

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 17, 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 Council President Aubourg gave the invocation.

Roll Call:

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

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 2013 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 Annabelle Johnson McIntyre
In Memory of Marion A. Caruano

Council President Aubourg read into the record the following proclamation:

National Day of Prayer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilwoman Dansereau to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2013-160 A Resolution Supporting PSE&G'S Energy Strong Program
- 2013-161 Designating Baltimore Avenue with the Honorary Street Name of Dr. Uma Viswanathan Way
- 2013-162 A Resolution Supporting S-1896/A-1503 Sharing the Burden of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds
- 2013-163 Authorizing the Lease of Borough Property by the Borough of Roselle
- 2013-164 Authorize Execution of Right of Way Between Borough of Roselle and Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC to Permit the Installation, Use, and Maintenance of Telecommunications Facilities within Public Rights-of-Way for Purpose of Providing Telecommunications Services
- 2013-165 Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same - Jesus Christ Baptist Church
- 2013-166 Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same – Darlene and Robert Polhill
- 2013-167 Authorizing Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
- 2013-168 Approving a Bill List dated April 17, 2013
- 2013-169 Adopting the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan of the County of Union
- 2013-170 Authorizing Settlement of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Tax Appeals Entitled Miodrag Banic and Michael Barritta, v. Borough of Roselle, Docket No.: 015296-2011, Block 4102, Lot 22, Commonly Known as 724 Chestnut Street
- 2013-171 Authorizing Settlement of the 2010 Tax Appeal Entitled Jose Pereira and Joao Oliveira v. Borough of Roselle, Docket Nos.:015474-2010, Block 701 Lot 4, Commonly Known as 407 Hope Avenue
- 2013-172 Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2012, Block 3002, Lot 2.01, Resulting From Reduction of Tax Assessment, \$2,954.23
- 2013-173 Authorizing 100% Veteran Tax Deduction for the Year 2012 & 2013 as Authorized by a Tax Assessor of the Borough of Roselle
- 2013-174 Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for 2011 & 2012 for Exempt Church Tax Deductions Authorized by a Tax Assessor of the Borough of Roselle, Block 4804, Lot 6
- 2013-175 Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for 2009 for Exempt Church Tax

- Deductions Authorized by a Tax Assessor of the Borough of Roselle,
Block 5406, 06
- 2013-176 Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012 for
Borough Owned Property Authorized by a Tax Assessor of the Borough
of Roselle, Block 407, Lot 08
- 2013-177 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 11-011, Block 1302, Lot
07, in the Amount of \$40,792.66
- 2013-178 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-031, Block 2203, Lot
17, in the Amount of \$14,334.15
- 2013-179 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-054, Block 3901, Lot
12, in the Amount of \$15,488.77
- 2013-180 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-070, Block 6206, Lot
05, in the Amount of \$205.69
- 2013-181 Authorizing Redemption OF Tax Sale Certificate 12-005, Block 407, Lot
07, in the Amount of \$7,898.34

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-182

RESOLUTION APPROVING A.B.C. PERSON-TO-PERSON LICENSE TRANSFER

Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilman Hayman to adopt
Resolution 2013-182 as written.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: Council Member Locke
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-183

APPOINTING AN ACCOUNT CLERK IN THE FINANCE OFFICE

Motion by Councilwoman Dansereau, seconded by Councilwoman Shaw to adopt
Resolution 2013-183 as written.

Roll Call:

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Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Hayman, Locke, Aubourg
Nays: Council Member Sandifer
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance
Number 2454-13

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, COUNTY OF
UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A RESIDENTIAL
OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMIT FOR CERTAIN AREAS**

Mayor Holley read Ordinance Number 2454-13 by Title. The public hearing notice for the above ordinance was published, copies of the ordinance posted on the Borough Hall bulletin Board and copies made available to the public.

Mayor Holley declared the time open for the public hearing on Ordinance Number 2454-13. Seeing no one else come forward Mayor Holley closed the public hearing on this ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Locke, seconded by Councilwoman Dansereau to adopt Ordinance Number 2454-13.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance
Number 2455-13

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

Mayor Holley read Ordinance Number 2455-13 by Title. The public hearing notice for the above ordinance was published, copies of the ordinance posted on the Borough Hall bulletin Board and copies made available to the public.

Mayor Holley declared the time open for the public hearing on Ordinance Number 2455-13.

1. Ms. Maria Hegner 920 Spruce Street, questioned who would be the head of the department and if it would be a paid position. She also stated that she thought it would not be a paid position and she wanted clarification about the position. She also questioned how much the individual would get paid and also who would be placed into the position.
2. Mr. William Frolich 116 East 4th Avenue, remarked that at the last meeting he was told that the office would have paid volunteers. He also wanted to know how the person or individuals would be picked for the office, and he questioned why the ordinance stated that it will appoint an individual when he was also being told that a resolution will be moved to appoint board members. .
3. Ms. Sylvia Turnage 1104 Morris Street, discussed Section 3 of the ordinance and stated that the position is supposed to receive annual compensation; she remarked that the position is not a paid position and that it is supposed to be run by an advisory board. She then remarked that she was taken aback that there was only an office for Hispanic and Latino Affairs being created, and that there are many different races and backgrounds, and questioned why there was no office for other races. She then stated that the office should be called the Cultural Affairs Office so it can include all the different cultures and not just the Hispanic and Latino community.
4. Anthony Esposito 414 East 3rd Avenue, stated that the Mayor and Council were stating that the position would be a board but that everything in the ordinance is pointing towards having an individual for the position. He also recommended that the ordinance be changed so that it represents what the Mayor and Council are stating.

Seeing no one else come forward Mayor Holley then closed this portion of the meeting.

Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilman Sandifer to adopt Ordinance Number 2455-13.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke, Aubourg

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance
Number 2456-13

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

Mayor Holley read Ordinance Number 2456-13 by Title. The public hearing notice for the above ordinance was published, copies of the ordinance posted on the Borough Hall bulletin Board and copies made available to the public.

Mayor Holley declared the time open for the public hearing on Ordinance Number 2456-13.

1. Mr. William Frolich 116 East 4th Avenue discussed the increase in the price of receiving a certified copy of vital records. He then asked how the price was established, and he also wanted to know how much it cost the borough to issue a certificate and why the price was being raised from \$8.00 to \$12.00.

Seeing no one else come forward Mayor Holley then closed this portion of the meeting.

Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilman Locke to adopt Ordinance Number 2456-13.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. William Frolich, 116 East 4th Avenue, remarked that he was still a little unclear about ordinance 2455-13, and he asked questions about the resolution to appoint the advisory board.
2. Maria Hegener, 920 Spruce Street, made statements about the financial status of the borough, and she questioned how changes were made to the Borough's financial deficits, and she questioned how the Borough has a zero percent increase for property taxes.
3. Sylvia Turnage, 1104 Morris Street, remarked that a Borough employee is parking her car at an expired meter all day to put up political signs, and she feels that it is taking money away from the Borough. She remarked that the Borough does not have a budget or financial statements, and she wanted to know why there is still no audit submitted.

4. Mario Alavera, (did not give address) stated that if there is going to be an Office for Hispanic and Latino Affairs then they should try to have more Latinos attend the council meetings. He also stated that he was glad that taxes did not increase when Mayor Holley came into office.
5. Rose Meng, 250 West 2nd Avenue, Pinewood Hall, stated that she has lived in Roselle for over 20 years and that the Mayor and Council has been the best Council in all the years that she lived in Roselle. She also stated that the Mayor and Council really cares about the seniors in the community, and she ended by stating that she is in love with the Mayor.
6. Alfred Agbejimi, 1121 Warren Street, thanked the Mayor and Council for all the good work they are doing in Roselle. He stated that the people are not blind and can see the accomplishments that are being made. He also stated that the new Council is giving the residents a new understanding of administration and are making positive changes.
7. Juan Cierra 509 West 6th Avenue, stated his appreciation of making the office of Hispanic and Latino Affairs. He also stated that he is ready to provide many services to the Hispanic and Latino community, and that it is not only to help serve the Hispanic in the community. He expects the support of the Hispanic community to help this office succeed, and he introduced members of the board. Mr. Cierra announced that notification of their first meeting will be coming in the mail soon, and he reassured everyone that the members of the board are serving on a volunteer basis. Ms. Awilda Restrepo then translated Mr. Cierra's comments into Spanish per request of one of the Council members.

Seeing no one else come forward Mayor Holley then closed this portion of the meeting.

Council Comment

Mayor Holley gave his condolences to the families that lost loved ones. Mayor Holley then thanked Roselle First for organizing a job fair which will be held on April 24, 2013, in the Council Chambers, and he encouraged all residents to come out. He said that the Borough is all about making things better to make more opportunities. He then thanked Councilwoman Dansereau for her work with the Borough's website, and he announced that the Borough's website was deemed the "Top 50" website in the State of New Jersey by a Monmouth University poll. Mr. Holley said that the administration will continue to make improvements in the Borough but it will take time, and there are still many improvements left to make. He asked for support from the residents and assured the residents that he and the Council will continue to do their best to make positive changes. He then thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Councilwoman Dansereau gave out her contact information to the community, and she also thanked the Mayor for his professionalism during the meeting. Ms. Dansereau also stated that she is here to help serve the community and will not respond to any negative comments that are made during the meeting, and she said that building bridges with the

community was one of her main priorities. She said she will always feel the connection she made with the community, and she asked the community to support the Autism Walk scheduled for the end of April.

Councilwoman Shaw expressed what brought her to move to Roselle 16 years ago, and she stated that she is really proud to be apart of the positive change that is happening in the Borough. She also stated that if anyone has any questions about what the Recreation Leader is doing they should come and discuss these questions with the Recreation Leader. Mrs. Shaw also welcomed the Office of Hispanic and Latino Affairs and said that she looks forward to working with them. She was also happy to see so many new faces at the meeting and wanted them to know that the Council's doors are always open, and they don't have to wait for council meetings to voice their opinions. She then gave her contact information out and remarked that the Budd Simmons park construction is almost complete.

Councilman Sandifer gave his condolences to two residents in his ward, and he also gave his condolences to the family of Marion A. Caruano, and to Council President Aubourg. He also sent his thoughts and prayers to fellow Americans in Boston, and he remarked that he hopes that justice is served to whomever was behind the tragedy. He also stated that he recently lost his father-in-law, and he thanked everyone that showed hospitality to him and his family during that time. Mr. Sandifer congratulated the Office of Hispanic and Latino Affairs; he announced that the Girl Scouts are having their first Spring Auction on May 4, 2013^h from 4 to 6 p.m.; and he announced that his next Third ward meeting will be Thursday May 23, 2013 from 7pm to 9pm., and that this might be the last indoor ward meeting prior to the fall. He stated that he wants to establish a scholarship fund to women and men that are going to college. He said that he will talk to the Fire Chief about having a barbeque for Third Ward residents; he thanked a friend that helped to move Roselle forward; and he thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilman Hayman discussed the process taking place regarding abandoned properties around the Borough, and he thanked Robert Lawson and his team for actually going out and checking on the properties in his ward and helping with the construction projects. He also stated that if any residents are having issues with an abandoned lot or property to contact someone because there are people in the Borough who can help with the issue. Mr. Hayman also announced that he had a couple of 2nd ward clergy meetings, and he said that they went well and had positive outcomes, and he encouraged all clergy to come out to the meetings. He then announced that his 2nd ward meetings would be every second Monday in the Baker Room at 7 p.m. Mr. Hayman finished by giving out his contact information.

Councilman Locke gave his condolences to the families affected by the bombing in Boston. He then stated how much Roselle First has done, and he reiterated that they will be having a job fair on April 24th in the Council Chambers, and that there are resume services available at the Roselle First office as well. He then announced that the Office of Economic Development will sponsor a small business seminar on April 30, 2013 between 6pm and 8pm, and that the seminar is to help people who want to start their own

business and branch out. He also thanked his fellow council members for their support for on the permit parking ordinance, as well as the Police Department for their assistance in getting prepared when the ordinance goes into effect. He then discussed the Roselle Golf Course Development project and answered the questions that some of the residents had about this project. Councilman Locke stated that the Council worked diligently to acquire grant money and he is proud of their accomplishments. He commented on the office for Hispanic and Latino Affairs and said that it is not a political issue. He then quoted the U.S Constitution by saying "we the people, for the people, by the people" and he remarked how he is a firm believer in this statement. He announced that his 5th ward meetings are still every third Thursday from 7pm to 9pm in the Baker Room. He then stated that he is available by phone and email and can be contacted at any time. He gave out his contact number, and closed by thanking everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Council President Aubourg apologized for not being able to attend last month's meeting due to a vacation. He also sent his condolences to the Ford family and also to the families of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing. Mr. Aubourg commented that he is anxious to work with the office of Hispanic and Latino Affairs and that they will work together as a team to make positive changes. He announced that May 2, 2013 is National Day of Prayer from 6 to 8pm. Mr. Aubourg then addressed the issues that were brought to the Council's attention during the public comment portion of the meeting about the Borough's past administration. He stated that positive changes are being made to help make the town a better community, and that the prior administration use to be a one way street with no discussion on issues. He commented that anyone is able to sit down with the mayor and be heard now. He encouraged people to check out the Borough's website to find information they are seeking, and he also stated that the Mayor is always around during emergencies and is here to assist the residents.

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 9:30P.M.


Lydia Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk