A REGULAR Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, July 11th, 2016 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 had been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Mayor Patrick, Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow.

Absent: Councilman Murphy.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Byron – Lagatutta.

It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits, that the Minutes Of The REGULAR Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, June 27th, 2016 be approved as submitted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote. Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Councilman Lefkovits abstained.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

Municipal Clerk Rohal advised that there will be a Planning Board hearing on July 13th to discuss a proposed variance to construct a parking deck in the rear 946 Bloomfield Avenue. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Borough Administrator Rohal and Mayor Patrick from Brian Reach of 566 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, advising of his objections to any exceptions to Borough Ordinance No. 1585 (noise) that may relate to or affect The Glen Ridge Country Club. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Patrick and The Borough Council from The Glen Ridge P. B. A. thanking them for participating in last year’s golf outing and inviting them to their second annual golf outing on September 19th, 2016 at The Glen Ridge Country Club. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Ms. Christina Ferrara of 15 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge, requested an update as to the status of the buffer issue with 123 Highland Avenue and her property line.

Administrator Rohal advised that he has reached out to P.S.E.&G. and the property manager of 123 Highland Avenue. Mr. Rohal reported that the buffer zone is the obligation of P.S.E.&G. and that the Borough’s Code Enforcement Officer is also looking into the matter.

Ms. Ferrara also questioned the traffic flow and the amount of traffic using Laurel Place. She reported that at times this is a very dangerous street.
Administrator Rohal stated that the Borough is still waiting for the traffic study to be completed.

Councilman Lisovicz advised Ms. Ferrara that the Borough has established traffic routing during the hospital construction if it is needed.

Councilman Hughes, Chairman of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier this evening to address a few concerns and questions mentioned in the 2015 audit report.

Councilman Hughes also reported that the Borough’s new on-line payment center is now in place to accept payments for property taxes, recreation, parking, etc. 24 hours a day.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 97–16)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF
(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 1)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 98–16)

2015 AUDIT - ACCEPTANCE OF
(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 2)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 99–16)

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – AUDIT – APPROVAL OF
(See Resolution Book No. 20 – Page No. 20 - 3)

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, reported that the next meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Councilperson Lisovicz reported that he has Ordinance No. 1646 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE GLEN RIDGE CODE BY AMENDING THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10.30.020 PERMIT PARKING ZONE (Highland Avenue Permit Parking)

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. 1646 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.
Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reminded everyone of the Pop-Up Library at the Community Center on Friday evenings starting on July 15th.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Parks Crews continue the maintenance for the summertime activities; part of the improvements at Carteret Park the staff has cleaned up the landscaping around the playground and building; the Road Crew has been out patching potholes; and, the 2016 sanitary sewer flushing program has been completed per the shared service agreement with Montclair.

Ordinance No. 1642 entitled:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17
OF THE GLEN RIDGE CODE BY
AMENDING THE EXISTING
PROVISIONS OF TITLE 17.8
ZONES AND ZONING MAP

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Morrow. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes.

Councilwoman Morrow gave a brief history of the "R" zones in Glen Ridge and what each zone means. Councilwoman Morrow stated that the changes in the Ordinance would affect only Douglas Road, Hillcrest Road and Woodland Avenue. Ridgewood Avenue properties would remain the same.

After a brief discussion amongst the member of the Council it was moved by Councilperson Morrow, seconded by Councilperson Hughes that the Ordinance be tabled and referred back to the Planning Board. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none.

Ordinance No. 1644 entitled:
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL OF
NURSING SITE

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Morrow. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes.

Mr. John A. Fromhold, C.E.O. of Hackensack / Mountainside Medical Center and Ms. Linda Miller of 17 Columbus Avenue, Glen Ridge each presented prepared statements to Mayor Patrick and The Borough Council in support of the adoption of this Ordinance.

Mayor Patrick thanked both Mr. Fromhold and Ms. Miller for their remarks.

It was moved by Councilperson Morrow, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz to carry this Public Hearing to the next Council Meeting on August 8th. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the recently completed 2015 Municipal Audit can be found on the Borough’s website.

Police Chief Byron – Lagatutta advised that the Police Department has received in increase in complaints about dogs running at large and unleased. Chief Byron stated that the Borough Ordinance will be strictly enforced and hope that all residents will cooperate.

Chief Byron also reminded homeowners of the house vacancy checks performed by the Police. Chief Byron also reminded all Landscapers that the must be licensed by the Police Department to work in town. This Ordinance will also be strictly enforced.

Chief Byron announced that the annual National Night Out will be held on August 2nd at the Town Pool and that members of the Domestic Violence Response Team, The Montclair Fire Department, The Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad, The Crime Prevention Team and The Glen Ridge Police Department will all have members in attendance. Chief Byron invited and encouraged everyone to attend.

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

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Michael J. Rohal
Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk