

City of Passaic



New Jersey

CITY COUNCIL

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 12, 2023

7:00 P.M.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED VIA FAX TO THE HERALD NEWS AND PUBLISHED ON OCTOBER 10, 2023, AND PLACED ON THE CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC HAS RE-SCHEDULED THEIR OCTOBER 10, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING TO THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, AT 7:00 P.M. TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, 330 PASSAIC STREET, PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL THROUGH HYBRID COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PLEASE BE FURTHER ADVISED DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL STREAMED VIA ZOOM. PUBLIC NOTICE AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS MEETING WERE PUBLISHED IN THE HERALD NEWS AND POSTED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 ON THE CITY OF PASSAIC WEBSITE AT: WWW.CITYOFPASSAIC.COM (COUNCIL AGENDAS.) INSTRUCTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS AGENDA.

PLEASE BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY.

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. INVOCATION
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. MAYOR'S UPDATE
- V. HEARING OF CITIZENS

*In Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.). The Council opens every public meeting for comments of the public. However, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 "nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the discretion of a public body to permit, prohibit or regulate the active participation at any meeting..."*

*Therefore, please be advised that the Council will not entertain any comments from persons who communicate obscene material, make statements which are considered bias intimidation in which a person intends to intimidate any individual or group because of race, color, religion, gender, handicap, sexual orientation or ethnicity or makes comments intending to harass or speak any offensive language. The person who makes these statements will relinquish their allotted five minutes for public discussion.*

VI. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING (HEARING IS REQUIRED)

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 2411-23 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PASSAIC TO SELL REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC

AS BLOCK 5000.03 LOT 1.03 PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ  
***(Introduced at the September 7, 2023 City Council meeting)***

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 2412-23** ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS BY NJ LICENSE PLATE NUMBER  
***(Introduced at the September 7, 2023 City Council meeting)***
3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2413-23** ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC, CHAPTER 295, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," ARTICLE XII, "SCHEDULES," SECTION 23, "SCHEDULE IV: METERED TIME LIMIT PARKING" TO CREATE ADDITIONAL METERED PARKING IN THE CITY OF PASSAIC  
***(Introduced at the September 7, 2023 City Council meeting)***
4. **ORDINANCE NO. 2416-23** ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC, CHAPTER 295, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," ARTICLE XII, "SCHEDULES," SECTION 23, "SCHEDULE IV: METERED TIME LIMIT PARKING" TO CREATE ADDITIONAL METERED PARKING IN THE CITY OF PASSAIC  
***(Introduced at the September 19, 2023 City Council meeting)***
5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2417-23** ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90A "BARBERSHOPS, COSMETOLOGY AND HAIRSTYLING", ARTICLE III "MASSAGE, BODYWORK, AND SOMATIC THERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS", SECTION 21 "VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES" OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC CODE  
***(Introduced at the September 19, 2023 City Council meeting)***

## **VII. COMMUNICATION**

6. Holy Trinity Church, 226 Harrison St, submitting the following application:
  - Religious Procession on December 10, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The procession will commence at City Hall- 330 Passaic St., will travel to Main Ave, to Monroe St., to Hope Ave, ending at The Holy Trinity Church located at 209 Hope Ave ***(Contingent Upon Departmental approvals)***
7. St. Anthony of Padua Church, 101-103 Myrtle Ave, submitting the following application:
  - Religious Procession on December 12, 2023, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The procession will commence at the Corner of Oak Street and Myrtle Ave and will travel from Gregory to Monroe Ending at the corner of Oak and Myrtle Ave ***(Contingent Upon Departmental approvals)***
8. V. Rev John S. Custer, Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, 96 First Street, submitting an application to hold a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Eparchy of Passaic event located at 96 First Street, on December 17, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ***(Contingent Upon Departmental approvals)***
9. Rene Griggs, Residents of Speer Village, 23 Aspen Place, submitting an application to hold a Halloween Trick or Trunk in 33-45 Aspen Place, on October 28, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ***(Contingent Upon Departmental approvals)***
10. Steven Singleton, Passaic Arts & Science High Charter, 7 St Francis Way, submitting an application to hold a School Family Picnic in Third Ward Park, on October 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ***(Contingent Upon Departmental approvals)***

**ALL MATTERS LISTED HEREUNDER ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION ANY COUNCIL MEMBER MAY REQUEST THAT AN ITEM BE REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.**

11. Hon. Hector C. Lora, Mayor, submitting the following:
  - Proclamation honoring Michael "Onaje" Jackson
  - Proclamation honoring Ms. Sallie D. Gamble

- Proclamation honoring Tranice L. Pegram
- Proclamation honoring Christopher “Chris” Rusca
- Proclamation declaring the last week of September as “Sustainability Week”
- Proclamation- 2023 Sistahs in Business Expo- Northeast Conference Expo & Pitch Competition

12. Preferred Environmental Services, LLC , 177 Sergeant Ave , Clifton NJ 07013 submitting the following:

- Correspondence: Response Action Outcome ; Remedial Action Type: Unrestricted Use ; Case Name : Monroe Plaza -251-257 Monroe Street

13. North Jersey District Water Supply Commission submitting the following:

- Agenda and meeting notice of their September 27, 2023 meeting

14. Passaic Valley Water Commission submitting the following:

- Agenda of their September 27, 2023 meeting

15. New Jersey Department of Transportation, submitting the following:

- Notice of Allotment of \$1,700,00.00 for the City of Passaic for the Delaware Ave, Oak, Prospect St, Jefferson St, Madison St. Prospect, Passaic St , Tulip St Project project

16. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, submitting the following:

- Treatment Works Approval No. 23-0228; 211 Pennington Avenue, Apartment Building Passaic City, Passaic County
- Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number:23-09-21-1935-45
- Correspondence: Vapor Intrusion Testing at 43 Central Avenue, City of Passaic, Passaic County- Block 4111.01, Lot 40

17. Jeffrey Soto, 17 Washington Ave, Clifton NJ submitting the following: Notice to property owners within 200ft of Development: 1 Van Buren St, Passaic NJ 07055

18. City of Passaic, Passaic Enterprise Zone Dev. Corp submitting the following:

- Minutes of their June 14, 2023

19. Millennium Strategies submitting their monthly report as of October 02, 2023.

20. Self-Insurance Fund Commission submitting the following :

- Notice of November 14, 2023 meeting Rescheduled to November 09, 2023

21. Passaic Board of Education submitting Notice of their September 26, 2026 meeting

## **VIII. RESOLUTIONS**

22. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PASSAIC ON PASSAIC ON, OCTOBER 10, 2023, AT 7:00 PM OR ANYTIME THEREAFTER TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

23. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS (*51 Ackerson Place- \$3,241.49*)

24. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS (*5-13 Ascension Street, \$1,043.82*)

25. RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR 2021 NJDOT SAFE STREETS TO TRANSIT

26. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) PROSECUTOR (*Contract awarded to Law Office of Rajeh Saadeh NTE \$ 30,000.00*)

27. RESOLUTION AWARDED FOR COLUMBIA AVE. & JEFFERSON STREET PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT CITY OF PASSAIC (*Awarded to Marini Brothers Construction, Hackensack, NJ \$ 330,053.00*)

28. RESOLUTION REJECTING PROPOSALS FOR E-TICKETING
29. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL CITY OF PASSAIC (*Awarded to PRB Attorneys at Law LLC, Newark, NJ not to exceed \$350,000*)
30. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR GRANTS CONSULTANT/GRANTS ADMINISTRATION (*Awarded To Millennium Strategies Of Morristown, Nj In The Amount Of \$7,000.00/Month NTE \$84,000.00*)
31. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR LABOR COUNSEL CITY OF PASSAIC (*AWARDED TO PRB ATTORNEYS AT LAW LLC, NEWARK, NJ, NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000*)
32. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT UNDER A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR FURNISHING & INSTALLATION OF SIX (6) LED MESSAGE BOARDS (*Awarded to DAKTRONICS in the amount not to exceed \$322,078.00*)
33. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR TWO (2) MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTORS (*Awarded to Law Office of Rajeh Saadeh, Somerville, NJ and James Pomaco, Nutley, NJ Not to Exceed \$ 90,000.00 for both Prosecutors*)
34. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR TAX APPEAL APPRAISER CITY OF PASSAIC (*Awarded to McNerney & Associates, of Glen Rock, NJ at an hourly rate of \$ 100.00 in an amount not to exceed \$ 40,000.00*)
35. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) THERMOLAZER TRAFFIC PAINT MACHINE (*Awarded to National Highway Products, Millville, NJ \$25,631.00*)
36. RESOLUTION REJECTING BID FOR 2022 NJDOT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUNDS PROGRAM PASSAIC CITY MULTI-IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CITY OF PASSAIC
37. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT INTERPRETER SPANISH/ENGLISH MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS (*Awarded to Sol's Interpreting Services, North Bergen, NJ Not To Exceed \$ 80,000.00*)
38. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT INTERPRETER – SPANISH/ENGLISH EVENING SESSIONS (*Awarded to Yonny Gomez, Clifton, NJ NTE \$ 23,504.00*)
39. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDERS (*Awarded to Salvatore Bellomo, Michael J Maher Esq., LLC, in the not to exceed amount of \$ 70,000.00*)
40. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR ADULT & PEDIATRIC PHYSICIAN SERVICES (*Awarded to Dr. Jedlinski, Clifton, NJ and Dr. Moises, Clifton, NJ \$110.00/hr NTE \$ 70,000.00 inclusive of both pediatricians*)
41. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICALS/MEDICAL AND DRUG TESTING (*Awarded to Medrite of Passaic, NJ at an approximate cost of \$ 40,000.00*)
42. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT, EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PASSAIC UEZ 2024 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET TO THE NJ URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (*not to exceed \$287,079*)
43. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT, EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PASSAIC UEZ 2024 CLEAN SWEEP/GRAFFITI ERADICATION PROJECT TO THE NJ URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (*not to exceed \$535,206*)
44. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEALS CAPTIONED VAC LLC. v. CITY OF PASSAIC (*total refund to taxpayer of \$20,236.00*)
45. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR THE NJ TRANSIT 5310 FY 2022 AND FY 2023 GRANT APPLICATION

- 46. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PASSAIC TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FY 2022 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM(*in the amount of \$883,000.00*)
- 47. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PASSAIC COUNTY DIG-IN! CITY GREEN AND PASSAIC COUNTY PROGRAM TREE AND HABITAT RESTORATION GRANTS- DAFFODIL, TREE AND NATIVE PERENNIAL GRANT PROGRAM

**IX. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

- 48. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS BY NJ LICENSE PLATE NUMBER
- 49. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 89, "AUTO BODY REPAIR FACILITIES", OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC ADDING NEW ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "STORAGE AND PARKING OF VEHICLES"
- 50. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157, ARTICLE I, OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC CODE REGARDING COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH

**X. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**XI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**XII. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*(Next meeting of the City Council – October 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM)*

JOIN MEETING LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89892612341>

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE PUBLIC PORTION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, CAN CALL-IN AT 929 436 2866 US (New York) AND ENTER THE MEETING ID # **898 9261 2341**

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Press \*9 to raise your hand and indicate you would like to speak