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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 10th day of November, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, NJ.

Present:	Councilmembers:	Michael Gonnelli Gary Jeffas Robert William Susan Pirro
	Costantino	
	McKeever	
	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.

A plaque was presented to Riverside Medical Group for their participation in October's Food Day. On hand to receive the plaque were Dr. Azzam Baker, Dr. Zeyad Baker and Margaret Atoot Baker.

Wayne Sabella gave a presentation on the Town of Secaucus App.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2014-32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 127 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

WHEREAS, Chapter 127 of the Code of the Town of Secaucus addresses various topics concerning vehicles and traffic in the Town, including but not limited to, the speed of motor vehicles in certain designated areas, the location of bus stops and parking restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the safety of all children, particularly in areas surrounding the local schools and bus stops, and the safety of all pedestrians and motorists are of great concern; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-98, a municipality may, by ordinance, alter the speed in a school zone during certain times of the day, without the approval of the commissioner, and consistent with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Police Department has recommended a speed reduction to twenty (20) miles per hour in specified areas surrounding local schools based on their assessment of safety concerns for school children, particularly due to the speed of motorists and vehicles in school areas at times when children are present; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that an additional bus stop on Emily Drive for the safe pick-up and drop-off of school children is necessary and warrants an update to Chapter 127; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have also determined based on review and assessment by the Secaucus Police Department that changes to the prohibited parking section and the implementation of time limitations on parking on Tenth Street are needed to alleviate unfavorable parking conditions, create a safer environment for the parking of vehicles and to allow for the free and safe flow of traffic in that area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as follows:

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1. Chapter 127 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," Article X entitled "Speed Limits" of the Code of the Town of Secaucus be, and is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows: (additions are indicated in bold; deletions are ~~crossed-out~~):

§ 127-43. Limits established.

A.The maximum speed limit for both directions of traffic along the following streets is hereby established at the rate of speed indicated and within the location designated:

Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
Grace Avenue [Added 4-27-93 by Ord. No. 93-26]	15	Between Schopmann Drive and Terminus at Hackensack River Entire length
Hagen Hagan Place [Added 4-27-93 by Ord. No. 93-26]	15	Between Schopmann Drive and terminus at Hackensack River Entire length

B.The maximum speed limit for both directions of traffic along the following streets in local school zones is hereby established at the rate of speed indicated and within the location designated during recess, when the presence of children is clearly visible from the roadway, or while children are going to or leaving school, during opening or closing hours:

Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
Fifth Street	20	Between Centre Avenue and Mansfield Avenue
Hudson Avenue	20	Between Centre Avenue and Mansfield Avenue
Plaza Center	20	Between Route 3 East Service Road and Paterson Plank Road
First Avenue	20	Between Plaza Center and Wilson Avenue
Paterson Plank Road	20	Between Huber Street and Arn Terrace
Meadow Lane	20	Between Meadow Court and Stonewall Lane
Millridge Road	20	Between Stonewall Lane and Koelle Blvd.

§ 127-44. Posting of signs.

Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained as required by the ~~Director of Motor Vehicles~~ State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and ~~as specified in his authorization of the above speed zones,~~ in accordance with the current standards prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

§ 127-45. When effective.

The speed limits shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law and upon posting of the proper signs ~~after approval by the Director of Motor Vehicles.~~

2. Chapter 127 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," Schedule XIII entitled "Bus Stops" of the Code of the Town of Secaucus be, and is hereby supplemented in Subsection B. Municipal Roads to read as follows to designate an additional bus stop location: (additions are indicated in bold):

(24) Along Emily Drive, southbound on the westerly side thereof:
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of the entrance/exit driveway of the 3000 Building of Exchange at Secaucus Junction and extending southerly for 141 feet

3. Chapter 127 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," Article VIII entitled "Schedules," §127-23 Schedule I: No Parking, of the Code of the Town of Secaucus be, and is hereby amended as follows: (deletions are indicated by ~~excesses~~):

§ 127-23. Schedule I: No Parking. [Amended 2-8-83 by Ord. No. 80-22; 4-14-92 by Ord. No. 92-11]

In accordance with the provisions of § 127-7, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Tenth Street [Added 5-10-83 by Ord. No. 83-23; amended 10-11-83 by Ord. No. 83-45]	East	From Centre Avenue to the terminus of the town-owned portion of Tenth Street to the northern boundary line of the property located at 710 Tenth Street
Tenth Street	East	From the southern curb of the southernmost driveway of the property located at 710 Tenth Street southerly for a distance of 25 feet
Tenth Street [Added 10-11-83 by Ord. No. 83-45]	West	From Centre Avenue to Tenth Street West, parking to be permitted on the west side of Tenth Street from Tenth Street West to the end of the town-owned portion thereof

4. Chapter 127 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," Article VIII entitled "Schedules," §127-26 Schedule IV: Time Limit Parking Certain Days, of the Code of the Town of Secaucus be, and is hereby supplemented as follows: (additions are indicated in bold):

§ 127-26. Schedule IV: Time Limit Parking Certain Days. [Amended 8-24-82 by Ord. No. 82-18; 2-8-83 by Ord. No. 83-9]

In accordance with the provisions of § 127-10, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown upon any of the following streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Maximum Time (Minutes)	Location
...				
Tenth Street	East	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays	120	From the southern curb of the northernmost driveway of the property located at 710 Tenth Street to the northern curb of the southernmost driveway of the property located at 710 Tenth Street
Tenth Street	East	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays	120	From a point 25 feet south of the southern curb of the southernmost driveway of the property located at 710 Tenth Street to the southern boundary of the property located at 710 Tenth Street

2. There are no other changes to this Chapter of the Code of the Town of Secaucus.
3. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of this Chapter 127 of the Code of the Town of Secaucus shall remain in full force and effect.

Mayor Gonnelli asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing proposed ordinance.

Mayor Gonnelli called on Sam Maffei.

Mr. Maffei spoke about Grace Avenue, Paterson Plank Road, Hagan Place as well as Julianne and Paulianne Terrace and the problem with speeding and signage.

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There being no one else requesting the floor, Councilman Jeffas moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

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

ABSENT:

None

Motion carried.

Councilman Clancy moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman McKeever.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli

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. 2014-401

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUSPENSION OF PARKING METERS ON SATURDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IN THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that parking meters in the Town of Secaucus should be suspended on Saturdays in the month of December to allow greater convenience for holiday shoppers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that parking meters in the Town of Secaucus shall be suspended on Saturdays in the month of December.

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

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-402

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 the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, two thirds of the full membership of the Town Council concurring:

GENERAL

TRANSFER TO:

TRANSFER FROM:

Administrative & Executive
Other Expenses 70,500

Administrative & Executive
Salaries & Wages 20,000

Legal
Other Expenses 10,500

Shuttle Bus
Salaries & Wages 15,000

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Postage 15,000

Office of Inspections
Other Expenses 8,500

Fire Inspector
Salaries & Wages 30,000

Zoning Costs
Other Expenses 5,000

Road Repair & Maintenance
Other Expenses 167,000

Group Insurance 200,000

Parks & Playgrounds
Other Expenses 70,000

Liquidation of Tax Title Liens 1,500

Cultural Affairs 15,000

Communication & Security
Salaries & Wages 30,000

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Tax Litigation 60,000

Fire Department
Other Expenses 5,000

Board of Health		Police Department	
Other Expenses	10,000	Other Expenses	50,000
Public Bldgs & Grounds		School Crossing Guards	
Other Expenses	40,000	Other Expenses	3,000
Elections	5,000	Fire Inspector	
		Other Expenses	5,000
		Solid Waste	
		Salaries & Wages	20,000
		Garbage Miscellaneous	30,000
		Social Services	
		Other Expenses	10,000
		Parks & Playgrounds	
		Salaries & Wages	20,000
		Contribution to PERS	70,000
Total	493,000		493,000
Pool Operations		Pool Operations	
Salaries & Wages	4,000	Social Security	14,500
Pool Operations		Capital Improvement	4,000
Other Expenses	14,500		
Total	18,500	Total	18,500

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-403

RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE KEYSTONE PURCHASING NETWORK

WHEREAS, the Keystone Purchasing Network, a cooperative purchasing program administered by the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit, an educational service agency and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, located in Milton, Pennsylvania, provides nationally bid contracts with many national vendors and allows other public entities to become members to use various publicly bid contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus desires to become a member of the Keystone Purchasing Network and desires to use various contracts to acquire products, equipment or other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council are in full support of the Town of Secaucus becoming a member of the Keystone Purchasing Network and hereby authorize staff to complete all necessary paperwork to become a member.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-404

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for and receive bids for the replacement of the Secaucus Library/Secaucus OEM generator.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-405

RE: BRUNO AND ASSOCIATES, INC. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT INCREASE

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WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus has the need for the Professional Services of a Local and State Grant Writer; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus previously solicited RFP's for various Professional Services, for the 2014 year, and awarded such services on Resolution 2014-53; and

WHEREAS, the services of Grant Writer was awarded a contract to the firm: Bruno and Associates of Clifton, New Jersey in the amount of \$45,000.00; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the contract of Bruno and Associates by \$10,000.00, for the new total of \$55,000.00;

WHEREAS, this amount over 20% of the original awarded amount, and is subject to advertisement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus to award the Change Order increase amount of \$10,000.00 to Bruno and Associates, for the Professional Services of Grant Writer.

Councilwoman Pirro moved that the foregoing resolutions on the Consent Agenda be approved, 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

The following communication was received:

Leave of absence for Nicholas Spagenberg from the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilman Clancy moved to approve the above communication, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

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 Clancy.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Jeffas reported on police issues.

Councilman Costantino reported on the Town's County Tax Ratio and the impact on the Town.

Councilman Clancy spoke about the update the Storm Damage Management Plan related to the Shade Tree Committee.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about the great success of the Animal Shelter Halloween Fund raiser. She also noted that the 2015 Pet calendar is available for purchase. She also stated that the Friends of the Secaucus Animal Shelter has become a 501c organization.

Councilman Dehnert spoke about the ice rink completion as well as Clarendon School fields.

Councilman Costantino spoke about the success of the Senior Football Team.

Councilman McKeever spoke about the Veterans Day Ceremony to be held on November 11 as well as a presentation at the High School.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke more about the Ice Rink.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas spoke about an upcoming forum presented by the JSA of the Secaucus High School to be held at the Town Hall.

Mayor Gonnelli offered comments about the event.

Councilman Costantino spoke about tax sharing and fact that the town saved quite a bit of money and what the excess money will be used for.

Councilman Clancy spoke about upcoming events. He also spoke about the Clock program.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about a program going on collecting new or used towels for a great cause. She also spoke about signage in Harmon Cove for recycling. She also spoke about the Holiday Lighting Ceremony at Exchange.

Councilman Dehnert spoke about the Holiday Toy Drive. He also spoke about upcoming registration for basketball.

Councilman McKeever spoke about upcoming events.

Mayor Gonnelli noted that the Tricky Tray is sold out.

Councilman McKeever spoke about a program in which people can spend time with senior citizens.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about Hartz Mountain's plans for the Panasonic Site. He spoke about the industrial area and the fact that the real estate market has turned around.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas spoke about the study that named Secaucus the fourth happiest Town in the state.

Mayor Gonnelli offered his insight of the study.

Councilman Costantino spoke about an fund raiser event to be held at Dunkin Donuts. He spoke about Sustainable New Jersey and the work done by Amanda Neshiwat.

Councilman Clancy spoke about an event coming up in February.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about upcoming events, one which will be held at Meadowlands Hospital. She also spoke about another event to be held at the Empire Hotel.

Councilman McKeever said that the Olive Garden has invited all Veterans to the restaurant for Veterans Day.

Mayor Gonnelli reported that the Town received a \$4000 grant from PSEG for sustainable neighborhoods.

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Donald Evanson

Councilman Costantino moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm, seconded by Councilwoman Pirro.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Michael Marra, Town Clerk
