

M I N U T E S
Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, March 1, 2010
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Watkins called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Councilman Cordts to lead the salute to the flag.

STATEMENT -

Mayor Watkins read the statement under the Sunshine Law and asked the Clerk to put it into the minutes. "Adequate Notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 18, 2009 to THE RECORD and THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER, by positioning on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall, and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk".

ROLL CALL - Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon, Councilman Cordts and Mayor Watkins were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session meeting of February 16, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes, Councilwoman Rush abstained.

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council regular meeting of February 16, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes, Councilwoman Rush abstained.

PROCLAMATION & AWARDS - NONE

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the appointment of Liz Anievas, 142 Voorhis Avenue to the Shade Tree Commission, as Alternate #2 for a four-year term from March 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Porco to approve the change in the effective date of the salary increase for Jairo Duarte from February 27, 2010 to April 3, 2010 which was previously approved on February 16, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the salary increase of Grace Ruiz, Clerical Staff, River Edge Free Public Library, from an annual salary of \$29,752.08 to \$30,313.44 due to an increase in longevity from 6% to 8%, effective January 3, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the salary increase of Margaret Churley, Reference Librarian in the River Edge Free Public Library from an annual salary of \$47,736.00 to \$48,216.00 due to a \$480.00 longevity increase, effective February 6, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the salary increase of Maureen Sherger, Circulation Assistant in the River Edge Free Public Library from an annual salary of \$28,800.00 to \$29,280.00 due to a \$480.00 longevity increase, effective March 1, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the

separation of Joseph Bragg, Temporary Police Dispatcher effective February 24, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilman Porco to approve the salary increase of Thomas Cariddi, Police Chief, from annual Step II salary of \$130,000.00 to Step III - \$137,160.00, effective February 1, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 2/19/10
Re: Meeting on 2/22/10
Letter - N.J. General Assembly
Re: Local Taxpayer Support of Out of State Students
Letter - Cablevision - 2/19/10
Re: Deletion of WPIX Multicast LATV
Letter - Saverio Cereste, Esq. - 2/19/10
Master Plan Re-examination Report
Notice - Borough of Paramus - 2/22/10
Re: Ordinance Prohibited Trailers & Storage Containers.
Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 2/22/10
Re: Meeting on February 23rd & 24th
Letter - Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders -
2/22/10
Re: Ordinance to Establish a Bergen County Homeless Trust Fund Task Force

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Beautification Committee - January 2010
Swim Club-Financial Statement - Year Ended 10/31/09
Police Department - January 2010
Building Department - 2009 Annual Uniform Construction Code Report
Historic Commission - January 27, 2010

ORDINANCES - 1st Reading - NONE

ORDINANCES - 2nd Reading - NONE

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve resolution #10-103 through #10-113.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#10-103 Refund of Escrow Deposit to the State of New Jersey

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry Byun, 540 Kinderkmack Road provided the Borough of River Edge with an escrow deposit for Block 804, Lot 4 for a variance/site plan application on or about May 31, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge issued a refund check upon notification that the project would not have any additional action taken on it via check #1577 dated December 17, 2003 in the remaining balance of \$610.00; and

WHEREAS, check #1577 was forwarded to the attorney of record, Joseph Rotolo, Esq. for distribution to Mr. Byun; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Rotolo, Esq. wrote to the Borough of River Edge on June 13, 2005 that after numerous attempts, he was not able to locate Mr. Byun in order to return the check to him; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has sent a certified return receipt letter to Mr. Henry Byun to the last known address and received this letter back on January 6, 2010 with a notation from the post office unable to forward; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury Unclaimed Property Division has a procedure to remit to the State of New Jersey cash, securities or other property that is unclaimed; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 46:30B-1 requires that the Borough of River Edge remit to the State of New Jersey these unclaimed funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator/Chief Financial Officer is hereby instructed to provide the appropriate report to

the State of New Jersey and the Accounts Supervisor is instructed to make payment to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey in the amount of \$610.00 for these funds.

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#10-104 Endorse Municipal Open Space Recreation Commission Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #06-234 on August 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 19, 2010 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$30,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Recreation Commission Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2010 of \$20,500.00 (Other Expenses) \$9,500.00 (Salary and Wages) for the Maintenance of Lands is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Recreation Commission, Recreation Director and Shade Tree Commission

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#10-105 Endorse Municipal Open Space 9/11 Memorial Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #06-234 on August 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 19, 2010 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the 9/11 Memorial representatives of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for a 9/11 Memorial, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$3,450.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the 9/11 Memorial Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2010 of \$3,450.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the 9/11 representatives, the Library Board and the Library Director.

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#10-106 Endorse Municipal Open Space Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #06-234 on August 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 19, 2010 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$133,396.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Department of Public Works Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2010 of \$133,391.00 (Salaries & Wages) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Public Works.

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#10-107 Endorse Municipal Open Space Shade Tree Commission

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #06-234 on August 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 19, 2010 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of municipal parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$1,700.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Shade Tree Commission Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2010 of \$1,700.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Shade Tree Commission.

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#10-108 Enter Into Agreement with Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corporation, 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Borough Engineer for engineering services for a one-year term retroactive to January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the annual aggregate value of the service may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1652-166 of the Current Fund not to exceed \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

WHEREAS, Robert Costa has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert Costa has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Robert Costa from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour as Borough Engineer and per hour rates as follows:

Principal Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
Survey Field Crew.....	\$150.00
Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00
Computer Drafting.....	\$ 75.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 327 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 retroactive to January 1, 2010; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.
4. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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#10-109 Enter Into Agreement with Millennium Strategies LLC, 60 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006 for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Grant Consultant for the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

WHEREAS, William Lindsley, Esq. has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contract.

WHEREAS, a standard certification declaration for an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service has been received by the Governing Body from the Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the annual aggregate value of the service may exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Millennium Strategies LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Millennium Strategies LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Millennium Strategies LLC from making any reportable contributions through the terms of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1652-100 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$34,125.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds available in the 2010 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Millennium Strategies LLC, 60 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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#10-110 Cancel Outstanding Checks

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has had on its records outstanding check(s) for a lengthy period of time; and

WHEREAS, the bank upon which these checks are drawn considers the checks stale dated after six months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following outstanding checks be cancelled and that the Chief Financial Officer shall adjust his records accordingly.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Municipal Court Bail Account	1929	5/16/06	\$1.00
	2089	2/29/08	\$1.00
Municipal Court Account	1736	6/2/06	\$4.25
	1801	5/8/07	\$3.00
	1806	5/11/07	\$1.00
	1823	8/23/07	\$5.00
	1825	8/29/07	\$3.00
	1829	9/11/07	\$3.00
	1831	9/26/07	\$5.00
	1836	11/6/07	\$6.00
	1846	12/21/07	\$1.00
	1863	4/8/08	\$5.00
	1864	4/8/08	\$1.00

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#10-111 Transfer of Funds in the Budget Appropriation Reserve

WHEREAS, various 2009 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by a purchase order number and/or recorded at the time of transfer between the 2009 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2009; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months on the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the transfer in the amount of \$3,100.00 be made between the 2009 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

FROM: Planning Board O/E	20-1802-028	\$ 400.00
TO: Planning Board S/W	21-1801-011	\$ 400.00
FROM: Uniform Fire Safety O/E	25-2652-036	\$ 400.00
TO: Uniform Fire Safety S/W	25-2651-011	\$ 400.00
FROM: Financial Administration S/W	20-1301-011	\$2,300.00
TO: Public Library S/W	29-3901-011	\$2,300.00

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#10-112 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Center Avenue

WHEREAS, on or about February 23, 2010, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Olga Barnes residing at 745 Center Ave., River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Center Avenue from Tenney Avenue to River Edge Road on September 12, 2010 from noon to 4:00 P.M. with a rain date of September 18, 2010, in accordance with Borough Ordinance # 1678; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnes has requested that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages be permitted in connection with said block party;

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that persons age 21 and over be and hereby are permitted to possess and consume alcoholic beverages at the block party described above, on the date and time specified herein.

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#10-113 Amend Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer, for Professional Services Related to the 2009 Howland Avenue and Kinderkamack Road Intersection Improvement Project (Howland Avenue Traffic Light Design & Inspection)

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services related to the 2009 Howland Avenue and Kinderkamack Road Intersection Improvement Project (Howland Avenue Traffic Light Design & Inspection); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Bob Costa, Borough Engineer via resolution #08-94 dated February 19, 2008 in the amount of \$25,000.00, amended via resolution #08-459 dated December 15, 2008 in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the 2009 Howland Avenue Traffic Light Design; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to include inspection to the scope of service for this contract; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for professional services related to the 2009 Howland Avenue and Kinderkamack Road Intersection Improvement Project (Howland Avenue Traffic Light Design & Inspection); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1568-100 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$7,100.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the annual aggregate value of the service may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert Costa has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Robert Costa from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour as Borough Engineer and per hour rates as follows:

Principal Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
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Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00
Computer Drafting.....	\$ 75.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 327 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

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Councilwoman Rush read resolution #10-114 into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Rush, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve resolution #10-114.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#10-114 Payment of Bills

WHEREAS, vouchers for the payment of goods and services rendered to the Borough of River Edge have been received; and

WHEREAS, each bill has been checked by the receiving department, approved by the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Clerk and reviewed by the three members of the Finance Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that bills as listed now be confirmed for payment from the appropriate funds as follows:

CURRENT ACCOUNT TOTAL	\$261,231.27
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 5,818.75
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 672.00
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 7,322.05
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 3,257.60

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that claims read and approved by the Governing Body at a Council meeting will be dated the day after the reading of those claims and will appear on the following bill list at the next public meeting of the Mayor and Council at which time claims would be paid.

March 1, 2010

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Smith to open hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Smith to close hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Walker-commended the Department of Public Works for keeping our roads safe and clear during the past few storms. She thanked John Lynch and his staff for working tirelessly and extremely efficient especially because they are working short handed and under an extremely tight budget. Councilwoman Walker is saddened by the fact that the budget for the annual July 4th celebration may be reduced because it has been a staple in the River Edge community for so many years. She understands that if the Council has to make the decision not to have the fair this year because of the lack of funds that it is only a temporary setback and assured the residents that it is not a permanent thing. Mayor Watkins-stated that the employees of our Department of Public Works take great pride in their work and thanked them for clearing our roads during the past few storm.

Councilman Smith-also thanked the Department of Public Works for a job well done and stated that during the last few storms our emergency services have pulled together and worked as a team. The Police Department used the reverse 911 asking residents to get their cars off the streets and the Fire Department dug out and cleared the fire hydrants. He was happy to see that many of our residents were looking out for each other by shoveling their neighbors walks and driveways. He again reminded everyone that the Census is ongoing and that he met with people from Cherry Hill School last week and he and Councilman Cordts will be doing a presentation at Roosevelt School during the second week in March. He further stated that they are continuing to reach out to other local groups to get the word out on the importance of getting a correct and accurate count. He informed everyone that the Community Development Block Grant meeting was cancelled last Thursday and they will be meeting this Thursday to find out how much funding we will be receiving. Councilman Smith received a call from Phyllis Angelo, Chairperson of the Historic Commission who is working on a Historic Preservation Commendation Award. She asked if there will be money in their budget to make color copies of photographs that are needed for this application. Councilman Smith told her that he would look into it and get back to her.

Mayor Watkins-again thanked the Department of Public Works for a job well done during the storms and stated that she received a call from one resident who was very upset because the recycling was not picked up but overall most of the residents were very happy. The Mayor stated that because we're experiencing very tight budgetary constraints she and the Council would feel very badly if they had to do away with the July 4th fair because so many people look forward to it every year.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:15 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Rush to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: