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MINUTES of the 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 9th day of September, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, NJ.

Present: Councilmembers: Michael Gonnelli  
Gary Jeffas  
Robert Costantino  
William McKeever  
Susan Pirro  
James Clancy  
Mark Dehnert

**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 December 26, 2013".

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.

**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. 2014-326

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that Donna Waiver be paid an amount of \$6,000 for her services as a Program Coordinator for Junior Day Camp Dept. 810864, effective June 30, 2014.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-327

**A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT  
FOR THE PROPERTY AT 323 CENTRE AVENUE, SECAUCUS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hold that the safe storage of Town equipment, materials and other apparatus is important to the operation of various Town Departments, such as the Office of Emergency Management, that provide services for the safety, health and welfare of Town residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deemed it is necessary for the Town to enter into a lease arrangement in mid-August for the use of additional space within the boundaries of the Town that is easily accessible for Department personnel, namely the premises located at 323 Centre Avenue, Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, New Jersey 07094; and

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement will name the Town of Secaucus as "Tenant" and the Sylvia Borer Family, LLC as "Landlord" for a one year period beginning on August 15, 2014 and at a monthly rent of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that approval has been given for the Mayor, Town Administrator or his designee to execute a Lease Agreement for the premises located at 323 Centre Avenue, Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, New Jersey 07094 with a period of August 15, 2014 to August 14, 2015 at a monthly rent of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution replaces previous Resolution No. 2014-308.

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The following resolution was read:

NO. 2014-328

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STREET OPENING PERMIT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Secaucus Town Ordinance 117-2b, permission is required to be obtained prior to the issuance of any street opening permit; and

WHEREAS, a street opening permit has been requested for work necessary to complete the project located at 105 Enterprise Avenue South; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has made recommendations, attached hereto as Exhibit A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above referenced street opening permit is hereby approved subject to conditions attached to Exhibit A;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the Town Engineer and/or Town Administrator are hereby authorized to execute any documents to take any action related to this endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution replaces previous resolution No. 2014-311

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-3229

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, upon the recommendation of Kevin O'Connor, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, that Richard Pasinski is hereby appointed to the position of part time Medical Escort Driver, effective Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at the rate of \$14.61 per hour.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-330

RESOLUTION RE: TW TELECOM OF NEW JERSEY, LP RIGHTS OF WAY USE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town has requested by TW Telecom of New Jersey, LP, which has been approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to provide local exchange and interchange telecommunications services throughout the State, to utilize existing utility poles or underground conduits in the public right of way within the Town of Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, the Town has considered the request and agrees to a non-exclusive use of the public rights of way for the purposes of constructing, installing and maintaining a telecommunications system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Secaucus enter into an agreement with TW Telecom of New Jersey, LP as provided in the attached Rights of Way Use Agreement for the non-exclusive use of the public right of ways within the municipality for the aforementioned purposes.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-331

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to auction off vehicles and/or equipment that are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following vehicles and equipment shall be put up for auction at the following minimum bid prices:

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>
1) 2001 Ford Explorer VIN# 1FMPU16L81LB64442	\$500.00
2) 2003 Ford Explorer VIN# 1FMZU72K03UA31731	\$500.00
3) 2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71W7YX203861	\$500.00
4) 2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71W0YX203863	\$500.00

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5) 1995 Ford Bronco  
VIN# 1FMEU15H8SLB53107

\$500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the auction of these items shall occur online on the auction site govdeals.com.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the auction for the above listed items will start on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 and end on Tuesday, September 25, 2014, at 6:00pm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all property will be sold in an "as-is" condition.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-332

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Peter J. Zipp, Esquire, Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, Stipulation of Settlement resolving the Complaints filed by:

Bristol Secaucus, LLC, for property situated at Block 30, Lot 5 and located at 600 Secaucus Road for tax years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. Assessments reduced as follows:

Tax Year	Original Assessment	Proposed Assessment
2009	\$4,090,000	\$3,870,000
2010	\$4,090,000	\$4,090,000
2011	\$4,090,000	\$4,090,000
2012	\$4,390,000	\$4,390,000
2013	\$4,390,000	\$4,390,000
2014	\$4,390,000	\$4,390,000

Interest on any refund due is waived provided the refund is paid within sixty (60) days of the date of the Judgment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2

All in accordance with the discussions held at certain caucus meeting of the Town Council on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-333

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSESSOR AND SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO CORRECT ERRORS IN TAX ASSESSMENTS, SIGN STIPULATIONS TO CORRECT SAID ERRORS, AND FILE MUNICIPAL TAX APPEALS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor for the Town of Secaucus will from time to time detect errors or omissions made in computing the tax assessments covering certain properties located within the Town of Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, notice of errors can also be discovered through property owner's municipal tax appeals at the County and State level; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus to authorize the Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel, Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, to correct said errors and file appropriate documents as to the same; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson County Board of Taxation and the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey further require Council authorization for Tax Assessor and Town Special Tax Counsel, Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, to settle pending matters; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all parties involved to amicably resolve municipal tax appeal matters within the guidelines established by the New Jersey Constitution and existing case law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the Tax Assessor for the Town and the Town's Special Tax Counsel, Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC are hereby authorized as follows for January 1, 2014 through and including Decembers 31, 2014.

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1. The Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel for the Town of Secaucus, Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC are authorized to jointly file corrective appeals with the Hudson County Board of Taxation and State Tax Court as well as signing Stipulations to correct any errors or omissions related to the Town of Secaucus's assessments.
2. The Town of Secaucus Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel, Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC are further authorized to jointly to settle any and all pending municipal tax appeals, so long as said appeals do not result in a municipal tax refund of more than \$10,000 tax refunds, exclusive of interest, for the tax year in question.
3. Any municipal tax matter which requires a tax refund, exclusive of interest, of over \$10,000 for the year in question shall require full Mayor and Town Council approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the Tax Assessor and the Town's Special Tax Counsel, Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC are additionally authorized to file any and all appropriate pleadings and documents in order to defend against any pending tax appeals or to initiate an increase in municipal tax assessments in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, withdraw all pleadings filed on behalf of the Town of Secaucus with respect to any tax matters pending before the Hudson County Board of Taxation and State Tax Court, and file any counterclaims to increase municipal tax assessments in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Introduced by Councilperson Pirro  
Seconded by Councilperson Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-334

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, upon recommendation by Senior & Social Services Director, Lisa Snedeker, that Brittany Ernst is hereby appointed to the position of part time Clerk in Social Services, at the rate of \$12.00 per hour effective Thursday, September 4, 2014.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-335

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendation of Nicholas Goldsack, Finance Director, of the Town of Secaucus, Christine Eck is hereby appointed as a part time Clerk, Purchasing Department, at the rate of \$12.00 per hour effective Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-336

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendation of John Voli, Recreation Director of the Town of Secaucus, Alexis Piombino is hereby appointed to the position of Assistant Manager, of the Secaucus Recreation Center, at the rate of \$14.00 per hour effective September 10, 2014.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-337

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Wilfredo Cedeno is hereby appointed to the position of Bus Aide in the Transportation Department effective Wednesday, September 10, 2014 with a salary \$10.00 per hour.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-338

**RESOLUTION RE: AGREEMENT TO MODIFY LEASE BETWEEN TOWN OF SECAUCUS AND FLOTILLA 32, INC AS LESSEE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 159, LOT 1 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus owns certain property rights more specifically identified in the attached "Schedule A" and survey of Faraldi Group, Inc., located on Meadowlands parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus leased said property on or about January 26, 2012 to Flotilla 32, Inc., a New Jersey non-profit corporation, whose address is 5 Meadowlands Parkway, Secaucus, New Jersey for the purposes of providing services of the United State of America Coast Guard Auxiliary, and in accordance with N.J.,S.A. 40A;12-14: and

WHEREAS, an Agreement to Modify Lease (attached hereto) has been drafted to allow Lessee to install, construct, maintain or otherwise operate a billboard on the premises and to apportion any revenue generated by distributed between the Lessee and Lessor and provided for in the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute into the attached Agreement to Modify Lease.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-339

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CREATIVE TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus is dedicated to fostering creativity and art to improve the Town and make it more pedestrian friendly; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus understands the importance of art, culture and sustainability in our community and how it can effectively contribute to the Town's economy and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the empowerment of our community culture by working with multi-generational groups to contribute to the development of the Town for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Town appoints 6 members representative to the Creative Team for the sole purpose of providing input on increasing inclusion of art, culture and sustainability throughout or community and to collaborate with the Mayor and Council to share resources and information regarding the important endeavor.

NOE, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint these six members to staggered three year appointments.

**Creative Team Members**

1. Ron Mroz (1 year appointment)
2. Marilyn DePice (1 year appointment)
3. Simran Rajani (2 year appointment)
4. Amanda Nesheiwat (2 year appointment)
5. Doug DePice (3 year appointment)
6. Melissa Dargan Heintjez (3 year appointment)

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-340

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that pursuant to the recommendation of Kevin O'Connor, Superintendent of for the Department of Public Works, Raymond Ciecich is appointed to the position of Assistant DPW Superintendent-Buildings and Grounds, effective Monday, September 8, 2014 at the salary of \$100,815 per annum.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-341

TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MAYORS CHALLENGE TO END VETERANS HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, ending homelessness among Veterans, and indeed ending all forms of homelessness, is a national effort that requires the support of a variety of public and private organizations and agencies at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, The Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness is a way to solidify partnerships and secure commitments from mayors across the country to end Veteran homelessness in their cities in 2015; and

WHEREAS, this call to action - announced by First Lady Michelle Obama and amplified by leaders from Housing and Urban Development, the US Department of Veterans Affairs, US Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the National League of Cities - can help generate public awareness and attention, increase learning and information-sharing, and help inspire greater progress; and

WHEREAS, tremendous progress has been made; however, ending homelessness nationally starts with ending homelessness locally, and by the public commitment of their leadership to this goal, mayors lend a powerful voice to their communities' collaboration and efforts, enabling them to build momentum to reach the finish line; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the Town of Secaucus supports the goals of the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli is hereby authorized to join the Mayors Challenge and to take any other necessary action that comports with both the spirit and intent of this Resolution.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-342

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendation of John Voli, Recreation Director of the Town of Secaucus, the following persons are hereby appointed as Aftercare Counselors, effective September 3, 2014, at the following hourly rates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Patricia Balzano	\$9.00
Susan Barnum	\$9.00
Sheila Hundervart	\$9.00
Bryanna McClure	\$9.00

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-343

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendation of John Voli, Recreation Director of the Town of Secaucus, Robert Kitrys is hereby appointed as Maintenance Personnel to the Secaucus Recreation Center, effective September 8, 2014 at the hourly rate of \$8.25.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-344

RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES OF A "PUBLIC SAFETY VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND RECORDING SYSTEM VENDOR FOR RT.3 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE"

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus solicited proposals for the provision of Public Safety Video Surveillance and Recording System Vendor for two pedestrian bridges in Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, Viper Communications, Inc., submitted a proposal to provide the specific services in the total amount of \$45,698.00 which price shall include support and maintenance of the system for one year; and

WHEREAS, THE Chief Financial Officer certifies that there are sufficient funds for said contact;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Secaucus award a contract to Viper Communications, Inc, to install and maintain Public Safety Video Surveillance and Recording System for Rt.3 pedestrian bridges under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposals and proposal submitted by Viper Communications, Inc., on August 26, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Counsel is hereby authorized to prepare a formal contract to memorialize the terms and conditions of said Agreement.

Financial officers  
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-345

**RESOLUTION RE: LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF  
SECAUCUS AND THE SECAUCUS EMERGENCY FUND**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wished to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Secaucus Emergency Fund for the Lease of certain property identified in the attached Lease Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Secaucus and the Secaucus Emergency Fund enter into the attached five year Lease Agreement for the right to use certain property owned by the Town of Secaucus as provided for the attached Lease Agreement.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-346

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN A COPPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreement for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participating in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2014 the governing body of the Town of Secaucus, Count of Hudson, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

**TITLE**

This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Town of Secaucus.

**AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-11(5) the chief financial officer is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

**CONTRACTING UNIT**

The lead agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A.40a:11-1 et. seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus at a meeting of said governing body held on September 9, 2014.

Michael Gonnelli, Mayor  
Attest By: Michael Marra, Town Clerk

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-347

**RESOLUTION  
RE: PROPRIETARY AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH BIG BELLY SOLAR, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wishes to contract with BIG BELLY SOLAR, INC. of Newton, MA. for a (5) five-year or (60) sixty-month contract term, for the (25) twenty-five, Sole Source/Single Source solar-powered waste and recycling stations, along with the CLEAN Management Console web-site for managing collection operations, throughout the Town of Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, BIG BELLY SOLAR, INC. and the Town of Secaucus enter into contract, governed by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13(d), as well as regulations N.J.A.C. 5.34-9.1.

WHEREAS, the cost of the contract with BIG BELLY SOLAR, INC. for the Managed Service Program, stations, services and software is \$2,975.69 per month, or an annual amount of \$35,708.28; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus to award the (5) five-year contract to BIG BELLY SOLAR, INC. of Newton, MA. in the annual amount of \$35,708.28.

Financial officers  
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-348

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF  
REVENUE AND AN APPROPRIATION OF EQUAL AMOUNT**

Council offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS. THE N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus Hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2014 in the sum of \$15,000.00 which item is now available as revenue from:

**NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

Pursuant to the provisions of the statute and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a sum of \$15,000.00 be and the same hereby appropriated under the following caption:

**2014 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT GRANT - \$15,000.00  
IN-KIND MATCH - \$4,075.00**

RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-349

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RESILIENCY TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus, was most recently greatly affected by both Super Storm Sandy and Hurricane Irene, and in the past sustained damage as a result of other local tidal and rain storm events; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these recent storms, the Town has embarked upon a course of upgrading pump stations, repairing and raising berms to proper elevations as well as

updating and increasing the capacities of the Town's flood remediation infrastructure;  
and

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WHEREAS, the Town has a policy of engaging in these self-help solutions to combat flooding without waiting for assistance from other entities because it is the right thing to do to keep residents from harms; way; and

WHEREAS, the Town will continue to appropriate monies in an effort to be prepared for severe storms and to strengthen the Town's defenses against flooding; and

WHEREAS, as extra measure of protection against storm damage and to ensure eligibility for grant funds, the Ton is establishing a Resiliency Task Force;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that the Town of Secaucus hereby establishes a Resiliency Task Force which will include the following and/or their designee:

Mayor  
Town Administrator  
OEM Coordinator  
Town Engineer  
Chief Financial Officer  
Construction Code Official  
Environmental Coordinator  
Public Works Superintendent  
State and Federal Grants Writers and  
Any and all other Town employees and/or consultants that may be necessary depending upon the project's need; and

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED that Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli and/or Town Administrator David B. Drumeler are hereby authorized and to take any other necessary action that comports with both the spirit and intent of this Resolution.

Councilwoman Pirro moved that the foregoing resolutions on the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

**BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

R-1320 Mark Vogel Memorial Foundation-On Premise 50/50  
R-1321 Mark Vogel Memorial Foundation-On Premise Raffle  
R-1313 Secaucus Emergency Fund Amendment  
R-1322 Secaucus Emergency Fund On Premise 50/50  
R-1323 Secaucus Emergency Fund On Premise Draw Raffle

Councilman Costantino moved to approve the foregoing Raffle Applications, seconded by Councilman Dehnert.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

- 1) Use of Buchmuller Park on October 18, 2014 for Health Department's Food Day
- 2) Use of Recreation Center on Front Street for a Dawali Celebration on October 4 and 5, 2014.
- 3) Use of the Meditation Garden by Art of Living on September 21, 2014.

Councilwoman Pirro moved to approve the foregoing items, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

- 1) Acceptance of Joseph Lowther as a member of Rescue No. Engine 2.
- 2) Acceptance of Michael Schoendorf as a member of Rescue No. 1/ Engine #2.

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Councilman Clancy moved to approve the foregoing items, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Gonnelli  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

#### REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

Councilman Costantino approved the Correspondence Register, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Jeffas provided a warning from the Police department as well as the OEM regarding a cell phone scam.

Councilwoman Pirro gave an update on all Secaucus Animal Shelter events.

Councilman Dehnert offered dates and time on opening day of football.

Councilman McKeever spoke about the upcoming 9/11 event to be held at the Library. He continued with other senior citizen events. He also spoke about a Resolution that was passed regarding Veterans.

Councilman Jeffas thanked, on behalf of Fr. Vi., all the residents, organizations and Council for their support during the church festival.

Mayor Gonnelli commented that it was a great event.

Councilman Costantino agreed that it was a great event.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Clancy spoke about the medical alert systems and to contact the Mayor's office.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about a Middle School student who is collecting towels for homeless shelters. She also spoke about the Veggie Fest to be held at the Meditation Garden.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about quality of life issues and urges residents to report anything they feel is not "right".

Councilman Jeffas announced that the Town received a grant from the DEP to be used for funding projects to promote and enhance access to parks.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Costantino gave information about upcoming events. He spoke about the creation of the Creative Team.

Mayor Gonnelli gave an recap on some locations that murals will be done. HE also spoke about the construction of new bus shelters.

Councilman Clancy stated that the Library is looking for volunteers to work with the ESL program. HE also spoke about an event at the Dinosaur Park.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about upcoming events.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about a Plan called the Companion Animal Management Plan that was passed last year. She stated that, in order to expand the plan, the Town is looking to the public for input to improve services for the animals in Town. She spoke about some requests to improve the dog park at Mill Creek Point such as enlarging it. She

noted that if anyone would like a copy of the Plan, they can obtain a copy at the Town Clerk's Office. She also spoke about the Library Mini-Fair.

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Councilman Dehnert spoke about upcoming events.

Councilman McKeever reminded residents that school is open and to please drive carefully.

Mayor Gonnelli announced that the Town received two \$5000 checks from Verizon one which will be given to the Secaucus Emergency Fund and one to the Youth Alliance. He also spoke about the concert. He spoke about projects that are being done throughout the Town especially for animals. He said there will be a story in the Home News regarding the visit with HUD. He also updated on some flooding remediation projects.

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Susan Protz

Councilman Clancy moved to go into closed session at 7:43 pm, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Councilman Jeffas moved to come out of closed session at 8:38 pm, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Councilman Costantino moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Michael Marra, Town Clerk

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