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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 March, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Arthur Couch Performing Arts Center, 11 Mill Ridge Rd, Secaucus, NJ.

Present: Councilmembers: Michael Gonnelli
Gary Jeffas
Robert Costantino
William McKeever
James Clancy
Susan Pirro
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 January 9, 2015".

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.

Councilman McKeever presented the Zibowich family a display containing all war metals earned by Mr. Zibowich during his military career.

The first item on the agenda is as follows:

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-103

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2014, Rigby Realty Company purchased a commercial building at 300 Lighting Way in Secaucus for \$18 million; and

WHEREAS, Rigby Realty, the new building owner, has a history of using irresponsible contractors including Black Knight, a non-union security contractor in Pittsburgh that pays workers poverty wages; and

WHEREAS, Rigby Realty failed to renew a cleaning service contract with CRS Facility Services, a property maintenance contractor, thereby displacing eight cleaning workers; and

WHEREAS, the displaced cleaners had been working in the building for an average of 10 years, with the longest term worker being employed at 300 Lighting Way for 21 years; and

WHEREAS, Rigby Realty currently uses a new cleaning contractor, Eastern Essential Services, that refused to hire the incumbent workers and because of their actions, and after months of intense investigation, Rugby Realty has been formally charged by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) with breaking the law; and

WHEREAS, the new contractor, Eastern Essential Services, proceeded to pay the new cleaners poverty-level wages of \$8.50, just 12 cents above the minimum wage and with no meaningful benefits; and

WHEREAS, the displaced workers were making \$12.80 an hour and were expecting a raise in the month of July, which would have brought their wages up to \$13.20 an hour; and

WHEREAS, many of the displaced workers helped organize 300 Lighting Way in 2001 when workers were making as little as \$5.05 an hour without benefits; and

WHEREAS, between 2002 and 2014, Rigby Realty has purchased 40 properties with a total cost greater than \$200 million and can therefore afford to retain and pay the eight incumbent workers good wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the displacement of these eight workers happens in the context of New Jersey's long-term unemployment crisis and the 15.7% poverty rate in Hudson County, where Secaucus is located; and

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WHEREAS, Secaucus, Hudson County and New Jersey can only thrive if employers are invested in preserving and creating good quality jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus recognizes the importance of job security in the workplace, which allows workers to provide for their families and invest in the local community.

2. The Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus call on Rigby Realty to hire responsible contractors, provide their property service workers with good wages and benefits, and ensure that property service workers are not displaced whenever there is a new contractor.

3. The Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus believe that all workers in Secaucus deserve and need stable, good quality jobs, like the cleaning jobs at 300 Lighting Way before Rigby Realty purchased this property.

Mayor Gonnelli stated that this has been going on for some time and he explained the action that was taken in the past.

Councilman Costantino moved to adopt the foregoing resolution, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

A statement was made by Kevin Brown, Vice President of 32BJ for New Jersey.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing:

No. 2015-5

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

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Section 127-58B - "Designation of Locations at or Near Private Residences" shall be amended by adding the following location:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Ninth Street	East	On the east side of Ninth Street, beginning at a point 220 feet north of the northeast corner of Ninth Street and Mansfield Avenue continuing north for a distance of 22 feet directly in front of 672 Ninth Street

That the parking space designated for 672 Ninth Street adopted by Ordinance is to be personalized for License Plate P1243974.

If the Placard/License Plate Numbers for the person utilizing the parking space at the above listed address changes, then the parking space designation shall be changed to the new placard/plate with proof from the resident that it is for the same person that the person is still entitled to handicapped parking.

SEVERABILITY

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this ordinance are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of the regulation or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such persons or circumstances, to which the ordinance or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempted therefrom.

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SECTION 3

EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

None Motion
carried.

Councilman Costantino moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

None Motion
carried.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2015-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 127A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED
"RESIDENTIAL PARKING" IN ZONE III

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the safe parking of vehicles for all residents, visitors and motorists is of utmost concern; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a residential parking program under §127A-1 et seq. that was developed to alleviate unfavorable parking conditions and other safety conditions that may be created on residential streets, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that an addition to the Ordinance is warranted to designate residential parking zones on Moller Street.

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

- Chapter 127A entitled "Residential Parking", §127-5(C) "Zone III" of the Code of the Town of Secaucus be, and is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows: (additions are indicated in bold):

C. Zone III

Name of Street/Area	Location
...	
Moller Street	Entire length.

- There are no other changes to this Chapter of the Code of the Town of Secaucus.
- 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.

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

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

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

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

None
Motion
carried.

Councilman Jeffas moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

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

None
Motion
carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2015-7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS
ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE PROTECTION"

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

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

Motion
carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2015-8

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 127A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED
"RESIDENTIAL PARKING"

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

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

Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2015-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 127 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECUACUSM ENTITLED
"VEHCILES AND TRAFFIC" DEISGNATING CLARENDON STREET
ONE-WAY BETWEEN 8TH STREET AND 9TH STREET"

Mayor Gonnelli explained the need for this change.

Councilman McKeever moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Pirro.

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

Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2015-10

BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE ADDITONAL SUM OF \$350,000 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE ICE RINK AND THE ACQUISITION OF A ZAMBONI MACHINE FOR USE THEREIN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZIE THE

ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

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

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The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2015-11

ORDINANCE ADOPTING MEADOWLANDS REGIONAL COMMISSION MASTER PLAN, ZONING REGULATIONS,
CODES AND STANDARDS

Mayor Gonnelli explained the importance of this ordinance.

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

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

Public hearing on all ordinances will be on April 14, 2015.

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. 2015-90

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Lynn Kramer is hereby appointed as the Environmental Clerk in the Administrative & Executive Department, effective Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the rate of \$10.00/ hour.

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-91

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH
MCNERNEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus ("Secaucus") require appraisal valuation and consulting services in connection with an appraisal report to be administered to the Tax Court of New Jersey concerning certain pending tax appeal matters for Mack Affiliates for Block 155, Lot 4; 850 Paterson Plank Road for tax years 2012 and 2013 under Docket Nos.: 002803-2012 and 002546-2013 (hereinafter the "Appraisal Report"); and

WHEREAS, this type of work constitutes a professional service is defined by N.J.S.A. 40A;11-2(6) and as such is exempted from the bidding requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A;11-5; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a proposal from McNerney & Associates, Inc. to perform the proposed work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with McNerney & Associates, Inc. for appraisal, valuation and consulting services in regards to the Appraisal Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that McNerney & Associates, Inc. shall be paid an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for a trial ready appraisal report (inclusive of all out-of-pocket expenses), and additional compensation in the amount of \$100.00 per hour with respect to additional litigation support services including trial preparation and appearances at depositions and trial.

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-92

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH
MCNERNEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus ("Secaucus") require appraisal valuation and consulting services in connection with an appraisal report to be administered to the Tax Court of New Jersey concerning certain pending tax appeal matters for Mack Affiliates for Block 58, Lot 4; 500 Secaucus Road for tax years 2012 and 2013 under Docket Nos.: 002802-2012 and 002552-2013 (hereinafter the "Appraisal Report"); and

WHEREAS, this type of work constitutes a professional service is defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) and as such is exempted from the bidding requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

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WHEREAS, the Town has received a proposal from McNerney & Associates, Inc. to perform the proposed work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with McNerney & Associates, Inc. for appraisal, valuation and consulting services in regards to the Appraisal Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that McNerney & Associates, Inc. shall be paid an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for a trial ready appraisal report (inclusive of all out-of-pocket expenses), and additional compensation in the amount of \$100.00 per hour with respect to additional litigation support services including trial preparation and appearances at depositions and trial.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-93

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH
MCNERNEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus ("Secaucus") require appraisal valuation and consulting services in connection with an appraisal report to be administered to the Tax Court of New Jersey concerning certain pending tax appeal matters for Mack Investment Company for Block 98, Lot 6; 501 Windsor Drive for tax year 2012 under Docket No.: 002804-2012 (hereinafter the "Appraisal Report"); and

WHEREAS, this type of work constitutes a professional service is defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) and as such is exempted from the bidding requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a proposal from McNerney & Associates, Inc. to perform the proposed work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with McNerney & Associates, Inc. for appraisal, valuation and consulting services in regards to the Appraisal Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that McNerney & Associates, Inc. shall be paid an amount not to exceed \$3,500 for a trial ready appraisal report (inclusive of all out-of-pocket expenses), and additional compensation in the amount of \$100.00 per hour with respect to additional litigation support services including trial preparation and appearances at depositions and trial.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-94

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Congress declared the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances; and

WHEREAS, poison centers across the country will focus the public's attention on identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as learning ways to prevent poisoning emergencies; and

WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey, and from the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk and every poisoning is preventable; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of all reported poison exposures involve children under six (6) years of age; and

WHEREAS, the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and

WHEREAS, poison experts urge parents and caregivers to keep "single-loaded liquid laundry packets" out of sight and reach of young children. These products can cause serious harm if ingested; and

WHEREAS, consumers must be aware that e-cigarette devices, hookah pipes and liquid nicotine may contain very high doses of nicotine in enticing colors, aromas, and flavors - increasing the likelihood that small children and pets will be drawn to them. These products pose serious risk of poisoning; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a
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division of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health/NJ Medical School at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey provides free, expert medical advice, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 800-222-1222 Poison Help Hotline; and

WHEREAS, all services are free, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature; and

WHEREAS, poison centers save time and money by managing most cases at home, not requiring a visit to an emergency room; and

WHEREAS, NJ Poison Experts encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES is involved with the state's efforts in homeland defense, counter-terrorism, emergency preparedness and response, and bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings and their sources (products, food and beverages, chemicals in the workplace and at home, environmental toxins, drugs and medicine, and animal and insect bites and stings); and

WHEREAS, the poison center is instrumental in managing exposures during major storms like Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the use of poison center services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller's home, requiring no hospital visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, recognize the week of March 15-21, 2015 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourage all citizens to pledge all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-95

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus has the need to add an additional component to the existing service provided by Paylocity, for the purpose of on-line access to Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus and Paylocity of Clark, New Jersey have an existing contract, awarded on Resolution 2014-424, dated 12/16/2014, for the purpose of Payroll and Human Resource Services; for a period of one year, with an option to extend two (2) additional one (1) year terms; and

WHEREAS, the newly created Human Resource Department of the Town of Secaucus, received a Quote from Paylocity for the program WEB-ONBOARDING, in the amount of \$1,052.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost for Paylocity Web-On Boarding is \$12,624.00; and

WHEREAS, Paylocity of Clark, New Jersey is in compliance of the proper documentation required by the State of New Jersey; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus to award the annual contract to Paylocity of Clark, New Jersey, in the amount of \$12,624.00.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-96

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that under the recommendation of Lisa Snedeker, Director of Social Services, that employee Maryanne Spagenberg have her position changed to that of supervisor, with an increase in her hourly rate from \$10.25 to \$12.00 effective March 9, 2015.

Financial Officers
Certification attached

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-97

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT AWARD
OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus was awarded a grant to develop a waterfront municipal access plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wishes to appoint a licensed planning firm to develop a waterfront municipal access plan; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Secaucus wishes to hire an firm the appropriate license and the with skill and expertise in planning and has developed the Town's master plan as well as other ancillary planning documents; and

WHEREAS, Clarke Caton Hintz is a firm that possesses these attributes; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion the Mayor and Council has determined to whom a contract should be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that a contract for Professional services be awarded through the non-fair and open process as set forth below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator and/or Town Clerk shall be authorized to execute a contract for Professional Services and execute any other documents or take any action to fulfill this resolution as follows:

Clark Caton Hintz are to be paid an amount not to exceed \$14,000 pursuant to their proposal.

Financial Officers
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-98

RE: WETLANDS AND PARK DEVELOPMENT/FLOOD CONTROL

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus requires the Professional Services for the Project: Wetlands and Park Development and Flood Control; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wishes to utilize the specialized services of the firm: RCM Ceberio, LLC. of Wayne, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus additionally wishes the firm of RCM Ceberio, LLC. to review and prepare recommendations for the CLEAN-UP BILL; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has sufficient funds for this service, allocated on line item 01-2010-00-11012-069; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, to award RCM Ceberio, LLC., a contract in the amount of \$12,500.00.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-99

**A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR FOOD
TRUCK VENDORS FOR THE "CELEBRATING WINTER PAST" EVENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus will be hosting the "Celebrating Winter Past" Event on March 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, as part of the "Celebrating Winter Past" Event, the Town of Secaucus will be arranging a variety of outdoor activities and festivities in the Buchmuller Park area, including a Food Truck row; and

WHEREAS, the Town is working to engage independent Food Truck vendors for operation at the Event who will provide a variety of dining choices for the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that approval is given for the Mayor, and/or Town Administrator or his designee to execute Agreements with various Food Truck Vendors for participation in the "Celebrating Winter Past" Event; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to take any action or execute any Agreements necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of said Agreements.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-100

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS
FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE AND TRAFFIC CHANGES ON THIRD AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus will be hosting the "Celebrating Winter Past" Event on March 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, as part of the "Celebrating Winter Past" Event, the Town of Secaucus will be arranging a variety of outdoor activities and festivities in the Buchmuller Park area, including a Food Truck row; and

WHEREAS, the public streets leading into and surrounding Buchmuller Park will be partially utilized for the Event necessitating a closure of a portion of Third Avenue to through traffic; and

WHEREAS, the safety of all residents, motorists and visitors is of utmost concern, and the Town will utilize its law enforcement officers to assist residents and the public with the street closures and changes throughout the time period.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that the following roadway will be shut down with no vehicular access from Saturday March 21, 2015 from 6:00am through Sunday March 22, 2015 at 11:00am:

- a) Third Avenue, West of 43 Third Avenue to Plaza Center

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that the portion of Third Avenue from Roosevelt Avenue to the westerly property line of 43 Third Avenue will be open to residents and guests of the aforementioned street portion only and their vehicles for the above time period. Identification or proof of residence may be required to be shown to the Police Chief or his designee to permit access; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that two-way traffic will be permitted on the portion of Third Avenue from Roosevelt Avenue to the westerly property line of 43 Third Avenue during the designated time period for the residents permitted access by the Police Chief or his designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that parking of any vehicles will not be permitted on Third Avenue West of 43 Third Avenue to Plaza Center, or any portion of such designated by the Police Chief or his designee during the above specified time period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the closures, traffic changes and parking limitations will be provided on signage posted at the named locations at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance by the Police Chief or his designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Chief or his designee may direct vehicles and pedestrians as deemed necessary in the safety of all residents and visitors to the area on the above named roadways and the surrounding areas, and may extend the above restrictions and changes as deemed necessary by the Police Chief or his designee in the interest of public safety.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-101

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH REACHING
SOFTWARE FOR SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE SECAUCUS
COALITION FOR A HEALTHY AND DRUG-FREE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus through the Secaucus Coalition for a Healthy and Drug-Free Community will be working with Reaching Software for reporting services related to ongoing Coalition events and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition's events and activities for our local community will primarily focus on awareness, prevention and education on underage drinking and the misuse of abuse prescription drugs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that approval is given for the Mayor and/or Town Administrator or his designee in the Coalition to execute an Agreement with Reaching Software for technical, online and software support for the coalition database; and

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BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator or his designee in the coalition is hereby authorized to take any action or execute any Agreements necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of said Agreement.

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-102

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH REACHING SOFTWARE FOR SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE SECAUCUS COALITION FOR A HEALTHY AND DRUG-FREE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus through the Secaucus Coalition for a Healthy and Drug-Free Community will be working with Epiphany Community Services ("ECS") for technical assistance and support in preparing surveys, performing data collection and compiling and organizing data collected; and

WHEREAS, the services of Epiphany Community will assist the Coalition in gathering data on our community which will be utilized to raise awareness, prevention and education on underage drinking and the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that approval is given for the Mayor and/or Town Administrator or his designee in the Coalition to execute an Agreement with Epiphany Community Services for technical, and support related to data collection, sorting and interpretation; and

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator or his designee in the coalition is hereby authorized to take any action or execute any Agreements necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of said Agreement.

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-104

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Field Station: Dinosaur is an interactive educational dinosaur exhibit that is presently located at the entrance to Laurel Hill Park; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to encourage mass transit, Field Station: Dinosaur has chosen a location in close proximity to the Frank Lautenberg Train Station; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2012-138, the Town of Secaucus established an environmental fee to discourage the use of personal vehicles and encourage the use of mass transit; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to enter into an agreement with Field Station: Dinosaur regarding the environmental fee as the previous agreement has expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into the attached Agreement regarding the collection of the above referenced environmental fee; and

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Secaucus, through its Mayor and/or Town Administrator, may take any action to execute any document necessary to fulfill the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-106

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>
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1) 2000 Ford
VIN# 2FAFP71W7YX203861

\$500.00

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the auction for the above listed items will start on Friday, March 13, 2015 and end on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 6:00pm.

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

The following resolution was read:

NO. 2015-107

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark for the American Character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet the needs of cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from education students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 60,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayers' dollars; and

WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that April 7, 2015 is designated National Service Recognition Day and that all citizens are encouraged to be aware of the positive impact of national service in our Town, to thank those who serve, and to find ways to give back to their communities.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-108

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 Michael Schoendorf is appointed to the position of part time worker at the hourly rate of \$10.00 and that the hourly rate for Joseph Walsh is increased to \$10.00 effective Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-109

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, upon recommendation by Senior Services Director Lisa Snedeker. That effective Wednesday March 11, 2015 the following persons are hereby appointed:

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Ruby Kish	Disabilities Service Program Director	\$15.00/hour
Abigail Gonzalez	Coordinator of Inclusive Youth Programs	\$15.00/hour
Diana Simpson	Coordinator of Adults with Disabilities Program (Exceptional People of Secaucus {EPOS})	\$15.00/hour

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-110

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN APPRAISER AND SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO REVIEW MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS ON COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL, AND VACANT LAND PROPERTIES WITH ASSESSMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000,000, AND FOR SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO INITIATE TAX APPEALS TO INCREASE ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTIES APPRAISER IDENTIFIES AS UNDER-ASSESSED.

WHEREAS, it appears that a significant number of commercial and industrial, and vacant land properties located in the Town are under-assessed for local real property tax and assessment purposes, and,

WHEREAS, the existence of under-assessed properties results in a higher tax rate for the Town's taxpayers and,

WHEREAS, municipal corporations are statutorily authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-23 to initiate tax appeals to increase tax assessments, and,

WHEREAS, the deadline for filing tax appeals is April 1, 2015

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that McNerney & Associates, Inc., and the Town's Special Tax Counsel, Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, are hereby authorized to review all commercial and industrial, and vacant land assessments in the Town, and to file tax appeals in the Tax Court of New Jersey seeking to increase the assessment on any property reviewed that McNerney & Associates believes is under-assessed, and to take all necessary and reasonable action to prosecute the filed tax appeals; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that McNerney & Associates, Inc., shall be paid a fee for professional services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-111

RESOLUTION TO AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF "PURCHASE OF GARBAGE TRUCK"

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus, advertised for qualified bidders regarding the purchase of a garbage truck; and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received from Frank's Truck Center, Inc; and

WHEREAS, Frank Truck Center, Inc., qualifies as the low Bidder pursuant to New Jersey Local Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that there Are sufficient funds for said contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Secaucus award a contract to Frank's Truck Center, Inc., to provide said garbage truck at a price of \$97,789.00 in accordance with the bid and Frank's Truck Center, Inc.'s proposal of February 26, 2015 all of which shall constitute a Contract for such goods and services in accordance with the documents maintained on file with the Town Clerk's office.

Financial officers
Certification attached

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-112

RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR HIGH SCHOOL PUMP STATION-BACKUP EMERGENCY PUMP IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town advertised for qualified bidders regarding a project identified as: High School Pump Station-Backup Emergency Pump Improvements"; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2015, two (2) sealed bids were received pursuant to New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq; and

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WHEREAS, the bid proposal of Fred Devens Construction has been reviewed by the Town Administrator, General Counsel and the Town Engineer, and they have determined that a contract should be awarded to Fred Devens Construction, in the total amount of \$124,400.00 as the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certified that there are sufficient funds for said contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Secaucus will award a contract to Fred Devens Construction for the High School Pump Station-Backup Emergency Pump Improvements project in the amount of \$124,000.00 in accordance with the bid documents and Fred Devens Construction's Proposal of February 19, 2015; which constitutes a contract for such services in accordance with the documents maintained on file with the Town Clerks' Office.

Financial officers
Certification attached

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-113

RESOLUTION RE: ACORN PUMP STATION-BACKUP
EMERGENCY PUMP AND EMERGENCY GENERATOR IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town advertised for qualified bidders regarding a project identified as "Acorn Pump Station-Backup Emergency Pump and Emergency General Improvements; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2015 five (5) sealed bids were received pursuant to New Jersey Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1, ET. SEQ., AND

WHEREAS, the base bid proposal of \$188,817.00 by Envirocon, LLC has been reviewed by the Town Engineer, Town Administrator and General Counsel and constitutes the lowest responsible bid; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certified that there are sufficient funds for said contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Secaucus award a contract to Envirocon, LLC for the Acorn Pump Station-Backup Emergency Pump and Emergency Generator Improvements project in accordance with Envirocon, LLC's base bid totaling \$188,817.00 which documents (proposal and specifications) constitute a contract for such services in accordance with the documents maintained on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-114

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT AWARD OR VARIOUS PROFESSIONALS SERVICES CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council received responses to its Fair & Open Solicitation Process for Professional and other services; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion of such responses, the Mayor and Council has determined to whom contract should be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Clerk shall be authorized to execute contract for Professional and other services as follows:

1. Town Engineer-Remington, Vernick & Arango pursuant to their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for general engineering, \$175,000 for special projects and \$325,000 for capital projects at rates as specified in their proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to engaging in any special project that Remington, Vernick & Arango feels is outside the scope of general engineering, the firm must obtain prior approval from the Town of Secaucus.

Financial officers
Certification attached.

Councilman Clancy moved that the foregoing resolutions on the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

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

Motion carried.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-105

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ESTABLISHING
"THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS"

WHEREAS, Hudson County has an estimated population of persons with disabilities of over 57,000, with the majority of that population over the age of 18¹ and Secaucus is home to many residents with special needs who have voiced a need for programming and support; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council would like to engage and address the needs of residents with special needs, provide organized recreational, educational, social and skill building activities and programming for all age groups from children to adults, and raise general awareness about the needs and rights of persons with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will be establishing "The Town of Secaucus Committee for People with Special Needs" (hereinafter "Committee") comprised of members of the community, Town administration and the Board of Education to work in a collaborative manner to achieve programming, awareness and educational goals; and

WHEREAS, the Committee will hold regular meetings, provide Council updates through a liaison and work with all ages of the Town's population with special needs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that "The Town of Secaucus Committee for People with Special Needs" be established;
And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that the Committee shall be comprised of the following: 3 residents of the Town of Secaucus, 1 member of the Town Council, 1 member of the Town's Department of Social Services, 1 member of the Secaucus Board of Education and 1 member of the Town's Administrative Staff, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that meetings of the Committee shall occur bi-monthly or as deemed necessary by the Committee. Meetings shall commence in April 2015 and are to be chaired by the Department of Social Services representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall appoint a liaison to the Town Council, who shall report and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council as deemed appropriate on the concerns of the Town's special needs residents, environmental recommendations, updates on the Americans With Disabilities Act and information on the Town's recreational educational and social programming for all age groups.

Councilman Costantino moved to adopt the foregoing resolution, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Rudy Kish made a statement regarding the Committee for Persons with Special Needs.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Councilman Jeffas moved to approve the appointments to the Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Pirro.: Doris Crotty, Pam Teal, George Robeson, Keri Eglentowicz, Lisa Snedeker, James Clancy and Ruby Kish.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Clancy

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

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COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Use of the Recreation Center Basketball Court for "Wrap for a Smile" event

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Costantino stated that he hoped that the Municipal Budget would be ready for introduction at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Clancy announced that there will be a Fire Prevention and Safety Information session on March 15, 2015. He also spoke about the amount of calls that were received by the Fire Department including traffic accidents.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about an upcoming event to benefit the Secaucus Animal Shelter.

Councilman Dehnert spoke about recreation sign ups and events.

Councilman McKeever spoke about an upcoming Senior Event.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about a new information line that is available to residents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas spoke about an upcoming event to be held at Immaculate Conception Church.

Councilman Costantino commended Councilman McKeever regarding the hard work he does with the veterans of the Town.

Mayor Gonnelli also thanked him for his hard work.

Councilman Clancy thanked the Fire Department for their support.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about the needs of the Food Pantry.

Councilman Dehnert spoke about the opening of the Ice Rink.

Councilman McKeever offered information for seniors.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas announced that there will be a Court Night at the Hudson County Court House.

Councilman Costantino spoke about an upcoming event.

Councilman Clancy spoke about the Special Needs Committee.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about a new coalition and a contest that is being held. She also spoke about an upcoming trip.

Councilman Dehnert offered information upcoming Recreation events.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about a Bingo Night that was held and that it was a great success. He also spoke about the Winter Past event to be held on March 21, 2015.

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Tom Troyer
Catarina Adorno
George Heflich

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Councilman Clancy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

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

Councilman Jeffas moved to reopen the meeting at 8:16 pm, seconded by Councilwoman Pirro.

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

Councilman Jeffas moved to appoint Patricia Mondadori to the Secaucus Housing Authority, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

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

Councilman Costantino moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

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

Michael Marra, Town Clerk