

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 10, 2020**

Council President Wilkerson called the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, Mayor and Council Regular meeting of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, held at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey to order on June 10, 2020 at 6:30p.m. The flag salute was done, and the invocation was given by Councilman Bernier.

Acting Municipal Clerk, Lydia Massey then read the below Statement of Compliance into Record:

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 2020 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:

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	
Christine Dansereau	Mayor	A	

ALSO PRESENT:

Jack Layne, Borough Administrator; Mohamed Jalloh, Borough Attorney; Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk

Council President Wilkerson opened up the public comment portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Seeing no-one wishing to speak, Council President Wilkerson closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

NEW VOTING BUSINESS

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilman Fortuna to adopt Resolution Number 2020-165.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Johnson talked about previous confusion regarding estimated tax bills; and asked for clarification on the resolution.

Tax Collector, Michael Schnurr, explained that the estimated levy came from the Finance Committee

Councilman Bernier added that the increased amount comes from the School Board Budget, which increased 2%; and the increased valuation in the Borough added to the Library Budget. He said that the County of Union also increased taxes. From the Borough side, there was no increase.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-165

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1194, C 72

WHEREAS, due to the late adoption of the State of New Jersey's budget the County Board of Taxation is unable to certify the tax rate at this time and the Tax Collector will be unable to mail the tax bills on a timely basis;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the municipality for the third installment of 2020 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4- 66.2 and 54:4-66.3).
2. The estimated tax levy for 2020 is hereby set at \$66,271,484.46.
3. In Accordance with law the third installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of; the grace period or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date which interest may begin to accrue.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle at a meeting held June 10, 2020.

Vote Record – Resolution Number 2020-165				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson		x		
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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No Department Reports were given

Council President Wilkerson asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the resolutions on the upcoming regular meeting agenda as follows:

SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 17, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

PROCLAMATIONS

Scoliosis Awareness Month

Men's Health Month

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Meeting – May 7, 2020

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – May 7, 2020

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – May 13, 2020

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – May 13, 2020

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Redevelopment Agency Mtg. - May 20, 2020

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session - May 20, 2020

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – May 20, 2020

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session - May 20, 2020

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING - Ordinance 2624-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER ____ "BULK TRASH" SECTION II & IV ADJUSTING AND SETTING FINE AMOUNTS [Public Hearing – July 15, 2020 Pending Approval]

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING – Ordinance 2625-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 595-48 "EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS" SECTION E. "EXTERIOR APPEARANCE STANDARDS." SUBSECTION 1, "LANDSCAPING" CREATING A DUTY ON TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CURB AND THE SIDEWALK [Public Hearing – July 15, 2020 Pending Approval]

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING – Ordinance 2626-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 595-26 "EXTERIOR APPEARANCE STANDARDS." SECTION A, "LANDSCAPING" CREATING A DUTY ON TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CURB AND THE SIDEWALK [Public Hearing – July 15, 2020 Pending Approval]

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on Pending resolutions only)

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Dansereau	
1.	Mayor's Appointment of a Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment With the Consent of Council
2.	Mayor's Appointment of a Member to the Board of Health With the Consent of Council
Borough Administrator	
3.	Resolution Appointing Eric Walker Full-Time Assistant Borough Administrator at the Salary of \$90,000.00
Engineering	
4.	Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Agreement With New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2021 NJDOT Various Streets Improvement Project Within the Borough of Roselle
5.	Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for the 2020 Roselle Sidewalk Improvement Program Funded by the Municipality Within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
Finance	
6.	Resolution Authorizing Refund of Fees Paid
Purchasing	
7.	Resolution Appointing Substitute Prosecutor for the Municipal Court - Howard
8.	Resolution Appointing Substitute Prosecutor for the Municipal Court - Huegel
9.	Resolution Appointing Substitute Prosecutor for the Municipal Court - Mason Law Firm, LLC
10.	Resolution Approving a List of Qualified Vendors for Professional Services Within the Borough of Roselle for the Fiscal Year 2020-21

Tax Collector	
11.	Authorize Tax Title Lien Redemptions
12.	Authorize Refund of Tax Overpayments

PAYMENT OF BILLS

13.	A Bill List Dated June 17, 2020 [To be Provided]
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Workshop Meeting (Cont'd)

Councilwoman Johnson asked for an explanation of the fees itemized in Ordinance Number 2624-20, particularly sections (D) and (E).

Councilman Fortuna stated that the Ordinance is designed for most instances where homeowners leave homes and that the fees simply cover the cost of manpower and disposal fee that the Borough is charged in those instances. He said the Borough is just trying to recoup some revenue

Councilman Bernier stated that he was able to find any chapter of the Borough Code entitled “Bulk Trash,” so he didn’t see how an ordinance that did not exist could be amended. He expressed his concern at making the Department of Public Works an “a la carte” service. He said that all of section 4 was in conflict with Chapter 715 of the Borough Code; and asked if the Borough Attorney had looked at the ordinance.

Borough Attorney, Mohamed Jalloh, answered that he did look over the ordinance.

The consensus was to pull Ordinance Number 2624-20 from the agenda.

Councilwoman Johnson talked about Ordinance Number 2625-20, saying that homeowners should not have to maintain anything that does not belong to them.

Borough Attorney, Mohamed Jalloh said that the ordinance was nothing new; and standard for numerous municipalities across the state.

Councilman Bernier spoke to Resolution Number 4; and asked if it was known what was included in the grant and what streets were covered.

Borough Administrator, Jack Layne, responded that he had inquired with Jacqueline Dirmann from Maser Engineering; and was expecting a full report. He did say that Drake and 4th Avenues were mentioned.

With regard to Resolutions 7 through 9, he asked why not approve the prosecutors from the date of the meeting through December 31st, then go back out for RFP with the rest, in January.

Eric M. Walker, II, Purchasing Agent, gave the rationale for approving the prosecutors on a Fiscal Year cycle.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilwoman Sousa acknowledged the protests and said that walking along the community was very deep and powerful. She said that she would continue to pray for those affected by COVID-19; and encouraged everyone to complete the census.

Councilman Bernier had no comments.

Councilwoman Johnson thanked everyone who had participated in the Black Lives Matter marches and protests.

Councilwoman Thomas had no comments.

Councilman Fortuna said that the West 9th Paving Project was on schedule for the following week.

Council President Wilkerson had no comments.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, to adopt Resolution Number 2020-166 and go into Closed Executive Session.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-166

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
- Contract Negotiations
- Litigation Matters
- 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.

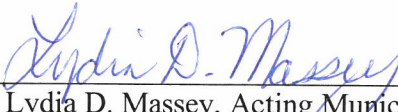
I, Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Regular meeting of said Council held May 13, 2020.

Vote Record – Resolution Number 2020-166				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson	x			
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The Governing Body went into Closed Executive Session at 7:45pm; and came out of Closed Executive Session at 9:58pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Bernier, with all in favor and none opposed, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:12 p.m.


 Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk