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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
SPECIAL MEETING COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 6:00 P.M.

Regular Meetings of the Borough Council are generally held on the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please refer to our town calendar for dates and times and any special meetings or date changes. Borough Council Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Meetings are **televised on Optimum Channel 77 or on FIOS Channel 32. You can now also view our meetings LIVE on YouTube. Subscribe to view our meetings on youtube.com: @hillsdalenj5879. Link to our YouTube page: [click here](#). Zoom is no longer available.**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a Special Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 17th day of December, 2024. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Bergen Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

Please silence all cell phones. Please wait to be recognized by the Mayor during the Public Hearing and the Public Comment part of the meeting. You will need to state your name and town of residence for the record.

ROLL CALL:

Council President Escobar, Council Members Colletti, Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Mayor Sheinfield (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[24327](#) To provide for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – Matters relating attorney-client privilege – *Borough Personnel*

Motion _____ Second _____

Councilmember Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion to reconvene _____ Second _____

Council President Escobar, Fox, Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting Minutes November 12, 2024

Special Meeting Council Minutes November 15, 2024

Closed Session Meeting Minutes December 3, 2024

Closed Session Meeting Minutes December 10, 2024

Motion _____ Second _____

Councilmember Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limited to 3 minutes, please state your name and town of residence for the record)

ORDINANCES:

[24-15 \(Adoption\)](#)

Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, New Jersey Adopting an Amendment to the Hillsdale-Patterson Street Redevelopment Plan

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-15_____ Second _____
Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-15, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-15 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 24-15_____ Second _____
Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-15_____ Second _____
Councilmember Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso, Ruocco

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

[24-17 \(Adoption\)](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 310, To Create Part 9 “Protection of Critical Slope Areas” of the Borough Code

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-17_____ Second _____
Councilmember Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-17, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-17 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 24-17_____ Second _____
Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso, Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-17_____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the

same according to law.

24-18 (Adoption)

An Ordinance to Provide for and Determine the Maximum Rate, Amount and Method of Payment of Compensation to Persons Holding Certain Office and Positions of Employment in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey – Update 24-10

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-18_____ Second _____
Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-18, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-18 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 24-18_____ Second _____
Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-18_____ Second _____
Councilmember Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso, Ruocco

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

24-19 (Adoption)

An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for the Staff of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey – Update to 24-03

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-19_____ Second _____
Councilmember Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-19, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-19 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 24-19_____ Second _____
Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-19_____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the

same according to law.

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda):

[24328](#) Resolution to Authorizing a Transfer Between Budget Appropriations

Motion _____ Second _____

Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn _____ Second _____

Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 6:00 PM –
REORGANIZATION MEETING**