

The Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hackensack was held at City Hall, 65 Central Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey, on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 5:34 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 December 16, 2025 was offered by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilwoman Clark Collins 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	X				
Carroll			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. On-going Litigation
- 2. Matters involving attorney/client privilege
- 3. Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property
- 4. 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:

- a. Proclamations:
 - i. Promotional Oaths of Office Due to Retirements:
Fire Captain Aaron Hilliard
Fire Lieutenant Thomas Kavanagh
- b. Presentations by Groups – None

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM PROFESSIONALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ryan Westra – Project Manager Report: Some adjustments to the overall schedule here and updates. We are plugging along on the municipal court. The DOT local aid paving will be in the spring, as well as the remainder of the city funded. Baldwin Park ADA upgrades also in the spring. Grand Ave pedestrian improvements was awarded at the last meeting and pre construction meeting is next week. Foschini 8, 9, and 10, there isn't too much activity out there. They are doing the field lighting, foundations. They are looking to have that inspection scheduled with the Building Department on either Thursday or Friday and then they will pour the concrete and take advantage of the improved weather this week. Municipal court, there has been significant progress made. We had the building framing and electrical inspections which passed yesterday. At this point the ballistic shielding has been completed and the transaction windows have all been installed and they are beginning drywall on the lobby side of the project and they will begin the drywall on the interior and hopefully that will be wrapped up in the next two weeks. I would suggest stopping by, it looks good. The DPW garage infrared heater replacement in the garage area are going to be replaced in the next few weeks as well. The contractor dropped off the lift today so we are hoping they will be in within the week to begin those replacements. The city has partnered with the Board of Ed to install weather warnings at parks, Johnson Park, Foschini Park, Staib Park, Columbus Park, Polifly Park and Carver Park, and at all BOE locations. The features of this outdoor warning system: we have custom alerts, 24/7 meteorologist support, audio and visual warning, a PA system with strobe lights, lightning detection, precipitation and humidity, temperature and heat index, wind speed and direction. We also received funding from Bergen County Open Space for this project. We are scheduled to have a meeting with the vendor, Perri Weather, next week. We got notice of award from Bergen County Community Development for the 25/26 CDBG funding round. We were awarded Union Street from Essex to Meyer. The amount awarded was \$114,017. That work includes milling, paving, ADA ramps, reset and replace iron, and striping. And as always, do not flush wipes down your sewer.

City Manager's Report: On January 9, 2026 Sylvia Brown will launch her Girl Scout Gold Award project fighting food insecurity by installing mini food pantries at the Hackensack M&M Building at 116 Holt Street, guided by the principle give what you can, take what you need. The pantry offers barrier free access to people in need and a community drop off point for donors. Also, the City of Hackensack has officially named the Art Gallery at the Performing Arts Center as the Ruth Bauer Neustadter Gallery honoring her profound influence on the city's arts community. Approved by the mayor and City Council on February 11, this designation ensures her legacy will live on. Join us on January 9, 2026 for the opening reception of Ruth Bauer Neustadter 1997-2025, A Survey, an exhibition celebrating the life and artistic career of Hackensack's own visionary artist and gallery founder. The show runs through January 31. I would also like to remind everyone we had some snow recently. I want to recognize the DPW for a phenomenal job they did and continue to do. I would like to remind the residents to please become familiar with the requirements of the City's codes for snow removal from the sidewalks, and the no parking requirements. It is only through your cooperation that we can get the roads clear and that requires you to pay attention to these ordinances and move your vehicles at certain times. You can find more on the city website under winter storm information. All the details are there for that. Thank you.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (ON AGENDA ITEMS):

A motion to open the meeting to the public was offered by Councilman Carroll and seconded by Councilman Diaz.

No one wished to speak.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS (ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS):

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

**CITY OF HACKENSACK
RESOLUTION NO. 01-26**

**FINAL ADOPTION 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**

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 Councilman Carroll and seconded by Councilman Diaz.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Bridgitte Rucker: We already have the one there now, this is the overnight parking. Explain to me how the hours between 2 and 6 we are going to have parking enforcers that actually work those hours? Only because the one we have from 7 to 7, you don’t have enough parking enforcers that work those hours and now you are talking about 2 to 6 overnight, make it make sense and explain how we are going to have enough parking enforcers because I know every time those that live in the area where these residential parking areas are at, you have to call the police department and we shouldn’t have to call the police, even from the 7 to 7. I want to know how this will work from 2 to 6 in the morning.

City Manager – We have been meeting regularly with the police department and trying to address these concerns. We have identified that the enforcement has been I don’t want to say lacking, but could be better. We have identified some reasons why it hasn’t been going as well as we would like, so we have made some strides. We will be purchasing some new equipment to equip the parking enforcement officers vehicles with automatic license plate readers that will allow them to drive through the neighborhoods and immediately identify vehicles in violation. It will not happen overnight. The equipment is on order

right now but that is the goal to get to that point. We have also given the approval to hire traffic enforcement officers to work that midnight shift which we did not have before. We are hoping this is a step in the right direction and we are trying our best.

A motion to close to the public was 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. 25-2025 has passed its second and final reading and is hereby adopted.

**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.

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. 02-26

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	\$	499,883.48
Grants		9,537.77
Payroll		2,043,849.02
Public Parking System		4,443.99
Capital		248,655.70
Escrow		32,687.15
Trust Account		133,864.40
Total Expenditures		<u>2,963,383.74</u>
Interfunds/Transfers		<u>\$ 8,293,975.18</u>

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. 03-26

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:

AMOUNT	BLOCK	LOT	NAME	YEAR	REASON PROP LOC
\$6,023.29	78	54	Wolf Vespasiano LLC Attorney Trust Account And Elbow Cay Realty LLC 331 Main St Chatham, NJ 07928	2025	State Board Judgment 145 Lexington Ave
\$5,708.81	83	3	Wolf Vespasiano LLC Attorney Trust Account And Elbow Cay Realty LLC 331 Main St Chatham, NJ 07928	2025	State Board Judgment 202 Lexington Ave
\$14,870.50	211	8.01	Wolf Vespasiano LLC Attorney Trust Account And 90 Essex Assoc LLC 331 Main St Chatham, NJ 07928	2024	State Board Judgment 90 Essex St
\$25,241.99	211	8.01	Wolf Vespasiano LLC Attorney Trust Account And 90 Essex Assoc LLC 331 Main St Chatham, NJ 07928	2025	State Board Judgment 90 Essex St
\$1,256.91	106	13 C00B1	Luisa A. Simo 279 Clark St #B1 Hackensack, NJ 07601	2025	Duplicate Payment 279 Clark St

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. 04-26**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWING COMPANIES FOR THE YEARS 2026
THROUGH 2028**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 159 of the Code of the City of Hackensack (“Code”), Towers and Wreckers, and as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(u), the Mayor and Council shall annually establish a list of approved towing operators to provide towing services requested by the City of Hackensack or any departments thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the towing operators listed below are in good standing of a City license issued pursuant to §159-2 of the Code and have satisfied all necessary criteria for licensing as an “official tower” of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City’s Police Department has determined the towing operators listed below are in full compliance with all applicable requirements under the Code.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The following towing operators are hereby approved to carry out all towing operations requested by the City of Hackensack or any departments thereof in accordance with all applicable state, local and federal laws:

- 1. All Points Towing
- 2. Bergen Brookside Towing
- 3. Court House Auto Body
- 4. Hackensack Auto Body
- 5. Lin-Z Towing Service
- 6. Tumino’s Towing
- 7. Polifly Towing

2. The City Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the City’s Police Department, Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

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. 05-26**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSON TO PERSON LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM
AURORA RESTAURANT GROUP INC TO MQ CLIFTON 1081 LLC FOR LICENSE #0223-
33-051-012**

WHEREAS, an application has been received in the Clerk’s Office to approve a Person-to-Person transfer of a Plenary Retail Consumption liquor license from Aurora Restaurant Group Inc (License #0223-33-051-012), located at 159 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 to MQ Clifton 1081 LLC, for a premise located at 159 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601, including a disclosure of all funds used in the purchase of the license; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the applicable transfer fees have been paid to the City of Hackensack and State of New Jersey, and the license has been properly renewed for the current term; and

WHEREAS, consent has been received from Aurora Restaurant Group Inc and has been filed with the Clerk of the City of Hackensack; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, MQ Clifton 1081 LLC, to the extent that the City of Hackensack can conduct an investigation and review of the submitted documents is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, MQ Clifton 1081 LLC, has disclosed and the City of Hackensack has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business; and

WHEREAS, proof of publication has been submitted to the Clerk’s Office of the City of Hackensack of the notice of application for the said person to person transfer; and

WHEREAS, no written objections have been received for said transfer by the City Clerk of the City of Hackensack; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack does hereby approve, effective January 6, 2026, the transfer of aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption license to MQ Clifton 1081 LLC and does hereby direct the City Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership.

This Plenary Retail Consumption License, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred effective January 6, 2026 as follows:

From: Aurora Restaurant Group Inc
159 Main Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

License Number 0223-33-051-012

To: MQ Clifton 1081 LLC
159 Main Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

License Number 0223-33-051-013

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. 06-26**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS CLASS I FOR 2026 CALENDAR YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals are appointed as Special Law Enforcement Officers in the City of Hackensack, as per NJ Title 40A14-146.14, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

- 1. Azize Cornejo

- 2. Noel Velez
- 3. Elizabeth Rosario
- 4. Steven James Jorge
- 5. Jordan Bittan
- 6. Jason Damian Alvarez
- 7. Miles Green
- 8. Marko Borovcanin
- 9. Virgil Dafinoiu

*** All Recruits are appointed based on pending results of final medical exams**

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. 07-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 100% VETERAN DEDUCTION FOR 493 WEST
ANDERSON STREET

WHEREAS, a property located in the City of Hackensack, known as 493 West Anderson Street, Hackensack, Block 457, Lot 36 is assessed to Jay J. Park and Gina Park; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2025, Mr. Jay J. Park was declared 100% exempt by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, according to the City of Hackensack Ordinance# 50-2023, the effective date of exemption is based on the date of the application of November 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2025, Jay J. Park and Gina Park purchased 493 West Anderson Street; and

WHEREAS, Gina Park, mother of Jay J. Park owns 20% of the property located at 493 West Anderson Street, Hackensack, Block 457, Lot 36, which will remain taxable;

WHEREAS, Jay J. Park owns 80% of the property which is exempt as of November 18, 2025; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, effective November 18, 2025, 493 West Anderson Street, Hackensack, Block 457, Lot 36X assessed to Jay J. Park and Gina Park is 80% tax exempt, and no refund is due at this time. This property is 80% tax exempt for 2026.

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. 08-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF 2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2026 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2026; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations for 2025, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said budget is the sum of **\$125,686,528.08**; and

WHEREAS, 35% of the total appropriations in the 2025 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, in said budget is the sum of **\$43,990,284.83**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hackensack that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Current Fund Budget

<u>General Government</u>		Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses
X-01-20-100-100	Administration	\$ 223,300	\$ 99,365
X-01-20-105-105	Human Resources	\$ 67,550	\$ 3,903
X-01-20-110-110	Mayor and Council	\$ 27,860	
X-01-20-120-120	Municipal Clerk	\$ 109,550	\$ 14,945
X-01-20-130-130	Financial Administration	\$ 223,650	\$ 50,120
X-01-20-135-135	Audit Services		\$ 36,750
X-01-20-145-145	Tax Collection	\$ 115,850	\$ 21,840
X-01-20-150-150	Tax Assessment	\$ 116,550	\$ 164,850
X-01-20-115-155	Legal Services		\$ 171,500
X-01-20-165-165	Project Management	\$ 64,750	\$ 197,295
X-01-20-170-170	Economic Development	\$ 51,450	\$ 124,600
X-01-21-180-180	Planning Board		\$ 13,720
X-01-21-185-185	Board of Adjustment		\$ 16,695
X-01-21-190-190	Rent Stabilization Board		\$ 2,625
X-01-25-275-275	Municipal Prosecutor		\$ 31,500
X-01-43-495-495	Municipal Public Defender		\$ 14,000
X-01-43-490-490	Municipal Court	\$ 215,950	\$ 19,215
X-01-23-210-210	Group Insurance		\$12,102,300
X-01-23-215-215	Workers Compensation		\$ 453,600
X-01-23-220-220	General Insurance		\$ 625,800
X-01-23-225-225	Reserve for Unemployment		\$ 30,000
X-01-30-415-415	Information / Technology	\$ 71,750	\$ 64,050
X-01-30-415-416	Accumulated Wages		\$ 105,000
X-01-31-430-430	Utilities (Electric & Gas)		\$ 196,000
X-01-31-435-435	Street Lighting		\$ 192,500
X-01-31-440-440	Telephone		\$ 79,450
X-01-31-445-445	Water		\$ 81,550
X-01-31-455-456	Sewer Treatment – BCUA		\$2,374,750
X-01-31-460-460	Vehicle Gasoline		\$ 175,000
X-01-31-461-461	Fire Hydrant Service		\$ 136,500
X-01-36-472-472	Social Security		\$ 556,850
X-01-36-476-476	Defined Contribution Retirement Plan		\$ 14,000

Public Safety

X-01-25-240-240	Police	\$5,955,250	\$ 274,400
X-01-25-240-241	School Crossing Guards	\$ 283,325	
X-01-25-240-242	Traffic Control	\$	\$ 20,650
X-01-25-240-243	Communication Operators	\$ 408,800	\$ 12,000
X-01-25-252-252	Emergency Management		\$ 6,598
X-01-25-265-265	Fire	\$5,234,250	\$ 113,400

X-01-25-265-266	Fire Official	\$ 188,300	\$ 4,813
X-01-25-265-267	Fire Alarm	\$ 18,900	\$ 7,263

Uniform Construction Code

X-01-22-195-195	UCC Building Inspectors	\$ 232,400	\$ 110,478
X-01-22-200-200	Inspection of Property	\$ 189,000	

<u>Department of Public Works</u>		Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses
X-01-26-130-130	Public Buildings & Grounds	\$ 218,400	\$ 88,375
X-01-26-290-290	Streets & Roads	\$ 73,500	\$ 24,185
X-01-26-290-290	Snow Removal	\$ 50,000	\$ 60,000
X-01-26-300-300	DPW Administration	\$ 454,650	\$ 29,873
X-01-26-300-301	City Garage	\$ 135,450	\$ 22,103
X-01-26-311-311	Sewer	\$ 46,200	\$ 90,020
X-01-26-313-313	Shade Tree	\$ 36,750	\$ 40,478
X-01-28-375-375	Parks & Playgrounds	\$ 184,100	\$ 51,730

Sanitation

X-01-26-300-302	Street Cleaning	\$ 35,350	\$ 14,105
X-01-26-305-305	Garbage & Trash	\$ 638,400	\$ 131,338
X-01-26-305-306	Recycling	\$ 25,200	\$ 73,150
X-01-26-305-307	Sanitary Landfill		\$ 700,000

Health & Welfare

X-01-27-330-330	Public Health Clinics		\$ 3,150
X-01-27-330-331	Health	\$ 301,700	\$ 25,200
X-01-27-330-332	PEOSHA		\$ 63,000
X-01-27-340-340	Animal Control		\$ 5,954
X-01-30-415-419	Reserve for Tax Appeals		\$ 700,000

Recreation & Education

X-01-28-370-370	Recreation	\$ 209,650	\$ 34,311
X-01-28-370-371	Cultural Arts	\$ 31,500	\$ 37,450
X-01-30-420-420	Celebration Public Events	\$ 10,150	\$ 24,500
X-01-29-390-390	Johnson Public Library		\$ 961,265
X-01-30-4156-418	Boys & Girl's Club		\$ 1,750

Debt Service

X-01-45-920-920	Bond Principle		\$1,805,000
X-01-45-920-930	Bond Interest		\$ 560,000
X-01-45-940-942	Wastewater Loan Principle		\$ 100,000
X-01-45-940-942	Wastewater Loan Interest		\$ 150,000
X-01-45-930-930	Green Trust Loan Principle		\$ 17,000
X-01-45-930-930	Green Trust Loan Interest		\$ 4,000

Total Operations **\$38,151,247**

Debt Service **\$2,636,000**

Parking Utility Fund Budget

		Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses
X-05-55-501-000	Parking Operations	\$178,500	\$ 247,100
X-05-55-541-000	Social Security		\$ 14,000
X-05-55-522-000	Bond Interest		\$ 100,000
X-05-55-530-000	Bond Principal		\$240,000

Total Operations **\$439,100**
Debt Service **\$250,000**

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. 09-26

RESOLUTION APPROVING 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 \$4,000 be made between the Year 2025 Budget Appropriations as follows:

CURRENT FUND

FROM

5-01-36-472-472-200

DEPARTMENT

Social Security

\$ 4,000

Total -

\$ 4,000

TO

5-01-25-265-267-200

DEPARTMENT

Fire Alarm - OE

\$ 4,000

Total -

\$ 4,000

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. 10-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN STATUTORY PAYMENTS OF CLAIMS AND OTHER CLAIMS REGULAR IN NATURE

WHEREAS, all claims of payment by the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, are required to be first submitted to the Mayor and City Council for consideration before payment; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of certain claims and the timing of the particular meeting involved, certain claims should be paid when presented which are statutory in nature, rather than held for the next Council meeting of the City of Hackensack due to the nature of said claims.

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

- 1) The City of Hackensack does hereby approve the payment between meetings of the following encumbered claims for payment, when the same are presented to the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Hackensack.
 - a) City of Hackensack payroll obligations
 - b) City of Hackensack required payments to the Board of Education
 - c) Required County tax payments to the County Treasurer
 - d) Banks for investment purposes, internal transfers, and debt service obligations
 - e) State of New Jersey – application fees, permit fees, NJDEP fees, NJDMV fees
 - f) Miscellaneous disbursements approved by prior specific resolutions
 - g) Reissue of lost or mutilated checks after stop payment has been enforced
 - h) Payments necessary to all vendors that require compliance with the “2006 Prompt Payment Law,” Chapter 96, whereby the City of Hackensack shall pay the bill not more than 30 calendar days after the billing date to avoid billable late chargers
 - i) Postage and “Express Mail” services
- 2) The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to approve the proper vouchers for payment of the above recited accounts when same is properly presented for payment, and thereafter said claim shall be transcribed on the next scheduled Bills List to be approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack.
- 3) A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Hackensack.

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. 11-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING DESIGNATION OF APPROVED DEPOSITORIES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen for the year 2026, the following shall serve as the Cash Management Plan of the City of Hackensack.

The Chief Financial Officer is directed to use this cash management plan as a guide in depositing and investing the City of Hackensack’s funds.

The following Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) approved banks are authorized depositories for the deposit of funds:

TD Bank Blue Foundry Bank Columbia Bank Bank of America Spencer Savings Bank Connect One Bank New Jersey Cash Management Fund First Bergen Federal Credit Union	Provident Bank PNC Bank Valley National Bank Kearny Bank Investor's Bank Santander Bank Chase Bank Greater Alliance Federal Credit Union
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All warrants or checks for the disbursement of money shall be made by any two (2) of the following officials and no more than one facsimile signature may be used:

- Chief Financial Officer James A. Mangin
- Mayor Caseen Gaines
- Acting City Clerk Timothy Hoffman
- City Manager Thomas Freeman

The Chief Financial Officer is empowered to invest cash funds as bank balances will allow from time to time in order to maximize realized revenue.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, the following instruments are authorized as suitable investments for the City of Hackensack:

- Interest-bearing bank accounts in banks or credit unions as authorized above for deposit of local unit funds (GUDPA approved);
- Certificates of Deposit in GUDPA approved banking institutions;
- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such as Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds;
- Government money market mutual funds that comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e);
- Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors;
- Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school district of which the City is a part;
- Local government investment pools, including municipal note issuances, which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e) and conditions as set by the Division of Local Government Services;
- New Jersey Cash Management Fund;
- Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e);
- New Jersey Asset and Rebate Management Program
- Short term notes issued by New Jersey municipalities, counties, local authorities, and school districts; so long as the maturity date is no more than 397 days from the date of purchase.

There are no approved security broker/dealers. If a security broker/dealer shall be approved during the year, the registered principle of said brokerage firm so approved shall be provided with and sign an acknowledgement that they have seen and reviewed this cash management plan.

Each month the Chief Financial Officer shall prepare a report for the City Manager that consists of the following:

- A summary of all investments made or redeemed for the month.
- A listing of all financial institutions holding local unit funds.

- The class or type of securities purchased or funds deposited.
- Income earned on deposits and investments.
- Market value of investments and disclosure as to how the value was determined, if applicable.
- A listing of accounts or deposits that do not earn interest.

This document shall constitute the cash management policy of the City of Hackensack.

Any official involved with the selection of depositories, investments, broker/dealers, shall disclose any material business or personal relationship to the City Manager and to the Local Finance Board or Local Ethics Board as applicable.

Any official who, during his or her duties, deposits or invests in accordance with this plan shall be relieved of any liability for loss.

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. 12-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF PETTY CASH FUND

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes a local unit to establish a petty cash fund upon approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, such approval was granted on December 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in order to establish a uniform method of accounting for petty cash funds, which purpose is to pay for small incidental costs not associated with the normal processes for the acquisition of materials and services; and

WHEREAS, petty cash funds are not provided for the purpose of circumventing the regular acquisition process; and

WHEREAS, purchase order procedures can be utilized with most vendors when making frequent purchases.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen a petty cash fund in the amount of \$600 is approved for year 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no single payment from the petty cash fund shall exceed \$50.00. Each disbursement shall be evidenced by an appropriate receipt. The petty cash fund shall be subject to approved accounting procedures and shall be closed out at the end of the year for audit.

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. 13-26

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT
FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) GARBAGE TRUCK CHASSIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack Department of Public Works wishes to purchase two (2) new garbage trucks by procuring the chassis and truck body from two separate authorized vendors under two pricing cooperatives; and

WHEREAS; the City of Hackensack wishes to utilize the Bergen County Purchasing Pricing Cooperative for the purchase of two (2) garbage truck chassis; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, Hudson County Motors of 290 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ 07096 has been awarded Bergen County Co-Op Contract Bid# BC-24-06 for the purchase of Class 4-8 Trucks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack is a member of the Bergen County Purchasing Pricing Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best available price; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the purchase of two (2) 2026 Western Star 47X Tandem Rear Loader Garbage Truck Chassis is expected not to exceed \$338,934.00; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the two (2) garbage trucks is expected not to exceed \$660,413.10.

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

1. Hudson County Motors of 290 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ 07096 is hereby awarded a contract in the amount not to exceed \$338,934 for the purchase of two (2) 2026 Western Star 47X Tandem Rear Loader Garbage Truck Chassis, including all needed equipment and appurtenances
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 in budget account C-04-25-047-000-300 to fund the purchases authorized in this resolution as an express and mandatory condition of the award of this contract.
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				
Clark-Collins			X				
Carroll	X		X				
Diaz		X	X				
Mayor Gaines			X				

**CITY OF HACKENSACK
RESOLUTION NO. 14-26**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT
FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) GARBAGE TRUCK BODIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack Department of Public Works wishes to purchase two (2) new garbage trucks by procuring the chassis and truck body from two separate authorized vendors under two pricing cooperatives; and

WHEREAS; the City of Hackensack wishes to utilize the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program (ESCNJ) for the purchase of two (2) garbage truck bodies; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, Sanitation Equipment Corp. Of 80 Furler Street, Totowa St., NJ 07512 has been awarded Contract No. #ESCNJ 23/24-04 by the ESCNJ for the purchase of Class 4-8 Trucks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack is a member of the ESCNJ; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best available price; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the purchase of two (2) Leach Model 2RIII 29 Cubic Yard Rear Loader Garbage Truck Bodies is expected not to exceed \$321,479.10; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the two (2) garbage trucks is expected not to exceed \$660,413.10.

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

1. Sanitation Equipment Corp. Of 80 Furler Street, Totowa St., NJ 07512 is hereby awarded a contract in the amount not to exceed \$321,479.10 for the purchase of two (2) Leach Model 2RIII 29 Cubic Yard Rear Loader Garbage Truck Bodies, including all needed equipment and appurtenances
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 in budget account C-04-25-047-000-300 to fund the purchases authorized in this resolution as an express and mandatory condition of the award of this contract.
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				
Clark-Collins			X				
Carroll	X		X				
Diaz		X	X				
Mayor Gaines			X				

**CITY OF HACKENSACK
RESOLUTION NO. 15-26**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING STATE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE
(3) 2026 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE AWD VEHICLES FOR THE BUILDING
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack Building and Land Use Department desires to purchase three (3) 2026 Chevrolet Traverse AWD Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs), including needed standard equipment, for its inspectors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack wishes to purchase this equipment by using the services of the NJ State Cooperative Contract Purchasing System, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(6); and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack wishes to utilize the NJ State Bid Contract #17-FLEET-01387 T2007 Sport Utility Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. of 1427 Bay Road, Milford, DE 19963 has been awarded Contract 17-FLEET-01387 T2007 as an authorized vendor under the NJ State Cooperative Contract Purchasing System; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best available price; and

WHEREAS, the actual price of the three (3) 2026 Chevrolet Traverse AWD SUVs is expected not to exceed \$120,394.50.

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

1. Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. of 1427 Bay Road, Milford, DE 19963 is hereby awarded a contract in the amount not to exceed \$120,394.50 for the purchase of three (3) 2026 Chevrolet Traverse AWD SUVs.
2. A Certification of Funds has been prepared by the Chief Financial Officer for the said contract assuring that a sufficient appropriation in budget account C-04-25-047-000-500 exists to fund the purchases authorized in this resolution as an express and mandatory condition of the award of this contract.
3. 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 the furtherance of this award.

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. 16-26**

RESOLUTION AWARDING CO-OP CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack Building and Land Use Department desires to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack wishes to purchase this equipment by using the services of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(6); and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack is a member of the Cranford Police Pricing Cooperative, and wishes to utilize their contract #25-01 Police & Administrative Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Axis Chevrolet of 676 Garfield Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07305 has been awarded Contract #25-01 as an authorized vendor under the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best available price; and

WHEREAS, the actual price of the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe, including listed equipment is expected not to exceed \$56,125.20.

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

1. Axis Chevrolet of 676 Garfield Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07305 is hereby awarded a contract in the amount not to exceed \$56,125.20 for the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe, including listed equipment.
2. A Certification of Funds has been prepared by the Chief Financial Officer for the said contract assuring that a sufficient appropriation in budget account C-04-25-047-000-500 exists to fund the purchases authorized in this resolution as an express and mandatory condition of the award of this contract.
3. 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 the furtherance of this award.

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. 17-26**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF SMALL BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Hackensack finds and declares that **N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1** empowers authorized municipal employees to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Hackensack for the Municipal Tax Collector to be authorized to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1**;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Hackensack that Municipal Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process the cancellation of tax refunds or delinquencies of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars during the calendar year 2026 in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1**.

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. 18-26**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATE OF INTEREST FOR NON PAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, OR OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES

WHEREAS, **N.J.S.A. 54:4-67** permits the Governing Body of the City of Hackensack to fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or any other municipal charges.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Hackensack that the rate of interest on unpaid taxes shall be eight (8) percent per annum on the first One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars of delinquency and eighteen (18) percent per annum on any amount in excess of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment, provided that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made on or before the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of interest on unpaid sewer bills shall be eight (8) percent per annum on the first One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars of delinquency and eighteen (18) percent per annum on any amount in excess of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars to be calculated from the date the charge was billed until the date of actual payment, provided that no interest shall be charged if payment of any bill is made within thirty (30) calendar days following the billing date; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when the 10th day of grace period for taxes, or the 30th day for sewer billing, falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it is due on the following Monday, and if the following Monday is a legal holiday, it will be due and payable on the following Tuesday, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the interest provided above, on all delinquencies in excess of Ten thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars and which are not paid prior to the end of the calendar year, the Municipal Tax Collector shall also collect a penalty of six (6) percent of the amount of the delinquency in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector.

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. 19-26**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ACCELERATED TAX LIEN SALE

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Hackensack finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 requires that the City of Hackensack conduct a public tax sale to enforce delinquent municipal liens by selling said liens in accordance with the Tax Sale Law; and

WHEREAS, “delinquency” means the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years per N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to hold said Tax Sale in the calendar year 2026 for municipal delinquent charges; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Accelerated Tax Lien Sale may be at the discretion of the Municipal Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Hackensack that the Municipal Tax Collector is hereby authorized to conduct an Accelerated Tax Lien Sale during the calendar year of 2026 in accordance with **N.J.S.A.** 54:5-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES):

A motion to open the meeting to the public was offered by Councilman Carroll and seconded by Councilman Diaz.

Martin Smith – I am a member of the Hackensack Condo Coop Advisory Board, Traffic Safety Committee. At a meeting of this Council recently, our committee requested that

you consider enacting a traffic ordinance that would make it a traffic violation for a pedestrian to cross the street while texting or talking on a cell phone. In a recent article concerning traffic accidents in NJ, 2024 saw 237 fatal pedestrian accidents in NJ, the worst since 1986. Obviously, there is a need for improving traffic safety particularly for pedestrians. We would like to know if you have come to a decision whether to move forward on this traffic safety ordinance since we mentioned this to you. Again, at a previous Council meeting, we brought to your attention the fact that two years ago, our advisory board requested the City lower the speed limit of Summit Avenue between Passaic and Spring Valley, which currently is set at 35mph, which in our estimation is a high speed for a residential street. Strangely, Summit Avenue is a county road but the section between Passaic and Spring Valley Avenue is under city jurisdiction. Our idea was to bring that section of Summit Avenue into compliance with the speed limits on other city streets that are at 25 mph. When the previous administration was in power, Chief Antista I should remind you that in 2024, the City called for a survey to be made in that section of Summit Avenue which was conducted the County Sheriff's Department. That survey was submitted to the City for consideration. In a letter from, at that time, Captain Antista, to Mr. Caruso, at that time the City Manager, stated that the City traffic department did not recommend lowering the speed limit in that area. He mentioned certain things such as maintaining a uniform speed limit on Summit Avenue when in reality from its northern terminus to the Lodi line has three speed zones. 30 miles per hour north of Spring Valley. 35 miles per hour from Spring Valley to the firehouse on Summit Avenue and 40 miles per hour to the Lodi line. Really it is not a uniform speed limit for that street. We asked Mr. Caruso if he can tell us why the City traffic department refused to lower the speed limit and what parameters were that they used and he said he didn't know and would find out. Unfortunately he is no longer City Manager by the time the situation continued to go on. We gave you the parameters that we felt were necessary to lowering the speed limit. I was wondering if this Council can check with the traffic department to find out what those parameters were that they used in deciding not to lower the speed limit.

Mayor Gaines – In terms of finding out the parameters for that study that was done and the determination that was made, I think we can get an update for you as to what those parameters were. I am going to hold off on the other part of that question.

Rich Cerbo – Spring Valley Avenue has no speed limit. Mark that on your calendar. It is like a race course. I wanted to mention what Mr. Freeman said a few minutes ago. I know we praise our departments and that is a good thing. I work on weekends and Saturday morning, last week, we had some snow. It was piled up a little but the roads and me getting up Spring Valley was not great. As soon as you passed the line into Maywood and into Paramus, it was like sunny Florida, it was clear and beautiful. Something is different with Hackensack with plowing the streets. It was not a good plow job. Even the smaller snow with a few inches before, it was not so great but let's praise the department anyway. Thank you for clearing the roads but that was not the case. This whole story out here in the local weekly paper about the Sears kerfuffle, so can we, when we see a story on the front page of the newspaper, we don't hear anything about it here, if it is there is it not important here? Is that what that's about or could we discuss that and what is going on with the development project on the Sears property? I will give you a quick verbal crossword puzzle question: a role in the kitchen, four words.

Ed Meirswa – I live on Brook Street. I am here tonight to warn the City Council that the new gym for the Hackensack Police Department is literally a trojan horse on City property. Everything points to city endorsements of the project, yet I don't believe the HR department really looked into it very well. There could be things like working out while you are on the clock, even if you are on your lunch time and go there and get injured. It is a worker's compensation claim? Disability claim? Being that there are all these endorsements, it is a worker's comp claim and taxpayers are going to be on the hook for that mistake. I don't see why vouchers can't be given out to the patrolmen to go workout on their own time and off premise to erase any kind of hooks that a potential lawsuit would have on the City of Hackensack's taxpayers. Thank you.

Brigitte Rucker – On December 10, I sent a letter to the City Manager’s Office about Anderson Street and the garbage disposals that are on Anderson Street and I sent pictures. I think you have three, one on the corner of Linden and Anderson, Anderson and Union. The garbage is disgusting, the overflow is awful. I have never seen anything like it where garbage is not picked up on a regular basis when the garbage people are there. I am going to ask, maybe it is time to send a letter to the property owners and business owners about the garbage because it is spilling into the streets, blowing everywhere and it does not look presentable for the buildings that are coming and the ones already there. The presentation just does not look correct. I would hope that we would send a letter to the property owners and business owners about the trash and the city would actually follow up with picking up the trash and emptying the garbage. I know at one time Bergen on Main Street, the Alliance, I guess there were the ones that set up those dispensaries when they were beautifying the area, but I guess there was no upkeep to the trash so I am going to hope we will do something about that. The other thing is the double parking on Anderson Street. It looks like New York City. It looks pretty bad. I know most of you don’t live in the area of the third or fourth ward. I would like to see a little more beautification there. Thank you.

No one else wished to speak.

A motion to close the meeting to the public was offered by Councilman Carroll and seconded by Councilman Diaz.

City Manager – Mr. Smith asked about the ordinance requested to make it illegal to text or talk while crossing the street. It was noted. I did not put it to an official request to the Mayor and Council but I will do that and will see what the Mayor and Council’s official feelings on that are and get back to you. I did revisit the speed limits on Summit Avenue and talked to Lt. Cappadonna from the traffic division. We met, Chief Antista met and those studies were accurate and they not in favor of lowering the speed limits, or changing the current ones there now. I will revisit it again just to ensure that we were accurate in our determination and provide you with any update. Mr. Cerbo, I can honestly tell you that we received many compliments on the snow. I did not receive one negative. We can only act upon what we hear. If you have concerns during the storm, please call it in.

VIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Agatha Toomey – Good evening and thank you for coming out to our first meeting of this year. Happy new year to all. Congratulations to the fire department promotions, good luck to them, we appreciate the good work they do. I would like to thank Ryan and our City Manager Freeman and City Attorney, for always keeping us in the loop and making sure we do things according to the law. As we move into this year, let us remember that progress is not made by titles or positions but by choices. Choices to listen, lead with integrity and act in the best interest of those we serve. The year ahead will ask much of us. It will require steady leadership, open minds, and a shared commitment to doing the hard work that meaningful change demands. I am confident that together we are more than capable of meeting that challenge. Let 2026 be a year defined by unity over division, solutions over excuses and hope over hesitation. A year where we turn plans into action, challenges into opportunities, and vision into results. Thank you and here’s to strong, productive, and inspiring year ahead for our City.

Councilwoman Clark-Collins – As we close tonight’s meeting, I want to take a moment to thank the residents for their continued engagement and support of our city. As we head into the new year, I encourage everyone to make a conscious effort to support our local businesses throughout the City of Hackensack. Our small businesses are the backbone of our community. They create jobs, bring life to our neighborhood, and help keep our city vibrant and thriving. We are also excited to welcome many new businesses that are opening across the city and more on the way. To stay informed

about new openings, city events, and opportunities to support local commerce, I strongly encourage residents to subscribe to the City of Hackensack weekly newsletter. It is simple. Just go to the website and it pops on the screen and you enter your email address. That's it. Together, by shopping local and staying connected, we can continue to strengthen our economy and build an even better Hackensack for the year ahead. Thank you for coming out and get home safe. Also, congratulations again to the promoted officers.

Councilman Carroll – Good evening and happy new year. I want to congratulate our firemen on their achievement on being promoted. A couple comments: parking enforcement, I agree needs to be enhanced more especially on Main Street with double parking, on Anderson Street double parking, especially on Saturday. I am going to sit with the City Manager and hope we come up with a better plan and issue more tickets so that we don't have that problem. The resident that mentioned the garbage on Anderson Street, myself included, I have seen it and one problem we have there is a lot of businesses are taking their garbage, which I have seen, and throwing it in our receptacles instead of putting the garbage in their cans. I don't know why but maybe a letter has to go from us to those owners to say use the receptacles. That would alleviate some of the problem. One of the other residents mentioned the gym. I am a retired police officer and I was there for 28 years, between being involved with the city and now a councilman, almost 40 years. Knock on wood, no one has gotten hurt and sued us. I agree with the premise of the gym and someone getting hurt but it has been good so far. Other than that, thanks for coming out and see you next time.

Councilman Diaz – Good evening. It is an honor to be here tonight on this first public meeting of the year. While the year is new, our commitment to this town is exactly the same as yours. You want a community where our families thrive and our voices are heard. We are here to listen, to learn, and most importantly to get to work for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's make 2026 a great year for all of us. Thank you and good night.

Mayor Gaines – Happy new year and congratulations to the promoted officers. I wanted to comment on the snow. Ryan mentioned the ADA ramps, and it is important as you go out and shovel to not forget about those ADA ramps. It takes a little longer to shovel those out. When plows go through, even in Maywood, when you go through a street, those ADA ramps are going to get blocked off. Keep in mind there are many folks that are able bodied and plenty who are not, who may need them, and fire hydrants. If you can take a moment and do that, it's a good thing to do for all of us. I wanted to also encourage folks to come to the events we have for the food pantry opening that Sylvia Brown has put together. She is a high school student. This is an amazing thing. This is the kind of thing we should be celebrating. We have a student in our schools and community who did what can be an intimidating thing, came here and did a presentation in front of all of us and earned our support. When I say earned our support, I mean she did a lot of homework, we had questions, she met with department heads and she really earned the ability to do this project. It is great to go to ribbon cuttings for restaurants and things like that, but this is a great opportunity to support one of our local kids who is doing something nice for the community. The same with the art gallery opening. Ruth Neustadter is an amazing local artist. We bring lots of people into HACPAC, not everyone is local but she is local. It is nice to celebrate her amazing artwork. If you haven't seen it, it is worth seeing in person. We don't comment on pending litigation. There is a statement in that article that you read. We have commented on it in that regard. Regarding New York City, I think we agree with you in some regards in terms of buildings and that is part of our mission is to look at the city holistically and say what are some of the side effects of all the redevelopment and you have hit on some of them in terms of excess trash, in terms of is it an issue of needing more receptacles, is it an issue of communicating better with the business owners. There has to be some level of accountability and I completely agree with you with that. I think part of why we are here is that we, the city of Hackensack, felt like there needed to be some increased accountability for people who were coming into Hackensack to help grow this city, whether that was in the form of revenue, receptacles, whether it's

in the form of community engagement but I hear you and agree with you and it will be followed up. I am going to ask that in the future, any email you have like that, even if it is the City Manager's jurisdiction, just copy us on it so we can have eyes on it so we can see that prior to these meetings. Thank you for raising that. I also want to, on behalf of the entire Council, make a statement that we want to read:

The Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack recognize our obligation to provide clarity to our residents regarding recent federal activity within our community. We are aware that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers have been present in the City on multiple occasions this week to affect administrative warrants. We understand that the presence of federal agents can cause significant concern and anxiety among neighbors, and we want to address these events with the transparency our residents deserve. It is important to clarify that these actions were not broad "raids" or sweeps; rather, they were targeted arrests conducted by federal authorities. Because these actions were administrative in nature and not criminal, they do not involve the local judicial system or incarceration.

The Hackensack Police Department (HPD) operates under the strict guidelines of the Immigrant Trust Directive issued by the New Jersey Attorney General, which serves to maintain a clear distinction between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities. This directive dictates that local police are not to become involved in the execution of administrative warrants. HPD may only assist federal agents in the execution of a criminal warrant or during exigent circumstances, such as if an individual detained by ICE, or if agents, encounter violence. Our department had no prior notification regarding this week's activity and has not aided or assisted in the execution of any administrative warrants. Instead, our officers have remained focused on their primary local police functions—protecting all residents and visitors to the City and ensuring public safety.

The safety and well-being of every person in Hackensack is our highest priority. We are deeply committed to fostering an environment of trust where everyone feels safe to live, work, and participate in civic life. To support the safety of everyone during any encounter with federal agents, we wish to remind our residents of several fundamental rights. Individuals have the right to remain silent and are not required to answer questions or provide personal information. If approached in a public space, you may calmly ask the officer if you are free to leave. Additionally, federal agents generally require a judicial warrant signed by a judge or a court to enter a private residence without the owner's consent. Maintaining a calm and respectful demeanor during these interactions is always in the best interest of everyone's safety.

We commend Chief Antista, City Manager Freeman, and the Hackensack Police Department for their professionalism and for following the appropriate legal protocols to safeguard our residents. We also thank the many community members who have reached out to express their care for their fellow residents. It is truly heartening to know that so many people in Hackensack are dedicated to the welfare of their neighbors. We will continue to work diligently to ensure that our City remains a place where safety and community trust are preserved for all.

Councilman Diaz - El Alcalde y el Concejo de la Ciudad de Hackensack reconocen nuestra obligación de brindar claridad a nuestros residentes sobre la reciente actividad federal en nuestra comunidad. Estamos al tanto de que agentes del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) han estado presentes en la Ciudad en múltiples ocasiones esta semana para ejecutar órdenes administrativas. Entendemos que la presencia de agentes federales puede causar una gran preocupación y ansiedad entre los vecinos, y queremos abordar estos eventos con la transparencia que nuestros residentes merecen. Es importante aclarar que estas acciones no fueron "redadas" masivas; más bien, fueron arrestos selectivos realizados por autoridades federales. Dado que estas acciones son de naturaleza administrativa y no criminal, no involucran al sistema judicial local ni implican encarcelamiento.

El Departamento de Policía de Hackensack (HPD) opera bajo las estrictas pautas de la Directiva de Confianza del Inmigrante (Immigrant Trust Directive) emitida por el Fiscal General de Nueva Jersey, la cual sirve para mantener una distinción clara entre la policía local y las autoridades federales de inmigración. Esta directiva dicta que la policía local no debe involucrarse en la ejecución de órdenes administrativas. El HPD solo puede asistir a los agentes federales en la ejecución de una orden criminal o durante circunstancias de urgencia, como si una persona es detenida por ICE o si los agentes enfrentan violencia. Nuestro departamento no recibió notificación previa sobre la actividad de esta semana y no ha ayudado ni asistido en la ejecución de ninguna de estas órdenes administrativas. En cambio, nuestros oficiales se han mantenido enfocados en sus funciones policiales locales principales: proteger a todos los residentes y visitantes de la Ciudad y garantizar la seguridad pública.

La seguridad y el bienestar de cada persona en Hackensack es nuestra máxima prioridad. Estamos profundamente comprometidos con fomentar un ambiente de confianza donde todos se sientan seguros para vivir, trabajar y participar en la vida cívica. Para apoyar la seguridad de todos durante cualquier encuentro con agentes federales, deseamos recordar a nuestros residentes algunos derechos fundamentales. Las personas tienen el derecho de permanecer en silencio y no están obligadas a responder preguntas ni a proporcionar información personal. Si es abordado en un espacio público, puede preguntar con calma al oficial si es libre de irse. Además, los agentes federales generalmente requieren una orden judicial firmada por un juez o un tribunal para entrar en una residencia privada sin el consentimiento del dueño. Mantener una actitud tranquila y respetuosa durante estas interacciones siempre es lo mejor para la seguridad de todos.

Elogiamos al Jefe Antista, al Gerente de la Ciudad Freeman y al Departamento de Policía de Hackensack por su profesionalismo y por seguir los protocolos legales apropiados para proteger a nuestros residentes. También agradecemos a los muchos miembros de la comunidad que se han comunicado para expresar su interés por sus conciudadanos. Es verdaderamente alentador saber que tantas personas en Hackensack se dedican al bienestar de sus vecinos. Continuaremos trabajando diligentemente para asegurar que nuestra Ciudad siga siendo un lugar donde se preserve la seguridad y la confianza comunitaria para todos.

IX. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Approved by Mayor and Council on February 3, 2026

Mayor Caseen Gaines

Deputy Mayor Agatha Toomey

Councilwoman Sonya Clark-Collins

Councilman Phillip Carroll

Councilman Roberto Diaz

Deputy City Clerk Allison Saabye, RMC