

Public Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on January 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ridgefield Municipal Complex, 700 Shaler Boulevard, Ridgefield.

Borough Clerk Silvestri stated that this meeting of the Mayor and Council is being conducted pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act; adequate notice of the meeting has been given by publishing notice in The Record. Furthermore, notice was posted in the Borough of Ridgefield Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Councilman Kontolios, Councilwoman Congalton-Hali, Councilwoman Kim, Councilman Ramundo, Councilman Jaafar are present. Mayor Jimenez and Councilman Ryu are absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation given by Pastor Espinal

Entertain motion to declare the time for nominations for Council President to be declared open

Councilman Kontolios nominates Councilwoman Congalton-Hali; seconded by Councilman Ramundo

Entertain motion to declare the time for nominations for Council President to be declared closed

68-2025 Mayor Jimenez Appoint Council President

Roll Call:

Councilman Kontolios	Yes
Councilman Ryu	Absent
Councilwoman Congalton-Hali	Yes
Councilwoman Kim	Yes
Councilman Ramundo	Yes
Councilman Jaafar	Yes

Swearing in of Council President

Muslim Heritage Month Proclamation and Presentation of Certificates:

- Mouhammad “Mike” Said
- Suha Hassan

Presentation of Valor Citation – Firefighter Ghrayeb

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2508 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 375-5 ENTITLED NO PARKING AREAS AND SECTION 375-52 ENTITLED PARKING FOR

MOBILITY HANDICAPPED PERSONS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Congalton-Hali	Yes
Councilman Kontolios	Yes
Councilman Ryu	Absent
Councilwoman Kim	Yes
Councilman Ramundo	Yes
Councilman Jaafar	Yes

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Borough Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member(s) so request it, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies the adoption of all resolutions and approval of applications and minutes.

69-2025	Mayor Jimenez	Appoint Standing Committees of the Mayor and Council
70-2025	Councilman Kontolios	Participation in Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force
71-2025	Councilman Kontolios	Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Paramus-Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles
72-2025	Mayor Jimenez	Muslim Heritage Month
73-2025	Councilman Kontolios	Authorize 2025 NJ DCA Legislative Grant Flood Mitigation Program – Wolf Creek
74-2025	Councilwoman Congalton-Hali	Authorize 2025 NJ DCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant – Fencing Improvements Veterans Memorial Park
75-2025	Councilman Kontolios	Authorize to Advertise – Charlotte Terrace Roadway Improvements
76-2025	Councilman Ryu	Overpayment of Taxes-605 Ray Avenue
77-2025	Councilman Ryu	Redemption of Tax Lien #21-002
78-2025	Councilman Ryu	Shared Services Agreement with Board of Education-Willis Field Improvements
79-2025	Councilman Kontolios	Appoint Electric Subcode Official
80-2025	Councilman Ryu	Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Mortgage Release-828 Maple Avenue
81-2025	Councilman Ryu	Rescind Resolution 274-2024 and Authorize Notice of Intent to Purchase 2023 Starcraft Allstar Coach Bus

82-2025 Councilman Ryu

Committing to DCA's Fourth Round Affordable
Housing Present Need and Prospective Need
Numbers

Approval of 2024 Meeting Minutes:

May 13, 2024, May 28, 2024, July 15, 2024, August 12, 2024, September 9, 2024, September 23, 2024, October 15, 2024, October 28, 2024, November 25, 2024, December 9, 2024 Public Session Meetings, August 28, 2024 Special Public Session Meeting, and December 30, 2024 Sine Die Meeting

Approval of 2025 Meeting Minutes:

January 6, 2025 Reorganization Meeting

Fire Department Membership:

Edward W. Schaefer
549 Hillcrest Avenue
Company No. 2

Andrew J. Borek
833 Maple Avenue
Company No. 3

Coin Toss Request:

Ridgefield Fire Department
Saturday, April 26, 2025
Sunday, April 27, 2025
Bergen Boulevard at Washington Avenue

RMHS Girls Volleyball
Saturday, September 27, 2025
Rain Date: Sunday, September 28, 2025
Bergen Boulevard at Washington Avenue

RMHS Class of 2025
Saturday, April 12, 2025
Bergen Boulevard at Washington Avenue

RMHS Outdoor Club
Saturday, May 3, 2025
Bergen Boulevard at Washington Avenue

RMHS Class of 2026
Saturday, May 10, 2025
Bergen Boulevard at Washington Avenue

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Congalton-Hali	Yes
Councilman Kontolios	Yes
Councilman Ryu	Absent
Councilwoman Kim	Yes; Abstain 2024 Minutes
Councilman Ramundo	Yes
Councilman Jaafar	Yes; Abstain 2024 Minutes

RESOLUTIONS:

83-2025 Councilman Ryu Warrants

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Congalton-Hali	Yes
Councilman Kontolios	Yes
Councilman Ryu	Absent
Councilwoman Kim	Yes
Councilman Ramundo	Yes
Councilman Jaafar	Yes

COMMENTS BY MAYOR: Absent

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Councilwoman Congalton-Hali – She is looking forward to the council working together this year. She discussed ordinance 390-37part B item 10. She thanked everyone for their support.

Councilman Kontolios – He congratulated Councilwoman Congalton-Hali. He welcomed Councilman Jaafar. He thanked the various departments.

Councilman Ramundo – He is looking forward to everyone working together this year.

Councilman Ryu – Absent

Councilwoman Kim – She thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She thanked Councilwoman Congalton-Hali and Mayor Jimenez for their work on the committees. She is looking forward to the council working together this year.

Councilman Jaafar – He thanked everyone for working together. He is looking forward to putting Ridgefield first. He congratulated Councilwoman Congalton-Hali.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATOR: Absent

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: (All speakers are limited to five minutes maximum per meeting)

Russ Castelli (481 Columbia Ave) He congratulated Councilwoman Congalton-Hali.

Scott Russo (659 Edgewater Ave) He congratulated Councilwoman Congalton-Hali. He discussed the Fire Department.

Mike Jacobs (650 Hamilton Ave) He congratulated Councilwoman Congalton-Hali.

Lauren Larkin (576 Prospect Ave) She congratulated Councilwoman Congalton-Hali.

Mr. Congalton (400 Abbott Ave) He congratulated Councilwoman Congalton-Hali.

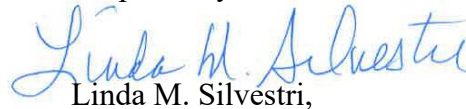
Warren Vincentz (606 Prospect Ave) He congratulated Councilwoman Congalton-Hali. He discussed ordinance 390-37part B item 10.

Resident – He thanked the Fire Department.

Mike Said - She congratulated Councilwoman Congalton-Hali. He thanked Councilman Kontolios. He congratulated Councilman Jaafar.

Meeting adjourned 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk