

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

Mayor Dansereau called the Workshop meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, held at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey to order on October 9, 2019 at 6:35 P.M. The flag salute was done and the invocation was given by Councilman Bernier.

The Acting Municipal Clerk, Ms. Massey, read the “Open Public Meetings Act” compliance statement.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

This is to state for the record that this meeting is being held according to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, Section 5, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, by posting and maintaining the annual notice of regular and workshop meetings on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board, by emailing the Annual Notice of Regular and Workshop meetings for 219 to the Union County Local Source and The Home News Tribune in 2019, by posting on the Borough of Roselle website and by filing said notice in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Wilkerson, Councilman Bernier, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilman Fortuna, Councilwoman Sousa, Councilwoman Johnson, and Mayor Dansereau

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Denise Wilkerson	Councilwoman	P	
Brandon Bernier	Councilman	P	
Cindy Thomas	Councilwoman	P	
Isabel Sousa	Councilwoman	P	
John Fortuna	Councilman	P	
Cynthia Johnson	Councilwoman	P	Excused
Christine Dansereau	Mayor	P	

Mayor Dansereau then opened up the meeting for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Larry Cohen asked for Mayor and Council adopt an ordinance to restrict the sale of certain animals; he remarked that other municipalities have done it to protect certain animals that fall victim to the puppy mills; he then disseminated information to the governing body to review; and he gave a detailed explanation on why he felt this ordinance was the right thing to do
2. Sherry Wexler, Old Bridge, NJ, gave her comments on the puppy mills situation and asked for the governing body’s support to pass the ordinance.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Dansereau closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

NEW VOTING BUSINESS

Resolution # 2020-078

RESOLVED: That the following be paid by the borough by checks drawn on TD Bank made payable to those persons for whom the warrants are drawn:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BILL LIST</u>
	11-Feb-20
	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ANIMAL CONTROL	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
CDBG TRUST	
CURRENT FUND	\$2,464.85
ESCROW TRUST	
FSLEF	
SLEF	
GENERAL TRUST ACCOUNT	
TRUST DCA FEES	
GRANT ACCOUNT	
NOVEMBER 22, 2019 PAYROLL	
DECEMBER 6, 2019 PAYROLL	
MANUAL CHECK	
POAA	
REDEMPTION PREMIUM ACCOUNT	
PUBLIC DEFENDER	
REDEMPTION	
TRUST	
RESERVE FOR ESCROW	
SALARY	
DEDUCTION	
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$2,464.85</u>

LYDIA MASSEY
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

DATED: February 11, 2020

Motion by Councilman Bernier; seconded by Councilman Fortuna to adopt Resolution Number 2020-078.

Vote Record – Resolution 2020-078				
	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thompson	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Johnson				x
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Following this, Mayor Dansereau asked for the hearing of departmental reports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Victor Klymenko, Economic Development Coordinator gave a status report on what’s happening in the area of economic development. He spoke to redevelopment on West 1st Avenue.

Following this, there were no other reports given.

On a motion by Councilman Bernier; seconded by Councilwoman Sousa to adopt Resolution Number 2020-078 to go into Closed Executive Session as follows:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-079
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Roselle Council, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussions of and action hereinafter specified as:
 - Personnel Matters
 - Potential Litigation
 - AST Litigation
 - Bullock v. Borough of Roselle
 - State v. Cabrera
 - Matters Falling Within Attorney-Client Privilege

2. It is anticipated at this time, the above stated subject matters will be made public when it is determined that the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Workshop meeting of said Council held February 11, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union and State of New Jersey this 11th day of February 2020.

Lydia Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk

Vote Record – Resolution 2020-079				
	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thompson	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Johnson				Arrived approximately 7:00pm
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The governing body went into Closed Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

The governing body came out of Closed Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Dansereau then asked the members of the governing body which items they wished to discuss to set the agenda.

A detailed discussion ensued concerning Resolution Item Numbers 6, 7, 11, 15, 26.

The consensus of the Council was to have Resolution Item Numbers 6, 7, 15, 26 placed on non-consent.

Following this, on a motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Council President Wilkerson a vote was taken to send Item # 11 back to Committee.

Vote Record – To Send Resolution Item # 11 to Committee				
	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>

Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Sousa	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn				

Following this, on a motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Council President Wilkerson; to remove Resolution Item #11 from the agenda.

Vote Record – To Remove Resolution From the Agenda				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Sousa	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn				

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas to make a consent agenda of the all Resolutions listed on the agenda with the exception of Resolution Items Numbers 6, 7, 15, 26 which will be placed on the Non-Consent Agenda. The Bill List Resolution Item #30 will be voted on separately.

Vote Record – To Create a Consent Agenda and Non-Consent Agenda for the 2/19/2020 Regular meeting				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn				

SETTING THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

PROCLAMATIONS

Black History Month
2020 African American Recognition Awards

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – December 18, 2019
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Meeting – December 30, 2019
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting - January 3, 2020
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session Reorg. Mtg. – January 3, 2020
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – January 8, 2020
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session Workshop Mtg. – January 8, 2020

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE– Ordinance 2610-20
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FIVE-YEAR TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 2505, LOT 9.02, 1126-1128 CHANDLER AVENUE, BLOCK 2802, LOT 3, 1024 SPRUCE STREET, BLOCK 2505, LOT 9.01, 1122-1124 CHANDLER AVENUE, BLOCK 1201, LOT 12.01, 411 EAST TENTH AVENUE AND BLOCK 1201, LOT 12.02, 409 EAST TENTH AVENUE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, ET SEQ. AND CHAPTER 480 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE [Public Hearing February 19, 2020]

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance 2611-20
CALENDAR YEAR 2020 - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) [Public Hearing February 19, 2020]

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING – Ordinance 2612-20
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 338, “RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF CERTAIN ANIMALS [Proposed date of Public Hearing – March 18, 2020 Pending Approval]

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING – Ordinance 2613-20
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 523 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO DESIGNATE A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE RESERVED FOR A SPECIFIC PERSON IN FRONT OF A CERTAIN RESIDENCE - Eleanor Gordon [Proposed date of Public Hearing – March 18, 2020 Pending Approval]

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING – Ordinance 2614-20
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 523 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO DESIGNATE A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE RESERVED FOR A SPECIFIC PERSON IN FRONT OF A CERTAIN RESIDENCE - Timiko S. Watkins [Proposed date of Public Hearing – March 18, 2020 Pending Approval]

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on Pending resolutions only)

RESOLUTIONS

Borough Attorney	
1.	A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to Execute and Implement a Settlement Agreement
2.	Authorizing Borough Administrator to Enter into Settlement - Cabrera v. Borough of Roselle
Clerk's Office	
3.	Resolution Granting a Special Permit for a Social Affair and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Certify Same Special Permit Application
Code Enforcement	
4.	Resolution Appointing Michael Tisdale to the Position of Provisional Senior Code Enforcement Officer Effective February 19, 2020 at the Salary of \$60,000.00
Engineering	
5.	Resolution Authorizing Final Payment Based on As-Built Quantities and Release of Retainage for the 2017 Various Municipal Roadway Improvements Project Funded by The Municipality Within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
6.	Resolution Authorizing Professional Land Surveying Services to Perform a Property Boundary Survey Specific to 1419 St. George Avenue, Block 1405, Lot 13.01, as Funded by the Municipality Within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
7.	Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for the CDBG Year 45 – Harrison Avenue Roadway Improvement Project Funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Municipality Within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
8.	Resolution Authorizing Professional Engineering Construction Administration Services in Connection with the CDBG Year 45 – Harrison Avenue Roadway Improvement Project Funded by The Union County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Municipality Within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
Finance Department	
9.	Resolution Accepting Resignation of Chief Financial Officer and Appointment as Temporary Interim Chief Financial Officer
10.	A Resolution to Cancel Checks
11.	Resolution Authorizing Change in Claimant Signature Requirement
Fire Department	
12.	Resolution Granting the Mayor's Appointment of Eric Pearson As Fire Chief Effective February 19, 2020 at the Salary of \$135,000
13.	Resolution Appointing Daniel Sullivan to the Position of Firefighter at the Salary of \$47,186.22 Effective February 24, 2020
14.	Resolution Appointing Gregory Georges to the Position of Firefighter at the Salary of \$47,186.22 Effective February 24, 2020

Grant Writer	
15.	Resolution Naming New Green Team Members for the Sustainable Jersey Certification and Grant Program
Municipal Court	
16.	Resolution Appointing Tia Alamo to the Position of Part-Time Keyboarding Clerk I at the Rate of \$18.00 Per Hour
Police Department	
17.	Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Archonix Public Safety Software Not To Exceed \$23,133.00
18.	A Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Roselle to Execute the Agreement with the Township of Union for Use of the Union Township Police Firearms Training Facility
19.	Acceptance of the Retirement of Police Lieutenant Brian R. Brennan
Purchasing Agent	
20.	Resolution Appointing Acting Public Defender for the Municipal Court Not to Exceed \$900.00
21.	Resolution Appointing MD Urgent Care Medical Center for Medical Services for the Borough Not to Exceed \$20,000.00
22.	Amending Resolution Number 2020-042 Awarding a Contract to T&M Associates as Consultants for General Engineering Not to Exceed \$40,000.00
23.	Amending Resolution 2020-058 – A Resolution Appointing Antonelli Kantor, P.C. as Special Counsel – Labor for the Borough Not to Exceed \$15,000.00
24.	Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Weiner Law Group, LLP as Special Counsel – Labor for the Borough Not to Exceed \$20,000.00
25.	Resolution Appointing Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello as Special Counsel – Labor for the Borough Not to Exceed \$15,000.00
26.	Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Blau and Blau, Attorneys at Law to File Affirmative Tax Appeals on Behalf of the Borough
27.	Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Communities in Cooperation to Provide Consulting Services to the Roselle First Initiative for the Borough Not to Exceed \$51,000.00
Tax Collector	
28.	Authorize Tax Title Lien Redemptions
29.	Authorize Refund of Tax Overpayments
PAYMENT OF BILLS	
30.	A Bill List Dated February 19, 2020 [To be provided]

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilwoman Sousa thanked the Borough Administrator and everyone who answered her questions about the agenda and she said it was effective and efficient; she announced that her 1st Ward Meeting will be on Thursday.

Councilman Bernier thanked Larry Cohen for pushing the issue for Roselle to consider adopting an ordinance to prevent the sale of certain animals; and he thanked him for coming out to the

meetings and said its good to see people around the state who believe in something and try to get it done. He looks forward to having it adopted.

Councilwoman Johnson wished everyone a Happy Black History month; she announced that her 3rd Ward meeting on February 25th with Board President Delia Ware-Tibbs.

Councilwoman Thompson wished everyone a Happy Black History month; she announced that her 4th Ward meeting on next Tuesday; she wished everyone a safe trip home.

Councilman Fortuna announced this his 5th Ward meeting will be on February 25th at the Amalfe Community Center and he asked everyone to spread the word.

Council President / At-Large Wilkerson thanked everyone for coming out and being a part of the process; she commented that although meeting went long things have to been discussed and worked out; she thanked everyone for their patience and said she hopes they will be more efficient and effective because of it. She announced that Rising Tide Capital will come in for a free informational program to start and grow a successful small business on February 17th at the Warnaco Sports Center. On February 25th a young, high school student, Mayhard Johow, who created a website for programs that are available to other students; she wished everyone a Happy Black History Month.

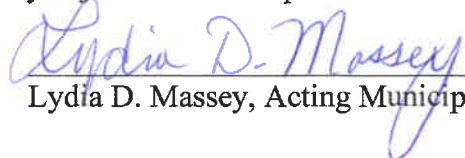
MAYOR'S COMMENT

Mayor Dansereau announced that the governing body will celebrate Black History Month at the Regular Council meeting by recognizing those who have done remarkable things in their lives that contributed to Black History; she announced that March is Women's History Month and the anniversary of women's right to vote and each Councilperson will give out awards of their choice for phenomenal women and she encouraged everyone to come out to the meetings; she welcomed the public information officer; she spoke to her Conversations with the Mayor Meetings which are citizen driven, and that they were phenomenal over the last four years; she announced that they will be held every 4th Tuesday of the month from 7:00p to 9:00p; she looks forward to seeing people on February 25th. She thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and reminded everyone to participate in the 2020 Complete Count Census.

Councilwoman Johnson announced that former Councilwoman Cecilia Dallis Ricks father passed and she gave the information on where the services will take place.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Bernier; all were in favor, none were opposed; and the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:21 p.m.


Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk