

The Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hackensack was held at City Hall, 65 Central Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey, on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 5:41 P.M.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Mayor Gaines called the meeting to order and the Acting Clerk Timothy Hoffman announced, “This meeting is being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meeting Act,” N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice having been published according to law, with a copy on file in the City Clerk’s Office, and a copy posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall.”

Mr. Hoffman called the roll: Mayor Gaines, Deputy Mayor Toomey, Councilwoman Clark-Collins, Councilman Carroll, and Councilman Diaz were present. City Manager Thomas Freeman was present. City Attorney Richard Malagiere was present. Acting Clerk Timothy Hoffman was present. Deputy City Clerk Allison Saabye was present.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 10 and Special Meeting from November 14 was offered by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Diaz and approved by Mayor Gaines, Deputy Mayor Toomey, Councilman Carroll Councilman Diaz and Councilwoman Clark-Collins.

**II. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack deem it necessary to discuss certain actions under Section 7b7 & 7b8 of the Open Public Meetings Act which pertains to matters falling within attorney-client privilege, on-going litigation and personnel matters concerning the employment of a current or prospective public employee(s).

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack is of the opinion that such circumstances may presently exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to discuss the following issues:

- 1. Personnel Matters
- 2. On-going Litigation – *Arcola v. City of Hackensack*
- 3. Matters involving attorney/client privilege –
- 4. Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property
- 5. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack deem it necessary to exclude the public from this discussion. The outcome of the discussion will be disclosed within 90 days or at such time as the interests of the City do not require confidentiality.

**III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATION:**

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 485-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF KAREN GWYNN AS TEMPORARY JUDGE FOR THE HACKENSACK MUNICIPAL COURT**

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary for the City of Hackensack (“City”) to appoint a second temporary judge pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-5 for a term not to exceed one year.

**WHEREAS**, the Assignment Judge of Bergen County has reviewed and approved the City of Hackensack’s request.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, that the City finds it in its best interests to appoint Karen Gwynn, Esq. as a temporary judge pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-5 for a term not to exceed one year, said appointment to be effective December 1, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to retain a copy of the contract for public inspection.

- 1. Swearing In – Judge Karen Gwynn
- 2. MaryAnn DiMaria, Nick Picciallo, & The Christmas Caper

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (ON AGENDA ITEMS):**

Judge Karen Gwynn – First, I would like to thank God because God is faithful. He is faithful. He will be faithful to you if you are faithful to him. I would like to thank the town Council. Thank you so much for having faith in me to offer me the position. I will do the best of my ability, and I will not let you down. I really appreciate you having faith in me and offering me this. Again, I will do the best of my ability. Thank you for being here to swear me in. I appreciate you. Thank you to everyone in the room here today for coming out. Thank you to my brother, my best supporter. It is just me and my brother, I wish my parents were here tonight to witness this but I know that they’re looking down today and they would be really proud. Thank you to all my family. If I could have them stand up, they came from far and near. Thank you all for supporting me. I want to thank my sorority sisters. Please stand. I truly appreciate you, the best sorority in the world. A thank you to all my friends, those have been my best supporters and encouragers throughout the years. I want to thank specifically Sheriff Cureton, always encouraging me and being my biggest supporter ally. Thank you very much. You put that word out there in the atmosphere for judgeship. Thank you for all your support. Thank you to all the judges in the house. Please stand up. Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Holmes, Superior Court Judge Ian Severra, Appellate Court Judge Avis Bishop Thomas, and we have Retired Judge Sandra Thomas. Thank you so much.

Sandra, you have been my best supporter. Everyone else in the room who all throughout the years have been my support and confidant who have been there. You know what this means to me. I want to thank Hackensack PD. You know who you are. You have been my ride or die and have fully supported me and pushed for me. If I missed anyone, it is just my head and not my heart but I want to thank you. Thank you Travis Tormet for being here and for giving me an opportunity for a job when I left BCPO. All my Bergen County Prosecutor Office people, please stand and thank you. Thank you to Commissioner Tracey Zuir who was here earlier but she had to leave.

A motion to open the meeting to the public was offered by Deputy Mayor Toomey and seconded by Councilman Carroll.

Police Captain Greg Zisa – I am here on behalf of Chief Antista and our department to congratulate Judge Gwynn on her appointment tonight. Before I continue, I want to say that was an excellent performance and thank you also to Maryann for her contributions to the community. The Police Department wants to congratulate and wish you well. We know you come from a great career with the Bergen County Prosecutors Office, and we know you are accomplished, and we know exactly that you know what you are doing and will be a great contribution to the City of Hackensack. Thank you for the appointment. We appreciate you putting the judge in office that we can back and we support. Thank you and congratulations and good luck.

Anthony Cureton, Bergen County Sheriff – Good evening. We are celebrating my good friend the judge here on her appointment. She alluded to it earlier, I have known Karen since around 1992. The first time I met her was at the juvenile court and I saw then because she accosted me, in a nice way. She grabbed me and we had a conversation and from that point on, our relationship seemed grown to the point where she even carried me down the aisle when I got married to make sure I stayed there with my wife. She has always demonstrated that passion to want to serve the people and every time we had conversations, it always alluded back to how can she become a judge, how can she serve the community much better and all the time, I witnessed her when she was dealing with the juveniles, all the way to drug court, you had to see it in her face, see the passion and the love of trying to help people out. I think this appointment is like the most perfect thing for her. She believes in the scales of justice and believes in making sure people get fair treatment and I am pretty sure when people come before her, she will address the issue and give the fairest decision to make sure the lives of the persons she is dealing with are addressed as well as serve justice. Karen, I love you and I thank you. I wish you the best and if you need anything, you know where to find me. Thank you.

Ret. Judge Sandra Robinson – Thank you for this opportunity and congratulations to each of you also. I am here to see you, but on behalf of Karen. Judge Avis had to leave. It is like doing homework 24/7. I am a life member of the National Association of Women Judges. We heard about Karen, although we have known her many years. We wanted her to be part of our family. I called Washington to find out about her membership in the association and was told you're in as of when you were sworn in, not only that, I am told that as of 4 PM today, you are the 9,998<sup>th</sup> member of the National Association of Women Judges. Hopefully by tomorrow morning you will be the 10,000<sup>th</sup>. We welcome you. I won't go through the mission but for anyone interested in the mission, please bring it up on the computer and read it. You're dynamite. We love you. We look to travel with you around the world and God bless you in all that you have to do. I have pinned Judge Gwynn with the association pin of honor, and she will wear it with her gold and diamonds forever and ever. I have with me also a resolution that was left by Tracey Zuir, one of our Commissioners, in honor and recognition of the swearing in ceremony as a municipal court judge in the City of Hackensack, on behalf of the nearly 1 million residents of Bergen County, we congratulate you on this remarkable achievement and thank you for your unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in our community.

Tara Edmunds, President Bergen County Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. - At this time, will all the members of Bergen County Alumni please stand. We would like to say congratulations to Judge Gwynn on this prestigious honor. We are so proud and looking forward to all that you will do in our community. Thank you and we love you.

No one else wished to speak.

A motion to close the meeting to the public was offered by Councilman Carroll and seconded by Councilwoman Clark Collins.

## **V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM PROFESSIONALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Ryan Westra – Project Manager Report:** Johnson Park we are doing some redesign there. Fire house Engine 2, the slab was poured. Foschini, I will go through it more with the next slides. The vendor installed the equipment for the SCADA system for the remote monitoring at all the pump stations. There is just some programming that needs to be completed. That should be up and running in the near future. There has been a lot of activity at Foschini. I tried to get some photos. The bulk of the work was doing some drainage. They did the subbase for the 3<sup>rd</sup> field and they have been installing the fence posts and the light pole foundations. Grand Avenue pedestrian safety improvements, that project was out to bid and will be awarded at tonight's meeting. That is improvements to the intersection of Grand and Poplar and Grand and Fairmount. The 2025 paving program, we were able to complete the CDBG roads of South Newman and DeWolf. The other roads listed will be pushed to the spring once the weather breaks. Similar with the PSEG resurfacing, they were able to get a large portion of the work done and the roads on the right will be pushed to the spring. The municipal court safety improvements will be some ballistic shielding and new layout. That has a start date of the 22nd but that is pushed off to the 29<sup>th</sup> when that contractor will begin to start. There was a shipping delay with the new door. The city applied earlier in the year for a local transportation project fund grant for the replacement and rehab of three bridges over the Coles Brook at Hamilton, Lookout and West Anderson. The DOT has awarded the City over \$317,000 for that work. The total work is estimated at 1.2 million. The Hamilton bridge needs full replacement, which is the bulk of the 1.2 million. The other two just need some repairs. Next phase for that would be submitting proposals from out engineers for design. And again, no flushing wipes or anything like that down the sewer.

Councilman Carroll asked – Where are we with sewer separation project? How far along?

Ryan Westra responded – The most recent was the Anderson phase 1 that was completed. There are two currently in design for what we call the west of rail, which is up Railroad Avenue, up Clay Street and Second and Third Streets. That total project will be split into two phases. The first phase is pretty much complete with design and we should be going to bid early 2026. The second phase still needs to be designed.

Councilman Carroll asked – After those phases there is more?

Ryan Westra responded – Yes, there is more. With the sewer separation, we are using I bank funding so we do have phases lined up in there for design work.

**City Manager's Report:** The annual tree lighting was held at the Green. Residents gathered to enjoy refreshments, entertainment, and of course Santa Claus. We would like to thank all of our departments for their dedication to making this a safe and enjoyable event for our community. We had two new businesses, Seoul Fried Chicken and Advanced Medical, both celebrated ribbon cuttings on Main Street and State Street. Congratulations and best of luck. This past Sunday, December 14, our

community came together for a beautiful menorah lighting at the Bergen County Courthouse. Special thanks to the Hackensack Police Department for ensuring safety during the car menorah parade and the City of Hackensack Fire Department for their festive gelt drop. Events like these remind us that even a small light can dispel a great darkness. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, members of the Hackensack Police Department PBA Local 9 and Target, partnered with Hackensack public schools to host the annual Shop With A Cop event. This special program gave students the opportunity to shop alongside Hackensack police officers during the holiday season. Elementary schools selected two students from each school to participate. We extend our sincere thanks to Target of Hackensack for their generosity and hosting the officers and the students. Some upcoming events real quick: Santa Claus is coming to town. Come greet Santa with your local first responders from the Hackensack Police and Fire Departments on Sunday, December 21, 2025 from 1 to 1:30PM they will be at Columbus Park, from 1:45 to 2:15, they will be at Carver Park and 2:30 to 3PM Staib Park. Lastly, our annual Children’s Holiday Party is Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup>. Free tickets for the variety show are available online. You can find these events on our website as well. Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season. Thank you.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS (ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS):**

| <b>Council Member</b> | <b>Intro</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Recused</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey   |              | <b>X</b>      | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Clark-Collins         |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Carroll               | <b>X</b>     |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Diaz                  |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Mayor Gaines          |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO: 480-25**

**FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 47-2025, A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION \$1,320,000, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN AND FOR THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,254,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION**

This Ordinance has been published according to law and now calls for a Public Hearing.

A motion to open to the public was offered by Deputy Mayor Toomey and seconded by Councilman Diaz.

**PUBLIC HEARING:  
Seri Tolstoy – What is our rate currently?**

**CFO – Standard and Poor AA2, which is one below a triple AAA rating.**

A motion to close to the public offered by Councilman Carroll and seconded by Deputy Mayor Toomey.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 47-2025 has passed its second and final reading and is hereby adopted.

**ORDINANCE #47-2025**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,320,000, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN AND FOR THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,254,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1:**

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Hackensack, New Jersey (the “City”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$1,320,000, such sum includes the sum of \$66,000 as the down payment (the “Down Payment”) required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

**SECTION 2:**

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,254,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvements, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$1,254,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

**SECTION 3:**

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

| <b>Improvements</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>Appropriation<br/>and Estimated<br/>Cost</b> | <b>Estimated<br/>Maximum<br/>Amount<br/>of Bonds or Notes</b> | <b>Period<br/>of<br/>Usefulness</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A. Acquisition of one police patrol vehicle, including lighting and equipment, and two administration vehicles, for the Police Department,         | \$210,000                                       | \$199,500                                                     | 5 Years                             |
| B. Acquisition of two garbage trucks, enclosed trailer, double drum roller, pick-up truck and Ford F-350 truck for the Department of Public Works. | 800,000                                         | 760,000                                                       | 9.87 Years                          |
| C. Acquisition of three vehicles for inspectors and one vehicle for supervisor for the Building/Land Use Department                                | 185,000                                         | 175,750                                                       | 5 Years                             |
| D. Preliminary engineering expenses in connection with the preparation of a pedestrian safety plan, including all work and materials               | 125,000                                         | 118,750                                                       | 5 Years                             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                       | <b>\$1,320,000</b>                              | <b>\$1,254,000</b>                                            |                                     |

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$1,254,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$1,320,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the City. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor as stated above is the amount of the Down Payment.

#### SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the City (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the City Council of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

#### SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

#### SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the City may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 7.95 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,254,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$125,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

#### SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the City as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the City authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the City as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the City authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

#### SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

#### SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the City is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the City

and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the City. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the City pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Rule”) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the City and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the City fails to comply with its undertaking, the City shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking

SECTION10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The City reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that City incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$1,254,000.

SECTION 11:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO: 481-25

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 48-2025, AN ORDINANCE TO  
AMEND CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF  
HACKENSACK, “TAXICABS” TO UPDATE SECTION 5, “INSURANCE”  
TO REFLECT CURRENT REGULATIONS

This Ordinance has been published according to law and now calls for a Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** No one wished to speak.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 48-2025 has passed its second and final reading and is hereby adopted.

CITY OF HACKENSACK  
ORDINANCE NO. 48-2025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODE OF THE  
CITY OF HACKENSACK, “TAXICABS” TO UPDATE SECTION 5,  
“INSURANCE” TO REFLECT CURRENT REGULATIONS

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Legislature adopted amendments to N.J.S.A. 48:16-3 to increase the insurance requirements for commercial vehicles including taxis to \$1,500,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Jersey Legislature adopted S-2841 on January 8, 2024 to have an effective date of July 1, 2024, which increased the insurance requirement to \$1,500,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Code of the City of Hackensack, Chapter 155, entitled “Taxicabs,” Section 5 “Insurance” to comply with the amendments of N.J.S.A 48:16-3.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK,** as follows:

**Section 1:**

Chapter 155, Section 5 of the Code of the City of Hackensack is hereby amended as follows [additions by underline]

**§155-5 Insurance**

~~B. Such policy shall be conditioned for payment of a sum of not less than \$100,000 to satisfy all claims for damages by reason of bodily injury to or the death of any one person; and a sum of not less than \$300,000 to satisfy all claims for damage by reason of bodily injury to or the death of all persons resulting from accident by reason of the ownership, operation, maintenance or use of the vehicle to be licensed; and a sum of not less than \$1,000 to satisfy all claims for damages to property of any one person resulting from such accident; and a sum of not less than \$5,000 to satisfy all claims for damages to property of all persons on account of any such accident by reason of the ownership, operation, maintenance or use of such vehicle.~~  
Insurance required. The owner of the taxicab shall have filed with the City of Hackensack an insurance policy which shall be issued by an admitted insurance company duly licensed to transact business in the State of New Jersey, the policy providing for not less than \$1.5 million to satisfy all claims for damages, by reason of bodily injury to, of the death of, any person or persons, resulting from, or on account of, an accident, by reason of the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of such taxicab upon any public street; and to satisfy any claim for damages to property of any person or persons, resulting from, or on account of, an accident, by reason of the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of such taxicab upon any public street. Nothing contained in this subsection shall prohibit the owner of a taxicab from obtaining any additional amount of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage from a company licensed outside the State of New Jersey.

**Section 2:**

All other provisions of Chapter 155, Section 5 of the Code of the City of Hackensack shall remain unchanged.

**Section 3:**

*Repeal of Inconsistent Provisions.* All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only however, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same being conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

**Section 4:**

*Severability.* The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remain in effect; it being the legislative intent this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

**Section 5:**

*Codification.* This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the City of Hackensack as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The City Clerk and the City Attorney are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the City of Hackensack in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

**Section 6:**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, adoption, and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 482-25**

**RE-INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 25-2025, AN  
ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 170 OF THE CODE OF  
THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”  
TO ADD RESIDENT ONLY ON-STREET PARKING AREAS  
OVERNIGHT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the above ordinance, being Ordinance 25-2025 as introduced, does now pass on first reading and that said Ordinance shall be considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on January 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the regular meeting place of the City Council and at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance and that the Acting Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
ORDINANCE NO. 25-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 170 OF THE CODE  
OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, “VEHICLES AND  
TRAFFIC,” TO ADD RESIDENT ONLY ON-STREET  
PARKING AREAS OVERNIGHT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal, and enforce such other ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good of government, order and protection of person and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants, and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by this subtitle, or by any law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Hackensack has established residents only on-street parking zones on certain streets within the City, as enumerated in Section 170-71 of the Code of the City of Hackensack; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that due to local traffic and parking conditions, it is in the best interest of the City to designate portions on the Third Ward as “residents only on-street parking areas” during overnight hours.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, as follows:

**Section 1:**  
Chapter 170, Section 71 of the Code of the City of Hackensack is hereby amended as follows [additions by underline]:

§170-71 **Residents only on-street parking.**

E. The following streets and parts of streets are designated as resident only parking areas during the hours indicated;

- (1) No vehicle which does not properly display a valid resident-only parking permit shall be permitted to park on the following streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

|                            |                                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Stanley Place</u>       | <u>Entire Length</u>                            |
| <u>Berry Street</u>        | <u>From DeWolf Place to Union Street</u>        |
| <u>James Street</u>        | <u>Entire Length</u>                            |
| <u>Berdan Place</u>        | <u>Entire Length</u>                            |
| <u>Clay Street</u>         | <u>From Third Street to Railroad Ave (West)</u> |
| <u>High Street</u>         | <u>Entire Length</u>                            |
| <u>Central Avenue</u>      | <u>From Railroad Ave (West) to First Street</u> |
| <u>Railroad Ave (West)</u> | <u>From Passaic Street to Central Avenue</u>    |
| <u>First Street</u>        | <u>From Passaic Street to Central Avenue</u>    |
| <u>Second Street</u>       | <u>From Passaic Street to Central Avenue</u>    |
| <u>Third Street</u>        | <u>Entire Length</u>                            |
| <u>Haynes Place</u>        | <u>Entire Length</u>                            |
| <u>DeWolf Place</u>        | <u>Entire Length</u>                            |
| <u>Railroad Place</u>      | <u>Entire Length</u>                            |

**Section 2:**

All other provisions of Chapter 170, Section 71 of the Code of the City of Hackensack shall remain unchanged.

**Section 3:**

*Repeal of Inconsistent Provisions.* All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only however, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same being conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

**Section 4:**

*Severability.* The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remain in effect; it being the legislative intent this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

**Section 5:**

*Codification.* This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the City of Hackensack as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The City Clerk and the City Attorney are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the City of Hackensack in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

**Section 6:**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, adoption, and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

| <b>Council Member</b> | <b>Intro</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Recused</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey   |              |               |            |           | <b>X</b>       |               |                |
| Clark-Collins         |              | <b>X</b>      | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Carroll               |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Diaz                  | <b>X</b>     |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Mayor Gaines          |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 483-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hackensack that the bills in the following accounts be and are hereby ordered paid:

|                       |    |                        |
|-----------------------|----|------------------------|
| Current Fund          | \$ | 1,710,958.27           |
| Grants                |    | 767.47                 |
| Payroll               |    | 6,165,438.84           |
| Public Parking System |    | 27,567.50              |
| Capital               |    | 519.74                 |
| Escrow                |    | 4,194,505.51           |
| Trust Account         |    | 122,563.93             |
| Total Expenditures    |    | <u>21,222,001.55</u>   |
| Interfunds/Transfers  |    | <u>\$ 8,735,715.29</u> |

| <b>Council Member</b> | <b>Intro</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Recused</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey   | <b>X</b>     |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Clark-Collins         |              | <b>X</b>      | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Carroll               |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Diaz                  |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Mayor Gaines          |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 484-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Hackensack that the proper officers be and are hereby authorized to make the following refunds for the reasons stated:

| <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>BLOCK</u> | <u>LOT</u> | <u>NAME</u>                                                                                                                               | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>REASON</u><br><u>PROP LOC</u>      |
|---------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| \$1,528.00    | 31           | 3          | Archer & Greiner P.C.<br>As Trustee for 240 Hudson St<br>Realty LLC<br>905 Carnegie Ctr 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor #500<br>Princeton, NJ 08540 | 2024        | State Board Judgment<br>240 Hudson St |
| \$1,350.25    | 210.01       | 15         | Wolf Vespasiano LLC<br>Attorney Trust Account<br>And Tenken Realty Co LLC<br>331 Main St                                                  | 2023        | State Board Judgment<br>136 State St  |

|             |        |            |                                                                                                                  |      |                                         |  |  |
|-------------|--------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------|--|--|
|             |        |            | Chatham, NJ 07928                                                                                                |      |                                         |  |  |
| \$2,548.70  | 210.01 | 15         | Wolf Vespasiano LLC<br>Attorney Trust Account<br>And Tenken Realty Co LLC<br>331 Main St<br>Chatham, NJ 07928    | 2024 | State Board Judgment<br>136 State St    |  |  |
| \$9,564.04  | 303    | 1          | Wolf Vespasiano LLC<br>Attorney Trust Account<br>And Tenken Realty Co LLC<br>331 Main St<br>Chatham, NJ 07928    | 2023 | State Board Judgment<br>140 State St    |  |  |
| \$9,916.72  | 303    | 1          | Wolf Vespasiano LLC<br>Attorney Trust Account<br>And Tenken Realty Co LLC<br>331 Main St<br>Chatham, NJ 07928    | 2024 | State Board Judgment<br>140 State St    |  |  |
| \$14,931.62 | 336    | 30         | Wolf Vespasiano LLC<br>Attorney Trust Account<br>And Prospect Ridge Apts LLC<br>331 Main St<br>Chatham, NJ 07928 | 2024 | State Board Judgment<br>315 Central Ave |  |  |
| \$2,081.19  | 3      | 21 C0101   | Corelogic Refunds Dept<br>For Kaweck, Stephen<br>3001 Hackberry Rd<br>Irving, TX 75063                           | 2025 | Duplicate Payment<br>38 Moonachie Rd    |  |  |
| \$2,741.82  | 100.01 | 6.02 C0201 | Corelogic Refunds Dept<br>For Felix Tomas Garzon Martin<br>3001 Hackberry Rd<br>Irving, TX 75063                 | 2025 | Over Payment<br>54 Polifly Rd           |  |  |
| \$2,582.50  | 355    | 27         | Gutierrez, Nelly<br>429 Maple Hill Dr<br>Hackensack, NJ 07601                                                    | 2025 | Duplicate Payment<br>429 Maple Hill Dr  |  |  |
| \$2,228.13  | 341    | 8 CS10E    | Galvo, Michael<br>316 Prospect Ave #10E<br>Hackensack, NJ 07601                                                  | 2025 | Duplicate Payment<br>316 Prospect Ave   |  |  |

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 486-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE FOR THE HACKENSACK MUNICIPAL COURT

**WHEREAS**, there exists in the City of Hackensack a need for the services of a licensed New Jersey Attorney who is qualified to serve as a Judge for the Hackensack Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, such professional services will be rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack that the Mayor and City Council through the City Manager are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Richard C. Takvorian to perform the position as Judge for the Hackensack Municipal Court, for a period of three years commencing December 1, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to retain a copy of the contract for public inspection.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 487-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSED BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2026-2027

**WHEREAS**, Bergen County Community Development Grants have been proposed by the following organizations located in the municipality of Hackensack, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Inter-local Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Mayor and City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the residents of Hackensack; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development Funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hackensack hereby confirms endorsement of the following projects; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program (Robert G. Esposito – [resposito@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:resposito@co.bergen.nj.us)) so that implementation of the aforesaid projects may be expedited.

| APPLICANT                       | PURPOSE                                   | AMOUNT      |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Boys & Girls Club of Hackensack | Feeding More Than Their Minds Program     | \$95,000.00 |
| Alianza Hispana USA             | Community Empowerment & Education Program | \$30,00.00  |

|                                               |                                                 |              |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey   | Fair Housing Activities                         | \$200,000.00 |
| All Access Community Development Corporation  | Hackensack Seniors Community Food Table Program | \$153,887.00 |
| All Access Community Development Corporation  | Community Food Table Program                    | \$169,460.00 |
| Greater Bergen Community Action               | Repairs & Enhancements to 198 Berry Street      | \$37,150.00  |
| Youth Consultation Service                    | Housing Rehabilitation                          | \$95,000.00  |
|                                               | Assistance – Bathroom Upgrade                   |              |
| Act Now Foundation – Dementia Resource Center | Mind & Memory Connection Program                | \$25,000.00  |
| Transition Professions                        | Housing Access and Retention Specialist         | \$50,260.00  |
| YWCA of Northern New Jersey                   | Operation Sisterhood Program                    | \$15,000.00  |

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 488-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES – FIRE DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack and the Borough of Paramus seek to enter into an Inter-local Agreement wherein the Borough of Paramus DPW will provide labor and maintenance services on vehicles owned by the City of Hackensack Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, both of the parties to such an Agreement are authorized by law to enter into an Agreement with one another to provide jointly for any lawful service to and for the residents of the respective municipalities pursuant to the provisions of the Inter-local Services Act” N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing bodies of the City of Hackensack and the Borough of Paramus recognize that the implementation of an Inter-local Agreement is in the best interest of the taxpayers of each municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack hereby authorizes the execution of an Inter-local Services Agreement with the Borough of Paramus for a period of one year, commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement shall take effect upon the execution of same and the adoption of Resolutions by both parties as provided by law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of the Agreement be maintained on file and open to public inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 489-25**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW FIRE HYDRANT AT 359 MAIN STREET**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Veolia Water New Jersey, Inc. is hereby requested to erect one fire hydrants at the following designated place, to be used for fire purposes only, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the company, and its rates as set forth in the Schedule of Rates files with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in Newark, NJ.

Location of Hydrants: One hydrant will be located on the west side of Main Street 165 feet from Passaic Street and 200 feet from Ward Street

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 490-25**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REGISTRAR, DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND ALTERNATES FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack maintains the Hackensack Health Department that maintains a Vital Records division; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack must maintain a Registrar and Deputy Registrar, and that registrar may designate up to two (2) Alternate Deputy Registrars and as many Sub-registrars as are needed, as per New Jersey Statutes Annotated 26:8-1 et seq.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, that:

- 1. Maria Nunez Diaz will maintain designation as the Registrar.
- 2. Elizabeth Taveras will maintain designation as the Deputy Registrar.
- 3. Diana Bielan will maintain designation as the Alternate Deputy Registrar.
- 4. Rose Frontignano will maintain designation as an Alternate Deputy Registrar.
- 5. Karla Carangui Peralta will be designated as a Sub Registrar.
- 6. Guillermina Diaz will maintain designation as a Sub Registrar.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 491-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor of the City of Hackensack, that the following appointments be made for a term beginning on January 1, 2026:

PLANNING BOARD

One Year Term (Class II Member):  
Timothy Hoffman

Four Year Term (Class IV Member):  
Frank Mai  
Dillon Robin Ford

Two Year Term (Class IV Alternate Member):  
Joshua Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor of the City of Hackensack, with the advice and consent of the City Council, that the following appointments be made for a term beginning on January 1, 2026:

ENVIRONMENTAL COMISSION

Three Year Term:  
Maria Ulloa Garja  
Agatha Toomey

Two Year Term (Alternate):  
Kelbe Beck  
Darling Bode Zambrana

LIBRARY BOARD

Five Year Term:  
Laura Kirsch

RECREATION BOARD

Three Year Term:  
Keith Hunt  
Ceslo King  
Brownita (Sissy) Shariff

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack that the following appointments be made for a term beginning on January 1, 2026:

CREATIVE TEAM

One Year Term:  
Monica Chavarria  
Ted Malin

CONDO COOP BOARD

Three Year Term:

Robert Feinberg  
Annette Jankowski  
Marilyn Santiago  
Lawrence Finch  
Victoria Bellis  
Aria Wright

**RENT STABILIZATION BOARD**

*Three Year Term:*

Judith Carter  
Darius Smith

*Alternate:*

Asha Moore

**GREEN TEAM**

*One Year Term:*

Albert Dib  
Joel Dawkins  
Vicki Cohen  
Kelbe Beck  
Demetri Cobourne

**HACKENSACK MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE**

*Three Year Term:*

Kurt Nemeczek (Fire Department)  
Sandra Marrin  
Taylor O'Brien  
Tara Cooper (Library)

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

*Five Year Term:*

Rommy Buttafuoco  
Anthony Stassi  
Hani Khoury (State Appointment)

**SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Three Year Term:*

Josh Cohen, Chairperson  
Michael Pezzillo  
Judy Watkins  
Andrew Moran

**STIGMA FREE ADVISORY BOARD**

*Three Year Term:*

Anthony DiPersia, Police  
Kurt Nemeczek, Fire  
Sandra Marrin  
Jamie England  
Susan McVeigh  
Allison Saabye  
Diane Some  
Tara Cooper, Library  
Taylor O'Brien  
Leteefah Fleming  
Andee Post

**ZONING BOARD**

*Four Year Term:*

Mark Cheatham  
Darius Pemberton  
John Carroll  
Vicki Farhi

Two Year Term (Alternate):  
Gino Tessaro

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Manager of the City of Hackensack, with the advice and consent of the Mayor and City Council, that the following appointments be made for a term beginning on January 1, 2026.

**VETERANS BOARD**  
Four Year Term:  
Guy Navarro

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 492-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIORNMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FOSCHINI PARK IMPROVEMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack has obtained a Green Acres loan of \$200,000 and a Green Acres grant of \$600,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

0223-17-028 Foschini Park Improvements

**WHEREAS**, the State and the City of Hackensack intend to increase Green Acres funding by \$1,152,000, to increase Green Acres funding to a total of \$1,952,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK THAT:**

- 1. The Mayor of the City of Hackensack is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Foschini Park Improvements and;
- 2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$0, and;
- 3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 493-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A FY 2026-2027 BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT FOR DPW INFARED HEATERS

**WHEREAS**, a PY2026-2027 Bergen County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has been proposed by the City of Hackensack installation of infrared heaters within the Department of Public Works building in the City of Hackensack; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project limits are within an area of the city deemed eligible per Bergen County CDBG mapping; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Hackensack; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 494-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A PY2026-2027 BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT FOR ROADWAY RESURFACING

**WHEREAS**, a PY2026-2027 Bergen County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling \$280,000 has been proposed by the City of Hackensack for the roadway resurfacing of Cambridge Terrace from Arcadia Road to Beech Street in the City of Hackensack; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project limits are within an area of the city deemed eligible per Bergen County CDBG mapping; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Hackensack; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 495-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION BALANCES IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

**WHEREAS**, certain General Capital Improvement Authorization balances remain dedicated to projects which are now complete; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances, so that the unexpended balances may be returned to the respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited respective Capital Surplus, and unused debt authorizations may be cancelled;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital appropriations are hereby cancelled:

| <u>Ord #</u>                                           | <u>Description</u>            |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| #21-15                                                 | Upgrade to Computer Server    | \$ 90.21     |
| #24-17                                                 | Upgrade to Computer Network   | \$ 4.00      |
| #09-18                                                 | Acquisition of Garbage Trucks | \$ 1,802.93  |
| #25-19                                                 | Firehouse Renovations         | \$ 0.84      |
| Preliminary Expenses – LSRP Services for Various Parks |                               | \$ 54,378.08 |

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 496-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF  
STALE & OUTSTANDING CHECKS

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack has carried on its book balance, several stale and outstanding checks which are over six months old; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to cancel these stale and outstanding checks in order to return these funds to the respective Operations account of the Current Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, that the following stale and outstanding checks are hereby cancelled:

Current Account

|        |            |        |            |
|--------|------------|--------|------------|
| 109662 | \$80.00    | 109781 | \$137.40   |
| 110006 | \$1,000.00 | 110024 | \$500.00   |
| 110163 | \$500.00   | 110190 | \$500.00   |
| 110589 | \$46.08    | 110815 | \$70.08    |
| 110899 | \$275.01   | 110915 | \$83.97    |
| 111011 | \$160.00   | 111383 | \$25.00    |
| 111402 | \$79.00    | 111555 | \$414.18   |
| 112091 | \$500.00   | 112333 | \$414.18   |
| 112759 | \$60.00    | 112778 | \$1,595.00 |
| 112890 | \$255.00   | 112941 | \$244.91   |
| 113410 | \$5,525.00 | 113525 | \$312.00   |
| 113880 | \$1,000.00 |        |            |

Net Payroll Account

|       |            |       |            |       |          |
|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|----------|
| 58914 | \$666.11   | 58945 | \$742.33   | 58992 | \$582.21 |
| 59024 | \$392.61   | 59057 | \$392.13   | 59087 | \$512.37 |
| 59575 | \$329.36   | 59645 | \$1,434.87 | 59785 | \$784.59 |
| 59794 | \$1,273.94 | 59810 | \$984.20   | 59941 | \$421.62 |
| 59989 | \$1,459.60 |       |            |       |          |

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 497-25

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE  
& APPROPRIATION - N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87  
NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT RESERVE

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of **2025** in the sum of **\$111,134.55**, which is now available from the National Opioid Settlement Reserve.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of **\$111,134.55** is hereby appropriated under the caption **National Opioid Settlement Grant**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above is the result of funds from the National Opioid Settlement Reserve in the amount of **\$111,134.55**.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 498-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING OF ACCUMULATED LEAVE PAY-OUT TO FIRE CAPTAIN  
JOHN HYNES III

**WHEREAS**, accumulated absence includes any sick days and vacation days or any other absence time authorized as part of an employer agreement, which is not used by the employee during the allowed period and which is permitted to accumulate over time to the benefit of the employee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds and authority exist to pay **John Hynes III** for sick days, vacation days and compensatory time; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager, based on the advice of City Labor Counsel, has authorized the payment of **\$136,101.31** to **John Hynes III** for said time; and

**WHEREAS**, the payment of **\$136,101.31** has been approved by the Chief Financial Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the payment of **\$136,101.31** is made in accordance with and pursuant to Article 15.1(a) of the collective negotiations agreement between the City of Hackensack and the Local 3172 Hackensack Uniformed Fire Officers Association; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack hereby approves payment to **John Hynes III** in the amount of **\$136,101.31** for an accrued time payout in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Local Finance Board for such payments.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**; the Chief Financial Officer certifies that there are funds available in the furtherance of this resolution to be in budget account T-03-56-850-882-000.

| <b>Council Member</b> | <b>Intro</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Recused</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey   | <b>X</b>     |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Clark-Collins         |              | <b>X</b>      | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Carroll               |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Diaz                  |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Mayor Gaines          |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 499-25**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING OF ACCUMULATED LEAVE PAY-OUT  
TO FIREFIGHTER ALFRED CIRELLI**

**WHEREAS**, accumulated absence includes any sick days and vacation days or any other absence time authorized as part of an employer agreement, which is not used by the employee during the allowed period and which is permitted to accumulate over time to the benefit of the employee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds and authority exist to pay **Alfred Cirelli** for sick days, vacation days and compensatory time; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager, based on the advice of City Labor Counsel, has authorized the payment of **\$128,846.32** to **Alfred Cirelli** for said time; and

**WHEREAS**, the payment of **\$128,846.32** has been approved by the Chief Financial Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the payment of **\$128,846.32** is made in accordance with and pursuant to Article 15.1(a) of the collective negotiations agreement between the City of Hackensack and the Local 2081 IAFF Hackensack Professional Firefighters; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack hereby approves payment to **Alfred Cirelli** in the amount of **\$128,846.32** for an accrued time payout in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Local Finance Board for such payments.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** the Chief Financial Officer certifies that there are funds available in the furtherance of this resolution to be in budget account T-03-56-850-882-000.

| <b>Council Member</b> | <b>Intro</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Recused</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey   | <b>X</b>     |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Clark-Collins         |              | <b>X</b>      | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Carroll               |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Diaz                  |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Mayor Gaines          |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 500-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, various Year 2025 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by Year 2025 Budget Appropriations; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that amounts in excess of appropriations over and above the amounts deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriations, may be transferred to appropriations deemed to be insufficient, during the last two months of the budget year and the first three months of the reserve year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hackensack that transfers in the amount of \$811,000 be made between the Year 2025 Budget Appropriations as follows, subject to final year-end adjustments:

**CURRENT FUND**  
**FROM**

|                     |                                |           |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 5-01-20-130-130-100 | Finance – S&W                  | \$ 20,000 |
| 5-01-20-145-145-100 | Tax Collection – S&W           | \$ 17,000 |
| 5-01-20-155-155-200 | Legal Services – OE            | \$ 50,000 |
| 5-01-20-165-165-100 | Project Management – S&W       | \$ 70,000 |
| 5-01-20-165-165-200 | Project Management – OE        | \$120,000 |
| 5-01-20-170-170-200 | Economic Development – OE      | \$100,000 |
| 5-01-21-180-180-200 | Planning Board – OE            | \$ 10,000 |
| 5-01-21-185-185-200 | Board of Adjustment – OE       | \$ 35,000 |
| 5-01-22-195-195-200 | UCC Building Insp – OE         | \$ 70,000 |
| 5-01-25-240-243-100 | Communication Operators – S&W  | \$ 20,000 |
| 5-01-25-265-266-100 | Fire Official – S&W            | \$ 15,000 |
| 5-01-25-265-267-100 | Fire Alarm – S&W               | \$ 12,000 |
| 5-01-25-265-267-200 | Fire Alarm – OE                | \$ 12,000 |
| 5-01-25-265-269-100 | EMT's – S&W                    | \$ 8,000  |
| 5-01-26-130-130-100 | Public Bldgs & Grnds – S&W     | \$ 40,000 |
| 5-01-26-300-301-100 | City Garage – S&W              | \$ 10,000 |
| 5-01-26-300-302-100 | Street Cleaning – S&W          | \$ 8,000  |
| 5-01-26-305-306-200 | Recycling – OE                 | \$ 20,000 |
| 5-01-26-313-313-100 | Shade Tree – S&W               | \$ 25,000 |
| 5-01-27-330-332-200 | PEOSHA – OE                    | \$ 10,000 |
| 5-01-28-370-370-200 | Recreation – OE                | \$ 10,000 |
| 5-01-30-420-420-200 | Celebration Public Events – OE | \$ 15,000 |
| 5-01-31-455-456-200 | Sewer Treatment – BCUA – OE    | \$ 15,000 |
| 5-01-36-472-472-200 | Social Security                | \$ 19,000 |
| 5-01-43-490-490-100 | Municipal Court – S&W          | \$ 80,000 |

**Total - \$811,000**

**TO**

|                     |                                |           |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
|                     | <b>DEPARTMENT</b>              |           |
| 5-01-20-100-100-100 | Admin / Exec – S&W             | \$ 40,000 |
| 5-01-20-105-105-100 | Human Resources – S&W          | \$ 7,000  |
| 5-01-22-195-195-100 | UCC Building Insp – S&W        | \$ 14,000 |
| 5-01-23-210-210-200 | Group Health Benefit Insurance | \$353,000 |
| 5-01-25-240-241-100 | Crossing Guards – S&W          | \$ 42,000 |
| 5-01-25-252-252-100 | Emergency Mgmt – S&W           | \$ 1,000  |
| 5-01-25-265-265-100 | Fire Dept – S&W                | \$210,000 |
| 5-01-26-290-290-100 | Streets & Roads – S&W          | \$ 10,000 |
| 5-01-26-300-300-100 | DPW Admin – S&W                | \$ 18,000 |
| 5-01-26-305-305-100 | Garbage & Trash – S&W          | \$ 81,000 |
| 5-01-26-301-302-200 | Street Cleaning – OE           | \$ 5,000  |
| 5-01-27-330-331-100 | Health – S&W                   | \$ 2,000  |
| 5-01-28-370-370-100 | Recreation – S&W               | \$ 5,000  |
| 5-01-28-375-375-100 | Parks & Playgrounds – S&W      | \$ 10,000 |
| 5-01-30-420-420-100 | Celebrate Public Events – S&W  | \$ 3,000  |
| 5-01-31-445-445-247 | Utilities – Water              | \$ 10,000 |

**Total - \$811,000**

| <b>Council Member</b> | <b>Intro</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Recused</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey   | <b>X</b>     |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Clark-Collins         |              | <b>X</b>      | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Carroll               |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Diaz                  |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Mayor Gaines          |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 501-25**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR FOSCHINI PARK ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the City has previously awarded a bid construction management contract to Boswell Engineering for the Foschini Park Improvement Project and Boswell has found modifications are needed to the design of the electrical system for said project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City solicited Requests for Proposals regarding the engineering design services required for said project; and

**WHEREAS**, it was determined that the proposal received from Boswell Engineering is the most advantageous to the City based on cost, expertise, and prior with this project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen, as follows:

1. Boswell Engineering of 330 Phillips Ave., South Hackensack, NJ 07606 is hereby awarded a contract in an amount not to exceed \$39,000 for the electrical design engineering services related to the Foschini Park Field 8, 9, & 10 Improvement Project, in accordance with the proposal attached thereof.
2. A Certification of Funds has been prepared and authorized by the Chief Financial Officer for the said contract assuring that there is a sufficient appropriation to fund the purchases authorized in this resolution as an express and mandatory condition of the award of this contract.
3. The budget account to be charged is C-04-25-021-000-100.
4. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The City Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

| <b>Council Member</b> | <b>Intro</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Recused</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey   | <b>X</b>     |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Clark-Collins         |              | <b>X</b>      | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Carroll               |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Diaz                  |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Mayor Gaines          |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 502-25**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING BID CONTRACT FOR NJDOT PARTIALLY-FUNDED  
GRAND AVE. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack has received a NJ Dept. of Transportation Pedestrian Safety Improvement Grant in the amount of \$176,772 for the area of Grand Ave. between Fairmount Ave. and Poplar Ave, to improve the safety of schoolchildren and pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, the City solicited sealed bid proposals for said project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City opened bid proposals on November 13, 2025 and a total of eight (8) bids were received and opened; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack now wish to award this contract to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen, as follows:

1. DS Meyer Enterprises of 2 North St., Suite 2A, Waldwick, NJ 07403 is hereby awarded a contract for the amount not to exceed \$261,577 for the Grand Ave.

Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project (NJDOT partially-funded), in accordance with the specifications advertised thereof.

- 2. A Certification of Funds has been prepared and authorized by the Chief Financial Officer for the said contract assuring that there is a sufficient appropriation of \$62,000 in budget account C-04-20-041-000-100, and \$13,000 in budget account C-04-21-011-000-100, and \$186,577 in budget account C-04-044-000-200 to fund the purchases authorized in this resolution as an express and mandatory condition of the award of this contract:
- 3. The City Clerk and Mayor are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The City Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 503-25

RESOLUTION AWARDING CHANGE ORDER #1 (FINAL) TO A.A. BERMS FOR  
MAIN ST. STREETSCAPE SOUTH FEDERAL PROJECT # TAP-1250(343)CON

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack has been awarded a Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant for the streetscape improvements to Main Street from Court Street to Atlantic Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the City awarded a bid contract to AA Berms, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$751,827 on August 15, 2022 as per Resolution #336-22; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is now complete and during the final review there has an adjustment of quantities to meet the field conditions and final as-built quantities, resulting in a decrease to the over-all contract award; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager now recommends the awarding of Change Order #1 (Final) which is a decrease of (-\$181,710.50).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen, as follows:

- 1. AA Berms, LLC of P.O. Box 180, Belleville, NJ 07109 is hereby awarded Change Order #1 (Final) in the decreased amount of (-\$181,710.50), bringing the total contract award to \$670,116.50 for the Main St. Streetscape South TAP Grant Project, in accordance with the specifications proposed.
- 2. No Certification of Funds is required as the Change Order is a decrease from the original award.
- 3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The City Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 504-25**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CHANGE ORDER #5 (FINAL) TO NEW PRINCE  
CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION FOR ANDERSON STREET DRAINAGE AREA  
COMBINED SEWER SEPARATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack is committed to alleviating flooding in several sections of the City by undertaking a project to separate the combined sewers in various sections of the City, including the Anderson Street Drainage Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack awarded a bid to New Prince Concrete Construction in the amount not to exceed \$8,762,132.22 on June 13, 2023 as per Resolution #240-23; and

**WHEREAS**, the City awarded Change Order #1 in the amount not to exceed \$549,800 on December 5, 2023 as per Resolution #440-23; and

**WHEREAS**, the City awarded Change Order #2 in the amount not to exceed \$381,000 on September 10, 2024 as per Resolution #306-24; and

**WHEREAS**, the City awarded Change Order #4 in the amount not to exceed \$377,116.96 on July 14, 2025 as per Resolution #345-25; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is now complete but during the final construction stages additional flaggers were required by New Jersey Transit, and additional quantities, and supplemental items were required, thus, necessitating this Final Change Order; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager now recommends the awarding of Change Order #5 (Final) for this purpose.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen, as follows:

1. New Prince Concrete Construction Co., Inc. of 215 Eileen Terr., Hackensack, NJ 07601 is hereby awarded Change Order #5 in the amount not to exceed \$24,853.09, bringing the total contract amount to \$10,094,902.27 for the Anderson Street Drainage Area Combined Sewer Separation Project, in accordance with the specifications advertised thereof.
2. A Certification of Funds has been prepared and authorized by the Chief Financial Officer for the said contract assuring that there is a sufficient appropriation C-04-22-034-000-200 to fund the purchases authorized in this resolution as an express and mandatory condition of the award of this contract.
3. The City Clerk and Mayor are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The City Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

| <b>Council Member</b> | <b>Intro</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Recused</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey   | X            |               | X          |           |                |               |                |
| Clark-Collins         |              |               | X          |           |                |               |                |
| Carroll               |              |               | X          |           |                |               |                |
| Diaz                  |              | X             | X          |           |                |               |                |
| Mayor Gaines          |              |               | X          |           |                |               |                |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 505-25**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CHANGE ORDER #1 (FINAL) TO NEW PRINCE CONCRETE FOR CDBG PARTIALLY-FUNDED ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack is desirous of improving street and road conditions in various areas around the City, including South Newman St. from Lodi St. to the terminus; and DeWolf Place from Berry St. to East Passaic St.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City awarded a bid contract to New Prince Concrete Construction Co, in the amount not to exceed \$355,454.84 on September 9, 2025, as per Resolution #398-25; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is now complete, but during the final construction phase additional quantities were required; thus, necessitating this Final Change Order; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager now recommends the awarding of Change Order #1 (Final) for this purpose.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen, as follows:

1. New Prince Concrete Construction Co. of 215 Eileen Terrace, Hackensack, NJ 07601 is hereby awarded Change Order #1 (Final) in the amount not to exceed \$17,043.73, bringing the total contract award to \$372,498.57 for the 2025 CDBG partially-funded Road Improvement Project, in accordance with the specifications advertised thereof.
2. A Certification of Funds has been prepared and authorized by the Chief Financial Officer for the said contract assuring that there is a sufficient appropriation of in budget account C-04-24-044-000-200 to fund the purchases authorized in this resolution as an express and mandatory condition of the award of this contract:
3. The City Clerk and Mayor are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The City Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

| <b>Council Member</b> | <b>Intro</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Recused</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Deputy Mayor Toomey   | <b>X</b>     |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Clark-Collins         |              | <b>X</b>      | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Carroll               |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Diaz                  |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |
| Mayor Gaines          |              |               | <b>X</b>   |           |                |               |                |

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
RESOLUTION NO. 506-25**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPDATED HACKENSACK EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK  
DATED DECEMBER 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hackensack (“City”) has heretofore adopted an Employee Handbook discussing and setting forth various issues and policies with respect to the employees of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time the Employee Handbook is reviewed and updated as determined necessary or desirable by the City Mayor and Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Mayor and Council are entitled to amend and supplement the Employee Handbook at their sole discretion; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Mayor and Council have determined it is desirable to make certain amendments and/or supplements to the Employee Handbook currently in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, such amendments and/or supplements have been made and incorporated into the Employee Handbook dated December 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hackensack that the Employee Handbook having a date of December 2025, and all amendments and supplements presently set forth therein, be and hereby is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager, the City Attorney, and the City Labor Counsel are authorized to take all appropriate actions so as to implement this Resolution.

| Council Member      | Intro | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recused |
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| Deputy Mayor Toomey | X     |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Clark-Collins       |       | X      | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Carroll             |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Diaz                |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |
| Mayor Gaines        |       |        | X   |    |         |        |         |

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 507-25

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CONCEPT OF A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 89-95 ESSEX STREET IN THE CITY OF HACKENSACK**

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County HOME Investment Partnerships application of \$1,250,000.00 has been proposed by Regan Development Corporation for a one hundred percent affordable project to be located at 89-95 Essex Street, Block 10719, Lots 20-21, (the “Property”) in the City of Hackensack; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located in the 10-1A Inclusionary Overlay Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, HOME funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Mayor and Council, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid project would be in the best interest of the people of Hackensack, and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the City and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid HOME application,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project on the Property, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES):

A motion to open the meeting to the public was offered by Councilman Diaz and seconded by Deputy Mayor Toomey.

Joel Dawkins – Good evening. November 17, 2025 Janessa El Malvo of Upper Denfield was accused of being intoxicated when she pulled a pickup truck out of her driveway

and collided with Robert Cheviero of Upper Denfield as he rode his motorcycle on the evening of June 8, 2022. He was killed. El Malvo tested positive for THC, cocaine, and alcohol in her system, according to prosecutors. On this date, under the terms of her plea agreement, she received three years probation and no jail time. Let's jump back about four years ago. This Council we had an employee of a medical company, a home living equipment maker, a teacher, a youth coach, and a homemaker. They are supposed to be examples of children, family, and home values. They introduced and allowed Hackensack to have what we call the New Jersey Cannabis Act in our City. Now, with it being that it is only a few months away, under the state statute section 31B, a municipality may prohibit the ordinance that was introduced by the previous administration. That was ordinance 30-2021. So, this Hackensack Unites Council has a time limit of August 2026 to prohibit that which was enacted under that administration for the cannabis act for retail that we now have in Hackensack. If we are to be for children, families, and community, this is what it should be as other municipalities have done except for a few who went for the money instead. On that note, I would also like to thank Allison for her committed work because as a poll worker for the last three years, she had to take it upon herself this past November, and she did an excellent job. I hopefully would like to see her commitment be rewarded. Thank you.

Luz LaTorre – I live at 85 Linden Street in Hackensack for 30 years. The situation I have right now is I got a letter from the Building Department and I had an issue but never thought it was a violation. They forced me to do this. For the many years I am coming and they played with me like tennis ball. For many years I was parking in the street and that street is commercial and residential. The commercial area they have parking in front of the buildings, but I am not allowed. The two house industry we are not allowed to park in front of the house. When you came here in Hackensack, times fly, they gave you a sticker to park for residents but you come into the Police with the drivers license but they said you are not allowed to get it. I live across the street from the Anderson train station. If you come to Clinton Place, you have the sticker because if you don't, you get a ticket. In front at the end there is a little street with two houses, they can have the parking sticker but that house is like 10 apartments in two houses. So you can never park in any way. You can't find parking for two hours. I am working and get out at 4 in the morning. I look for parking on many blocks because I pay taxes. I don't get a discount on taxes because I live on Linden Street, unfortunately you can't find parking. I pay the taxes. I never applied for a discount or a review on the taxes. If they remove my taxes, wonderful, I will walk and pay Uber and don't use my car. I think I have rights. They forced me to build parking in front of my house. Finally, two years ago somebody listened and gave three parking spots at the end of the corner to Clinton Place but I get out early in the morning to go to work, and the buildings on Anderson and Clinton and Linden Street, they park in the three spots. I finally got proof. People from the train because on Clinton Place and around they don't have the two hour spots but you never find parking because people use the train, not even Hackensack residents, Paramus or whatever is closer because we are on the border, Maywood, and they park every day. I have the pictures. This is my house and this is what I did, I had plenty of space for the cars. This is the parking with the two cars, with and without. I still have a garden and everything. I love plants. Then we got a notice of violation. We are here tonight to please ask to let us park our two cars in front of our house. We have plenty of space like we showed in the picture. In front of us in the train station. We only have two cars. We have our garden and our stairs. We are not blocking anybody, even from the pavement or our own house blocking the entrance.

Mayor Gaines responded – What I am going to ask you to do is share those photos with the City Manager and I am sure he will ask Traffic to look at it and get back to with some sort of answer. If you can just get his information and share your information, he will be in contact.

Ms. Latorre responded – I feel I did nothing wrong because when you walk around the City, you find people parking and they block, but people are just trying to survive. People have two or three jobs and right now and eventually it will be worse. Even in

New York and I never want to be in New York. I said to my husband every time I sign the lease, next year, I don't want my child to grow up in New York, I want my child to grow up in New Jersey.

Doug Garofalo – Good evening. I just would like to publicly thank our DPW, Traffic, Police, Sanitation for an excellent job this past Sunday. I was up and out first thing before 8 to go to mass. Summit Avenue both lanes were clear, plows, and sand. Everyone was out. I was out shoveling my property in the afternoon when the sun was out. Up Anderson to the curbline, plows, sand everything. The guys did a great job. This morning, bright and early, sanitation came and emptied my pail completely. There were no bags left in the bottom of my pail. Everything was great. Thank you to the DPW, City Manager Freeman, everyone is doing a great job.

Marlene Sommerville – Good Evening. I am the Vice President of the Jamacia Organization of New Jersey. On behalf of JONJ, we just wanted to express our thank you for the notification that the Council put in the newsletter in reference to the hurricane in Jamacia. It was very much appreciated. My family and most of the members of JONJ, some had some damage to homes and properties but there was no loss of life. At the end of the day, that is what is more important to all of us. The organization wants to express a thank you and our gratitude on you guys posting the item in the newsletter. Second, I will be sending an email out to you, Allison, and the City Manager in reference to a couple events. I spoke to Allison in reference to this year in March we had done something for Women's History Month. We would like to see if we could keep it going in perpetuity until it ends in reference to doing a round table of prominent women, the Judge probably being one. We also did an exhibition of the black businesses in Hackensack for Black History Month. I am not sure if you have something planned on the agenda but if not, if we can revive it with inviting the black businesses to the Civic Center so people understand what is within the town and not solely on Main Street. We do have plenty of other black businesses located throughout Hackensack, so it was a nice event for them to come to. Then also, for Anderson Street Park – in 2023, that was commemorated as One Love Way, so I think they would like to do an event in the park for the Caribbean community and our black and brown folks for them to come together. I will put together an email and send it out and if you can let me know, if you haven't budgeted or if anything is not already planned for 2026 if we can find some time. I think the women's history one, we did at the HACPAC so that may be the hardest part to find a date when we can host an event.

No one else wished to speak.

A motion to close the meeting to the public was offered by Councilman Carroll and seconded by Councilwoman Clark Collins.

#### **VIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Deputy Mayor Agatha Toomey – I would like to start by thanking everyone for coming out tonight to our Council meeting, the final meeting of the year. I would like to congratulate Judge Gwynn on her appointment. I am sure she will be a great asset to the City, and recognizing Mary Ann DiMaria and Nick Picciallo for their many years of dedication and contribution to our City. Thank you for the performance tonight. Thank you to everyone who made presentations this evening. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our employees, the City Manager, the City Attorney, all board members, and everyone else who has taken part in the City's ongoing efforts throughout the year. Since July 1, it has been a truly remarkable ride so far. I look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead. On behalf of the Council, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy and Health New Year. We will see you next year.

Councilwoman Clark-Collins – As we conclude tonight's meeting, I would like to take a moment to wish everyone in our community a safe, peaceful, and happy holiday season. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, another

tradition, or simply taking time to rest and reflect, we hope this season brings you warmth, good health, and time with those you care about. Thank you to our residents, staff, and first responders who continue to serve our community, especially during the holidays. We look forward to the new year ahead and to continuing our work together on behalf of our City. Please travel safely, take care of one another, and enjoy the season in whatever way is meaningful to you. As always, thank you for coming and get home safely.

Councilman Carroll – I just want to say happy holidays to everyone. I hope next year brings a better year for all of us. I think we have had a very interesting six months so far. We have had some changes within the city. We have a new DPW superintendent and assistant. Our snow, my street was cleaned very good and my trash was taken out very well. I hope to keep up the good work. I was at the tree lighting last week. It was cold. I want to thank all of you that were there because we braved it just like you did. I wish it would have been warmer but we take it as we have it. Again, happy holidays and hopefully we have a prosperous new year. Congratulations to our new Judge Gwynn. I know she had to leave but I think she will do a fine job for our City and I welcome her aboard. Thank you.

Councilman Diaz – I am pleased to join my fellow councilmembers in celebrating the appointment of a new judge Karen Gwynn, also congratulations to Mary Ann DiMaria and Mr. Pic for the great job they have been doing for so long. This is a time to reflect on our successes, learn from our challenges and look ahead. As we conclude our final public meeting of the year, I want to keep it simple. Thank you. Over the past 12 months, this community has demonstrated remarkable resilience and spirit. Together, we have addressed difficult issues and celebrated meaningful accomplishments. This progress is not limited to the walls here, it happens because of your engagement, your patience, and your partnership. My commitment and the commitment of this Council, along with the City Manager and the City Attorney, remains the same, to continue advancing the priorities you have established for us. I wish you all a safe, restful, and joyful holiday season. Take this time to recharge and return in the new year ready to build an even stronger Hackensack community. Thank you and have a good night.

Mayor Gaines – As Councilman Carroll said it was very cold the night of the tree lighting and on Sunday night, I went to the menorah lighting and it was even colder. The two outdoor events were very cold but again just echoing everyone's comments - Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, whatever holiday you celebrate or if you don't celebrate any holidays during this season, have a very happy new year. I want to highlight a couple other things. Seoul Fried Chicken, quite delicious. I was at the ribbon cutting and very juicy chicken. I am a bit of a foodie, so trust me on the recommendation. It was very good. Street paving looks great, the roads that have been done are wonderful. I want to highlight a number of people have asked about resident stickers in a number of streets in Hackensack. It was something that was previously on the docket and then got pulled in the June meeting with the previous council. It has been put back on the docket, and we had a first read on that tonight. For those here, that would be from 2 AM to 6 AM on the streets listed in the docket. That is anticipated to be voted on at the next meeting. For those who have asked about it or if you know someone that has asked, please spread the word that it is back in motion again. Congratulations to Judge Gwynn. Congratulations to Mr. Pic and MaryAnn. I love them and I have to say the greatest perk of this job is you get to honor people and organizations that you love in Hackensack and it's a great thing to be able to do that. A lot of reflection has happened here about the past six months. I can't tell you how phenomenal it is to work with this team up here. What you see on social media, on these meetings, we say yes, we cut a ribbon, we take some pictures but there is so much hard work that goes in, so many emails, so many resident concerns, questions, comments and we are incredibly receptive to all those things. One thing I like to say is I hope we always remember that our most important title in Hackensack is that of resident and that we are a liaison for the residents to city government. That is the way we have operated over the last six months and will continue to operate over the rest of our time here. For everyone who has reached out, thank you for questions, your

comments, your concerns. It only makes Hackensack better. It always gives us something to think about. To my friends and colleagues up here, it has been a real honor so far and I am looking forward to 2026.

**IX. ADOURN:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Approved by Mayor and Council on January 6, 2026.

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Mayor Caseen Gaines

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Deputy Mayor Agatha Toomey

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Councilwoman Sonya Clark-Collins

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Deputy City Clerk Allison Saabye, RMC