

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 AT 7:04P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AT BOROUGH HALL

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

BOROUGH CLERK: this meeting is being held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by forwarding a Sunshine notice which included the time, date and location of this public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilman Fitzhenry, Councilwoman DeCicco, Councilman Karcic, Councilwoman Sheedy, Councilman Del Russo, Councilwoman Bocchino

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Daniel H. Pronti, Borough Clerk, Kathleen Moore, Borough Administrator, Stephen Lo Iacono, Borough Attorney, Randy Pearce

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

- Lupus Awareness Month
- Lupus Awareness Month Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month
- HANDS of North Arlington – 55 Years of Service

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUBMISSION OF A 2026 BERGEN COUNTY TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION:

- COLUMBUS PARK (Block 24, Lot 5); 241 River Road – The borough's project will revitalize Columbus Park through the development of accessible walking paths, a decorative plaza, and a central gathering space with benches, picnic tables (including ADA-accessible seating), and a tensile shade structure. Additional improvements include enhanced landscaping, lawn restoration, irrigation, and pathway lighting to improve aesthetics, usability, and safety. The park will feature a looped walking path and open green space for passive recreation.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIS GRANT APPLICATION:

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo

SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

No one wishes to be heard.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIS GRANT APPLICATION:

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy

SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 101-26 THROUGH AND INCLUDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 115-26 DETAILED BY TITLE BELOW, ARE LISTED ON A CONSENT AGENDA, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF A COUNCIL MEMBER DESIRES DISCUSSION ON A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- R-101-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS
- R-102-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A 2026 BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION
- R-103-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT REVIEW PROGRAM (MERP) GRANT
- R-104-26 RESO RE: MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT – GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (GCSUD)
- R-105-26 RESO RE: SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON AND THE NORTH ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION (SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS)
- R-106-26 RESO RE: AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES
- R-107-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1
- R-108-26 RESO RE: FIREFIGHTER – INACTIVE STATUS
- R-109-26 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF FIREFIGHTER
- R-110-26 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CAPTAIN
- R-111-26 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF POLICE LIEUTENANT
- R-112-26 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF POLICE SERGEANT
- R-113-26 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF POLICE SERGEANT
- R-114-26 RESO RE: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE RADIO COMMUNICATION RECORDING SYSTEM AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
- R-115-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BOROUGH OF RUTHERFORD BOARD OF HEALTH RE: CHILD HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES

MOTION TO APPROVE

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino
*Abstains from all Fire Department matters

COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILMAN FITZHENRY: Councilman Fitzhenry opened by congratulating all officers being promoted that evening. He reported that he had recently returned from a trip to Portugal and noted that during his absence, a significant 12-alarm fire occurred in Belleville, in which North Arlington Fire Department apparatus and personnel participated in water relay operations and assisted with related house fires caused by wind-driven embers. He offered an informative explanation of water grid systems and hydrant testing practices, countering social media commentary suggesting Belleville was unprepared, noting that encountering a non-functioning hydrant and moving to the next is standard procedure. He also reported that he had been informed by a former Board of Education colleague that the BOE would be presenting a zero-percent tax increase budget this year, which he called an exceptional achievement given rising contractual salaries and skyrocketing health insurance costs. He asked Mayor Pronti to pass along his congratulations to the Board. He also mentioned a forthcoming meeting with BOE members to discuss the possibility of identifying additional classroom space and shared recreation sites.

COUNCILWOMAN DECICCO: Councilwoman DeCicco reported upcoming library events, including a "Wiggle and Jiggle" children's event on May 18th and a Lego Night on May 19th. She noted she would be attending the Senior Scholarship Awards at North Arlington High School on June 1st. She also congratulated Councilwoman Bocchino and Councilman Del Russo on their campaign dinner, calling it a "huge success."

COUNCILMAN KARCIC: Councilman Karcic noted that the 2026 municipal budget, to be introduced that evening, had been the product of an extraordinarily difficult budget process. He referenced statewide pressures facing municipalities, noting that state health benefit costs had risen approximately 80 percent over the last five years, with a 32-percent increase in the prior year alone, and that another significant hike was anticipated on January 1st. He emphasized that no layoffs were involved and that services would be maintained. He thanked Borough Administrator Steve Pierce for his work navigating the process. Councilman Karcic then delivered his monthly abbreviated police report. Highlights for April included 2,592 calls of service, 1,012 property checks, 522 motor vehicle stops, 2,538 summonses, and 25 arrests — including 12 from warrants and 5 DUIs. The Detective Bureau opened 32–37 new investigations, primarily involving shoplifting and theft. He again urged residents to call the police department directly when they observe issues, rather than turning first to social media.

COUNCILWOMAN SHEEDY: Councilwoman Sheedy reported for the Board of Health that a SNAP representative would be available at the Senior Center on Tuesday, June 9th at 10 AM. She noted the final session of the "Take Control of Your Health" program was held that day and received very positive feedback. She also mentioned that Board of Health staff are currently training in infectious disease surveillance and preparedness in connection with the upcoming World Cup. For the library, she reported that a guest speaker from BUCLS (Bridging Communities Connecting Services), a consortium of 78 Northern New Jersey public libraries, attended and shared resources and CE credit opportunities for trustees. Regarding special events, Councilwoman Sheedy announced that Celebrate North Arlington is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th. She recapped the Senior Citizens Prom held April 30th at the Roma, calling it a sold-out success, with the prom king named as Seth Diaz and prom queen as Karen Sullivan. She

also announced that the summer recreation program at Allen Park would run from July 6th to August 14th for students entering kindergarten through fourth grade, with registration on May 26th at the Senior Center.

COUNCILMAN DEL RUSSO: Councilman Del Russo congratulated two recent police retirees and acknowledged the officers being promoted that evening. He echoed Councilwoman Sheedy's remarks about the Senior Prom, calling it possibly the best prom the borough had ever held. Regarding the Department of Public Works, he reported that crews are actively repairing potholes, maintaining athletic fields, cleaning and repairing catch basins, and conducting daily litter patrol. He noted that Phase 1 of the 2026 tree planting program has been completed with 28 trees planted, and Phase 2 will begin in October. He also reported that painting and striping on Ridge Road and Daniel Morris Park have been completed in preparation for the Memorial Day parade.

COUNCILWOMAN BOCCHINO: Councilwoman Bocchino reported that the Recreation Commission met twice that week. She noted that discussions are underway to have a new scoreboard donated for the girls' softball field. Fall soccer sign-ups are currently open, and football and cheer sign-ups will be held on June 7th from 12 to 4 PM at the Senior Center. She announced that the Memorial Day Parade steps off on Monday, May 25th at 2 PM, and noted that a sensory-friendly section will again be available along the route between Aster Ave and the Albert Street, where there will be no noise or blinking lights. She also announced that the Knights of Columbus will join the VFW in placing flags on the graves of deceased veterans at Holy Cross Cemetery on Saturday, May 23rd at 9 AM, and invited residents to participate. Councilwoman Bocchino then announced, with evident pride, that this year's parade Grand Marshal is John Calabro, a North Arlington resident who is 104 years old.

MAYOR PRONTI: Mayor Pronti highlighted the borough's biannual newsletter, noting that this edition features a dining guide for North Arlington businesses, designed in part to attract visitors attending the FIFA World Cup. He explained that the guide is intended to encourage visitors — who may be staying in the New York area — to patronize local restaurants and businesses rather than traveling back to the city. He noted that the nearby stadium, formerly MetLife, has been rebranded as FIFA Stadium. Mayor Pronti also briefly addressed an upcoming state e-bike law taking effect in July, noting that it does not yet apply to scooters but represents a welcome step, and that the police department would be issuing communications to the public on the new requirements.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Lieutenant Hudak → Captain
Sergeant Demczuk → Lieutenant
Officer Konieczny → Sergeant
Detective Porporino → Sergeant

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Borough Administrator Steve Lo Iacono noted that the following day, May 15th, is the Memorial Day Parade, and that flags would be flown in recognition of law enforcement officers who gave their lives in service. He acknowledged the difficulty of the 2026 budget process, stating that in his years of experience it was "the most difficult budget I have ever worked on," while noting that the borough was still able to bring in a relatively minimal tax

increase while maintaining all services. He noted that the increase in health benefit costs alone represented a \$1.2 million increase over the prior year as a starting point. The budget will be adopted at the June 11th meeting, with a public hearing and presentation. Administrator Lo Iacono also reported that the motor vehicle mobile unit was on site the previous day and accommodated the maximum number of residents, and that he has submitted a request to have them return before year's end. He noted that Richard Hughes has been working to revive the CERT operation; approximately nine North Arlington representatives attended a statewide CERT conference in Middlesex County the prior week. Finally, he reported that North Arlington once again received the top safety award through the South Bergen JIF, a recognition that comes with both monetary benefits and favorable insurance rates.

REDEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT (BOB CEBERIO): Redevelopment Consultant Mark Ceberio reported that the owners of the Hayward property at 29 Parade Avenue have determined that rather than rehabilitate the existing building, they will demolish it, remediate the site of any contamination, and construct a brand-new facility. He characterized this as positive progress for ratables along Parade Avenue. Mr. Ceberio also reported that a company seeking 4 to 5 acres for a refrigerated/freezer warehouse distribution facility has expressed strong interest in Parade Avenue due to its proximity to the Belleville Turnpike, the New Jersey Turnpike, and the tunnel. A report identifying potential development sites along the corridor has been prepared and will be shared with the Redevelopment Committee, with a meeting with the company scheduled for the following Thursday. Regarding the Melrose Avenue site, Mr. Ceberio reported that a company has submitted a Letter of Intent to the property owner proposing a retail development. He indicated that the borough made clear to the company that any development must go through the standard application process, and that the borough cannot prejudge an application before it is submitted. The company has been advised to submit their application immediately, as there is no contingency in their LOI. In response to a question from Councilman Karcic, Mr. Ceberio explained that the remediation timeline for the Hayward property would depend on the demolition, LSRP testing to determine the extent of contamination, and potential off-site disposal of contaminated soils. He noted that the LSRP's remediation plan has already been submitted to the NJDEP, and that the redevelopment committee would be receiving a presentation that Monday on the new building design and projected timetables.

ENGINEERS REPORT (AUGUST MATARAZZO): The Borough Engineer provided updates on several active projects:

Daniel Morris Park Bulkhead Project: Thirty-percent design plans have been submitted to the DCA and reviewed; comments have been passed to the designer and are being addressed. The proposed design includes a gabion wall stabilization with a living shoreline, a series of observation piers and viewing decks along the riverfront, and additional pathways connecting to Columbus Park.

Macaluso Park Improvements: Renderings have been received from a vendor for proposed playground improvements. The planned design includes a larger playground for children ages 5–12, a smaller playground for children ages 2–5, a three-bay swing set, North Arlington-themed colors, and a rubberized safety surface — consistent with the approach used successfully at Fisher Field. The other half of the park would feature a great lawn with an asphalt pathway, lighting, and landscaping. A full presentation had been planned for this meeting but will be deferred to next month. Mayor Pronti confirmed that his requested additions to the layout have been incorporated.

Rip Collins Field Auxiliary Parking Lot: A contractor for demolition of the existing structure is being sought through a cooperative purchasing mechanism. A quote is expected by end of month or early next month. The engineer noted that the presence of asbestos in the building will require a demolition period of approximately two months, followed by approximately a month and a half of parking lot construction, with a target completion before the football season.

2026 Roadway Improvements: Streets scheduled include Stover Avenue, Eagle Street, Forest Street, Crystal Street, Bogle Avenue, Riverview Avenue, Beaver Avenue, and Melrose Avenue, funded through a combination of DOT, CDBG, and municipal funds. The project is expected to go out to bid early summer and be constructed over the summer.

Mayor Pronti: directed staff to coordinate with the water company on the Exton Avenue area to avoid paving over newly installed water mains.

Administrator Steve Lo Iacono: confirmed that the DPW and the water company had already met the prior week to coordinate scheduling.

August Matarazzo: 2025 Roadway Improvements: The contractor is anticipated to mobilize following Memorial Day, with a start date at the end of May.

Councilman Fitzhenry: Took a moment to clarify for the public why utility work and paving schedules can shift, noting that OSHA prohibits open excavation during rain events and that asphalt cannot be laid below certain temperatures. In response to social media commentary he had observed.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic

SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

Natalie Maximus, 6 Ninth Street: Before I go into my updates, I am glad the Chief is here tonight. I just want to shout out to the Chief and the training for the North Arlington police department, I don't think they get enough recognition. Unfortunately, we had a medical incident with a baby on April 30th, which required CPR at my mother's house. The NAPD was at her house in less than a minute. Very scary event, but definitely trained very well, super supportive, even though I was going crazy. They did a fantastic job keeping the rest of the family pretty calm, getting my child stabilized. So a shout out to the Chief, shout out to the officers and NAPD, again I don't think they get enough recognition. We are in a great town where we have help almost immediately, so thank you again. For this month I want to provide a couple of updates regarding cannabis dispensaries and my proposal to hopefully move forward with opening a dispensary in North Arlington. As you guys may have known, officially, cannabis has been rescheduled in April, so officially rescheduled from class one to class three, which again I've mentioned previously, but it opens a lot of doors for additional testing, additional banking opportunities, just a great opportunity for businesses as a whole cannabis business. What I also wanted to add that is there's about 32 medical dispensaries in the State of New Jersey; we happen to be one of those. We are able to submit for a DEA licenses,

so what's significant about that is pharmacies, before they open, also have to submit for a DEA licenses, which makes us not only federally recognized, but the class of cannabis now is also federally recognized. It puts these medical dispensaries in a fantastic position. Ideally down the line, once something is approved federally and you have a DEA license for it, you can bill insurance companies for it. So hopefully Medicare, Medicaid is first to step up, and then I assume, or I am hoping down the line, just anything else, now it becomes second nature for commercial insurances as well. Data was just published for Q4 of 2025 for the amount of taxes that were paid to the state of New Jersey. Q4 came in at over \$18 million, it's increasing significantly quarter after quarter for 2025. It started I believe around \$15 million and jumped up to \$18 million at the end of the quarter, and then social equity taxes were a little over \$3 million, which again, these types of businesses in a great position to help their municipalities, because also that tax goes to the municipality as well, I believe it's a 2% tax to the municipality as well. I think my follow-up and my question is, I've been able to provide a ton of information, I know my lawyer was working with the Borough attorney as well. What I am looking for is hopefully a timeline of when we can potentially move forward with this. So this August marks two years since I've first came up here and gave a mini little presentation about cannabis dispensaries. It's funny to look back at it now because I think the stigma has changed significantly, looking back two years ago, you guys were probably looking at me like I was crazy even discussing cannabis, but it's become a little bit more, I don't want to say a household, but it's become a little bit more comfortable discussing and not as taboo as it was two years ago. So looking back now, two years ago, having this discussion was probably a tough moment, I think for me. But I think two years later, it's become more mainstream and I am hoping I can get a timeline of when we can move forward with this in North Arlington. Thank you.

James Sever, 16 Albert Street: Expressed concern about teenagers loitering near the high school and on Ridge Road, describing incidents where senior citizens were forced into the street to pass. He asked what the borough's plan was for addressing disorderly youth behavior and whether a no-loitering ordinance could be established.

Josie Papile, 40 Arlington Boulevard: Asked if the borough's affordable housing court filing and settlement agreement could be made available to the public and offered to receive information on how to access it. She also flagged a property on Front Street that she described as structurally precarious, expressing concern about public safety.

Eva DeCicco: Came forward to request that a swing set be installed at Allen Park, noting that camp activities at the park become repetitive without one.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman DeCicco

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

Borough Attorney Randy Pearce: Responded that the primary outstanding step is a pending zoning review from the borough's planner, Lindsay Knight, who has been focused on affordable housing court deadlines across Northern New Jersey. He outlined the full process: the planner must first submit her report; the governing body reviews it; changes to the zoning code must then go to the

Planning Board for review; and only then can the mayor and council take a final vote. He indicated that the planner's report could potentially be ready for the June meeting, and that if the process moves through the summer, there could be action taken near the two-year mark of Ms. Maximus's first presentation.

Mayor Pronti: Randy, the clarification on the steps that need to be taken as far as action needs to be taken by the governing body to submit it to the planning board.

Borough Attorney Randy Pearce: Yes, that's what I said, I don't even know what we are submitting to them yet. The council can't do anything until the planning board has reviewed potential changes to our zoning code consistent with whatever the concept is. They have the right to say they don't like it, to say it's great, to make changes to the proposal. In that process they meet four days after we meet, we usually meet on a Thursday, they meet on a Monday and it depends whether we get to them on time for their meeting, or we miss a month, it's the summer. All things you don't want to hear, but progress take time and then depending on the response we get from them. The Mayor and Council will finally be in a position to say "based on all these changes, all these safeguards, we're preparing to move forward or we're not" and that's when a vote would come and I don't know when that's going to be.

Mayor Pronti: Is there a way to expedite that?

Borough Attorney Randy Pearce: There's nothing we can do right now; we've done everything. Lindsay jumped right in; she did a lot of things. We reviewed the code; we made sure we understood exactly what the steps were, but it's not a small job, it's a lot of time, it's a lot of money for potentially one location. So, hopefully your right and the trend will continue in the upward direction in terms of tax dollars of 2%, because this is a very expensive process.

Chief Horton: I want to say thank you, to Mrs. Maximous we spoke before the meeting, once again thank you. Chief responded to Mr. Sever, that most loitering laws in New Jersey have been deemed unconstitutional, and that police are actively stationed near Dunkin' Donuts and Ridge Road after school. He acknowledged that juvenile law is restrictive and limits what officers can do, but emphasized that his door is open for residents to meet and discuss concerns.

Councilman Karcic: Reinforced the message to call the police department directly when issues are observed, rather than posting on social media first. Let them address it, they will take care of it.

Mayor Pronti: The police are on patrol, they are driving around the community, they are not responding from point A all the way out. This is not the way it works, they are out patrolling the streets and doing what they are supposed to be doing. They can be at any location within the community at any given time within a very, very reasonable time.

Councilman Karcic: I am assuming this is happened after school, there's always police officers in this area, between here and the middle school during dismissal time, so if you see something call the police department, then like I said earlier if you want to go and post on Facebook. This isn't the matter that we don't care or that we are letting the kids get away with murder. It's our police department is doing what they can within the confines of the law.

Borough Attorney Pearce: Offered to send Mr. Papile the relevant court documentation via email.

Mayor Pronti: Directed to Mrs. Papile to contact the building maintenance/construction official's office at 201-991-6060 extension 111 for the property concern, and noted that code enforcement follows up on property maintenance violations routinely.

Mayor Pronti: Responded positively to the suggestion and assigned Councilwoman DeCicco to work with the Borough engineer to explore pricing and potential grant funding for a swing set installation at Allan Park.

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2460

CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman DeCicco

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2458

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LICENSE PLATE READERS WITH ACCESSORIES FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, POLICE DEPARTMENT

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2458 TO THE PUBLIC

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry

SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

No one wishes to be heard

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino

SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

ORDINANCE NO. 2459

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 187 §9(B) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” PROVIDING FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE (68 Fairmount Avenue)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2459 TO THE PUBLIC

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy

SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

No one wishes to be heard

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry

SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino\

RESOLUTION OFF CONSENT

R-116-26 RESO RE: INTRODUCTION OF 2026 BUDGET

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman DeCicco

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

R-117-26 RESO RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 8:48pm

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to discuss: CONTRACTUAL MATTERS, PERSONNEL MATTERS, BARGAINING AGREEMENT MATTERES, ANTICIPATED AND/OR PENDING LITIGATION, ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY **WHEREAS**, public release of the discussion will only occur after counsel approval and action may or may not occur after discussion. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council are now in executive session.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino

SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

[Executive Session]

MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman DeCicco

SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

R-118-26 RESOLUTION TO AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR PREPARATION OF REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino

SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

R-119-26 RESOLUTION TO AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

R-120-26 RESO RE: RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND ADOPT AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST SPENDING PLAN, AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM MANUAL

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy

SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

R-121-26 RESO RE: URGING STATE LEADERS TO IMPLEMENT FAIR AND EQUITABLE REFORMS TO MITIGATE THE UNSUSTAINABLE INCREASES IN HEALTH BENEFIT PREMIUMS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

R-122-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman DeCicco

SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT @ 10:58pm:

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy

ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino