

October 26, 2021

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey held on the 26th day of October at 7:00 P.M Secaucus Municipal Government Center, 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, NJ in Chamber II.

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 Jersey Journal on January 26, 2021.

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.

Present: Councilmembers: Michael Gonnelli
Robert Costantino
William McKeever
James Clancy
Mark Dehnert
John Gerbasio
Orietta Tringali

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

First item on the agenda:

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2021-27

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT" TO UPDATE ELECTION TIMING

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the safety of all residents and the protection of buildings and structures is of utmost concern and that the ability to provide emergency fire services is critical to the protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus' Volunteer Fire Department serves the fire and emergency response needs of the municipality and is governed by T.O. 12-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, updates are recommended by the Fire Chiefs and the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department Mutual Association as to election timing for the Fire Department to allow for a timely process and adequate transition period.

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

1. Chapter 12 of Code of the Town of Secaucus, "§12-4. Terms of office; election of Battalion Chief; office of Fire Chief and Deputy Chief." be, and is hereby amended

and supplemented to read as follows: (deletions are indicated by ~~excesses~~; additions are indicated in bold):

- A.
- The term of Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, and Battalion Chief shall each be for two (2) years, and shall commence as of January 1st of each year.
- B.
- 1.
- The Battalion Chief, who, in order to qualify must have served as Captain of his respective company for at least two years, shall be elected for a two (2) year term by ballot of the members of the Fire Department. Such Battalion Chief shall be elected from that company where it is designated by order of rotation to have such Battalion Chief elected. The order of rotation is as follows: first from Engine Company No. 1, then from Engine Company No. 3, then Engine Company No. 2/Rescue No. 1, then ~~Hose Company~~ Tower No. 2, and then Truck Company No. 1/Engine Company No. 4 (no preference is implied by this order of rotation).
- 2.
- Nominations for Battalion Chief shall be made in October of the appropriate year, with a deadline of October 31. The election shall be conducted in ~~December~~ November, prior to ~~December 22nd~~ November 30 between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the firehouse from where the new Battalion Chief is to be elected, and one member of each company selected by such company shall act as an inspector of such election; one inspector shall be designated the head of the election committee. Said inspectors shall supervise the election, by secret ballot, and shall thereupon proceed to take the votes of the Department; the person receiving the greatest number of votes for Battalion Chief shall be declared elected, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Council, and the head of the committee shall report the results to the Mayor and Council at the first meeting thereafter. Such person shall be confirmed by the Mayor and Council, or the Mayor and Council may choose, for good cause, not to confirm such person whereupon a new election shall be held. The filing of absentee ballots from all members of the Fire Department who are unable to vote in person at such election shall be permitted, provided that such absentee ballots are received prior to such election; the Fire Chief may establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate such absentee ballot voting procedure.
- 3.
- The election date shall be selected by the ~~Mayor and Council~~ Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department Mutual Association in consultation with the three (3) chiefs, and ~~the~~ the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department Mutual Association shall provide written notice to the senior officer for each firehouse at least fourteen (14) days prior to the election. Written notice of the election shall be prominently posted at each firehouse at least ten (10) days prior to the election. Nomination and election dates may be changed for cause by the Fire Chief upon approval of the Mayor and Council.
- C.
- At the expiration of the term of the Fire Chief, the Deputy Chief shall become the Chief. After the expiration of the term of the Deputy Chief, the Battalion Chief shall become the Deputy Chief.

...

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.
4. 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 12 of the Code of the Town of Secaucus shall remain in full force and effect.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus in the County of Hudson, New Jersey, on the 28th day of September, 2021 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Government Center, 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, New Jersey, on the 26th day of October, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Secaucus Municipal Government Center and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the public of the town, who shall request such copies, at the office of the Town Clerk in said Municipal Government Center in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Councilman Costantino moved to close the public hearing on the foregoing ordinance, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Motion carried.

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

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2021-28

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

NOW, THEREFORE, 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>
Born Street	South	On the south side of Bron Street, beginning at a point 209 feet West of the southwest corner of Paterson Plank Road and Born Street continuing west for a Distance of 20 feet in front of 255 Born Street.

That the parking space designated for 255 Born Street adopted by Ordinance is to be personalized for Placard Number P2375120.

If the license plate(s) for the person(s) utilizing the parking Space(s) at the above listed address(es) changes, then the parking space designation shall be changed to the new plate with proof from the resident that it is for the same person that the person is still entitled to handicapped parking.

SECTION 2

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.

SECTION 3

REPEALER

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4

EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Councilwoman Tringali moved to close the public hearing on the foregoing ordinance, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Motion carried.

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

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolution was read for public hearing:

No. 2021-29

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

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 locations:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Seventh Street	East	On the east side of Seventh Street, beginning at a Point 127 feet north of the Northeast corner of Centre Avenue And Seventh Street continuing North for a distance of 20 feet In front of 810 Seventh Street.
Paulanne Terrace	South	On the south side of Paulanne Terrace, beginning at a point 525 feet west of the southwest Corner of Schopmann Drive and Paulanne Terrace continuing west For a distance of 20 feet in Front of 297 Paulanne Terrace

That the parking space designated for 810 Seventh Street adopted by Ordinance is to be personalized for Placard Number P2378549.

That the parking space designated for 297 Paulanne Terrace adopted by Ordinance is to be personalized for Placard Number P2021022.

BE IT FURTHER 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 deleting the following locations:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Seventh Street	West	on the west side of Seventh Street, beginning a point 35 feet west of the northwest Corner of Seventh Street and Flanagan Way continuing west For a distance of 22 feet in Front of 861 Seventh Street.

SECTION 2

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.

SECTION 3

REPEALER

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4

EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Councilman Costantino moved to close the public hearing on the foregoing ordinance, seconded by Councilman Gerbasio.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Motion carried.

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

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Motion carried.

The following resolution was read for public hearing: No. 2021-30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 104 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED
"PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" TO SPECIFY MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING TO SOLAR
PANELS

WHEREAS, the Town wants to ensure that the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use by regulating standards and conditions for the protection of residents, occupants, visitors, pedestrians and the general community; and

WHEREAS, the Town has previously adopted an Ordinance, Chapter 104, setting forth interior and exterior property maintenance standards for properties within its bounds; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council support safe residential solar panel installation and maintenance as solar energy is beneficial to reducing the carbon footprint and removes reliance on non-renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, changes to the Town's Ordinance are needed to supplement the responsibilities of property owners to maintain solar panels in a safe, secure manner,

particularly in adverse weather conditions, in the interest of health and safety of property and persons as snow can accumulate on solar panels, particularly those on rooftop locations, resulting in snow slides or avalanches of snow onto driveways, walkways and property below, creating a serious safety hazard.

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

1. Chapter 104 entitled "Property Maintenance" of the Code of the Town of Secaucus, Article IV Exterior Maintenance Standards, §104-11(B) shall be supplemented and amended as follows (additions are indicated in bold):

B.

It shall be the duty of the owner or operator to keep the premises free of hazards and unsightly or unsanitary conditions which include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1)

...

(8)

Snow and ice shall not be allowed to accumulate on or be discharged off a solar panel so as to cause a hazardous condition. Solar panel snow guards or other hazard mitigation measure shall be utilized to eliminate excessive accumulations of snow and ice on solar panels within ten (10) feet of a roof edge or open side of a walking surface and such edge or open side is located more than thirty (30) inches above the floor, roof or grade below. All installation and placement of solar panels and snow guards shall be in accordance with all zoning regulations applicable to the property.

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.
4. 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 104 of the Code of the Town of Secaucus shall remain in full force and effect.

Councilwoman Tringali moved to close the public hearing on the foregoing ordinance, seconded by Councilman Dehnert.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

Motion carried.

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

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Motion carried.

The following resolution was read for public hearing: No. 2021-31

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 127A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL PARKING" TO REMOVE PAID PARKING SPOTS FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND TAXI STAND DESIGNATIONS

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 update to the Ordinance is warranted based upon the recommendation of the Secaucus Police Traffic Division to remove portions of the residential parking zone that have paid parking with time limitations and taxi stand designations that are no longer utilized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the following changes be made to Chapter 127A entitled "Residential Parking":

1. §127-5(A) "Zone I" 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 indicated by ~~crossouts~~):

A. Zone I

Name of Street/Area	Location
...	
First Avenue	Entire length except for paid parking spots
...	
Front Street	From Humboldt Street Minnie Place to Tenth Street
...	
Humboldt Street	Entire length except for paid parking spots
Irving Place	Entire length except for paid parking spots
...	

Paterson Plank Road	From Cedar Lane to the intersection of Flanagan Way Post Place
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2. §127-5(B) "Zone II" 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 indicated by ~~crossouts~~):

B. Zone II

Name of Street/Area	Location
...	
Paterson Plank Road	From the intersection Flanagan Way to the northwestern end of Paterson Plank Road at Trolley Park, both sides, except for paid parking spots

3. §127-18 "Taxi stands designated." of the Code of the Town of Secaucus be, and is hereby repealed and removed in its entirety. (deletions are indicated by ~~crossouts~~):

~~§ 127-18 Taxi stands designated.
The locations described in Schedule XII attached to and made a part of this chapter are hereby designated as taxi stands.~~

4. §127-34 "Schedule XII: Taxi Stands" of the Code of the Town of Secaucus be, and is hereby repealed and removed in its entirety. (deletions are indicated by ~~crossouts~~):

~~§ 127-34 Schedule XII: Taxi Stands.
In accordance with the provisions of § 127-18, the following described locations are hereby designated as taxi stands:~~

Street	Side	Location
First Avenue	South	From Plaza Center to the driveway of 100 Plaza Center.
Windsor Drive	(2)	Two parking spaces located by the southeastern corner of the playing field at Kane Stadium.

5. There are no other changes to this Chapter of the Code of the Town of Secaucus.
6. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
7. 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.

8. 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.

Councilwoman Tringali moved to close the public hearing on the foregoing ordinance, seconded by Councilman Dehnert.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Motion carried.

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

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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. 2021-289

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Mayor and Council the below part time employees' hourly rate is adjusted to be in line based on the appropriate driver's license with endorsements for a P - passenger bus and/or P & S for school bus as of October 27, 2021, as follows:

<u>Passenger - Endorsement</u>	<u>2nd rate only for passenger bus</u>
Chevres, Manuel	\$18.39 / hour
Stinson, Gary	\$18.39 / hour
Gomez, Alexandra	\$18.39 / hour

The following resolution was read: No. 2021-290

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of Michael Pero Superintendent Recreations that the below person is hereby appointed to the replacement regular part time Front Desk (shift 12 pm to 5 pm) position at the Rec Center Department (#85000), effective October 27, 2021, as follows:

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Trotman, Nodalena

\$12.00 / Hour

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-291

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and the Superintendent of Public Works that the below employee will take on additional responsibilities in the Medical Escort Department with a salary increase retro to September 15, 2021, as follows:

Bhutani, Viraj

\$65,000.00 / annum

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-292

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of Michael Pero Superintend Recreations the that the following below additional staff are hereby appointed to the various seasonal part time positions at the Ice Rink (#83000), effective October 27, 2021, as follows:

Custodian

Mastropietro, Joshua

\$11.10 / Hour

Worthington, Randy

\$11.10 / Hour

Clerical

Badillo, Lisabella

\$11.10 / Hour

Cruz, Mia

\$11.10 / Hour

Nasziemento, Ava

\$11.10 / Hour

Paulino, Betsabe

\$11.10 / Hour

Skateguard

Salvatore, Kaleigh

\$11.10 / Hour

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-293

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS
FOR APPROVAL OF THE USE OF CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wishes to purchase the commodities of a varitey of vendors listed below from authorized vendors under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a; and;

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WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.A.C 5:34-7.29 (c); and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus authorized the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditionals of the individual State contracts; and:

WHEREAS, that the duration of the contracts between the Town of Secaucus and the referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from January 4, 2021 to December 31, 2021

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, in the State of New Jersey, approve the use of contracts with authorized vendors under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-294

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS AUTHORIZING
THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV FROM BEYER FORD

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Police Department has the need to purchase a 2021 Police Interceptor SUV and related equipment to service the Town of Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Police Department has obtained a quote from Beyer Ford, located in Morristown, NJ, in the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and 89/100 (\$23,195.89); and

WHEREAS, the vehicle and related equipment as provided for in the quote will be procured under New Jersey State contracts #17-FLEET-00719, 17-FLEET-00761, and 17-Fleet-00749; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds to award this contract are available under line item 01-2010-00-21312-092

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey award the purchase of a 2021 Police Interceptor SUV and related equipment from Beyer Ford at an amount not to exceed Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and 89/100 (\$23,195.89); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Beyer Ford shall provide any and all compliance information requested by the Town of Secaucus Office of Purchasing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Town Administrator, or their designee are hereby authorized to execute any documents regarding the awarding of this contract, or take any action necessary to effectuate the spirit and purpose of this resolution.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-295

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY
VEHICLE FROM BEYER FORD THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

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WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Police Department is in need of a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle to service the Town of Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Police Department received a quote from Beyer Ford, located in Morristown, NJ, for the provision of one (1) 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle and related equipment in the total amount of Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars and 27/100 (\$62,106.27); and

WHEREAS, the vehicle as set forth in the quote submitted by Beyer Ford will be procured through The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) via Contract No. 20/21-09 Cars, Crossovers, Pickup Trucks, SUV's and Vans; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus is a member of The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (formerly Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission) previously authorized by Resolution 2016-183.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey authorize the purchase of one (1) 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle and related equipment in an amount not to exceed Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars and 27/100 (\$62,106.27); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds to award this contract are available under line items 10-2150-55-70611-001 @ \$42,000.00 and 01-2010-00-21312-092 @ \$20,162.24; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Beyer Ford shall provide any and all compliance information requested by the Town of Secaucus Office of Purchasing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Town Administrator, or their designee are hereby authorized to execute and documents, and take any action necessary to effectuate the spirit and purpose of this resolution.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-296

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A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS AUTHORIZING
THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD F-250 FROM ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Department of Public Works has determined the need to purchase a 2022 Ford F-250 to service the Town of Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Department of Public Works obtained a Quote from Route 23 Automall, located in Butler, NJ in the amount of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and 20/100 (\$48,478.20); and

WHEREAS; the vehicle and related equipment as set forth in the quote submitted by Route 23 Ford Automall reflects pricing in accordance with their awarded New Jersey State Contract #40321; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Contract #40822 was previously authorized for use under Resolution 2021-12; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds to award this contract is available under line items 10-2150-55-70611-001 @ \$40,000.00 and 01-2010-00-11092-027 @ \$8,478.20; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey award the purchase of a 2022 Ford F-250 from Route 23 Automall in an amount not to exceed of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and 20/100 (\$48,478.20); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Route 23 Automall. shall provide any and all compliance information requested by the Town of Secaucus Office of Purchasing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Town Administrator, or their designee are hereby authorized to execute any documents regarding the awarding of this contract, or take any action necessary to effectuate the spirit and purpose of this resolution.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-297

APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, SFY21 BODY- WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey mandates all law enforcement agencies in the State of New Jersey to use Body Worn cameras in Accordance with Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2021-5, effective June 1st, 2021, which is intended to further community trust, respect citizen privacy and promote public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus made an application to participate in SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program to offset the costs associated with the purchase and implementation of Body-Worn Cameras for the Town of Secaucus Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, Award Number 21-BWC-398 in the Amount of \$183,420.00 was awarded to the Secaucus Police Department to be used between the Award Period of January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Police Department is authorized to accept and does accept the award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 26th day of October, 2021, the Town of Secaucus Police Department accepts the grant funds in the amount of \$183,420.00 for the purpose of purchasing Body-Worn Cameras and Ancillary equipment associated with the use, storage and maintenance of said cameras and equipment by the officers of the Town of Secaucus Police Department.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-298

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF INSERTION OF \$183,420.00 IN THE 2021 BUDGET REVENUE
AVAILABLE FROM THE 2021 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Secaucus hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$183,420.00, which item is now available as a revenue from the 2021 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$183,420.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

2021 Body-Worn Camera Grant

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-297

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF INSERTION OF \$1,145,754.33 IN THE
2021 BUDGET REVENUE AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF
2021

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

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of

appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Secaucus hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$1,145,754.33, which item is now available as a revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$1,145,754.33 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-297

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2020 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Clerk of Town Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled: "Schedule of Findings and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled: "Schedule of Findings and Recommendations" as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto: and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)

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or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-297

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2020 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Clerk of Town Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

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WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled: "Schedule of Findings and Recommendations" as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto: and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a

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certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-298

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Single Audit Act, U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, and New Jersey Office of Management and Budget Circular Letter 87-11, the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, is obligated to prepare a Corrective Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Corrective Action Plan, shall be prepared in accordance with OMB Circulars and Local Finance Notice 92-15 and submitted to the Division of Local Government Services and placed on file with the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Corrective Action Plan shall cover all findings and recommendations in the December 31, 2020 Audit Report, including State, Federal and general findings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Corrective Action Plan prepared by the Chief Financial Officer, for the Town of Secaucus, has been completed in accordance with State and Federal requirements.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-299

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS
AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK ON THE STORM WATER PUMP AT BORN STREET PUMP STATION
TO RAPID PUMP & METER SERVICE CO., INC.

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Department of Public Works had the emergent need for Repair Work on the Storm Water Pump at the Born Street Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. submitted a scope of work for an amount not to exceed Seventy-Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$72,325.00); and

WHEREAS, Rapid Pump & Meter Co., Inc., located in Paterson, NJ, was readily available and possessed the necessary equipment and staff for the work set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Department of Public Works commissioned Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. for the work set forth,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 authorizes the award of a contract on an emergent basis where there is a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. currently holds a contract for Pump Station Maintenance with the Town of Secaucus under Resolution 2021-149; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds to award this contract are available under line item 10-2150-55-70609-009; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that the issuance of a contract with Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. for an amount not to exceed Seventy-Two Thousand Three Hundred

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Twenty-Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$72,325.00) for the Emergency Repair Work on the Storm Water Pump at the Born Street Pump Station that was provided on an emergency basis is hereby ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. shall provide any and all compliance information requested by the Town of Secaucus Office of Purchasing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or the Town Administrator or their designee are hereby authorized to execute any other documents or take any other necessary action to effectuate the spirit and intent of this Resolution.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2021-300

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of the interview panel composed of Judge Karen Boylan, Mary Martell, Court Administrator, Deidra Barlow, Division Case Manager, Heather Luzzi, Court Administrator, North Bergen and Sandra Lopez, Director Human Resources, the below person is hereby promoted to the position of 2nd Deputy Court Administrator for the Secaucus Municipal Court effective October 27, 2021as follows:

Repinski, Sarah

\$50,000.00/annum

Councilman Costantino moved to approve the resolutions on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Tringali.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Gonnelli abstained on all Secaucus Fire Department Bills. He voted yes on all remaining bills.

Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending	10/15/2021	\$ 986,914.42
Adm. & Exec		20,595.85
Mayor & Council		18,240.30
Municipal Clerk		7,136.73

Community Shuttle Bus	2,742.27	
Legal Dept.	7,289.31	
Municipal Court	21,954.75	
Engineering	9,355.02	
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	59,467.23	
Office Of Inspect.	12,019.55	
Planning Board	000.00	
Bd. Of Adjustments	000.00	
Comm. & Security Adm	6,420.48	
Environmental	3,485.94	
Construction	25,618.37	
Treasurer	21,753.69	
Tax Assessor	7,310.48	
Tax Collector	6,554.72	
Police Dept.	426,752.06	
School Cross Grds.	24,998.35	
Office of Emergency Man.	000.00	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	000.00	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	146,342.24	
Sewer System	000.00	
Solid Waste Mgt. Rec.	6,320.25	
Bd.of Health	7,072.90	
Social Services	25,327.11	
Fire Dept. Incentives	000.00	
Pks. & Play Grds.	000.00	
Retiress Health	000.00	
SHBP - Waiver	000.00	
Eyeglasses except police	000.00	
Supv. Of Play Act.	68,390.78	
Rec. Activities	3,473.86	
Social Security	48,089.60	
Pool Social Security	000.00	
Pool Oper.	202.58	
Grant Fund (OEM)	000.00	
CDBG	000.00	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. weekending 10/14/2021		\$100,975.74
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 10/29/2021		\$ 944,631.37
Adm. & Exec	20,633.94	
Mayor & Council	1,955.78	
Municipal Clerk	7,763.64	
Community Shuttle Bus	2,571.71	
Legal Dept.	7,214.31	
Municipal Court	22,686.14	
Engineering	7,975.02	
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	54,543.50	
Off. Of Inspect.	10,840.52	
Planning Board	000.00	
Bd. Of Adjustments	000.00	
Comm. & Security Adm	6,045.63	
Environmental	3,309.07	
Construction	25,631.44	
Treasurer	7,310.48	
Tax Assessor	7,310.48	
Tax Collector	6,562.20	
Police Dept.	385,777.76	
School Cross Grds.	24,386.65	

Office of Emergency Man.		000.00	
Road Repair/Maintenance		144,633.16	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.		000.00	
Sewer System		000.00	
Recycling Coord.		6,217.53	
Bd.of Health		4,281.04	
Mosquito Control		00.00	
Social Services		25,132.23	
Fire Department		33,950.00	
SHBP Waiver		000.00	
Eyeglass/except police		000.00	
Supv. Of Play Act.		64,233.65	
Rec. Activities		3,682.77	
Rec. Activities Parttime		000.00	
Social Security		47,377.47	
Pool Social Security		000.00	
Pool Oper		88.00	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. weekending 10/29/2021			\$101,422.52
Total Amount Claims	Check No. 65889-66190		\$ 756,158.48
Recreation Acct	1090		\$ 27,405.11
	1091		\$ 177,682.18
Recreation On-Line	None		

Note: Current and Trust Account checks are now part of the Total amount of Claims.

COMMUNICATION REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Request by Tim Firth of Kearny/Secaucus High School to utilize the Secaucus Ice Rink on various dates from November to February for high school hockey games and practices.

Councilman Costantino moved to approve the above mentioned communication, seconded by Councilman Gerbasio.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Gerbasio shared that members of the community continue to commend the Secaucus Police Officers for their hard work in the community.

Councilman Costantino announced that the financial audit is posted on secaucusnj.gov

Councilman Clancy announced that a resident is still in need of a kidney donation.

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Councilwoman Tringali announced upcoming events and programs at the Secaucus Public Library.

Councilman Dehnert announced that the deadline is approaching to apply for FEMA assistance due to Tropical Storm Ida.

Councilman McKeever announced various events hosted by the Indian Caucus committee.

Town Administrator Gary Jeffas reported that the Towns Best Practices services report was submitted to the State.

He also shared that the Vaccine Clinic is still actively administering COVID vaccine shots.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Gerbasio announced various new parks and playgrounds within Hudson County.

Councilman Costantino reminded everyone about the FEMA deadline.

Mayor Gonnelli shared information on changes being made to various flood zones within the town.

Councilman Clancy shared information regarding events hosted by the Filipino Society of Immaculate Conception.

Councilwoman Tringali announced that the Secaucus Ice Rink has opened for the season.

Councilman McKeever gave information on the Veterans Day event.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Gerbasio announced various upcoming events in November.

Councilman Costantino announced the movie event.

Councilman Clancy announced the Secaucus Food Pantry is in need of donations.

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Barbara Napierski

Councilman Clancy moved to adjourn the meeting 7:49 PM seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Tringali, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gerbasio

Motion carried.

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Michael Marra, Town Clerk