

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 9th, 2011 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

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

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

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

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on April 25th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Workshop Meeting that was held on April 25th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Anthony L. Marchetta, Director, advising that New Jersey HomeKeeper will be available on May 9th. N. J. HomeKeeper provides assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan that is repayable within 10 years. This program is intended to help to stabilize our neighborhoods, preserve the municipalities' tax base, and help to restore the vitality of our impacted communities. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A Resolution to Mayor Hughes that was adopted by the South Orange governing body urging support of the Development of a DNA Laboratory in Essex County. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter from the residents of Midland Avenue, Rudd Court and Wildwood Terrace, requesting permission to close their respective streets on June 4th, June 25th and June 25th for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block parties. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Hughes recognized Nancy Everitt from Congressman Pascrell's office in the audience.

Mayor Hughes suspended the regular order of business to accommodate a public hearing on the 2011 municipal budget amendment.

Municipal Clerk Rohal read a prepared statement.

Mayor Hughes read a prepared statement describing the public hearing procedure for the 2011 municipal budget amendment.

No one wished to be heard pertaining to the 2011 municipal budget amendment.

Mayor Hughes resumed the regular order of business. (7:39 p.m.)

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the State Of New Jersey has certified the 2011 Local Municipal Budget and that the budget can be adopted by Resolution from the Council this evening.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **80** - 11)

2011 BUDGET - AMENDING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 250)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **81** - 11)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 251)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **82** - 11)

GLEESON - PICNIC - JUNE 11TH - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 252)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **83** - 11)

GLEESON FUNDRAISER - APPROVING PERMIT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 252)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **84** - 11)

LAGER RUN - CATERING PERMIT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 253)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **85** - 11)

GLEESON FUNDRAISER - CHARITY RUN

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 253)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **86** - 11)

LAGER - AUTHORIZING RUN

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 254)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 87 - 11)

PBA - SPECIAL PERMIT - JUNE 26TH - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 254)

Ordinance No. 1560 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND COMMERCIAL
LANDSCAPERS TO CONTROL NOISE IN THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, SO AS TO PROTECT
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND
TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE
TO COMPLY**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Hughes declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. 1560 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that the latest edition of the Borough's "Town Talk" was emailed to all Borough residents that have signed up at the Borough's email site. The Committee is looking to sign up more residents to get Borough email and website access.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, gave the following report: the D.P.W. crew has been busy cleaning and preparing the Glen for the Eco-Fair on May 7th; the pool has been filled and tested for the Memorial Day opening; the Department has recently sold 3 pieces of equipment; the streets have been cleaned per the shared service agreement with the Township Of Bloomfield; catch basins have been cleared of debris in case of heavy rains.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier this year and the following agenda items were discussed; field usage at Watsessing Park by the high school and G.R.A.A.; fields in the Borough have seen a decline in usage because of Watsessing Park; both Carteret and Hurrell Fields are not wearing as well due to heavy use but the Committee is monitoring this very carefully; the new scoreboard at Hurrell Field has been delivered thanks to the efforts of Councilman Lisovicz; the pool is in very good shape and there will be an

orientation program for the entire pool staff to enhance the staff's performance; Community Center has seen an increase in its use and there has been a bit of a facelift to clean the building up a bit; and, membership at the tennis courts is booming with an early increase showing a jump of 20 percent over 2010.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported on the outreach programs of the Environmental Committee; a walking school bus was initiated on April 21st with the cooperation of the Home And School Associations of the Forest, Linden and Ridgewood Avenue schools and eco-facts signs were placed at the various street crossings; the first "free-cycle" event was held in the Borough with the assistance of Planning And Development Director Zichelli May 4th and despite the inclement weather the event went well; the 4th annual Eco-Fair in conjunction with the Arts Festival has received very positive feedback and it was the best effort thus far thanks to Jackie Yustein, Joan Lisovicz, Jennifer Weissman, Sydney Young, Megan Guilanelli, D.P.W., Bill Ferdon, Tom Allin, Police Department, Michael Zichelli and Administrator Rohal; the Shade Commission made its first appearance at the fair and the Commission received \$ 3,500 in donations for the replacement of trees.

Mayor Hughes extended his thanks and the gratitude of the Council to Councilwoman Baker for a great event.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **88** - 11)

2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET - ADOPTING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 254)

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the major difference in between the proposed and adopted budget was an adjustment required by recent legislation on how to account for the minimum contribution to the Library.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reminded all landscapers that they must register their business with the Borough to be in compliance with Ordinance 1560 and that the regulations of this Ordinance will be strictly enforced.

Councilman Dawson reported that the Freeman Gardens are open to the public and quite beautiful.

Mr. Richard Walters of 370 Maolis Avenue, Glen Ridge reported that there are several areas of graffiti in the Borough that need to be addressed.

Mayor Hughes reported that areas of graffiti are being cleaned and responded too as soon as the report is received.

Chief Byron reported that all acts of graffiti that are reported to the police are being recorded.

Councilwoman Baker reported that, thanks to Director Zichelli, the mason who worked on the Municipal Building donated his time and talent to clean the underpass of the Hillside Avenue Bridge and Councilwoman Baker extended her sincere thanks to Louis Graham for a magnificent job.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 89 - 11)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 254)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:19 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk