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MINUTES of a Regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey held on the 26th day of August, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, N.J.

Present: Mayor Dennis Elwell
Councilmembers: John Bueckner
Richard Kane
Michael Gonnelli
Gary Jeffas
John Shinnick
John Reilly

Pledge of Allegiance

The following statement was read by Town Clerk Michael Marra:

"Adequate notice for this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, has been provided by the filing of the notice of Meetings with the Municipal Clerk, the posting of said notice on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and the delivery of same to the Secaucus Home News on January 4, 2008."

This body wishes to advise you that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-11.1, et seq. of the Indoor Air Quality Standards and Procedures for Buildings Occupied by Public Employees, smoking anywhere in this public building is prohibited by law.

In the event of a fire or other emergency, please note that there are two exits in the rear of the Council Chamber which may be used."

The first item on the agenda is as follows:

APPROVAL OF THE 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS

In attendance are Chief Financial Officer, Margaret Barkala, tax Collector, Alan Bartolozzi, as well as Warren Corecki from Suplee and Clooney Auditors.

Mayor Elwell asked Mrs. Barkala to present the budget along with Town Administrator, David Drumeler.

Mr. Drumeler gave an overview and breakdown.

Mayor Elwell asked if anyone wished to heard. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Reilly moved to close the Public Hearing on the 2008 Municipal Budget, seconded by Councilman Kane.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

ADOPT AMENDMENT TO 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mrs. Barkala explained the following amendment.

The following resolution was read: No. 2008-108

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2008 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2008 was approved on the 16th day of July, 2008 and;

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2008 be made:

Recorded vote

AYES: Kane, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
 NAYS: Bueckner, Jeffas
 ABSTAIN: Gonnelli
 ABSENT: None

CURRENT FUND BUDGET

Anticipated Revenues:	FROM	TO
1. Surplus Anticipated	3,300,000.00	
3,365,000.00		
Total Surplus Anticipated	3,300,000.00	
3,365,000.00		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues-Section A Local Revenues		
Parking Meters	75,000.00	
77,000.00		
Interest on Investments and Deposits	0.00	
200,000.00		
Total Section A-Local Revenues	1,735,000.00	
1,937,000.00		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues-Section G: Special Items of Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items		
Interest on Investments and Deposits	200,000.00	
0.00		
Cable Franchise Fees	55,000.00	53,647.00
Equinnox Construction Fees	0.00	
281,677.00		
Total Section G: Special Items of Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent Director OF Local Government Service-Other Special Items	3,113,528.00	
3,193,852.00		
Summary of Revenue:		
1. Surplus Anticipated (Sheet 4, #1)	3,300,000.00	
3,365,000.00		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues		
Total Section A: Local Revenues	1,735,000.00	
1,937,000.00		
Total Section G: Other Special Items	3,113,528.00	
3,193,852.00		
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	8,240,969.19	
8,523,293.19		
5. Subtotal General Revenues	12,420,969.19	
12,768,293.19		
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes	30,575,250.25	
30,227,926.25		
8. General Appropriations		
8. e. Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - within "CAPS"		
(2) STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:		
Contribution to:		
Public Employees Retirement System	0.00	
3,199.00		
Total Deferred Charges and Other Statutory Expenditures Municipal within "CAPS"	878,906.25	
882,106.25		
(H-1) Total general Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	27,293,927.25	
27,297,126.25		

(A) Operations-Excluded from "Cap"		
Contribution to:		
Public Employees Retirement System	445,400.00	
442,201.00		
Total Other Operations-		
Excluded from "Caps"		11,096,902.00
11,093,703.00		
Total Operations-Excluded from "CAPS"		11,496,152.19
11,492,953.19		
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes-Excluded from		
"CAP"		14,617,402.19
14,614,203.19		
(O) Total General Appropriations-		
Excluded from "CAPS"		14,617,402.19
14,614,203.19		

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the governing body on the 26th day of August, 2008.

Certified by me, August 26, 2008 Michael Marra, Municipal Clerk

Councilman Bueckner gave his comments on the budget and explained his vote.

Councilman Gonnelli gave his comments on the budget and the process.

Councilman Reilly gave his comments on the budget and the process. He asked Mrs. Barkala to explain the tax rate and increase and how it is broken down.

Mrs. Barkala explained the breakdown.

Councilman Jeffas gave his comments on the budget.

Councilman Kane gave his comments on the budget.

Councilman Shinnick gave his comments on the budget and the process.

Mayor Elwell spoke about points that were mentioned by the Council members and explained his view on the budget.

All commended Mrs. Barkala as well as Mr. Drumeler on a job well done with the budget.

Councilman Kane moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

Discussion ensued among the Mayor and Council.

AYES: Kane, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell

NAYS: Bueckner, Jeffas

ABSTAIN: Gonnelli

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2008-21

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 11 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 2007-12) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PENHORN AVENUE IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$800,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED ON APRIL 10, 2007.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2007-12 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PENHORN AVENUE IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$800,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS"

adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus, in the County of Hudson, New Jersey (the "Town") on April 10, 2007 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to increase the amount appropriated from \$800,000 to \$925,000 (an increase of \$125,000), and shall hereafter

read as follows:

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"Section 2. The sum of \$925,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the improvement described in Section 1 of this ordinance. Said sum so appropriated shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance."

Section 2. Section 4 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the estimated maximum amount of the special assessments for said improvement from \$800,000 to \$925,000 (an increase of \$125,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the Town will not contribute any money to the cost of said improvement, and (2) 100% of the cost of said improvement shall be assessed, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of the special assessments for said improvement is \$925,000, and (4) no special assessments for such improvement have been levied or confirmed, and (5) such special assessments may be paid in ten annual installments."

Section 3. Section 5 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to (A) increase the estimated cost from \$800,000 to \$925,000 (an increase of \$125,000), (B) increase the down payment appropriated from \$38,100 to \$44,100 (an increase of \$6,000), and ©) increase the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes from \$761,900 to \$880,900 (an increase of \$119,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 5. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvement (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is not a current expense of said Town, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Town pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$925,000, and (4) \$44,100 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$880,900, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$135,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest

on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law."

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Section 4. Section 6 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the down payment appropriated from \$38,100 to \$44,100 (an increase of \$6,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$44,100, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Town, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$44,100 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose."

Section 5. Section 7 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bonds authorized from \$761,900 to \$880,900 (an increase of \$119,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 7. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Town of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$880,900 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted."

Section 6. Section 8 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bond anticipation notes authorized from \$761,900 to \$880,900 (an increase of \$119,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 8. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Town of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$880,900 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then

outstanding."

Section 7. Section 11 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of gross debt of the Town shown on the Supplemental Debt Statement filed for the ordinance, as amended, from \$761,900 to \$880,900 (an increase of \$119,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

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"Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Town, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$880,900 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law."

Section 8. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this amendatory bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

ATTEST: Michael Marra APPROVED: Dennis Elwell

Town Clerk

Mayor

STATEMENT

The Bond ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, on the 26th day of August, 2008, and the twenty day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

Michael Marra
Town Clerk
Town of Secaucus
County of Hudson
State of New Jersey

Mayor Elwell asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing

proposed ordinance. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Kane moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilman Gonnelli.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Councilman Bueckner moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2008-22

**ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 2.5% or the cost of living adjustment of 3.5% over the previous years final appropriations; and

WHEREAS, a municipality may, by ordinance bank the difference between its final budget appropriations subject to the 2.5% cap and the 3.5% cost of living adjustments when said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$260,957.94 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor Elwell asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing proposed ordinance. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Reilly moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Mayor Elwell explained the necessity of this ordinance and the use of a Cap Bank.

Councilman Bueckner moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2008-23

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS
ENTITLED "REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS"**

Councilman Kane moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The public hearing on the introduced ordinances will be on September 23, 2008.

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The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2008-24

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 70 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS
ENTITLED "DUMPSTER/CONSTRUCTION CONTAINERS"**

Councilman Gonnelli moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2008-25

**TOWN OF SECAUCUS ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 ENTITLED
"DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION"**

Councilman Shinnick moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Kane.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2008-26

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127-58B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF
SECAUCUS ENTITLED "DESIGNATION OF LOCATIONS AT OR NEAR PRIVATE
RESIDENCES"**

Councilman Reilly moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Gonnelli.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA-RESOLUTIONS

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

The following resolution was read: No. 2008-109

**TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, awarded the Contract for Construction Engineering Management Services, Inc., following response to its Fair and Open Solicitation Process regarding the Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by Mast Construction Services, Inc., to amend their contract in the amount of \$36,564.00 for additional compensation, the construction period beginning July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008 and for one month of close-out services through September 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the contract needs to be increased by \$36,564.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, hereby approved additional funds of \$36,564.00 for said contract.

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Certification attached.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-110

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Hudson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey recognizes the following:

1. The Mayor and Council does hereby authorized submission of an application for Secaucus Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2009 in the amount of \$35,230.00.

2. The Mayor and Council acknowledge the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-111

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson County, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendation of John Voli, Recreation Director of the Town of Secaucus, the following person shall have their salary adjusted:

Toni Ann Salvatore , Arts and Crafts Program Coordinator: \$2,250.00.

Toni Ann Salvatore, Pee Wee Baseball/T-Ball Program Coordinator: \$2,250.00.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-112

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey awarded the contract for New Recreation Center in the amount of \$8,418,000.00 and Change Order #1-6 in the amount of \$380,883.00 to APS Contracting, Inc.

WHEREAS, Change Order #7 is needed for all labor, material, mark-ups, overhead and profit required to complete the following additional work in accordance with term and conditions of the original contract dated October 18, 2006. The work included, but is not limited to the following:

Survey & stake out to strip 18" of soil per NJDEP (add 2,846.00)
Modify 81' of railing at the viewing area (add 4,099.00)
Addl. Elec. Outlets at the fitness room for exercise equip. (add 1,760.00)
Infill gap at perimeter where the track meets the Kalwall (add 6,086.00)
Addl flashing required at the joints between the Kalwall & metal panels (add 13,445.00)
Addl steel required to support the metal panels at the gym (add 14,401.00)
Excavation & labor to cap the waterline required by United Water (add 965.00)
Add a gas booster pump for incoming gas service per PSEG (add 25,919.00)

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Trucking costs to remove contaminated soil from site (add 31,145.00)
Stripping of 18" of soil & spreading clean fill per NJDEP (add 12,638.00)
Excavate, stockpile & cover contaminated soil per PMK (1,096.00)
Import RCA material for backfill at sidewalks (add 5,748.00)
Addl work to incoming water service per United Water requirements (add 14,694.00)
Addl cost to add Master combination locks to the lockers (add 1,164.00)
Convert elevator equipment from 208v to 460v (add 4,059.00)
Add gas mgt. System. Shed, gas detectors, flag pole and all required components per PMK (add 142,576.00)
Addl sidewalk at east elevation of building (add 5,182.00)
Addl light required at front canopy (add 1,252.00)
Addl Light required at Siamese connection per Fire Dept. Requirements (add 885.00)
Addl startup required to start HVAC without gas service due to requirements for gas booster pump (add 8,332.00)
Addl two months general conditions to extend the completion date to Sept. 15, 2008. This amount previously agreed to for general conditions (add 50,000.00)
Negotiate credit. (Delete 18,292.00)

THEREFORE, APS Contracting, Inc., requires additional funds in the amount of \$330,000.00 for this change order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey hereby approves Change Order #7 in the amount of \$330,000.00 to APS Contracting, Inc.

Financial Officers
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read: No. 2008-113

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Russell Hannigan is hereby appointed as a part-Time Plumbing Inspector for the Code Enforcement Office, effective August 1, 2008, at an annual salary of \$17,514.00.

The following resolution was read: No. 2008-114

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that Philip Callas is hereby appointed as a part-Time Court Officer/Taxicab Enforcement Officer, effective August 28, 2008 at a salary of \$81.00 per session as Court Officer and \$16.00 per hour as taxicab Enforcement Officer.

The following resolution was read: No. 2008-115

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF CHARLES SNYDER, SR., CHARLES SNYDER, JR., AND CHARLES MUTSCHLER FROM THE SECAUCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT SIGNED AND SUBMITTED THEREWITH

WHEREAS, Charles Snyder, Sr., Charles Snyder, Jr., and Charles Mutschler have submitted their respective resignations from the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus have determined to accept such resignations, with the provisions listed in the agreements signed and submitted therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council ratify the above referenced agreements and resignations.

The following resolution was read: No. 2008-116

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUSPENSION OF PARKING METERS IN THE NORTH END PARKING LOT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2008 FOR A BICYCLE SAFETY WORKSHOP

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that parking meters for the North End parking Lot (across from Huber Street School) shall be suspended on Saturday, September 6, 2008 between 7:00am and 1:00pm to allow access for the Bicycle safety workshop, which shall be run by the Boy Scout Troop #22.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secaucus Police Department.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-117

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DONATION OF \$500.00 TO THE MEADOWLANDS HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, DONATION TO GO TO THEIR EMERGENCY ROOM

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus hereby authorize the donation of \$500.00 for the Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center Fundraiser to be held on September 15, 2008, said donation going to their Emergency Room.

Councilman Kane moved to approve the resolutions on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Councilman Kane moved that the following Salary Vouchers and Claims Fund Register be approved, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 8/08/08	384,487.41
Adm. & Exec	8,939.47
Mayor & Council	10,000.67
Municipal Clerk	5,499.02
Legal Dept.	2,493.58
Treasurer	15,772.94
Tax Assessor	5,359.00
Tax Collector	5,498.82
Municipal Court	13,884.18
Engineering	778.50
Community Shuttle Bus	2,484.21
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	31,162.36
Off. Of Inspect.	3,537.58
Planning Board	541.66
Bd. Of Adjustments	541.66
Public Defender	1,800.00
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,411.62
Fire Department	000.00
Police Dept.	277,561.60
Construction	8,589.74
School Cross Grds.	243.80
Office of Emergency Man.	623.40
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,331.62
Rd. Repair & Maint.	95,008.67
Sewer System	538.37
Recycling Coord.	7,753.14
Bd.of Health	798.62
Mosquito Control	000.00
Social Services	11,725.97
Pks. & Play Grds.	1,804.48
Supv. Of Play Act.	61,763.27
Rec. Activities	000.00
Pool Oper.	30,943.37
CDBG	639.35
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 8/08/08	198,599.89
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 8/22/08	420,859.65
Adm. & Exec	8,281.14
Mayor & Council	1,594.04
Municipal Clerk	5,499.02
Legal Dept.	2,493.58
Treasurer	15,934.22
Tax Assessor	5,359.00
Tax Collector	5,223.44
Municipal Court	10,761.81

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Engineering	000.00	
Community Shuttle Bus	2,194.41	
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	28,814.99	
Off. Of Inspect.	3,517.58	
Planning Board	000.00	
Bd. Of Adjustments	000.00	
Public Defender	300.00	
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,411.62	
Fire Department	000.00	
Police Dept.	338,635.81	
Construction	8,387.63	
School Cross Grds.	348.50	
Office of Emergency Man.	623.40	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,331.62	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	93,860.23	
Sewer System	560.93	
Recycling Coord.	9,449.56	
Bd.of Health	673.62	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	10,530.51	
Pks. & Play Grds.	1,438.30	
Supv. Of Play Act.	63,350.71	
Rec. Activities	000.00	
Pool Oper.	28,792.72	
CDBG	639.35	
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 8/22/08		\$ 205,355.37

Total Amount Claims Check No. 24241-24453 \$1,408,314.07

Recreation Acct. No checks written

Current Account Check No. 1605-1616 \$719,054.09

Trust Account No checks written

Mayor Elwell explained about Weiner Lesniak and the work that they do for the Town.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: Bueckner on Tom Calvinico, Strategic Message Management, Dependable Power Sweeping and Weiner Lesniak. Gonnelli on Tom Calvinico and Strategic Message Management and Weiner Lesniak. Jeffas on Tom Calvinico, Strategic Message Management and Weiner Lesniak.

ABSTAIN: Gonnelli on Secaucus Fire and NJMC, Reilly on Jersey City Medical Center.

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

Councilman Bueckner moved that the following applications for Raffle/Bingo License be approved, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

R-1058 Unico National-Secaucus Off Premise 50/50
R-1060 PTSA Secaucus High School On Premise 50/50
R-1061 PTSA Secaucus High School On Premise Draw Raffle

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FILE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Reilly reported about the Police and violations. He gave the numbers and breakdown of total violations issued. He noted also, the Labor Day weekend and to be careful with drinking and driving.

Councilman Jeffas reported on the Teterboro Committee and noted at the last meeting they asked that people be aware that on their website, they have a link for noise complaints. He said that he would get a letter to the newspapers to make more people aware. He also reported on the televised meetings and said that at the next caucus meeting they

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would present a list of what they want to come out of process and come up with ground rules on the taping.

Mayor Elwell recommended that Mr. Drumeler contact the Town's Webmaster and have the information on the Teterboro Committee put onto the website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Gonnelli spoke about repairs on Franklin Street that need to be done, stripping on Oak and Acorn. He also asked for stripping on Paulanne Terrace. He spoke about flood control on Garry Terrace.

Mayor Elwell said there were people there about a month ago and they have come up with a new plan that is better.

Councilman Gonnelli spoke about Gillis Place area also and drainage. He spoke about the sidewalk on Meadowlands Parkway and that it would be done in house by the DPW.

Mayor Elwell said that the Town is trying to do it in house.

Councilman Gonnelli said that someone at Baker (property) called him about that. He asked to be kept informed on any progress. He asked about the Bus Stop survey and vendors.

Mr. Drumeler said that he would update him.

Councilman Gonnelli spoke about the second speed bump on Radio Avenue.

Mayor Elwell said there have been complaints from the ambulance company and what happens when they go over the bump in an emergency. He said further discussion will be needed.

Councilman Gonnelli asked Councilman Reilly about progress on traffic light timing near Best Buys.

Councilman Reilly said that there is no progress at this time.

Mr. Drumeler said that he had a meeting with the County Planning Board on the issue. They are trying to address the problem as well as another problem.

Councilman Gonnelli asked that he see job postings for jobs at the New Recreation Center.

Councilman Bueckner spoke about street repairs. He asked if there is a schedule to start repairs.

Mayor Elwell said that PMK is working on First Street and said that he would ask Mr. Perricone from PMK to attend the next Caucus Meeting to get the plan.

Councilman Bueckner spoke about Fairview Ave. and Lanza Lane.

Mayor Elwell said they are looking at a water main problem first.

Councilman Gonnelli asked if United Water could pay for that paving.

Mayor Elwell said that they would have to.

Councilman Reilly spoke about the second ambulance and the problems in getting the interlocal agreement.

Councilman Gonnelli spoke about a problem in getting a second ambulance in the Huber Street area and the timing involved.

Councilman Reilly said that he would follow up on that complaint.

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NEW BUSINESS

The following correspondence was received:

7/20/08

Mr. Elwell,

I am writing to you in request of Kane Stadium on September 13th for a football game. I have spoken with Stan Fryczynski and he has made me aware of the requirements. Thank you in advance for helping us out as our fields get done.

Robert Stern
Hudson Catholic Regional High School

Councilman Reilly moved to approve the foregoing request, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Councilman Jeffas asked about Humboldt Street and shoes hanging from wires. He asked that DPW take care of it. He also spoke about speed bumps and mentioned Charles Street as well as Cedar Lane to see if it is feasible. He said that he has received requests for proper lighting on Golden Avenue

Mayor Elwell said that he would contact the Superintendent of Streets to look at the area.

Councilman Jeffas asked if there is a contract for a fill in Municipal Court Judge as the court was closed for two weeks with no revenue coming in.

Mrs. Barkala said that the Court normally shuts down for two weeks in the summer as this gives the girls some catch up time.

Councilman Jeffas said that he was not aware that it was a normal shut down.

Councilman Jeffas spoke about issues regarding the Closed Session. He explained the timing and the information that was available to the newspapers.

Mayor Elwell explained his view.

Discussion continued.

Councilman Jeffas moved to censure the Mayor, seconded by Councilman Gonnelli.

Councilman Bueckner gave his opinion.

Councilman Gonnelli gave his opinion.

Mayor Elwell asked that Councilman Gonnelli point out the exact points and the facts that were released to the press.

Discussion continued on this issue among the Mayor, Council and Town Attorney, Frank Leanza.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas
NAYS: Kane, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
ABSENT: None

Motion defeated.

Councilman Gonnelli has received call regarding the parking lot on Seaview Drive and the bus pick ups.

Mayor Elwell explained the problem and the way the Town is trying to correct it.

Councilman Gonnelli asked for a follow up.

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Mayor Elwell explained what NJ Transit told the Town and said that he would follow up.

Councilman Jeffas spoke a problem at the pool and the changing areas. He asked if it be looked at for next year.

Councilman Reilly spoke about a bus on Sixth Street and asked the Mayor to contact NJ Transit and check on the route of the bus.

Councilman Bueckner spoke about the budget meeting and whether they should be open or closed, and asked for an opinion from Mr. Leanza.

Mr. Leanza gave his opinion and how he recommends it to be done.

Councilman Bueckner motioned that all budget meetings be opened to the public.

Mayor Elwell gave his opinion.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Gonnelli.

Councilman Bueckner withdrew his motion.

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Thomas Troyer
Doug De Pice
Carole Acropolis
Fred Vogel
Anthony Aiello
John Ricciardi

Councilman Reilly moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Michael Marra, Town Clerk

