

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2013**

Mayor Holley called the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, Mayor and Council Regular Meeting held at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey on March 20, 2013 to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Holley then led the flag salute to the American Flag and Rev. Dixon Mt. Teman AME Church, Elizabeth gave the invocation.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Christine Dansereau; Councilwoman Kimberly Shaw; Councilman Randy Sandifer (excused absence) ; Councilman Ronald Hayman; Councilman Roy Locke; Council President Yves Aubourg(excused absence); and Mayor Jamel Holley

Also Present:

John Hudak, Esq., Borough Attorney, David Brown, Borough Administrator, Bryan Russell

The Deputy Municipal Clerk, Ms. Agbejimi, read the "Open Public Meetings Act" compliance statement.

"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 mailing the Amended Annual Notice of regular and workshop meetings for 2012 to the Union County Local Source and the Home News Tribune in 2012 and by filing said notice in the Office of the Municipal Clerk."

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Holley read into the record the following proclamations:

In Memory of Sally Hughes

In Memory of Alison Carter

Dominique Watkins of ACHS-1ST Place Girls in 400 Meter Race at the Eastern States Track Meet

Councilwoman Christine Dansereau read into the record the following proclamation:

Multiple Sclerosis Month

Councilman Ronald Hayman read into the record the record the following proclamation:

Retirement of Vincent Amatel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Dansereau, seconded by Councilman Hayman to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – February 13, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – February 20, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Meeting – March 4, 2013

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Hayman and Locke
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2013-133 Resolution Increasing the Compensation of a Seasonal Laborer
- 2013-134 Resolution in Support of the Woodbridge Developmental Center to Remain Open
- 2013-135 Approving a Can Shake and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Endorse Same – Roselle Pop Warner
- 2013-136 Approving a Can Shake and Authorizing The Borough Clerk to Endorse Same – Roselle Girls Athletic League
- 2013-137 Approving a Can Shake and Authorizing The Borough Clerk to Endorse Same – Abraham Clark High School Project Graduation
- 2013-138 Authorizing Professional Engineering Design And Construction Administration Services in Connection with the 2nd Avenue - Streetscape & Parking Lot Improvements Within the Borough Of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
- 2013-139 Authorizing Professional Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services in Connection with the Chandler Avenue Park Improvements within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
- 2013-140 Authorizing Contract Change Order For As-Built Final Quantities for the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program - Sanitary Sewer System Improvements within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
- 2013-141 Approving a Bill List dated March 20, 2013
- 2013-142 Authorizing Calendar Year 2012 Appropriation Reserve Transfer
- 2013-143 Amending a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Alpha Dog Solutions, Inc., to Provide Website Design Social Media Text Messaging for the Borough Not to Exceed \$32,580.00

- 2013-144 Authorizing the Continuation of the Roselle Police Department Junior Police Academy for Students Residing in the Borough of Roselle
- 2013-145 Authorizing Settlement of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Tax Appeals Entitled Miodrag Banic and Michael Barritta, v. Borough of Roselle, Docket No.:015295-2011, Block 504, Lot 22.01 Commonly Known as 225 Linden Road
- 2013-146 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-043, Block 2802, Lot 13, in the Amount of \$9,148.43
- 2013-147 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-055, Block 3902, Lot 11, in the Amount of \$14,254.03
- 2013-148 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-059, Block 4901, Lot 26, in the Amount of \$23,739.70
- 2013-149 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 11-041, Block 4505, Lot 21, in the Amount of \$27,416.38
- 2013-150 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-073, Block 6401, Lot 05, in the Amount of \$15,270.42
- 2013-151 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 09-03, Block 407, Lot 03, in the Amount of \$101,814.81
- 2013-152 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 09-004, Block 407, Lot 04, in the Amount of \$52,215.41
- 2013-153 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-011, Block 903, Lot 17, in the Amount of \$1,303.40
- 2013-154 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-023, Block 1403, Lot 93, Qual: C005B in the Amount of \$8,255.60
- 2013-156 Appointing a Member to the Roselle Office of Service and Engagement (R.O.S.E.) Advisory Board
- 2013-157 Approving a Settlement in the Matter Andre Doss V. Borough of Roselle, Docket Number 2:10-cv-03497

Motion by Councilwoman Dansereau, seconded by Councilman Locke to the consent agenda as written.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Hayman and Locke
 Nays: None
 Abstentions: None
 Absent: None

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING -- Ordinance Number 2454-13

**UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A RESIDENTIAL
OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMIT FOR CERTAIN AREAS**

Motion by Councilman Hayman, seconded by Councilman Locke that Ordinance Number 2454-13 be introduced on first reading, advertised in the official newspaper as required by law, with a public hearing on April 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Hayman and Locke
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING – Ordinance Number 2455-13

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HISPANIC-LATINO AFFAIRS

Motion by Councilwoman Dansereau, seconded by Councilman Locke that Ordinance Number 2455-13 be introduced on first reading with the necessary changes, advertised in the official newspaper as required by law, with a public hearing on April 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Hayman and Locke
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING – Ordinance Number 2456-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 120-2 FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS

Motion by Councilwoman Dansereau, seconded by Councilman Locke that Ordinance Number 2456-13 be introduced on first reading with the necessary changes, advertised in

the official newspaper as required by law, with a public hearing on April 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Hayman and Locke

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries.

Public Comment

1. Juan Cierra 519 W. 6th Avenue discussed the diversity in Roselle and that their objective is to help the people of Hispanic background in Roselle. He stated that their short term goals are to obtain lines of communication such as phone lines, a website and email correspondences. He also stated that he wanted an office for the Latino Affairs so that members of the community are able to come state their needs. Mr. Cierra then said that their long term goals were to assist citizens with citizenship, establish a Latino Hispanic Celebration Month, establishing Spanish programs at the senior center and to establish an ESL program so that people who can not speak English can learn the language. He wants to help get Hispanic people involved in the community. Mr. Cierra stated he wanted to implement a Hispanic Latino after school story telling time at the public library. He then stated he wanted a gang prevention program for the youth because they need good role models in the community. Lastly he stated that he wanted to start volunteer program to assist seniors in projects that are difficult for them such as landscaping and gardening. Awilda Restrepo 243 E. 7th Avenue then translated Mr. Cierra's statements in Spanish.
2. Rev. James Moore, 516 Sheridan Avenue, commented on the snow storms and problems there are when there is a state of emergency and that during this time cars are to be removed so that the streets can be plowed. He stated the problem with this is that some people do not have a place to move their cars and that if you happen to get stuck in the snow moving your car then what happens since the Borough of Roselle tickets and tows cars that are stuck in the street. He asked if the Council could investigate if there are places where residents can go to park during the snow storm he would greatly appreciate it. Rev. Moore appreciates the new paving but complained about how companies are digging up the same places that were paved and the replacement is not the same quality. He also suggested trying an ordinance where companies that dig must pave the area with the same quality it was before they started digging. Lastly he requested a clock be made prominent so that he can see it on 6th Avenue between Sheridan and Thompson Avenue.

3. Cecilia Ricks, 154 W.5TH Avenue. Ms. Ricks commented on the paving of a particular street. She wanted to know when it would be paved and if it would be included in the next set of streets that would be paved.
4. Anthony Esposito, 414 E. 3rd Avenue commented that he has a problem of how the finances of the Borough are being reported out and also how the budget is being used. He commented that the finance department does not know how they have and how much was spent because of how the books from 2011 were audited. He also discussed the bonding in 2012 and how it is putting the future in debt. Mr. Esposito stated that we need to take a firm look at our audits and our auditors because an audit should not take more than 6 months.
5. Pat Smith, 580 Uncas Avenue, complained that there are still parking problems and trash issues on her street from Central Park patrons. She complained that the Mayor and the Council have not been helpful to her. She does not want the parking permits in front of her house because she feels it will not help.
6. Mildred Purdie, 1023 Sheridan Avenue, first thanked God for seeing a new year. She discussed Women's Month and the people that she honored. This honoring started with her honoring her own mother. She then went on to honor the Mayor's mother, Councilwoman Christine Dansereau, Councilwoman Kimberly Shaw, Lydia Agbejimi, Martha Alexander, Cynthia Johnson, Aeisha Hayward, Keyanna Lovett and all the women that are a part of the Department of Public Works.

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

Council Comment

Mayor Jamel Holley thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, and he remarked that progress is continuing; he said that he wants to continue to move forward and not worry about the past. Mayor Holley also stated that he is excited about the new Hispanic Affairs Office and that he and the Council are available to help ensure everyone is a part of the Roselle community. Mayor Holley then gave condolences to the D'Carlo, Carter, Hughes, Pierre, Williamson and Jamison families.

Councilwoman Dansereau thanked everyone for coming out and said that she was proud to see the Council Chambers filled with people for this meeting; she then gave out her phone number to the citizens, and told them to contact her or have a cup of coffee with her. She gave a report on the Westbrook Flood Project, and made reference to Women's History Month by stating that the real heroes are the everyday women who make contributions to society. She also asked everyone to remember and appreciate grandmothers, aunts, and all women during this month. She gave condolences to the D'Carlo, Carter, Hughes, Williamson, and Jamison families.

Councilwoman Shaw thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, and expressed that she was excited to see so many people in attendance of the meeting. She then gave out her phone number for residents wishing to contact her. She then gave her condolences to the Hughes family and thanked them for the food they provided. She reported on status of work being done on the Bud Simmons Park, and said they are marking lots of progress. She announced that her next ward meeting will be held on Saturday April 6, 2013 at 11am at the Roselle Firehouse, 3rd Floor.

Councilman Hayman gave his condolences to the family of Deacon Williamson, to the family of accident victim Victor Pierre, the D'Carlo family, the Carter family and also to the Hughes family. Mr. Hayman acknowledged the retirement of Vincent Amatel. He then gave acknowledgements to the Roselle Catholic, Roselle Rams and Dominique Watkins. He reported that he held his 1st meeting with Roselle Clergy, and that it was a good information session; he stated that there will be a follow up meeting with the Pastors/Clergy on March 30, 2013 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1002 Rivington Street, Roselle, and he said that all pastors are invited to attend. He also announced that the 2nd ward community meeting was successful and there was healthy dialogue between him and the residents. He also announced that subsequent 2nd ward community meetings will be held every second Monday of the month in the Baker Room at 7 p.m. Lastly he gave out his phone number to residents.

Councilman Locke expressed his condolences to the D'Carlo, Carter, Hughes, Williamson, and Jamison families Mr. Locke commented on the permit parking and thanked the Mayor and Council and the residents for all their support. He then gave out his phone number for residents. Mr. Locke commended the Mayor and Council on the Hispanic Advisory Board. He congratulated the Roselle Catholic Boys Basketball and also all other athletes in Roselle. He thanked Councilwoman Dansereau for being a great mentor and also thanked her for her wisdom.

Mayor Holley then thanked everyone for coming out and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Roy Locke, seconded by Councilman Ronald Hayman, all in favor, none opposed, by consensus the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:30P.M.


Lydia Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk