BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR& COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JULY 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 July 17, 2013 to order at 7:10 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

Also Present:

John Hudak, Esq., Borough Attorney; Lydia D. Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk; David Brown, Borough Administrator; Bryan Russell, Assistant to CFO

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."

Mayor Holley asked for a motion to go into Closed (Executive) Session during the pre-agenda meeting

Resolution 2013-274	Resolution Authorizing a Close (Executive) Session Mind & Body Complex

Motion by Councilman Hayman, seconded by Councilwoman Dansereau, all in favor, none were opposed to adopt Resolution Number 2013-274.

On a motion by Councilman Hayman, seconded by Councilwoman Dansereau, all were in favor, none were opposed to come out of Closed Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Holley read into the record the following proclamation:
Milagros Vazquez, Roselle Fire Department

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Councilman Locke read into record the following certificates of recognition:
ACHS Track Team Members- William Nelson, Raymund Clarke, Johnathan Jackson, Steven McClean

Council President Aubourg read into record the following certificates of recognition:
U14 & U17 Soccer Team Members - Steven Amozoqueno, Eduardo Amozoqueno, Elijah Abraham, Andres Albinagorta, Shannon Assing, Brian Aubourg, Amazen Barnette, Cosly Barthelus, Kevin Blessing, Bryan Bueno, Nathaniel Charles, Jarly Charo, Nicholas Delvalle, Ryant Ferreira, Robert Florez, Erick Gonzolez, Brian Gorgorso, Brendon Gorgorso, Alexis Hernandez, Peter Jean Jarques, Kobe Johnson, Carlos Lemes, AndrewLomnicki, Andrew Maldonado, Kaimen Maples, Mano Morales, Shemar Morrison, Arianna Olsen, Christal Onuoha, Destiny Onuoha, Bernardo Ramirez, Daniel Rodriguerz, Samuel Santos, Edward Simo, Javier Soriano, Farley Thomas, David Tibbs, Manuel Tomas, Carlos Vergara, Alexander Xoletl

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 Special Meeting - June 12, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting - June 12, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting - June 19, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Meeting - June 26, 2013

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke, Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: Councilmember Locke (6-12-13 Special & Workshop Meetings)
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

2013-251 Resolution Urging the Roselle Board of Education to Rescind the Contract Awarded To Alamo Insurance

2013-252	Resolution Appointing Police Lieutenant
2013-253	Rescinding Resolution 2001-134 and Approving Participation in the Civil Service Commission Intergovernmental Transfer Program
2013-254	Authorizing The Planning Board of the Borough to Reexamine The North Chestnut Street Redevelopment Plan, As Amended, Pursuant To N.J.A.S. 401:12a-7(e) et seq.,
2013-255	Appointing Keyanna Lovett Acting Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Roselle
2013-256	Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same- Bethlehem Baptist Church
2013-257	Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same- Carrie DeCastro
2013-258	Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same- Agape House of Worship
2013-259	Granting a Special Permit for a social Affair and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Certify Same Special Permit Application
2013-260	Approving a CAN Shake and Authorizing The Borough Clerk To Endorse Same- Roselle Football (ACHS)
2013-261	A Resolution Amending the Annual Notice of Calendar Year 2013 Meetings
2013-262	Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 11-020, Block 1902, Lot 11, in the Amount of $44,166.52
2013-263	Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale certificate 11-040, Block 4405, Lot 13, in the Amount of $42,046.55
2013-264	Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-026, Block 1403, Lot 93, Qual. C0301. In the Amount of $12,469.81
2013-265	Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-048, Block 3302, Lot 14, in the Amount of $15,587.50
2013-266	Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-066, Block 5501, Lot 16, in the Amount of $15,587.50
2013-267	Authorizing a Refund of Tax Overpayment for the Year 2013 Authorized by the Tax Collector of the Borough of Roselle, Due to Overpayment of Taxes
2013-268	Authorizing a Refund of Permit Costs for the Year 2013 Authorized by the Building Department of the Borough of Roselle, Due to Overpayment or Permit Fees
2013-269	Approving a Bill List Dated July 17, 2013
2013-270	A Resolution Authorizing Refund if Real Estate Taxes for 2010 Block 701, Lot 04, Resulting From Reduction of Tax Assessment

Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilwoman Shaw to the consent agenda as written.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-271

AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PER DIEM OMNI BUS DRIVER

Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilman Locke to adopt Resolution 2013-271.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-272

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

Motion by Councilman Locke, seconded by Councilman Hayman to adopt Resolution 2013-272.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-273

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR FROM NJ FIRE EQUIPMENT CO. 199-131 ROUTE 22 EAST GREEN BROOK, NJ 08812 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $63,124.00 UNDER STATE CONTRACT A80945

Motion by Councilwoman Dansereau, seconded by Councilman Hayman to adopt Resolution 2013-273.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance Number 2459-13

BOND ORDIANCE PROVIDING ANAPPROPRIATION OF $403,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND OTHER COST IN CONNECTION WITH THE AXQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL DEREVOLPMENT AREA IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $403,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCE PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Mayor Holley read Ordinance Number 2459-13 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 2459-13.

1. Maria Hegener, 920 Spruce Street, commented that she wants to know where she can retrieve a copy of the ordinance, and she asked how many blocks the property consisted of, and she asked for a breakdown of the $403,000. She then asked if the bond also takes care of Chet & John Store.

2. Garrett Smith, 636 Jackson Avenue, made the following remarks: he commented that he knows that cash is tight; he questioned how much of a commitment we have for the property that is being purchased; and he questioned if anyone has come forward to state that they are interested in purchasing the property.

3. Anthony Esposito, 414 E. 3rd Avenue, commented that he has information showing that the borough is in bond debt in the amount of $31,000,000 as of December 31,

2011, and that the limit to bond debt is $60,000,000. He said these figures were reported in the Audit for 2011. He also stated that he is concerned about how much bonding is being done and how much bonding is planned for the future. He then commented that we have to watch how much debt we roll the town into.

4. Aaron Johnson, 428 W. 4th Avenue, commented that the he feels the infrastructure is the Borough is falling apart; he feels that the school system is failing, and he commented on the abandoned houses, the increase in his taxes, and he stated that the Borough needs a new system.

5. William Frolich, 116 E. 4th Avenue, questioned the Mayor if he can be certain that the money spent to buy the property will go to relieve the bonds. He also questioned the wording of the title of the bond ordinance and if there was another part to the bond.

6. Geraldine Carpenter, 158 E. 7th Avenue, had no comments on the bond ordinance and remarked that she wanted to speak on a personal matter. She said that she may have to leave the meeting before public comment and would be in contact with the Mayor.

Seeing no one else come forward Mayor Holley closed the public hearing on this ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Hayman, seconded by Council President Aubourg to adopt Ordinance Number 2459-13.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance Number 2460-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 113 OF BOROUGH CODE TO DESIGNATE A HANDICAP PARKING SAPCE RESERVED FOR A SPECIFIC PERSON IN FRONT OF A CERTAIN RESIDENCE

Mayor Holley read Ordinance Number 2460-13 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 2460-13.

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 2460-13.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, and Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Council Member Locke (left the room during the vote)

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING– Ordinance Number 2465-13

AN ORDIANCE AMENDING AND CODIFYING ORDIANCE NUMBERS 2196, 2267-07, 2320-08, AND 2423-12- A PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT FOR POLICE OFFICER OFF- DUTY EMPLOYMENT

Mayor Holley read Ordinance Number 2465-13 by Title. Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilwoman Dansereau that Ordinance Number 2465-13 be introduced on first reading, advertised in the official newspaper as required by law, with a public hearing on August 21, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, and Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Council Member Locke (left the room during the vote)

Motion Carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Cynthia Johnson, 127 East 10th Ave., commended Mayor Holley for making the public aware of a contract that was awarded by the Board of Education to Alamo Insurance Co., to provide health benefits for their employees. She then read into the record a petition to rescind the contract; she commented on former Mayor Garret Smith being an employee of Alamo, and she feels that the new contract will increase taxes.

2. Maria Hegener, 920 Spruce Street, commented on the Board of Education, and she stated that their budget did not move; she questioned if there was an increase in salary for the Acting Deputy Clerk; she asked for the number of per diem drivers hired; she questioned why a resolution for her block party was pulled from the agenda, and she asked for a legal explanation in writing; she then commented on bonding, and she questioned why the Borough continues to hire people when other towns are laying off.

3. Sheronda Johnson, 411 West, feels that it is wrong for Mayor and Council to respond to the residents when they make comments; she said that Board of Education issues should stay at the Board of Education meetings; she had issues with the Board of Education, failing schools for her children. She said that she is concerned about the names Council members going up on the park signs and she questioned if it is necessary.

4. Lorraine Brooks Body, 926 Harrison Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for supplying the buses for the Breakfast of Champions; she the remarked that we are not a failing school; and that it is the parents who fail the kids; she feels that children will not strive to do better when adults continue to state the schools are failing. She discussed enforcement of the noise ordinance and complained about an incident on her block; she also asked about paving on Harrison Avenue, and she commented on a bench on Chestnut Street which is not facing the street.

5. William Frolich, 116 E. 4th Avenue; commented on Councilman Sandifer's suggestion to pass an ordinance to control people who disrupt Council meetings. He feels that it is not necessary because the Mayor can handled disruptions in the customary manner. Mr. Frolich then stated that an ordinance might violate freedom of speech.

6. Keyanna Lovett, 116 Walnut Street, commented that some individuals come to the Council meetings when cameras are rolling to embarrass and personally attack the Mayor and Council members; she also feels that the Board of Education and Municipal government should partner with each other to prevent schools from failing, and that residents voice their concerns about how their tax dollars are being spent by the Board of Education; she then commented on the award of contract to Alamo Insurance, and questioned if there was a fair and open process..

7. Anthony Esposito, 414 E. 3rd Avenue, commented on the summary of the 2011 audit report and he commented on the recommendations which he said were a repeat of the current year; he discussed the 2013 budget hearing and an ordinance to exceed the CAP, and he said that he received from the crack financial team a 3rd quarter estimated tax bill, and he questioned if everything will be caught up in the 4th quarter tax bill.

8. Aaron Johnson, 428 W. 4th Avenue, remarked that he feels that more children are falling through the cracks in the Roselle school system; he also stated that some students do excel, but he questioned the other students who are failing; he discussed how children are dressing while attending schools and he said it is unacceptable; he then commented on the abandoned houses and infrastructure in town. He said he makes a lot of complaints and that Mr. Lawson and Mr. Glagola are doing a good job.

9. Daphne Jones, 439 Hory Street, thanked the Mayor and Council, and she said that Abraham Clark High is not failing and that three of her daughters graduated from the high school and are now in college and doing great. She thanked the Mayor and Council for helping with Project Graduation and said that kids were not allowed to go unless they graduated, and that they had a good turnout.

10. Ms. Yvonne Sherif, 215 E. 9th Avenue, stated that she is a new resident in Roselle and she thanked Councilwoman Dansereau and Councilman Sandifer for their assistance in an emergency situation; She remarked that Mayor Holley always gets back to her; and she appreciates it; and she said that the situation worked out because they gave her the encouragement to keep moving forward.

11. Garrett Smith, 636 Jackson Avenue, remarked that he does not miss being on the governing body, and he is praying for the current Mayor and Council; he commented on the insurance contract that the Board of Education awarded; he said that they have been locked and don't give big donations; he said the reason he works with them is because they are professional and they do an excellent job. He feels that they are being attacked, and that he is being attacked, but he said it will bring him blessings.

12. Giselle Vine, commented that she just moved back to Roselle, her daughter will be attending the high school in September; and she stated that the Mayor is doing a good job.

Mayor Holley asked Ms. Hanifa Johnson to come forward so that he could introduce her to the public. He remarked that Mrs. Johnson is the Deputy Borough Engineer, who comes to the Borough with a wealth of experience, and he commented that Mr. Carl O'Brien became partner with Maser Engineering, and that he brought on Ms. Johnson to handle a lot of the projects that are taking place in the Borough. Mayor Holley stated that Ms. Johnson stepped right in with the Borough and has been active with the Administration. He welcome her and as the new Assistant to the Borough Engineer Carol O'Brien. Ms. Johnson thanked the Mayor and Council for a warm welcome and she told the residents that she is here to serve and do the best job that she can do.

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

Mayor Holley apologized to the members in the audience and in the community for the behavior of some residents that took place during the Council meeting, and he stated that this is not what we represent. Mayor Holley stated that concerns should be expressed in a more respectful manner and they have a good solid team that works very hard.

Council Comment

Councilwoman Dansereau responded to a comment regarding new signage instituted for the Budd Simmons Park and Dr. Charles Polk Park; she gave a brief update on the Westbrook Flood Project; she stated that she is proud of the work that was done on the budget and how it impacts on the community; she commented on the issue of abandoned property and stated that every effort is being made by the Borough to insure that abandoned properties are maintained and that a tracking process is now in place.

Councilwoman Shaw commented that she wholeheartedly supports the efforts the Mayor and Council are making to redevelop and reinvest in Roselle. She echoed the sentiment of Councilwoman Dansereau regarding the abandoned homes, and she feels that the quality of life team is doing a great job, and she asked for residents to bear with the team and understand that it may take 24 to 48 hours to respond; she announced that the National Night Out Against Crime is Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at the Budd Simmons Park; she announced that here are still tickets available for an upcoming Senior Advisory Bus Trip. She also urged residents to make sure their pets are not left outside during the recent heat waves.

Councilman Sandifer; thanked everyone for coming out with positive comments; he welcomed Ms. Vine back to the Borough; he thanked the Fire Fighters for getting his loved one to Overlook Hospital in Union when time was of the essences. He congratulated Millie Vasquez on her leaving the Fire Department; he congratulated Lt. Tom Nugent, and he welcomed and congratulated Hanifa Johnson. He also thanked Borough Engineer Carl O'Brien and Mayor Holley regarding the demolition of the 8th Avenue property, known as Chet & Johns, and a traffic light on 6th Avenue. He also asked for the Mayor and council to consider a resolution for Attorney General Mr. Eric Holder asking for an official Investigation of civil rights violation. He commented on the Trayvon Martin case and wore a hooded sweat shirt in recognition to show solidary and support for the Trayvon Martin family.

Mayor Holley then asked for the Deputy Clerk Lydia Agbejimi to place on the Special Meeting agenda for July a resolution concerning Trayvon Martin. Councilman Sandifer applauded the Mayor for getting a resolution on the agenda so expeditiously. Mayor Holley then asked if all Council Members were in favor of a adopting a resolution to be sent to Attorney General Eric Holder concerning the civil rights of Trayvon Martin. All Council members were in favor, none were opposed to the resolution.

Councilman Hayman remarked that each month he and his colleagues hold community ward meetings for residents where concerns and issues can be discussed at length. He also stated that some of the questions that were asked at this meeting were discussed at

his Ward meetings in depth as it related to redevelopment on St. George Avenue and abandoned properties, and other matters. He feels that asking addressing these types of issues and other concerns during taped meetings it not proper forum, and it does not allow enough time to discuss a solution. He reiterated that there is a mechanism to discuss issues and concerns at Workshop meetings as well as ward meetings and he encouraged residents to consider it. He said he had the honor of working with the quality of life team and feels they are doing an incredible job in handling issues with abandoned homes. He commented on the Trayvon Martin case which he feels is a national issue and he applauded his colleagues discussing it. He compared other stand your ground incidents to the Trayvon Martin case, and he said it is a national situation that needs to be addressed.

Councilman Roy Locke commented on the Trayvon Martin verdict and how it affected him, and he said that he thought it was important to make a statement from the dais in terms of what it means for many people because of societal issues, and echoed the sentiment of Councilman Hayman that it is a national issue. He read into the record a brief statement that he prepared, and his put on a grey hooded sweat shirt in honor of Trayvon Martin. He then said that he supported the resolution that was passed to call for the Board of Education to rescind their health insurance contract. He called upon the Federal Department of Justice to investigate the entire handling of the George Zimmerman case, and ended by saying God Bless the Trayvon Martin family.

Council President Aubourg commented on the Trayvon Martin case and he said that he was touched by Councilman Locke's commitment and sentiment concerning the Trayvon Martin case. Mr. Aubourg congratulated the individuals who received proclamations and certificates; he also congratulated Sgt. Thomas Nugent on his appointment. He echoed the sentiment of Councilwoman Shaw that residents should attend National Night Out on August 6, 2013; he welcomed to Ms. Johnson as a Deputy Assistant to the Borough Engineer. He also thanked the Mayor and Councilwoman Dansereau for assisting a resident who was going through a crisis, and he said that he referred several people to Roselle First for work and training, and he thanked the Mayor for his vision and support of Roselle First.

Mayor Holley wore a hooded sweatshirt in solidarity with his colleagues in memory of Trayvon Martin. He commented that because of black radio and black correspondence, and the Rev. Al Sharpton, the case was brought to light that justice was not served. He offered his prayers and best wishes to the Trayvon Martin family, and he read scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:17. Mayor Holley then remarked that God has the final say in all of this and will bring justice to this matter. He commented on that a resolution will be sent to Attorney General Eric Holder regarding the Trayvon Martin case, and he said that he was devastated by the verdict. Mayor Holley commended the Borough staff for a job well done. He then discussed the Board of Education matter concerning the award of a health insurance contract which he feels was done inappropriately. He stated that the Board of Education is sending a wrong message to residents, and stated that Dr. West has an amazing plan for the students and needs the town's support. He also discussed the

decorum at the Council meetings, and apologized to members of the public for the outburst of some of the residents. He wished everyone a good evening.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Locke, seconded by Councilman Sandifer, all in favor, none were opposed, by consensus the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Lydia Agbejimi

Lydia Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Approved : August 21, 2013