

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.**

Mayor Shaw 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 February 17, 2021 at 6:39 p.m. The flag salute was done, and the invocation was given by Councilwoman Thomas.

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 2021 to the Union County Local Source and The Home News Tribune in 2020, 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
Richard Villeda	Councilman	P	
Brandon Bernier	Councilman	P	
Cynthia Johnson	Councilwoman	P	
Cindy Thomas	Councilwoman	P	
John Fortuna	Councilman	P	
Denise Wilkerson	Councilwoman	P	
Donald Shaw	Mayor	P	

ALSO PRESENT:

Everett Falt, Assistant Borough Administrator; Mohamed Jalloh, Borough Attorney; Anders Hasseler, CFO; Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

- The Women's History Month proclamation was read into the record by Council President Wilkerson
- The Phenomenal Woman Award proclamation was read into the record by Councilwoman Thomas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Motion by Councilman Fortuna, seconded by Councilman Villeda to approve the minutes of meetings.

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – January 13, 2021

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – February 10, 2021

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – February 10, 2021

Vote Record – Approval of Minutes				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Bernier, Finance, gave a brief finance report and spoke to the 2021 Cap Bank Ordinance as well as the 2021 budget introduction. He also reported that the Planning Board had a meeting earlier in the month and approved an application for Columbia Bank to add a drive through ATM lane at the back of the main building.

Council President Wilkerson, Governance, talked about the hire of a Borough Administrator and the DPW Superintendent. She also talked about the redevelopment ordinance that pertains to the 1st Avenue next to the CVS; the St. Georges Avenue Planning Board Study and the Chestnut Street Resolution for North Chestnut Street Study; she reported that the Borough distributed to over 50 business NPP program products. She also reported that the Library grant was submitted and that the library is sponsoring a Zoom meeting with the Health department. She also stated that the Everett Hatcher Prevention Coalition is looking for youth to join their task force.

Councilman Fortuna, DPW, talked about the hire of a Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and said the job was posted and 10 to 12 applicants interviewed with the DPW Standing Committee and Mayor Shaw. He also talked about pot holes and asked members of the public to email him if there pots to be fixed. He also talked about bulk trash pickup and said it went seamlessly. He also reminded people that metal pickup has to be scheduled.

Councilwoman Johnson, Public Safety, talked about hiring five recruits from the academy from the Police Department. She commended the Roselle Fire Department regarding the recent fires in the Borough of Roselle, said she will thank them with a proclamation for a job well done. She also thanked Police Chief Brian Barnes for giving updates on shootings and said the investigations are on-going.

Councilwoman Thomas, Recreation, talked about improvements on the Grove Street Park and she reported that letters went out on March 5th to residents in the 4th Ward about the construction. She also spoke about parking restrictions while construction is taking place. She announced that the Health Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., on March 24th at 6:30 p.m. and that the Health Department and other Libraries will offer educational webinars beginning April 5th regarding discussions about different screenings as well as Q&A for participants. She also said that it will be a Zoom meeting and the link will be posted on the Borough website for people to register for the seminars.

Mayor Shaw then asked Councilman Fortuna, Board Liaison, for the Chamber of Commerce, if there was any movement on the Roselle Chamber of Commerce and what role they are playing in Roselle. Councilman Fortuna remarked there was no movement to his knowledge and that they are moving slowly coming out of the current events.

PRESENTATION

CFO Anders Hasseler gave an on-screen detailed presentation regarding the Borough of Roselle Financial Progress. He said the 2021 Budget will be adopted next month pending approval from the state and said that the municipal tax increase is zero and talked gave a breakdown of the revenue and expenditures. He spoke about the pillars of finance which were the Tax Rate, Debt, Fund Balance, and the Financial Audit for a strong and stable financial foundation. His presentation also included the average municipal tax increase, debt services, maximum debt capacity, and funds balances. He then advised that the Annual Financial Statement was posted on the Borough of Roselle website, and that the presentation will also be posted on the Borough website. He also thanked the governing body for their support.

Councilwoman Johnson asked if there will be a tax increase from the county and from the library and she also asked if any departments budget was cut such as the Recreation Department.

CFO Hasseler answered all questions posed to him from Councilwoman Johnson regarding the county and library taxes and the Department of Recreation. He said they didn't eliminate any programs and that Recreation was up compared to last year, and that they are paying down more debt and building up reserves and managed to cut down on a lot of expenses. He also said the change of health insurance was a great advantage as well as the reserve for uncollected taxes which helped the budget as well.

Council President Wilkerson thanked CFO Hasseler for his presentation and said the effort to stabilize should not go unnoticed. She talked about how money is coming in for the pilot agreements and how they need to hold people accountable for the pilot program agreements. She said that it is not always easy for the governing body to contain spending and she commended her colleagues for working together.

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE—Ordinance Number 2642-21

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE BOROUGH TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 3801, LOTS 2.01, 4, 5, AND 6

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the “Redevelopment Law”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2019, the Council of the Borough of Roselle (hereinafter “Borough Council”) adopted Resolution 2019-200 authorizing and directing the Planning Board to determine whether the property commonly known on the Borough tax maps as Block 3801, Lots 2.01, 4, 5, and 6 (hereinafter “Study Area”) meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment with condemnation; and

WHEREAS, at a public hearing on March 4, 2020, the Planning Board determined, based on a report from Maser Consulting titled Redevelopment Area with Condemnation: Determination of Need Study dated January 2, 2020, that the Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the statutory criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; specifically, Lot 2.01 (Borough-owned lot) and Lot 5 (laundromat) qualified for designation under Criteria G and H, Lot 4 (warehouse) qualified for designation under Criteria A, B, D, G, and H, and Lot 6 (Knights of Columbus) qualified for designation under Criteria A, D, G, and H; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, having found that the Study Area satisfied the statutory criteria to be designated as an Area in Need of Redevelopment **with Condemnation**, recommended that the Borough Council designate the Study Area as such; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the Borough Council adopted Resolution 2020-135 on April 15, 2020, which designated the Study Area as a **Condemnation Redevelopment Area**; and

WHEREAS, May 20, 2020, the Borough Council adopted Resolution 2020-153 authorizing Maser Consulting to prepare a Redevelopment Plan for the Study Area; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting prepared a redevelopment plan, titled Redevelopment Plan for Block 3801 (hereinafter the “Redevelopment Plan”), attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Planner, Darlene A. Green, AICP, PP, of Maser Consulting, at a duly noticed and constituted public meeting on January 21, 2021, presented the Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board and allowed all those present who wished to comment to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board found that the goals and objectives set forth in the

Redevelopment Plan are substantially consistent with the Master Plan with the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board found that the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan is necessary and desirable in order to accomplish the effective redevelopment of the Study Area and that such redevelopment would be in the best interests of the Borough and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, New Jersey that the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Borough Council hereby adopts the Redevelopment Plan, pursuant to the terms of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 of the Redevelopment Law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the zoning ordinances of the Borough are hereby amended to include the amendments indicated in the Redevelopment Plan and the provisions therein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Borough Council shall serve as Redevelopment Entity for purposes of implementing the Redevelopment Plan and exercising the powers granted to a redevelopment entity under the Redevelopment Law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, in case any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance or the Redevelopment Plan shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance or the Redevelopment Plan and this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, all ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.

Mayor Shaw read Ordinance Number 2642-21 by title and opened the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing

1. Sylvia Turnage commented that she abstained on the ordinance as a Planning Board member and feels the Borough could have done better. She said the percentage when former Mayor Dansereau presented it was 25% of the workforce and it is 5%, and she said the Borough is cutting out affordable workforce housing and cutting out people who would like to live in the community and can't find affordable housing. She said the opportunity was also missed for affordable workforce housing with the Park Apartments, and that Roselle is giving the store away to the developers. She said it is not a good idea to build the project with 5% workforce housing. She said everyone apartment complex coming to Roselle is pricing out the resident who live here.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Shaw closed the public comment on the ordinance.

Motion by Council President Wilkerson, seconded by Councilman Bernier to adopt Ordinance Number 2462-21 on 2nd Reading and Final Passage.

Vote Record – Ordinance Number 2642-21–Second Reading & Final Passage				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson			x	
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE –Ordinance Number 2643-21

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$4,378,400 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,694,424 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Roselle, New Jersey (the “Borough”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$4,378,400, such sum includes the (a) the sum of \$489,533 expected to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in connection with sections of Drake Avenue and West 4th Avenue described in Section 3(a)(1) and (b) the sum of \$194,443 as the down payment (the “Down Payment”) required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments or capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2.

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements and grant not covered by application of the Down Payment and the grants set forth in Section 1 of this bond ordinance, negotiable bonds

of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$3,694,424 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$3,694,424 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3.

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Useful Life
1. Resurfacing and reconstruction of various roads, including but not limited to Leon Place and Wenz Place between Rosewood Avenue and Thompson Avenue, Morris Street between Grand Street and 12 th Avenue, Spruce Street between East 9 th Avenue and East 7 th Avenue, East 8 th Avenue between Walnut Street and Dead End, Oak Street between East 9 th Avenue and Dead End, East 10 th Avenue between Walnut Street and Dead End, East 5 th Avenue between Harrison Avenue and Chandler Avenue, Harrison Avenue between East 3 rd Avenue and East 7 th Avenue, Melville Terrace between East 6 th Avenue and Dead End, Drake Avenue between East 1 st Avenue and East 7 th Avenue, West 4 th Avenue between Aldene Road and Pine Street, Frank Street between 10 th Avenue and St. George Avenue (Route 27), including curbing, milling, paving, driveway aprons, sidewalks, handicap ramps, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and other miscellaneous improvements, traffic safety improvements at intersection of 2 nd Avenue and Sheridan Avenue, and all structures and appurtenance, work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications thereof on file in the office of the Clerk.	\$2,828,400	2,221,924	13.19 Years

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Useful Life
2. Improvements to Borough Hall, including all structures and appurtenance, work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications thereof on file in the office of the Clerk.	175,000	\$166,250	15 Years
3. Acquisition of garbage trucks and 95 gallon trash carts for the Department of Public Works.	900,000	855,000	12.22 Years
4. Demolition of Office of Emergency Management Building and installation of pre-fabricated building, including all structures and appurtenance, work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications thereof on file in the office of the Clerk.	60,000	57,000	15 Years
5. Acquisition of in car cameras for the Police Department.	200,000	190,000	5 Years
6. Replacement of parking meters throughout the Borough.	165,000	156,750	15 Years
7. Replacement of roof at Fire Department, including all structures and appurtenance, work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications thereof on file in the office of the Clerk.	50,000	47,500	15Years
TOTAL:	\$4,378,400	\$3,694,424	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$3,694,424.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvement is \$4,378,400 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such from as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer

is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5.

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the from promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the Improvement, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, and according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is **12.80** years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$3,694,424 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$521,400 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7.

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8.

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations

shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking

SECTION 10.

This Section 9 constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that the Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$3,694,424.

SECTION 11.

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor Shaw read Ordinance Number 2643-21 by title and opened the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing

1. Garrett Smith asked what projects are included in the bond ordinance.

CFO Hasseler gave a detailed explanation to Mr. Smith of the projects that are included in the ordinance.

2. Cecilia Ricks asked if Borough vehicles will be off the meters so the Borough can make money from the parking meters.

Acting Borough Administrator Falt said that he will look into it.

Councilman Bernier said the meters behind Borough Hall where police vehicles park represents a small portion of the meters, and that the bond ordinance is for meters throughout the entire Borough that are broken and not working. He also said there is on-

going discussion on where they can reposition the Borough vehicles or just removing the meters to have more adequate parking for Borough vehicles.

Mrs. Ricks also commented that the meters should not be removed from the location behind Borough Hall because on weekends it is heavily used by residents.

Councilwoman Johnson talked about the parking meter situation and said that they don't know exactly what the revenue will be at the moment until the new meters are put in place, and once done the revenue will be seen in the Borough.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Shaw closed the public comment on the ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilman Villeda to adopt Ordinance Number 2643-21 on 2nd Reading and Final Passage.

Vote Record – Ordinance Number 2643-21–Second Reading & Final Passage				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING –Ordinance Number 2644-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 “ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL,” SECTION 18 “HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE TO REAFFIRM CERTAIN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously adopted Ordinance 2394-11 on March 16, 2011 amending the Borough Code to specify certain benefits extended to both current employees and retirees; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council subsequently undertook an extensive recodification process that spanned many years, finally resulting in the readoption of the entire Borough Code on August 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to readopt the provisions of Ordinance 2394-11, as they were inadvertently excluded from the readoption of the Borough Code in 2019.

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

Section 1. Amendment of § 5-18 Hospital and medical insurance.

Chapter 5 “Organization and Personnel,” Section 5 “Hospital and medical insurance” of the Code of the Borough of Roselle is hereby amended by replacing Subsection A in its entirety with the following:

- A.** In addition to the above salaries and longevity compensation, the Borough shall pay full contributions, except for any negotiated or legally mandated employee contributions, for prescription, hospital, and medical insurance for all current and retired employees and their dependents. If the retired employee predeceases the dependents, the dependents shall continue to be covered at no cost to the dependents. As to a surviving spouse, the benefits shall continue until the spouse remarries. Upon reaching eligibility for Medicare, the Borough agrees to reimburse a retiree and his/her spouse (unless the spouse remarries) for Medicare premiums and continue to pay for secondary or supplemental insurance, including prescriptions, after becoming enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. The Borough may change insurance carriers so long as the new carrier provides equivalent or better benefits and co-pays to the prior plan.

Section 2. Severability

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 3. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances

All ordinances or part of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately or as prescribed by law.

Mayor Shaw read Ordinance Number 2644-21 by title and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on First Reading and Introduction.

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to adopt Ordinance Number 2644-21.

Vote Record – Ordinance Number 2644-21–Introduction & First Reading				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			

Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING –Ordinance Number 2645-21

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 - [Proposed Public Hearing date April 21, 2021]

WHEREAS, the Police Department has received an application for a personalized handicap parking space pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.7 along with the requisite \$25 fee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have approved said application and the Borough Clerk has collected the additional fee of \$150.00 for same prior to adoption of the ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle as follows:

1. Article III of Chapter 523 of the “Code of the Borough of Roselle” is amended by adding the following to § 523-38 – Restricted Handicap Parking Spaces
Section 523-138, Schedule XXIX – Restricted handicap parking spaces reserved for a specific person in front of a certain residence:

Address of Residence	Street	Location	Name of Person	Placard#
408 Grand Street	Grand Street	South side of street	Donna M. Jackson	P1956387

- (1) If any person for whom a parking space has been designated pursuant to this section ceases to reside at the specified resident address, he or she (or other person authorized to act on their behalf) shall promptly notify the Borough Clerk in writing that the designated parking space is no longer required.
- (2) In the event that the person holding the designated handicapped parking permit no longer resides at the specified residence address, the designation may be terminated by resolution.

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain valid and effective.

This ordinance shall take effect after public hearing and final adoption and publication according to law.

Mayor Shaw read Ordinance Number 2645-21 by title and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on First Reading and Introduction.

Motion by Councilman Fortuna, seconded by Councilman Villeda to adopt Ordinance Number 2645-21.

Vote Record – Ordinance Number 2645-21–Introduction & First Reading				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING –Ordinance Number 2646-21

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 [Proposed Public Hearing April 21, 2021] – (MaaJiid Akbar)

WHEREAS, the Police Department has received an application for a personalized handicap parking space pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.7 along with the requisite \$25 fee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have approved said application and the Borough Clerk has collected the additional fee of \$150.00 for same prior to adoption of the ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle as follows:

- Article III of Chapter 523 of the “Code of the Borough of Roselle” is amended by adding the following to § 523-38 – Restricted Handicap Parking Spaces
Section 523-138, Schedule XXIX – Restricted handicap parking spaces reserved for a specific person in front of a certain residence:

Address of Residence	Street	Location	Name of Person	Placard#
408 Grand Street	Grand Street	South side of street	MaaJiid Akbar	P1815625

- (1) If any person for whom a parking space has been designated pursuant to this section ceases to reside at the specified resident address, he or she (or other person authorized to act on their behalf) shall promptly notify the Borough Clerk in writing that the designated parking space is no longer required.

- (2) In the event that the person holding the designated handicapped parking permit no longer resides at the specified residence address, the designation may be terminated by resolution.

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain valid and effective.

This ordinance shall take effect after public hearing and final adoption and publication according to law.

Mayor Shaw read Ordinance Number 2646-21 by title and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on First Reading and Introduction.

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilman Fortuna to adopt Ordinance Number 2646-21.

Vote Record – Ordinance Number 2646-21–Introduction & First Reading				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING –Ordinance Number 2647-21

CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) [Proposed Public Hearing date April 21, 2021]

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et.seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 1.00% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality may, by ordinance, bank the difference between its final budget appropriations and the 3.5% increase authorized by this ordinance when said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$861,718.16 that is not appropriated as part of the

final 2021 budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor Shaw read Ordinance Number 2647-21 by title and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on First Reading and Introduction.

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilman Fortuna to adopt Ordinance Number 2647-21.

Vote Record – Ordinance Number 2647-21–Introduction & First Reading				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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PUBLIC COMMENTS (on Pending resolutions only)

1. Sylvia Turnage gave commented on Resolution 2021-122 and questioned why they were bringing the Pothole Killer back and asked if anyone followed up on the on past pothole repairs. She talked about Resolution 2021-124, Scaturo v. Roselle, and said why not just treat Borough employees fairly and equitably and said the Borough always leaves itself open to lawsuits. She talked about Resolution 2021-126 and questioned why another study was being done on the property if it was incorporated in the Master Plan. She said there was a deal to develop it; she hopes it is not land grab, and stated that every part of Roselle is up for sale. She said Resolution 2021-127 was not discussed at the Workshop meeting and questioned how it got on the agenda. She also said she needed someone to

explain the resolution in its entirety. She asked what the Borough is getting out of redevelopment for Oak Park besides fulfilling the affordable housing quota. She spoke to Resolution 2021-135 and asked where they train for firearms now. She also commented on Resolution 2021-138 appointing Duane Patterson. She said that DPW has no supervisory personnel and that people are in the role by name only. She also said 18 people called out from DPW and half the workforce was out. She also said while riding through town, there was cardboard blowing around everywhere, and she asked why it wasn't picked up. She also asked if someone could answer her questions.

2. Garrett Smith commented that the Chair of Governance spoke about redevelopment plans and he questioned Resolution 2021-128 and asked why Jackson Avenue it is being vacated and what is being done with the property. He also asked if the public will be able to ask questions about the budget in conjunction with the presentation that CFO Hasseler gave. He also talked about the Library Project grant and said he hasn't seen any drawings or renderings of the new library and wants answers and updates on it.

Council President Wilkerson spoke to Scaturo v Roselle and said it was before her time and that the governing body came to a resolution and not something that was generated with most of the current sitting council members. She also said they treat staff with respect, there is accountability and she feels there is a good balance of it. She said she received tons of calls about potholes and they need to be closed up until the roads are repaved. She said there is a need to redevelop lots on St. George's Avenue and they are doing the ground work now and it's not a land grab and they are doing their best to build up the town. She said Oak Park is near and dear to her as she started out as a Councilperson for the 1st Ward and she has been fighting for improvements for them. She said it is an old complex that needs to be fixed and said it is the existing owners who want to improve their properties, and stands behind the project 100% and fighting for the type of living that they deserve. She also said because it is affordable housing, it doesn't mean they have to live any kind of way, and they will make sure it is also beneficial to the Borough and most importantly beneficial to the people who live there.

Councilwoman Johnson asked for one of the professionals to explain Resolution Number 2021-127 as it relates to Oak Park Apartment, and she said the it definitely needs improvements.

Victor Klymenko, Redevelopment Coordinator, commented that 254 units will be completely redone and it will cost approximately \$65,000 in improvements per unit, will be refitted as the people live there to bring the building up to a new level. He talked about HFMA for a grant and said there will be a financial agreement to benefit the Borough and the development itself. And he said the Borough will receive an HFMA pilot agreement which is a standardized project for affordable housing. He also remarked that they have to go through about six more stages after the resolution of need.

Council President Wilkerson reiterated that the item was discussed in Mr. Klymenko's departmental report at the Workshop and the resolution is only to support the need and she asked her Council colleagues to support it.

Councilman Villeda asked if the project will increase the resident's taxes. Mr. Klymenko said the taxation on the project is standardized and they have to negotiate the financial agreement and have the Borough's financial experts review it.

Councilman Bernier talked about the firearms range resolution and said he didn't know how long they used it but it comes up on the agenda annually. He also said the Borough pays nothing to Union to use their shooting range. He also reported that there used to be a shooting range in the basement of Borough Hall and went out of service a long time ago.

Councilman Fortuna commented that the cardboard was not picked up today because cardboard is picked up on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, not the 3rd Wednesday of the month, and he said it was blowing around because people don't wrap up their card board anymore. He also said the DPW supervisors are the next step, there is a manpower shortage in DPW, and seasonal workers are being hired to help with the problem. He also said the manpower shortage is the reason why the Pothole Killer is needed because it is sometimes difficult to have all manpower there for regular DPW work. He said reported that they spent \$8,000 on it in 2020 and the resolution on the agenda for 2021 is \$25,000, and it is the most efficient way to fill potholes in the shortest time, and it last longer than putting tar in the potholes.

Mayor Shaw said that he looks forward to the plans that the DPW has for the future and looks forward to the cleanup and the hire of supervisors. He also said that he hopes everyone embraces the change.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Shaw asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda.

Motion by Council President Wilkerson, seconded by Councilman Fortuna to adopt the Consent Agenda as written.

Vote Record – To Adopt the Consent Agenda				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-122

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PATCH MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR UTILIZING THE POTHOLE KILLER VEHICLE IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle authorized the utilization of the PK2000 specialized spray injection patcher truck (Pothole Killer vehicle) in the Borough of Roselle in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle would like to utilize the Pothole Killer vehicle to provide patented spray injection road repair technology that will perform emergency pothole repairs in the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle would to utilize the Pothole Killer vehicle in the Borough of Roselle not to exceed \$25,000.00 within State Contract # 18-GNSV2-00428; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle authorize the Borough Administrator to execute an agreement with Patch Management, Inc. for utilizing the Pothole Killer vehicle in the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the agreement to utilize these services shall be contingent on the Certification of Availability of Funds in the 2021 adopted budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-123

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO SYSNET SOLUTIONS, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMPUTER CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH NOT TO EXCEED \$102,500.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle has a need to acquire Information Technology Computer Consulting services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Sysnet Solutions has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide Consulting services to the Borough for the period from March 18, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Sysnet Solutions has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Sysnet Solutions has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Roselle in the previous one year, and that the

contract will prohibit Sysnet Solutions from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 50:30-5.5(e) the award of the contract shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds in the CY 2021 budget in **account#1-01-20-100-000-218**; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE:

1. That the Borough Council awards a contract to and appoints Sysnet Solutions located at 746 Route 18, Suite 2B, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 to provide Information Technology Computer Consulting services to the Borough, for an amount not to exceed \$102,500.00; and said contract to be for a period from March 18, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

2. That this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5(1)(a)(i)).

3. That a notice in accordance with this resolution and the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, shall be published in the official newspaper or newspapers of the Borough as required by law, within twenty (20) days of execution of the contract.

4. That an executed copy of the Contract between the Borough and Sysnet Solutions located at 746 Route 18, Suite 2B, East Brunswick, NJ 08816, and a copy of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk and be available there for public inspection in accordance with law.

5. This Resolution is adopted and shall be instituted as part of a Non-Fair and Open Process established and exercised pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5.

6. All previous Resolutions and/or orders and directives of Borough employees or officials, which are contrary to or inconsistent with the terms of this instant Resolution, are hereby rescinded, repealed and otherwise deemed ineffectual, to the extent of their inconsistency.

7. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough 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 March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-124

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF SCATURO v. BOROUGH OF ROSELLE

WHEREAS, there is presently pending in the Union County Vicinage Superior of New Jersey, a Civil Action entitled Joanne Scaturo v. Borough of Roselle, et al., Docket No.: UNN-L-000958-20; and

WHEREAS, prior to commencement of trial, all parties have determined that it is in their best interests to enter into a settlement agreement and thereby (a) amicably resolve all issues in dispute asserted in the Action, or which could have been asserted in the Action and (b) dismiss the Action as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Public Entity Joint Insurance Fund's outside defense counsel has recommended that this litigation be settled, as set forth above, to avoid the cost, disruption and uncertainty of further litigation; and

WHEREAS, said settlement is not an admission of fault or wrongdoing by the Borough of Roselle, or any individually named defendant, but it is proposed to fully resolve any and all disputed claims between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a tentative settlement agreement wherein Joanne Scaturo ("Scaturo") will dismiss, with prejudice, all claims asserted in the Action in exchange for Scaturo to be retroactively promoted to the rank of Captain for the one-year period of February 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019, with a retirement date of February 1, 2019. The total amount of the differential to be paid for the retroactive promotion period is \$14,705.41, with all applicable payroll deductions to be made from said amount; and

WHEREAS, the parties have also agreed to pay Attorney's fees in the amount of \$75,000, which sum shall be paid by the Borough of Roselle's Joint Insurance Fund, Public Joint Insurance Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, New Jersey, does hereby approve and accept the Settlement Agreement and General Release ("the Agreement") between the Borough of Roselle and Joanne Scaturo, settling all outstanding matters relating to the Action, Docket Number UNN-L-000958-20, as more fully set forth in the Agreement on file with the Borough Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Roselle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval of the Settlement Agreement and Release is contingent upon the approval of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission and the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough 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 March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-125

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PLANNING BOARD TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN PROPERTY, BLOCK 3902 LOTS 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**CONSTITUTES AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING
PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle is desirous in undertaking redevelopment projects within the Borough and the planning services desired by the Borough are in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public of the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. (the "Redevelopment Law"), sets forth a specific procedure for establishing an area in need of redevelopment to empower and assist local governments in efforts to promote redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2000, the Mayor and Borough Council (the "Borough Council") of the Borough of Roselle (the "Borough") adopted a resolution designating the properties identified on the tax maps of the Borough as an area in need of redevelopment (now known, collectively, as the "North Chestnut Street Redevelopment Area") pursuant to the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2014, the Borough Council adopted an ordinance approving a redevelopment plan for the North Chestnut Street Redevelopment Area, which plan is entitled "North Chestnut Street Redevelopment Plan" (the "North Chestnut Street Redevelopment Plan"), which was revised and amended by Ordinance 2527-15 on December 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council determined that an investigation and inquiry should be made to determine whether the following properties **Block 3902 Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18** (the "Amended North Chestnut Redevelopment Study Area") which are located near the properties identified in the North Chestnut Street Redevelopment Plan meet the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law for designation as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, if the Amended North Chestnut Redevelopment Study Area is determined to meet the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment and the Borough so designates the Amended North Chestnut Redevelopment Study Area, then the Borough shall be authorized to use the powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting P.A. (the "Planning Consultant") is familiar with said preparation of redevelopment plans and has performed such services for various municipalities within the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough issued a Request for Qualifications for such services and received responses from several firms; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the Borough Council, after review of the responses deemed certain firms as "Qualified" in accordance with the terms of the Request for Qualifications (Resolution No. 2021-026); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has deemed it necessary and in the best interest of the Borough to retain the services of an engineering firm for said purposes and has selected Maser Consulting P.A. from the "Qualified" firms; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current budget for said purpose; specifically, within Account # 1-01-20-175-000-229 for said planning services related to the potential redevelopment plan desired.

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

Section 1: The Roselle Planning Board is hereby directed to undertake a preliminary investigation and conduct a public hearing to determine whether the properties in the Amended North Chestnut Redevelopment Study Area meet criteria necessary for designation as an area in need of

redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law and, if the Amended North Chestnut Redevelopment Study Area so qualifies, to recommend whether it should be so designated.

Section 2: In the event the governing body shall designate the Amended North Chestnut Redevelopment Study Area as a redevelopment area, the Borough shall be authorized to use the powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area.

Section 3: The Planning Consultant, determined to be retained following the issuance of a RFQ, is hereby authorized to perform the preliminary investigation to determine whether said properties in the Amended North Chestnut Redevelopment Study Area qualify as an area in need of redevelopment in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the Borough of Roselle.

Section 4: A copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk and shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Planning Board.

Section 5: The preliminary investigation, once complete, shall be submitted to the Borough Council for review and approval in accordance with the provisions of the Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et. seq.

Section 6: This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough 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 March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-126

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PLANNING BOARD TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN PROPERTY BLOCK 2601 LOTS 10-16, BLOCK 2602, LOTS 7-17, BLOCK 2603, LOTS 4/4.01, 5-9 AND BLOCK 2901, LOTS 14-19 IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CONSTITUTES AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle is desirous in undertaking redevelopment projects within the Borough and the planning services desired by the Borough are in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public of the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. (the "Redevelopment Law"), sets forth a specific procedure for establishing an area in need of redevelopment to empower and assist local governments in efforts to promote redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 authorizes the governing body of the municipality by Resolution, to cause its Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the proposed area is an area in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle has determined that an investigation and inquiry should be made to determine whether the area including Block 2601 Lots 10-16, Block 2602,

Lots 7-17, Block 2603, Lots 4/4.01, 5-9 And Block 2901, Lots 14-19 (collectively, the "Study Area") meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law for designation as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, if the Study Area is determined to meet the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment and the Borough so designates the Study Area, then the Borough shall be authorized to use all the powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting P.A. (the "Planning Consultant") is familiar with said preparation of redevelopment plans and has performed such services for various municipalities within the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough issued a Request for Qualifications for such services and received responses from several firms; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the Borough Council, after review of the responses deemed certain firms as "Qualified" in accordance with the terms of the Request for Qualifications (Resolution No. 2021-026); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has deemed it necessary and in the best interest of the Borough to retain the services of an engineering firm for said purposes and has selected Maser Consulting P.A. from the "Qualified" firms; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current budget for said purpose; specifically, within Account # 1-01-20-175-000-229 for said planning services related to the potential redevelopment plan desired.

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

Section 1: The Roselle Planning Board is hereby directed to undertake a preliminary investigation and conduct a public hearing to determine whether the properties in the Study Area meet criteria necessary for designation as an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law and, if the Study Area so qualifies, to recommend whether it should be so designated.

Section 2: In the event the governing body shall designate the Study Area as a redevelopment area, the Borough shall be authorized to use all the powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain.

Section 3: The Planning Consultant is hereby authorized to perform the preliminary investigation to determine whether said properties in the Study Area qualify as an area in need of redevelopment in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the Borough of Roselle.

Section 4: A copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk and shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Planning Board.

Section 5: The preliminary investigation, once complete, shall be submitted to the Borough Council for review and approval in accordance with the provisions of the Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et. seq.

Section 6: This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough 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 March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-127

RESOLUTION OF NEED FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE

WHEREAS, Related Affordable, LLC, or a single purpose entity created whereby Related Affordable will be a general partner (hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsor") proposes to rehabilitate a 254 unit multi-family housing development (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Law of 1983, as amended (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1 et seq.), the rules promulgated thereunder at N.J.A.C. 5:80-1.1 et seq., and all applicable guideline promulgated thereunder (the foregoing hereinafter collectively referred to as the "HMFA Requirement") within the Borough of Roselle (hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality") on a site described as Block 1502, Lot 1 as shown on the Official Assessment Map of the Borough of Roselle, Union County and commonly known as 1913 St. Georges Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Project will be subject to the HMFA Requirements and the mortgage and other loan documents executed between the Sponsor and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the HMFA Requirements, the governing body of the Municipality hereby determines that there is a need for this housing project in the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Roselle (the "Council") that:

- 1) The Council finds and determines that the 254-unit rehabilitation of the Project proposed by the Sponsor meets or will meet an existing housing need;
- 2) The Council finds and determines that the Project proposed by the Sponsor meets or will meet all or part of the municipality's low and moderate-income housing obligation;
- 3) The Council does hereby adopt the within Resolution and makes the determination and findings herein contained by virtue of, pursuant to, and in conformity with the provisions of the HMFA Law to enable the Agency to process the Sponsor's application for Agency funding to finance the Project.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough 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 March 17, 2021.

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 17th day of March 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-128

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE VACATION OF JACKSON AVENUE BETWEEN THE DEAD END AND AURORE STREET AS FUNDED BY THE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle is desirous in performing engineering and survey services for the vacation of Jackson Avenue between the dead end and Aurore Street within the Borough and the improvements desired by the Borough is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public of the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting Inc. shall perform the tasks as delineated in the January 28, 2021 correspondence for the engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting Inc. is familiar with the engineering and survey services necessary to coordinate the efforts involved with the above referenced proposed improvements; and

WHEREAS, the engineering and survey services necessary for this project are in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public of the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, the Borough issued a Request for Qualifications for such services and received responses from several firms; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the Borough Council, after review of the responses deemed certain firms as "Qualified" in accordance with the terms of the Request for Qualifications (Resolution No. 2021-026); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has deemed it necessary and in the best interest of the Borough to retain the services of an engineering firm for said purposes and has selected Maser Consulting Inc. from the "Qualified" firms; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and/or Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose; specifically for said engineering services related to those described herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the Borough Engineer is authorized to perform said engineering and survey services described herein for a lump sum fee of **\$4,100.00**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Lydia 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 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 March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-129

**RESOLUTION FOR A CHANGE ORDER AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR
DLS CONTRACTING, INC. REGARDING ADDITIONAL SITE WORK FOR THE
COMPLETION OF THE 2018 NJDOT VARIOUS STREET IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, DLS Contracting Inc., 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004 was awarded a contract for the above-referenced project in the amount of \$940,114.15 by way of Resolution Number 2019-225; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to complete the project due to unforeseen underground conditions as listed in the Maser Consulting correspondence dated February 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the request and has recommended to the Borough Administrator, Borough CFO and Borough Finance Office an increase in the total contract amount and not to exceed \$40,357.39; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose, specifically Bond Ordinance 2627-20. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the above-referenced increase in project scope is authorized to DLS Contracting Inc. as per the Maser Consulting correspondence dated February 23, 2021 and the following breakdown:

Contract Amount	\$940,114.15
Change Order	\$ 40,357.39
Adjusted Contract Amount	\$980,471.54

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the forgoing is 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 on March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-130

**RESOLUTION FOR A CHANGE ORDER AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR
DLS CONTRACTING, INC. REGARDING ADDITIONAL SITE WORK FOR THE
COMPLETION OF THE 2019 VARIOUS STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, DLS Contracting Inc., 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004 was awarded a contract for the above-referenced project in the amount of \$496,519.00 by way of Resolution Number 2020-136; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to complete the project due to unforeseen underground conditions as listed in the Maser Consulting correspondence dated February 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the request and has recommended to the Borough Administrator, Borough CFO and Borough Finance Office an increase in the total contract amount and not to exceed \$26,066.15; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose, specifically Bond Ordinance 2627-20.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the above-referenced increase in project scope is authorized to DLS Contracting Inc. as per the Maser Consulting correspondence dated February 23, 2021 and the following breakdown:

Contract Amount	\$496,519.00
Change Order	\$ 26,066.15
Adjusted Contract Amount	\$522,585.15

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the forgoing is 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 on March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-131

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT BASED ON AS-BUILT QUANTITIES AND RELEASE OF RETAINAGE FOR THE RALPH ARMINIO FIELD AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUNDED BY THE GREEN ACRES PROGRAM AND THE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Your Way Construction Inc., 404 Coit Street, Irvington, NJ 07111 was previously awarded a contract for the above-referenced project in the amount of \$2,322,751.86 by way of Resolution Number 2017-312 and Change Order Resolution 2021-110 in the amount of \$340,000.00 for an Adjusted Contract Amount of \$2,662,751.86; and

WHEREAS, the project has been completed to date in the total dollar amount of \$2,658,186.95 (includes 2% retainage) that reflects the as-built construction quantities necessary to properly construct this project to date; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the as-built final quantities and finds that the request has merit, is in the best interest of the Borough and has recommended to the Borough Administrator, Borough CFO and Borough Finance Office to pay the total final as-built amount; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Bond # SNN4007399(M) in the amount of \$398,728.04 has been received and approved and Maser Consulting recommends the release of Your Way Construction's Performance Bond SNN4007399 and final payment amount of \$89,296.34; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose, specifically Bond Ordinance 2627-20; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the above-referenced dollar amount of **\$89,296.34** is authorized by way of final as-built quantities for the Ralph Arminio Field and Park Improvements Project to Your Way Construction, Inc, 404 Coit Street, Irvington, NJ 07111.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the forgoing is 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 on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-132

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT BASED ON AS-BUILT QUANTITIES AND RELEASE OF RETAINAGE FOR THE 2019 NJDOT CHANDLER AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUNDED BY NJDOT AND THE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC, 96 Midland Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032 was previously awarded a contract for the above-referenced project in the amount of \$533,223.70 by way of Resolution Number 2019-270 and approved Change Order in the amount of \$86,045.73 Resolution Number 2020-234 for a total contract amount of \$619,269.43; and

WHEREAS, the project has been completed to date in the total dollar amount of \$619,269.43 (includes 2% retainage) that reflects the as-built construction quantities necessary to properly construct this project to date; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the as-built final quantities and finds that the request has merit, is in the best interest of the Borough and has recommended to the Borough Administrator, Borough CFO and Borough Finance Office to pay the total final as-built amount; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Bond #CSC-226400M in the amount of \$92,890.41 has been received and approved and Maser Consulting recommends the release of American Asphalt's Performance Bond #CSC-226400 and final payment amount of \$12,385.39 for the release of retainage; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose, specifically Bond Ordinance 2627-20; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the above-referenced dollar amount of **\$12,385.39** is authorized by way of final as-built quantities for the 2019 NJDOT Chandler Avenue Roadway Improvement Project to American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC. 96 Midland Avenue, Kearny, NJ

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the forgoing is 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 on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-133

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF ESCROW DEPOSIT

WHEREAS, Herberth Mosquera has requested a refund for the unspent moneys for escrow deposit at 133 W 1st Ave on December 9, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Department has approved the refund of the escrow deposit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle that the Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized to refund the remainder of the escrow deposit in the amount of \$4,523.23.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough 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 on March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-134

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY UNDER ITS FY 2021
SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle wish to file an application with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for project funding under its FY2021 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program identified as Grant Application 20-2014 for the grant term period of November 13, 2020 through November 12, 2021, which will provide \$60,000.00 for use in creating more effective crime reduction strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle are in support of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety FY2021 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle are desirous of obtaining a New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety FY2021 Safe and Secure Communities Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00, with a cash match of fringe benefits; and

WHEREAS, the cash match is the current fringe benefits already being paid for the two (2) participating Roselle Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle recognize and accept that the Department of Law and Public Safety may offer a greater or lesser amount in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle as a matter of public policy, hereby endorse, support and authorize the filing of a FY 2021 New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Safe and Secure Communities Grant application and will participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
2. The Attorney General will receive the funds on behalf of the applicant.
3. The NJ Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the application for said funds.
4. The NJ Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant.
5. Upon receipt of the Grant Agreement from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, the signature of the Mayor, Borough Administrator and/or any other municipal official, or their successors in said title, which is required on the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith, is hereby approved.
6. Upon receipt of the fully executed Grant Agreement from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, the expenditure of funds is hereby authorized pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Roselle and the Department of Law and Public Safety.
7. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety so that implementation of the grant program may be expedited.
8. No additional Borough funds, other than the cash match equivalent to the current fringe benefits for the participating Roselle Police Officers is required.
9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough 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 on March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-135

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

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended that the Police Department have training opportunities at the Union Township Police Firearms Training Facility in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union has agreed to allow members of the Police Department to utilize the Union Township Police Firearms Training Facility pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Agreement for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement are acceptable to both the Borough and the Township of Union.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle as follows:

1. The Memorandum of Agreement between the Township of Union and the Borough of Roselle for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 is approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute same on behalf of the Borough.
2. Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement, there is no cost to the Borough for the Police Department's use of the Union Township Police Firearms Training Facility.

I, Lydia 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 March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-136

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RETIREMENT OF KEYBOARDING CLERK 2 GLORIA HANUSOSKY

WHEREAS, Keyboarding Clerk 2 Gloria Hanusosky has notified the Borough that she will be retiring from the Police Records Department; and

WHEREAS, Keyboarding Clerk 2 Gloria Hanusosky has been a member of the Police Records Department, in good standing, for eighteen years (18) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, hereby accept the retirement of Keyboarding Clerk 2 Gloria Hanusosky this date, with an effective retirement date of April 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council thank Keyboarding Clerk 2 Gloria Hanusosky for her service to the Borough and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough 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 March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-137

AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, there appears on the books of the Tax Collector, refunds due, resulting from Tax Overpayments; and

WHEREAS, refunds are to be made to the persons who have made these overpayments;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough CMFO of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, be instructed to draw checks in the amounts covering the overpayments and to deliver said checks to the proper persons.

NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	REASON	TOTAL
PENNY MAC TAX DEPARTMENT REFUNDS	6101 CONDOR DRIVE SUITE 200, MOORPARK, CA 93021	4002	3		OVERPAYMENT	\$2,413.07
CORELOGIC	1 CORELOGIC DRIVE, WESTLAKE, TX 76262	4504	13.03		OVERPAYMENT	\$3,512.19
TOTAL						\$5,925.26

(acct# 20-01-286-56-001)
(acct#T20-56-400-000-000)
(acct#T20-56-500-000-000)

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 March 17, 2021.

NON-CONSENT

Motion by Council President Wilkerson, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to adopt Resolution 2021-138 through 2021-138.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-138

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DUANE PATTERSON AS SUPERTENDENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH THE CONSENT OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.5 et. seq., and Section 9-30 of the Borough Code provide for the position of a Superintendent of Public Works, with such authority as delegated in the Borough Code in order to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has nominated and appointed Duane Patterson as Superintendent of Public Works, which appointment requires the advice and consent of Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the advice and consent of Council is granted to the appointment of Duane Patterson as Superintendent of Public Works, effective as of March 17, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Public Works salary shall be \$110,000.00 for CY 2021 and a waiver of the Borough's residency requirement is granted;

- Any remaining of the Borough's annual fifteen (15) paid holidays, plus one (1) annual floating holiday.
- Vacation as a department head will be allotted as twenty (20) days and that at the end of any calendar year, only twelve (12) work days of annual vacation will be allowed to carry over.
- Sick leave earned at the rate of one (1) day per month during the first year of employment; in subsequent years, fifteen (15) work days of sick leave will be credited annually, in anticipation of continued employment. Sick leave days are available for use in the year earned. Sick leave days may accumulate

from year to year without limit but any unused sick leave time will be forfeited at the time of retirement or separation from Borough employment.

- d. Five (5) annual personal days are credited every calendar year, including the first year of employment. Personal days may not be utilized during the first ninety (90) days of employment.
- e. Enrollment in the Borough's medical, prescription and dental plans subject to each plan's waiting period and optical reimbursement in the amount of up to \$50.00 per calendar year for office visits and up to \$100.00 per calendar year for eyeglass or contact lenses purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution takes 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 March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-139

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF RICKY SMILEY AS BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:60-7(a), N.J.S.A. 40A:9-136 and Section 4-20 of the Borough Code provide for the position of a Borough Administrator, with such authority as delegated in the Borough Code, in order to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Ricky Smiley as Borough Administrator, which appointment requires the advice and consent of Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the advice and consent of Council is granted to the appointment of Ricky Smiley as Borough Administrator, effective March 29, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator's salary shall be \$130,000.00, prorated for CY 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator shall be given a two (2) year contract for his continuous employment following the completion of a six (6) month probationary period at which time his salary will be increased to \$145,000 per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ricky Smiley is hereby granted a waiver from the Borough's residency requirement and shall be eligible for the following benefits and emoluments upon the effective date of his employment with the Borough:

- a. Any remaining of the Borough's annual fifteen (15) paid holidays, plus one (1) annual floating holiday.
- b. Vacation will be allotted as twenty (20) days and that at the end of any calendar year, only twelve (12) work days of annual vacation will be allowed to carry over.
- c. Sick leave earned at the rate of one (1) day per month during the first year of employment; after the first year of employment, fifteen (15) work days of sick leave will be credited annually, in anticipation of continued employment. Sick leave days are available for use in the year earned. Sick leave days may accumulate from year to year without limit but any unused sick leave time will be forfeited at the time of retirement or separation from Borough employment.

- d. Five (5) annual personal days are credited every calendar year, including the first year of employment. Personal days may not be utilized during the first ninety (90) days of employment.
- e. Enrollment in the Borough's medical, prescription and dental plans subject to each plan's waiting period and optical reimbursement in the amount of up to \$50.00 per calendar year for office visits and up to \$100.00 per calendar year for eyeglass or contact lenses purchase.

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED that in the event Mr. Smiley wishes to resign from employment with the Borough, he shall provide a minimum thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Mayor and Borough Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be considered effective as of March 29, 2021.

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 March 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-140

RESOLUTION HIRING SEASONAL TEMPORARY LABORERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 11A:4-13(c) and NJAC 4A:4-1.7, allow for the appointment of seasonal temporary employees in the Borough and there is a need in the Borough of Roselle for seasonal temporary Laborers in the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Appointing Authority of the Borough of Roselle has agreed to hire seasonal temporary workers in the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the individuals listed herein have been deemed qualified for seasonal temporary employment as Laborers in the Department of Public Works; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle that Kye Kendre Callwood, Kiree Close, Eddymil Rodriguez, Jose Marrero, Wilton H. Jaquez Ramirez, and Manuel Chapman are hereby appointed to the position of Seasonal Temporary Laborer in the Department of Public Works in the Borough of Roselle, effective March 17, 2021, not to exceed six (6) months, at the salary of \$13.00 per hour, from account 1-01-26-291-000-111.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hiring of the enumerated seasonal temporary laborers is subject to the satisfactory completion of a criminal background check, the initial cost of which is to be borne by the prospective part-time employee and will be reimbursed by the Borough so long as the check is satisfactory and employment is continued.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough 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 March 17, 2021.

Vote Record – To Resolution 2021-138 through 2021-140				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilman Fortuna to adopt the Resolution Number 2021-141 to Introduce the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Vote Record – To Adopt Resolution Number 2021-141				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Johnson asked Mayor Shaw for a Special meeting so that the budget can be explained. Mayor Shaw commented that he would rather for discussion of the budget to be held during a workshop meeting. Council President Wilkerson commented that the CFO plans to give a full and thorough presentation at the next Regular Council meeting. Mayor Shaw echoed the sentiment of Council President Wilkerson.

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilman Fortuna to adopt Resolution Number 2021-142.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution # 2021-142

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:

BILL LIST

17-Mar-21

FUNDANIMAL
CONTROL

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 406,475.74
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CDBG TRUST

CURRENT	\$ 3,091,887.91
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FUND

ESCROW	\$	5,345.00
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TRUST

FSLEF	\$	1,290.00
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SLEF	\$	7,475.00
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GENERAL TRUST	\$	1,200.00
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ACCOUNT

TRUST DCA

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ACCOUNT

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FEBRUARY 26, 2021 PAYROLL	\$	654,869.15
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MARCH 12, 2021	\$ 694,077.34
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PAYROLL

MANUAL

CHECK

POAA

REDEMPTION PREMIUM ACCOUNT

PUBLIC

DEFENDER

REDEMPTION TRUST

RESERVE FOR ESCROW

SALARY DEDUCTION

GRAND TOTAL	\$4,862,620.14
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MASSEY
ACTING BOROUGH
CLERK

DATED: MARCH 17,
2021

Vote Record – To Adopt Resolution Number 2021-142				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Duane Patterson thanked the Mayor and Council for their vote of confidence as the DPW Superintendent, and he asked for their continued support to move the department forward.
2. Sylvia Turnage stated that the State outlines the protocol for the budget and that CFO Hasseler is aware of it. She said the cardboard that was flying around in commercial areas not residential. She thanked everyone for dedicating their time and resources to the fire victims, and stated that they are still in need of monetary donations because many of them are still living in hotels. She gave condolences to the family of Jeannette Fish and said she will be missed. She asked when Borough Hall will reopen and said DPW office workers deal with the public face to face and doesn't understand why employees in Borough Hall do not. She talked about a video of residents picketing in front of Borough Hall for Councilwoman Johnson in reference to an email that the governing body is aware of. She said the Acting Borough Administrator suspended other employees for less infractions and said is it justice or just us. She Adrian Mapp and ran a tight ship 15 or 16 years ago and the budget was good and that he was fired for not playing politics. She told Council President Wilkerson to do her research so they don't duplicate the same studies and spend extra money. Her time was up and she asked for more time.

A motion was made by Councilman Villeda, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to extend Ms. Turnage's time.

Vote Record – To Extend Time by 1 Minute				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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Sylvia Turnage said she has an on-going issue regarding the co-hosts for Zoom meeting and questioned why the Library Director is a co-host and doesn't understand why she was selected. She also said that the profile pictures of participants should be shown and the meeting not edited. She also questioned if the host or co-hosts are disabling the pictures.

Mayor Shaw commented that he will talk to the Acting Borough Administrator off-line about the Zoom hosts and co-hosts.

3. Garrett Smith talked about work that Elizabethtown Gas is doing in the community, and he said the work started at 8:00 a.m., and asked if there is an ordinance stating what time work is allowed. He said they did a horrible job on his grass and property when they came back and his neighbors are complaining as well and wants to know what Council person he can reach out to for help. He commented on a library board member and said she had many grievances, they never received any library reports, and the member was disrespected and thrown off the board. He said they are rail roading through the Library project by leasing the property to an outside organization and he also talked about the debt service. He said he didn't understand why the CFO gave a presentation and didn't stay on to answer questions, and there are problems with how much money is being borrowed and how the library is being managed. He also said no one is answering questions or is clear on what the project is because there's been no presentation. He also said the Library Board knows little about the project and asked for clarity. He also spoke about the sidewalk repair project and said it was very expensive and he doesn't understand things are being outsourced when they have 44 employees. He said he hopes the tone changes from Council when the public makes comments or asks questions. He feels they make smirky comments and behave as if they are superior and he said they took an oath to serve and not to put them in their place.
4. Jeanne Ryan, Library Director, said she wanted to address former Mayor Smith's questions, and asked Mayor Shaw if he could extend Mr. Smith time so that he could clarify what he needs to know about the library. She said they have been transparent about the new library and there's been news coverage about it as well. She then

about the new library and there's been news coverage about it as well. She then announced that they received a \$5.5 million dollar from the state she is very grateful for it and feels the community is too, and said they are here to provide support to the community. She also said she can answer questions from anyone from the viewing audience and gave her email address.

Mr. Smith commented that he was told that the \$7 million price tag is something that changed and asked if adjustments were made. He also said he didn't see a presentation this year and doesn't remember a presentation from 2020.

Jeanne Ryan then remarked that it is something they will address and have a little more information for the project and talk about the project in the future.

Council President Wilkerson said she wanted to clarify that no one was kicked off the Library Board and that the member's term expired and she was not reinstated. She said that process is over and they have moved on. She congratulated DPW Superintendent Patterson on his promotion and said everyone has his support 100% and she looks forward to the improvements that will come. She said there is no outsourcing going on at DPW and they are just talking advantage of services. She said the St. Georges Avenue lots were not designated an area in need of redevelopment and Council is moving forward to make that happen. She also said Mayor and Council has the right to run their meetings in a way that no public member is being locked, and they adhere to state statute. She also encouraged the public to turn their videos on during Zoom meetings if they want to be shown, and remarked that they are giving residents the chance to say comment on what and how they want to say it while taking the necessary precautions to prevent people from Zoom bombing and interrupting the meetings. She said she doesn't have a superior attitude or mentality and just answers questions the way she sees them. She said a there was no previous redevelopment in the Borough that mandated affordable housing, and she said Council is working towards that now with the 1st Avenue project. She also said she is happy to share information on things that are real and what's not.

Councilwoman Johnson talked about the Mayor's appointment to the library board and said she is still waiting for answers to questions. She also asked to have the person that the Mayor appointed placed back on a resolution for consideration because residents and board members stated the individual was excellent as a volunteer member. She also said that because of personality conflicts she was disbarred from the board.

Councilman Bernier stated that on weekdays, the earliest work can be done during the week is 8:30 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., on weekends. He said this information is on the Borough's Ecode as well. He said issues with Elizabethtown Gas can be discussed with the Council person of a particular ward as well as DPW and the Borough engineer to get in touch with the contractor's doing the work. He also said the Borough is trying to pay down the debt to assure they are not getting too close to the debt limit; and he said they have to commit resources that increase the debt service while paying down debt and investing in the Borough. He echoed the sentiment of Council President Wilkerson about the Zoom meetings where someone came in and shared their

screen only to interrupt the meeting, and it is Zoom best practices to lock down certain settings. He also agrees that the finance presentation should be shared on the website so that the public can see the numbers for themselves and ask questions. He also said the numbers don't lie.

Councilman Fortuna said they are going after the most tree damaged sidewalks which requires a specialist that can do more sidewalks efficiently and better and he said it is better for everyone which is the rationale behind the work.

Seeing no one else coming forward, Mayor Shaw closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Richard Villeda thanked God for protecting the public during the pandemic. He also gave condolences to his 84-year-old neighbor who passed away and he shared fond memories of him. He also gave his condolences to others who lost loved ones. He talked about the fire on 2nd Avenue on March on 2nd and thanked the Roselle Police and Fire Department for their excellent work in handling the fire.

Councilman Bernier announced that his 2nd Ward Council meetings will take place on the last Tuesday of each month at via Zoom, and he said if things change with the pandemic, he will do a dual version with an in-person option. He encouraged the public to reach out to him if they want to discuss finances or anything else and left his contact information. He thanked CFO Anders Hasseler for the presentation and said it was important to package it together so the residents could absorb it. He thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their handling of the fire on 2nd Avenue, and he encouraged the public to give monetary donations to the fire victims via the Borough Clerk's Office. He congratulated DPW Superintendent Duane Patterson on his promotion and welcomed the new Borough Administrator Rick Smiley. He thanked Mayor Shaw for working with the Council in the hiring process. He talked about the ordinance for redevelopment on 1st Avenue and said he is excited to see the Borough move forward with it. He echoed the sentiment of Council President Wilkerson that the property was never designated as affordable workforce housing or dictated in any previous redevelopment projects. He gave a detailed explanation of the type of redevelopment that the Borough is looking into for the future. He said he was excited about the finances of the Borough and the zero-tax increase on the municipal side. He talked about the goals that finance hit and said he was happy to see everyone work together for the benefit of the Borough. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and said see you next month for the budget hearing.

Councilwoman Johnson welcomed Borough Administrator Rick Smiley. She encouraged DPW Superintendent Patterson to continue to doing what he is doing with the support of the Municipal Council, and thanked him for stepping in when they didn't have a superintendent. She commended him on his work ethic and thanked him for his leadership. She talked about the Borough opening up to the public and questioned when it will happen. She thanked Sylvia Turnage for volunteering to help the Fire Relief victims and said she was there from beginning to

the end and called her a phenomenal woman. She said Ms. Turnage is a former Councilwoman and knows a lot about how things work and said the game doesn't change, just the players. She thanked the Roselle Police and Fire Department, the Council Members and everyone who assisted with the fire and the victims. She encouraged Ms. Turnage to continue to call people out when things are not right and to continue to fight for the Borough. She also thanked Mayor Shaw for organizing things in the Borough and thanked Robert Lawson for helping out with a problem a resident was having. She talked about the Mayor's appointment to the Library Board and said she stands behind the Mayor. She asked that the person be reinstated on the board even if there are personality conflicts. She thanked Mike Tisdale Code Enforcement Officer, and encouraged the 3rd Ward residents to be safe and have a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilwoman Thomas gave her condolences to the family of Michelle Goudin, Deaconess Johnson, Elaine Creaton, and Tracy Hubbard and encouraged others to reach out and pray for them. She thanked the Police, Fire and OEM for the job they did regarding the 2nd Avenue fire. She thanked everyone who volunteered to help the fire victims at the Community Center, and said the day of giving was great and showed how Roselle comes out wholeheartedly. She congratulated Borough Administrator Rick Smiley and welcomed him aboard. She also commended DPW Superintendent Duane Patterson on his promotion and said he always comes through when needed. She thanked the Mayor and the County for the vaccine programs and said some of her residents received vaccines. She announced that there will be webinar for cancer and lung cancer screening on April 5th between 7p.m. and 8 p.m., and the information can be found on the Borough of Roselle website with a link to register. She also reported that the Health Board will hold its next meeting on March 24th at 6:30 p.m. She encouraged everyone to be safe and wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilman Fortuna thanked everyone who helped out with the Fire Relief and said it was heartwarming to see everyone come together at the Amalfe Community Center. He said the relief started as soon as the fire was put out and thanked the Police, Fire and OEM for getting the fire under control and expressed his gratitude that there was no loss of life. He thanked CFO Hasseler for his presentation and said he did a good job with the budget and all the work done around the budget. He also congratulated DPW Superintendent Patterson on his promotion and said he had a lot of good ideas in the interview to move things forward. He announced that he will hold his 5th Ward Zoom meeting on Tuesday from 6p.m. to 8p.m and the information is on the Borough website and social media. He said the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Fisher will be in attendance. He also spoke about 5th Ward Resident Rosie McCanery who wants to put together an entrepreneur virtual boot camp for 8th and 9th graders in May or June. He said once the details are worked out they will be provided and it is a great idea to make the community better. He also provided Rosie's email address and commended her and remarked that these are the kinds of great activities that they can fill up the new library to empower the youth.

Council President Wilkerson said she loved the entrepreneur boot camp idea and will share the information with her constituents. She gave condolences to the Fish family and all families that had a loss this month. She said Happy St. Patrick's Day to all Irish American residents and Happy Women's Month. She said she is feminist who celebrates the greatness of women and

there is still more work to do in terms of women's rights. She said a lot of youth are struggling with substance abuse and the Everett Hatcher Prevention Coalition is going after grants for more programs designed around substance abuse. She encouraged residents to volunteer on the coalition and to contact Hellen Quesada on her email address. She thanked everyone for joining her Perseverance through the Pain Zoom Meeting and talked about how her daughter lost her baby Laila at eight months, and she said it was devastating. She said the meeting included other women who lost a child and shared their stories and thanked Lenora Stroman, Samsa Jones. She also thanked her daughter Emani Bryant for having the courage to share with others while she is working through her loss. She thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, and OEM for working together and said she was proud of the public safety team. She thanked Sylvia Turnage and all the volunteers for helping the fire victims, and she thanked James Carey and Mayor Shaw for making the community center available. She said there are 14 fire victim families and the goal is to provide each family \$1,000 each, and she extended the period to donate funds. She talked about reopening Borough Hall and reported that there were 177 positive cases, and 69 deaths, one death this month. She said there is an 8% positive rate and it's being tracked every day to get see if it comes down to 4 to 5 % and then reopen. She thanked Mayor Shaw for the vaccination program and congratulated Rick Smiley and DPW Superintendent Patterson on their appointments. She thanked Everett Falt for his service in the Acting Borough Administrator role and said he stepped up and did what was needed. She thanked Mayor Shaw for working together with the Council to move things forward and she thanked the Standing Committees for their role in making the Borough better. She also said whatever decisions they make is in the best interest of the Borough and she loves her job and has no regrets about it and will continue to move the Borough forward.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Shaw gave his condolences to the Fish family as well as to the people that Councilwoman Thomas mentioned. He said life is not promised to anyone and we must be grateful to see another day. He said he spoke to Ms. Williams on numerous occasions and said she is heartfelt about doing the job as a member of the Library Board and that he will attend the next Library Board meeting to observe and hopes to find a way to bring the appointment back to Council if the seat is still available. He addressed opening Borough Hall, and said that even though the County is open, it is not open 100%, and everyone plays a different role. He commended Commissioner Andrea Staten for working tirelessly to bring the mobile vaccination unit to the Borough, and said he reached out to Council and they came through and 202 people were vaccinated. He said the Borough has to be mindful and careful and how to reopen and he supports it. He thanked James Carey and all the other food outlets that donated food for the fire victims. He also thanked Mr. Carey for doing COVID-19 cleaning of at the community center. He thanked Sylvia Turnage and Councilwoman Johnson for volunteering when he called on them to help with the food relief and said everyone put their differences aside and there were no political enemies. He said he and the current team is here to work with Mr. Smiley to move the Borough forward and he knew Mr. Smiley for years and knows his dedication to community. He also said he looks forward to DPW Superintendent Patterson being a part of the process to move the Borough forward.

Mayor Shaw then asked for a motion to go into closed executive session and said he asked for it to be at the end of the meeting to not keep the public waiting.

Councilwoman Johnson also mentioned that Mr. Donald Givens, Senior, passed away and was a pillar of the community who was a professional boxer and taught a lot of the youth in Roselle how to box and some because professional boxers and she gave condolences to his family.

Mayor Shaw thanked Mrs. Johnson for the information about Mr. Givens and he asked everyone to be safe and mask up.

Motion by Councilman Fortuna, seconded by Councilman Villeda to adopt Resolution Number 2021-143. All were in favor; none were opposed and the Mayor and Council went into closed Executive Session at 9:52 p.m.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-143
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
- Contractual Matters
- 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.

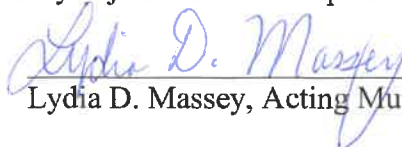
This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 March 17, 2021.

At 10:24 p.m., the governing body came out of the Closed Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilman Fortuna; all were in favor, none were opposed and the Regular meeting was duly adjourned at 10:25 p.m.


Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk