

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
February 8, 2022  
7:30 PM

Mayor Anlian announces that this meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10 4-6 et seq." notice of which was sent to the Record and the Star Ledger on December 27, 2021 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Village Website.

**ROLL CALL**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners Regular Meeting of November 9, 2021  
Commissioners Closed Session Meeting of November 9, 2021  
Commissioners Regular Meeting of November 23, 2021

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Installation of Elected Officers – Ridgefield Park Heavy Rescue Squad

**RECESS**

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Anlian announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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| 2022-18 | Authorize Donation of Bicycles by Police Department to Pedals for Progress                                    |
| 2022-19 | Appoint Zoning Board of Adjustment Member   |
| 2022-20 | Authorize Street Performance Busking Locations and Establishing Regulations                                   |
| 2022-21 | Authorize Professional Services Consulting Contract with CGR – Study of Future Fire, EMS, and Rescue Services |
| 2022-22 | Appoint Acting Zoning Officer   |

**CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)**

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| 2022-23 | Authorize Closed Session Meeting |
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution 2022-18

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Ridgefield Park Police Department to donate 10 confiscated bicycles to the non-profit organization Pedals for Progress located in High Bridge, New Jersey.

Resolution 2022-19

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Gerard Garofalow as a Regular Member of the Village of Ridgefield Park Zoning Board. This appointment is effective immediately through December 31, 2022 to fill the unexpired term of Donald Vorhees.

Resolution 2022-20

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STREET PERFORMANCE  
BUSKING LOCATIONS AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS RELATED  
THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park wishes to support economic activity in the Main Street Business District and enhance the overall pedestrian experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners believes that allowing street performing artists (“busking”) will provide: entertainment for pedestrians; economic support for musicians and other artists; performance opportunities for students; and entertainment in the cultural areas without significant additional expenditures by the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners further believes that proper regulation of busking is necessary to ensure that busking results in an enhancement to the quality of life in the cultural districts of the Village.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park that, in order to attract business to the downtown and provide an opportunity to earn income for artists impacted by the pandemic, live performing arts are permitted in the Central Business District (CBD) pursuant to the following parameters:

1. The Commissioner-in-Charge of the concerts and art and culture programs shall oversee, with the input and consent of the Police Department and Fire Chief, the establishment of live performance “busking” locations throughout the CBD; and
2. Performance mediums may include, but are not limited to, dance, music theater, and live visual/fine art performances; and
3. The Commissioner-in-Charge shall be responsible for finding performers, conducting auditions, and scheduling performances at the various busking locations, with priority given to Village residents, and a copy of the weekly busking schedule shall be filed with the Police Department; and
4. Busking shall be permitted only in designated locations during assigned hours; and
5. Buskers are permitted to accept tips via a “tip jar”; and
6. All performances shall be acoustic unless otherwise specified; and

7. All performances shall be “family-friendly”; and
8. There shall be no charge for use of a busking location; and
9. The Commissioner-in-Charge shall provide regular reports on busking activity to the Board of Commissioners; and
10. Buskers shall be provided a copy of the regulations and shall sign a Hold Harmless agreement in favor of the Village.

Resolution 2022-21

**A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Consulting Contract with CGR Concerning a Study of the Future of Fire, EMS and Rescue Services in the Village of Ridgefield Park**

**Whereas**, the Village of Ridgefield Park has a need to engage a professional consultant to conduct a study related to the Village's fire, EMS and rescue services; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1, et seq., contracts for professional services are exempt from public bidding; and

**Whereas**, the Village has received a proposal and statement of work dated February, 2022, from CGR, 1 South Washington Street, Suite 400, Rochester, New York, 14614, to conduct this study for an all-inclusive lump sum of \$118,500, based upon project phase costs set forth in its proposal; and

**Whereas**, the Village believes that awarding this contract to CGR to perform this study is in the best interests of the Village of Ridgefield Park; and

**Whereas**, the Village's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park that the above-referenced contract is hereby awarded as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CGR	\$118,500
1 South Washington Street, Suite 400 Rochester, New York 14614	As per proposal

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Commissioner-in-Charge and Village Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to enter into a contract with CGR consistent with this Resolution, subject to approval by the Village Attorney.

Resolution 2022-22

**WHEREAS**, Michael Landolfi is a full-time employee of the Village of Ridgefield Park, and has been employed with the Village since 2004; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Landolfi has served with distinguishment in the positions of Code Enforcement Officer and Assistant Zoning Officer for over eighteen years; and,

**WHEREAS**, during his eighteen years of service with the Borough, Mr. Landolfi has actively assisted the Village's Zoning Officer, Edward Ballard, in reviewing zoning matters and enforcing the Village's zoning code; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Landolfi had also served as a zoning officer for the Borough of Fort Lee from 2001 to 2006, and enforced the zoning codes of Fort Lee during his tenure there; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Landolfi has completed multiple training courses taken by Zoning Officers during his eighteen years serving as Assistant Zoning Officer to the Village; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Landolfi has testified before the Ridgefield Park Zoning Board of adjustment on matters involving the Ridgefield Park zoning code; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village's former Zoning Officer, Edward Ballard, had passed away on September 11, 2021, which created a vacancy in this position; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners had verbally appointed Mr. Landolfi to serve as Acting Zoning Officer for the Village, effective September 12, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners seeks to ratify and formally memorialize its earlier decision to verbally appoint Mr. Landolfi to the position of Acting Zoning Officer for the Village of Ridgefield Park, which took effect on September 12, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park, that the verbal appointment of Michael Landolfi to the position of Acting Zoning officer, effective September 12, 2021, is hereby ratified; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mr. Landolfi shall continue to serve as Acting Zoning Officer for the Village of Ridgefield Park until a permanent zoning officer is hired to fill the position.