A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April  $10^{\rm th}$ , 2017 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Mayor Patrick led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Patrick read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Mayor Patrick, Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, and Morrow.

Absent: Councilor Lefkovits.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Public Safety Director Byron - Lagattuta.

Mayor Patrick suspended the regular order of business for an opening statement by Congressman Donald Payne, Jr.

Congressman Payne addressed the council and the members of the public. He thanked everyone for their support and stated his office is open for members of the public to voice their concerns and suggestions.

Mayor Patrick thanked Congressman Payne on behalf of the Library Board for signing letters in support of critical funding for New Jersey Libraries that had been cut in President Trump's budget proposals.

It was moved by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Dawson, that the Minutes Of The REGULAR Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be approved as submitted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote. Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye, and noes none.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from The Essex County Board of Taxation including a copy of the fully executed Order to Revalue adopted by the Board on March  $2^{\rm nd}$ , 2017. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Patrick and Borough Councilors from James O'Grady on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Glen Ridge offering their services to coordinate the 2017 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public. No comments were made at this time.

Mayor Patrick reported that the Special Master for the Baldwin Street Redevelopment will be at the next council meeting on April 24, 2017.

Mayor Patrick suspended the Regular Order Of Business to accommodate a public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget. (7:37 p.m.)

Municipal Clerk Rohal read the following statement:

Mr. Mayor, this is the time fixed for the public hearing on the Local Municipal Budget for year 2017. The Budget was introduced on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by The Borough Council, and it was advertised in full, as required by law, on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, together with notice of the public hearing for this time. Printed copies have been made available to the public during this past week and a supply is here for anyone desiring a copy.

Councilor Hughes reported that it was a privilege to present the 2017 Municipal budget and that the budget will be on the Borough's website tonight in two formats, i.e., the State required format and the easy to read and understand Borough's format.

Councilor Hughes presented the 2017 Municipal Budget using a PowerPoint presentation which is attached and made part of the minutes. The presentation is available at <a href="http://www.glenridgenj.org/budgetinfo.htm">http://www.glenridgenj.org/budgetinfo.htm</a>

Councilor Hughes thanked Municipal Clerk Rohal and Mayor Patrick for all their efforts in making this presentation happen.

With no questions forthcoming it was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Dawson, that the Public Hearing on the 2017 Municipal Budget be closed. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye, and noes none.

Mayor Patrick resumed the Regular Order Of Business. (8:03 p.m.)

The following was introduced by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye, and noes none:

( Resolution No. **59 -** 17 )

## CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 67 )

The following was introduced by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye, and noes none.

( Resolution No. 60 - 17 )

## BUDGET AMENDMENT - AUTHORIZING

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 68 & 68-B )

It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Murphy that Resolution No. 61 - 17 - <u>WELCOMING CITY</u>, be pulled off this evenings agenda and will be presented at the next meeting of the Mayor And Council on April 24th. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no

vote; Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye, and noes none.

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The following was introduced by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye, and noes none:

( Resolution No. 61 - 17 )

## MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES - KIWANIS CLUB

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 69 )

The following was introduced by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye, and noes none:

( Resolution No. 62 - 17 )

## ARBOR DAY - DESIGNATING

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 69 )

Councilor Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the department's activities; preparing the facilities and fields for warmer weather, patching roadways, the 2016 road improvement projects funded by NJDOT (Marston Place, Douglas Road, Washington Street and Ridgewood Avenue from Watchung Avenue to the Montclair Town Line), the recent energy saving / upgrade program funded through PSE&G at the Municipal Complex and the Public Works Yard, the completion of the back-up generator project at the Municipal Complex and the Public Works Yard and the delivery of 116 trees and the awarding of a contract to Hillcrest Farms to plant the trees. The Spring Planting Project should be completed by the end of May.

Councilor Murphy, Chairman of The Parks and Recreation Committee, reported that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday at Carteret Park.

Councilor Morrow, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that there is an open position on the Planning Board, anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Borough Administrator, Michael Rohal.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that Semi-annual Toney's Brook Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017. He also stated there will be a budget amendment hearing at the next council n meeting on April 24, 2017, once the amendment is approved the state has approved our budget for final adoption.

Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta expressed her thanks on behalf of the entire Police Department to Starbucks for hosting Coffee with a Cop on April 5, 2017. The event was very successful and many residents came out. Montclair Fire department and Bloomfield Police Department also sent representatives to support the event.

The Chief also reminded all resident's to be mindful of leaving their house and car windows in the warmer weather in order to prevent any increase in home and auto burglaries.

Councilor Dawson reported that the Glen Ridge Kiwanis and Glen Ridge High School Key Club will be hosting their semiannual clothing drive on Saturday April 29, 2017 in the High School parking lot from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. rain or shine. All items collected will be donated to Big Brothers / Big Sisters and to support the Key Club. Borough Administrator Rohal also reported that the Friends of the Library will be hosting their annual shredding day on April 29, 2017, proceeds from the shredding event will benefit the library programs.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public. No comments were made at this time.

It was moved by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Lisovicz that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye, Lefkovits abstaining and noes none.

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Michael J. Rohal

Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk