

BOROUGH OF OAKLAND
Borough Council Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

Municipal Court/Council Chambers
10 Lawlor Drive
Oakland, N.J. 07436

February 27, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on roll call vote:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of action upon the herein after specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Pending or Anticipated Litigation
3. The Mayor and Council shall release and disclose to the general public the discussion and actions taken on the subject matter of the above-mentioned closed session once the Mayor and Council has arrived at a final decision on the specified subject matter.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Kulmala, Councilmembers Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski Talamini.

Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Mayor and Borough Council opened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Oakland Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436.

Mayor Eric Kulmala presiding.

Acting Borough Clerk Wendi Seelin announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place, and agenda.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Eric Kulmala, Councilmembers: Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.

Also Present: Borough Administrator Richard Kunze, Acting Borough Clerk Wendi Seelin, Borough Attorney Matt Gilson

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Led by Citizen Michael Elston

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kulmala reviewed the status of the Borough of Oakland's current projects:

- Mayor Kulmala stated that the Water PFOA treatment is on schedule, Well 10 is online since last Tuesday and had a no detect on PFOS chemicals. Well 5 will be up and running by the end of the week, probably Thursday.
- Mayor Kulmala stated that the Lakeside Boulevard Water Main and the Sewer Main work is also completed.
- Mayor Kulmala advised the residents on Lakeside that the equipment will be demobilized, and paving will be done in the spring.
- Mayor Kulmala thanked the residents that donated Blood for the Mayor's Wellness Campaign.
- Mayor Kulmala announced that the Band Shell's electrical work is nearing completion. The Band Shell will be ready for the Grand Opening in June.
- Mayor Kulmala announced that Ed Clark a volunteer, who is a landscape architect has started to work on landscaping ideas for the Van Allen House.
- Mayor Kulmala stated that the Lennar Developer Agreement has not been signed yet. It will be signed by the end of the week after the Borough attorney, Engineer, Administrator and Professionals review the document.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Saliani set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, to open for public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Michael Pritchard 23 Calumet Ave, shared information to the Mayor and Council with regards to Mirror Lake and Crystal Lake. He reviewed federal statues for the council and provided information for them to review.

Gina McDonnell, 56 Lakeview Terrace stated they are experiencing flooding on Birch Avenue, there are damaged storm drains and they are in need of repair.

Dan McDonnell, 56 Lakeview Terrace, stated that inspectors need to be out there watching the work that is being done, he sees contractors cutting corners. He also stated there is a 5x5 hole in need of repair ASAP.

Frank Ritacco 51 Lakeshore Drive, stated that a group of lakefront homeowners on Crystal and Mirror Lakes are looking for a solution to the challenges being faced. He stated a large number of residents of RML believe that the lakes are an asset to the Borough of Oakland. He thanked Mayor Kulmala and Mr. Kunze for meeting with the group. The group is looking into forming a nonprofit to take over the lakes.

Michael Pritchard 23 Calumet, stated that Allerman Brook goes through Franklin Lakes. He believes the DOT has caused the issues at Allerman Brook.

Adam Elkin, 1472 Lakeshore Drive, storm water has an effect on RML Crystal Lake, the dam needs repair. He stated let's use the assets in the best interest of the town.

Sheila Boylan, 16 Walnut Street, Stated she is having flooding on her property and has lived and owned it for 48 years. Without flooding. She is frustrated and needs help to figure out what is causing the flooding. She stated she would like to see Crystal Lake preserved.

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Talamini, to close public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- February 13, 2024 Minutes

Councilman Saliani set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Talamini, to approve the above listed minutes.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Talamini.**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **Slasinski**
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

- February 13, 2024 Executive Minutes

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Talamini, to approve the above listed minutes.

- **ROLL CALL:** **Ayes:** **Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Talamini.**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **Slasinski**

(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

RAFFLE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL:

- Authorize Raffle License #RL1490 for Rebuilding Together of North Jersey for a 50/50 on July 6, 2024 at Pond's Reformed Church, Oakland, NJ 07436 for the rehabilitation of homes for low income homeowners in Bergen and Passaic Counties.

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Saliani, to approve Raffle License #RL1490:

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.
Nays: None
Abstain: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

ALL IN FAVOR.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS FOR 2024:

- Risk Manager- Health Benefits Acrisure
- Alternate Borough Prosecutor- Christopher Kane

On motion of Councilman Saliani, seconded by Councilman Talamini, that the listed Professionals be appointed for 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Goffredo, Pignatelli, Saliani, and Talamini.
Nays: None
Abstain: McCann
(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

ALL IN FAVOR.

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES:

Green Team:

- Kanu Dua 1 year Exp 12/31/24

MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES:

Mayor Kulmala announced the following Mayor and Council appointments:

Arts Committee:

- Kevin Bagar 1 year Exp 12/31/24
- Angela D'Alessandro 1 year Exp. 12/31/24
- Phyllis Roman 1 year Exp. 12/31/24

Appointment to the Public Events:

- Christina Knubel 3 year Exp 12/31/26

Zoning Board:

- Diane Lilienthal moved to full member Exp 12/31/24
- Leigh Dodd Alternate 1 Exp. 12/31/27

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, to approve Mayor and Council appointments:

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

RESOLUTIONS: Consent Agenda 24-94, 24-95, 24-96, 24-99, 24-100:

On motion of Councilman Slasinski seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolutions be introduced, adopted, and duly passed by consent agenda and a roll call vote:

Resolution No: 24-94

TITLE:

AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAXES FOR 2024 1st QTR OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request (attached) for a refund of taxes in the total amount of \$3486.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 requires Governing Body approval for said refund; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has verified that the amount is due and that funds are available in account Tax Refund #4-01-55-998-02 Tax Refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby authorize payment in the total amount of \$3486.00 to:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>
Rosa Applebaum	123 Long Hill Road Oakland, NJ 07436	3301	21

Resolution No: 24-95

TITLE:

AUTHORIZE FY25 BERGEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents,

local government and law enforcement officials, schools, non-profit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities through the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages, and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Oakland Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2025 in the amount of:

DEDR: \$4,507.18

Cash Match: \$1,126.80

In-Kind: \$3,380.39

The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Resolution No: 24-96

TITLE:

AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION- BODY WORN CAMERAS

WHEREAS, the Borough originally purchased Body Worn Cameras in 2021, with funding from the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is planning for the replacement of these cameras; and

WHEREAS, they have identified a potential funding source in the federal Small, Rural and Tribal Body Worn Camera Program; and

WHEREAS, this program would cover up to 50% of the cost to replace the Body Worn Cameras and related software and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police estimates the purchase and licensing cost for a five year period to be \$210,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby authorize the submittal of the grant application to the Small, Rural and Tribal Body Worn Camera Program.

Resolution No: 24-99

TITLE:

**AWARD CONTRACT TO ACRISURE AGENCY FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH RISK
MANAGER SERVICES FOR HEALTH BENEFITS FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Oakland to engage the services of a Borough Risk Manager for Health Benefits for 2024; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget to compensate said Borough Risk Manager for Health Benefits; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et. seq. exempts professional services from certain requirements of public bidding provided a notice of the appointment be printed in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did undertake a competitive process to select a Borough Risk Manager for Health Benefits and solicited Requests for Qualifications in November 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Review Team has determined that the firm of Acrisure will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Eric Kulmala has nominated the firm of Acrisure to serve as the Borough Risk Manager for Health Benefits for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received or will receive a Business Registration certificate and Affirmative Action compliance statement from the firm prior to entering into a contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, that the firm of Acrisure be and is hereby appointed as Borough Risk Manager for Health Benefits for the year 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation for said Borough Risk Manager for Health Benefits for the year 2024 shall be claimed, approved and paid in the manner set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-18 and pursuant to agreement to be entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the current design of the Borough's Health Benefits program compensation shall be as follows:

- The amount of \$41.63 per employee/retiree per month for medical and prescription coverage and \$5.27 per employee/retiree per month for dental coverage with payment being made to Acrisure Agency directly by the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund.
- Commission on the Life premium of 7.5% with payment being made to the Acrisure by the carrier.

- Commission on the Short Term Disability Premium of 10% to be paid directly by the carrier.
- Commission on the Long Term Disability premium of 15% to be paid directly by the carrier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall cause a notice of the adoption of this resolution be printed in a qualified newspaper within ten (10) days after passage hereof.

Resolution No: 24-100

TITLE:

**AWARD CONTRACT TO CHRISTOPHER J. KANE, ESQ. FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH
ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR SERVICES FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Oakland to engage the services of a Borough Alternate Prosecutor for 2024; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget to compensate said Borough Alternate Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et. seq. exempts professional services from certain requirements of public bidding provided a notice of the appointment be printed in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did undertake a competitive process to select a Borough Alternate Prosecutor and solicited Requests for Qualifications in November 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Review Team has determined that Christopher J. Kane, Esq. will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Eric Kulmala has nominated Christopher J. Kane, Esq. to serve as the Borough Alternate Prosecutor for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received or will receive a Business Registration certificate and Affirmative Action compliance statement from the firm prior to entering into a contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, that Christopher J. Kane, Esq. be and is hereby appointed as Borough Alternate Prosecutor for the year 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation for said Borough Alternate Prosecutor for the year 2023 shall be claimed, approved and paid in the manner set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-18 and pursuant to agreement to be entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the not to exceed contract amount shall not exceed \$1800.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available in Account #4-01-25-275-021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall cause a notice of the adoption of this resolution be printed in a qualified newspaper within ten (10) days after passage hereof.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **None**
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

Individual Resolution Pulled From Consent Agenda:

Resolution No: 24-97

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2023 LOSAP LIST

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191, emergency service organizations participating in a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) shall annually certify to the sponsoring agency a list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit for the previous year, and;

WHEREAS, the certification shall be based on records maintained by the emergency service organization in accordance with the sponsoring agency's adopted point system, and;

WHEREAS, the required certifications have been presented by the Oakland Fire Department & by the Oakland First Aide Squad to the Local Plan Administrator, and;

WHEREAS, the Local Plan Administrator has reviewed the annual list, and supporting documentation from the Oakland Fire Department & from the Oakland First Aide Squad to substantiate the information provided, and is satisfied that the list is complete and accurate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, that the certified list of volunteer members of the Oakland Fire Department & the Oakland First Aide Squad who have qualified for credit under LOSAP for the year 2023 is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approved certification list is posted at the office of the Municipal Clerk, and returned to the Oakland Fire Department & the Oakland First Aide Squad for posting at their locations, for a period of 30 days to allow sufficient time for membership review.

On motion of Councilman Saliani seconded by Councilman Talamini, the following resolution be introduced, adopted, and duly passed by consent agenda and a roll call vote:

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Goffredo, McCann, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini**
 Nays: **None**

Abstain: Pignatelli
(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS:

ORDINANCE 24-CODE-943

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RECREATION FACILITIES USAGE”

The Borough Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 24-CODE-943 and read by title for its first reading.

The Borough Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 24-CODE-943 entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RECREATION FACILITIES USAGE”**

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman McCann, the following Ordinance be introduced, adopted and duly passed on roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RECREATION FACILITIES USAGE”**, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a Borough Council Meeting on Tuesday March 12, 2024 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. at 7:00 p.m.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before together with notice of this introduction and of the time and place for further consideration for final passage, and that the Borough Clerk post a copy of said Ordinance in the Municipal Building and make copies available to the public.

Discussion: Mayor Kulmala asked Borough Attorney Matt Gilson to review:
Mr. Gilson stated this proposed ordinance would update the e language to be accordance with state statues.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **None**
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

ORDINANCES FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE 24-CAPITAL-940

“CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$440,000.00 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH”

The Borough Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 24-CAPITAL-940 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Borough Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled "**CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$440,000.00 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH**".

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Saliani, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, this portion of the meeting be opened for public comment.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Saliani, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, this portion of the meeting be closed to public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Saliani, Ordinance 24-CAPITAL-940, entitled "**CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$440,000.00 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH**" be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCE 24-CAPITAL-941

"CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF THE CAPITAL ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 22-885) ENTITLED: "CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$4,765,250 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH - \$1,470,153, FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE - \$400,000 AND FROM VARIOUS GRANTS - \$2,895,097," ADOPTED ON JUNE 8, 2022, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY CAPITAL ORDINANCE 22-897 ADOPTED ON 11/22/2022"

The Borough Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 24-Capital-941 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Borough Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled **"CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF THE CAPITAL ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 22-885) ENTITLED: "CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$4,765,250 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH - \$1,470,153, FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE - \$400,000 AND FROM VARIOUS GRANTS - \$2,895,097," ADOPTED ON JUNE 8, 2022, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY CAPITAL ORDINANCE 22-897 ADOPTED ON 11/22/2022"**.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli seconded by Councilman Talamini, this portion of the meeting be opened for public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Salianni, this portion of the meeting be closed to public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

On motion of Councilman Salianni, seconded by Councilman Talamini Ordinance 24-CAPITAL-941, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RECREATION FEES"** be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Goffredo, McCann Pignatelli, Salianni, Slasinski, Talamini
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

ORDINANCE 24-CODE-942

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, and CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION” BY ESTABLISHING A RECREATION COMMITTEE”

The Borough Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 24-Code-942 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Borough Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, and CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION” BY ESTABLISHING A RECREATION COMMITTEE”**.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Saliani seconded by Councilman Talamini, this portion of the meeting be opened for public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Talamini seconded by Councilman Saliani, this portion of the meeting be closed to public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli Ordinance 24-CODE-942, entitled **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, and CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION” BY ESTABLISHING A RECREATION COMMITTEE”** be adopted.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Goffredo, McCann Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **None**
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

Resolutions Recreation:

Resolution No: 24-92

TITLE:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR THE BOROUGH’S RECREATION FEE PROGRAMS AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-39

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.56 provides for receipt of Recreation Program Fees by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Borough of Oakland's Recreation Programs are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirements,

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

1. The Mayor and Council hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to place funds received for the Boroughs Recreation Programs in a specified fund to be considered a dedication by rider to the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 for Borough Recreation Programs.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Oakland is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

On motion of Councilman Talamini seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted, and duly passed by consent agenda and a roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:	Ayes:	Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini
	Nays:	None
	Abstain:	None
		(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

Resolution No: 24-93

TITLE: ADOPT BY-LAWS OF THE OAKLAND RECREATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Oakland Recreation Committee was established by ordinance 24-CODE-942; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee is required to adopt suitable rules and regulations governing its operation, subject to Governing Body approval; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland have reviewed the proposed by-laws;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the By-laws of the Oakland Recreation Committee are hereby adopted.

On motion of Councilman Talamini seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted, and duly passed by consent agenda and a roll call vote:

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **None**
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

Mayoral Appointments to the Recreation Committee

Michael Guadagnino: 5 year Exp. 12/31/2026

Steven Catalano: 5 year Exp. 12/31/2027

Dan Logatto: 5 year Exp. 12/31/2028

Michael Ives: 5 year Exp 12/31/2024

Michael Bleeker 5 year Exp. 12/31/2026

Constance Roy 5 year Exp. 12/31/2025

Robert Scalabrini 5 year 12/31/2026

Megan Rotundo Alt 1 5 year 12/31/2025

Austin Wall Alt 2 5 year 12/31/2024

WORK SESSION: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Talamini stated that the Recreation Shed has a claim on it to be repaired. Do we know the date of completion? Mr. Kunze stated the contractor on the project is doing roof design permit, he will follow up and get status. Councilman Talamini asked about the insurance claim for items inside the building that were lost? Mr. Kunze needs more information of the items to send to the claims processor.

Mayor Kulmala asked Attorney Matt Gilson for an update on the Dump Site? Borough Attorney Matt Gilson stated that the item is not on the agenda for the commissioners at this time and he checks on the status regularly.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Goffredo: - Councilwoman Goffredo reported no new meetings. She did received a phone call with regards to the construction at the Lennar development site. She is happy to learn that over 1000 trees will be replanted. Councilwoman Goffredo stated that Bill Pizzuti, Oakland resident and US Army Veteran passed away last week and she attended a memorial service today, she will always remember him fondly.

Councilman Slasinski: Councilman Slasinski announced that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team Community Garden signups will open up on March 1, 2024. They will also be hosting a Styrofoam

Drive on 4/6/24 and a birdwatching program in on May 4 rain date May 5th. Councilman Slasinski reported on the current Police Department stats. Councilman Slasinski also reported that the Oakland Public Library programs continue. They have a cookbook club, a spring concert series and much more, check out their website for more information.

Councilman McCann: None

Councilman Saliani: Councilman Saliani attended a Bush Plaza Construction meeting on 2/29/24 10AM. Donations are being collected for Bush Plaza Park, if interested please contact Council President Saliani or the Sports Association of Oakland. Council President Saliani reminded the public of the Easter Egg Hunt on March 23, rain date 3/24 and he welcomed Ms. Knubel to the Public Events Group.

Councilman Pignatelli: Councilman Pignatelli stated the Environmental committee's next meeting will be on March 5, 2024. Councilman Pignatelli stated he did not attend the BOH meeting due to being on a First Aid Call, the next BOH meeting is on March 19, 2024.

Councilman Talamini: Councilman Talamini thanked Council president Saliani for attending the Recreation Meeting in his place.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilwoman Goffredo, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the following bills be submitted for payment:

(See following pages)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing bills be paid and charged to their respective accounts when the funds are available.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Goffredo, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **None**
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)


ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the meeting be adjourned.


ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:54PM

APPROVED BY:


Eric Kulmala, Mayor

ATTEST:


Wendi Seelin, Acting Borough Clerk