrator and the Police Committee shall make recommendations of successful candidates to the Appropriate Authority.

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 Officer-in-Charge of the Palisades Park Police Department be and is authorized to post the interviews for open positions of Chief of Police, Deputy Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, and Sergeants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough Administrator and the Police Committee be and is hereby authorized to schedule and conduct the interviews in a timely manner for open positions of Chief of Police, Deputy Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, and Sergeants of Palisades Park Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Officer-in-Charge and the Borough Administrator immediately upon its passage.

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Motion Made By Councilperson: Jang
Seconded By Councilperson: Park
To Adopt Off Consent Agenda Resolution #2022-235

ROLL CALL:

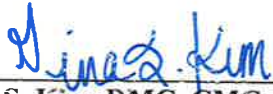
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| Councilperson | Jang | Yes |
| " | Kim | No |
| " | Min | Absent |
| " | Park | Yes |
| " | Pirrera | Recused |
| " | Vietri | Absent |

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

All Present in Favor by Voice Vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Attest:



Gina S. Kim, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk