

**Passaic City Council
March 9, 2021 Minutes**

MEETING WAS CONDUCTED AS A LIVE STREAM VIA FACEBOOK

Amada D. Curling, City Clerk read the following notice into record:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ADOPTED ON JUNE 23, 2020 SETTING FORTH THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021, SAID NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED AND POSTED ON THE CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

PLEASE BE FURTHER ADVISED DUE TO COVID-19 THIS MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL STREAMED. PUBLIC NOTICE AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS MEETING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE HERALD NEWS AND POSTED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2021 ON THE CITY OF PASSAIC WEBSITE AT: WWW.CITYOFPASSAIC.COM(COUNCIL AGENDAS) INSTRUCTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE LAST PAGE OF THIS AGENDA.

PLEASE BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY.

ON CALL OF THE ROLL THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONDED:

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:		Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:	Munk			Patel			

ALSO PRESENT: Hector C. Lora, Mayor; Ricardo Fernandez, Business Administrator; Christian Hibinski, Esq., City Attorney

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Thania Melo followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Hector C. Lora updated the council and residents on the following:

- Latest numbers of COVID-19 based on the health department from March 2020 to present:
 - 6983 positive tests
 - 279 deaths
- He sends his thoughts and prayers to all who have lost someone due to COVID-19. He is reminded that community members held a special memorial on West

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Side Avenue recognizing FF Tolentino and others who have lost someone in their lives.

- A fourth testing site was opened on Jefferson and 1st Street, in one of the most densely populated areas in Passaic, making it more accessible for residents to get tested without having to drive somewhere. The city is utilizing every resource to ensure that all residents have access to free testing and vaccines.
- With the assistance of the Health Department and Human Services, the city has been able to vaccinate homeless individuals.
- He thanked all departments, clergymen, and faith-leaders who have been giving updates, information on the vaccine, encouraging residents to practice social distancing.
- The city has received additional doses of the vaccine thanks to the Business Administrator, an increase from 200 vaccines to 400 vaccines per week. Over 60% of those who have received the vaccine are senior citizens.
- Special recognition to Council Members Love, Garcia, and Schwartz, who have encouraged working cooperatively with hospitals and clinics to ensure the city is operating efficiently and quickly.
- The food distribution programs have been working great; every Sunday families are coming to obtain resources. Hours are changing to the afternoon in order to control traffic. He also wants to thank Council President Gary Schaer, volunteers, and schools, who have all participated in making the program successful.
- He wants to recognize Lizeth and Katherine from the Department of Recreation in coordinating a Zoom event for the "Read Across America".
- Sports and cooking programs will be open for Spring 2021.
- The City Council are to be thanked for the various programs that offer assistance with housing, rent, etc., even before the pandemic began.

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MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2021 were submitted for approval.

Upon motion made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Schwartz the aforementioned meeting minutes were approved.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:		Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:	Munk			Patel			

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Council President Schaer opened the public portion of the Meeting with the following statement for the record:

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, the City Council will not entertain any comments from persons who communicate obscene material, make statements which are considered bias intimidation in which any person attempts to intimidate any individual or group because of race, color, religion, handicap, sexual orientation or ethnicity or makes personally offensive or abusive, defamatory or profane comments, comments intending to harass or speak any offensive or abusive language. The person who makes these statements will relinquish their allotted five minutes for public discussion.

Ari Mack, 187 Howard Avenue

- Will there be bier hamlets be held this year in third Ward Park as in the past?
- When will all public school be opened?

Milkida Jones, Paterson, NJ

- Does the City offer any services to families with Disabled Children, more specifically especially now during COVID-19?

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After ample opportunity given and no one else responding on a motion by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Schwartz the public portion of the meeting was adjourned.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:		Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:	Munk			Patel			

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

Council President Schaer called up for the second and final reading Ordinance entitled:

**CITY OF PASSAIC
ORDINANCE NO. 2289-21**

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS BY NJ LICENSE PLATE NUMBER

Council Member Love moved a public hearing to be held on Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Council Member Schwartz, So Ordered. The Council President then announced that all interested parties would be given an opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the Ordinance

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:		Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:	Munk			Patel			

Munk arrived at 7:05pm

After ample opportunity given and no one else responding, on a motion by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Love the public portion of the meeting was closed

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
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AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

Council Member **Schwartz** moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage which motion was seconded by Council Member Love and adopted upon a call of the roll.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

Council President Schaer called up for the second and final reading Ordinance entitled:

CITY OF PASSAIC
ORDINANCE NO. 2290-21

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
FOR 234 HARRISON STREET (BLOCK 4098, LOT 61)
AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION
IN THE CITY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY**

Adopted with amendment as per Council Member Schwartz, parking spaces allowance for studios was revised from .75 to 1.

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ABSENT:				Patel			

Council Member Love moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage which motion was seconded by Council Member Melo and adopted upon a call of the roll.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

Council President Schaer called up for the second and final reading Ordinance entitled:

CITY OF PASSAIC
ORDINANCE NO. 2291-21

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
445-451 MAIN AVENUE (BLOCK 2207, LOTS 25, 26 & 27)
AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION
IN THE CITY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY**

Adopted with amendment as per Council Member Schwartz, parking spaces allowance for studios was revised from .75 to 1.

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ABSENT:				Patel			

COMMUNICATIONS ND PETITIONS:

On a motion by Council Member Melo and seconded by Council Member Love the following communication was received placed on file and approval granted

St. Anthony of Padua Church, 101-103 Myrtle Avenue, submitting application to hold a Religious Procession on April 02, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Procession will commence at 320 Oak St. will travel to Oak, to Gregory St., to Monroe St., to Myrtle Ave., to Oak St. ending at 320 Oak St. (Contingent Upon Departmental Approvals)

Church of the Holy Trinity, 226 Harrison St. submitting application to hold a Religious Procession on April 02, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Procession will commence at 209 Hope Ave, will travel right on Hope Ave, to Harrison St., to Lexington Ave., to President St., to Hope Ave., ending at 209 Hope Ave. (Contingent Upon Departmental Approvals)

Premium Ride LLC, t/a Apolo Taxi, 689 Main Avenue, submitting application to renew their Taxi Company license for the year 2021 (Contingent Upon Departmental Approvals)

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)

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AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

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.

On a motion by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council President Melo the following communications and petitions were received placed on file and approval granted

The Okonite Company submitting the following:

- Notice of Remediation of 220 Passaic Street (Contaminates)

State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection:

- Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 21-02-22-1140-10
- Treatment Works Approval No. 20-0467 Sunshine Laundromat Passaic City, Passaic County

Passaic Valley Water Commission submitting the following:

- Notice of their February 17, 2021 meeting
- Agenda of their February 17, 2021 meeting

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On a motion by Council Member Schwartz and seconded by Council President Garcia the following communications and petitions were received placed on file and approval granted

Passaic Board of Education, submitting the following:

- Notice of their February 22,2020 meeting
- Notice of their March 1, 2021 special meeting

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk		Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSTAIN:		Love					
ABSENT:				Patel			

RESOLUTIONS:

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS TAKEN OFF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PASSAIC ON PASSAIC ON MARCH 9, 2021 AT 7:00 PM OR ANYTIME THEREAFTER TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE VOTED ON BY ONE MOTION

On a motion by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Love the following RESOLUTIONS WERE OFFERED FOR ADOPTION

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION # 21-03-055**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the below mentioned property owners and their mortgage company both paid taxes on the below property for the same tax quarter.

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WHEREAS, the mortgage company has submitted a written request for the refund to be returned to them directly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic, that the Chief Financial Officer, be and is hereby authorized to make the following refund(s) and for the Tax Collector to adjust her records accordingly:

BLOCK	LOT	PROPERTY	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT
3305/76		73 The Circle	Koltai, Robert & Susan	2021	\$7,057.19

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RESOLUTION# 21-03-056

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the below property Block: 3230 Lot: 4 also known as 163 Passaic Ave, was merged into Block: 3230 Lot: 1 also known as 163-167 Passaic Ave. in 2020.

WHEREAS, the owners mortgage company who continued to pay taxes on the merged lot for the full tax year of 2020, recently submitted a written request for the refund to be returned to them directly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic, that the Chief Financial Officer, be and is hereby authorized to make the following refund(s) and for the Tax Collector to adjust her records accordingly:

BLOCK	LOT	PROPERTY	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT
3230/4		163 Passaic Ave.	Leiter, Dinah	2021	\$10,166.91

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CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION # 21-03-057

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT
OF TURF FIELD CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK**

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2020, the City of Passaic was subjected to a severe rain storm which resulted in damage to the artificial turf athletic field in Christopher Columbus Park, and

WHEREAS, the intensity and amount of rainfall overwhelmed the City's storm sewer system and resulted in surcharging of the system into the turf field drainage system; and

WHEREAS, this resulted in the artificial turf to lift off the stone base causing it to stretch out of shape causing severe wrinkling and torn seams; and

WHEREAS, the incident was immediately reported to the Insurance Company and was assessed by their independent inspectors who determined that the field was damaged beyond repair; and

WHEREAS, emergency purchases and contracts may be negotiated and awarded without public advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6; and

WHEREAS, Athletic Fields of America provided a price through the NJ Sourcewell Coop, Contract #060518-SII for \$ 613,850.00 which encompasses the replacement of the entire turf field; and

WHEREAS, Athletic Fields of America provided an additional price through ESCNJ (Educational Services Commission of New Jersey) for \$ 840,155.50.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the City Engineer, John Mayo that the contract for Emergency Replacement of Turf Field-Christopher Columbus Park be

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awarded to Athletic Fields of America, Montville, NJ in the amount of \$ 613,850.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the contract for Emergency Replacement of Turf Field-Christopher Columbus Park be awarded to Athletic Fields of America, Montville, NJ in the amount of \$ 613,850.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on a form approved by City Attorney.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

Funds for the above are available in Account #T-03-56-306-000-CPK - Self Insurance City Parks.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-058**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY SANITARY
SEWER REPAIR 151 RANDOLPH STREET PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2020 there was a sanitary sewer collapse on 151 Randolph Street, Passaic, NJ; and

WHEREAS, it was the determination of the City Engineer, that this sanitary sewer collapse posed a serious potential for a health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, a private contractor had to be hired to repair the sanitary sewer collapse; and

WHEREAS, emergency purchases and contracts may be negotiated and awarded without public advertising for bids pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6**; and

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WHEREAS, Montana Construction of Lodi, NJ was contracted to repair the Sanitary Sewer: and

WHEREAS, the final cost of the repair was \$50,775.56.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic that payment to Montana Construction of Lodi, NJ be made in the amount of \$ 50,775.56

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

Funds for the above are available in Account #0-07-55-502-000-9ER

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-059**

**RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR
COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS
CITY OF PASSAIC**

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Director of Purchasing on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 for Collection of Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, bids were received as per the attached; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the attached, specifications and plans were downloaded from the city's website by the following, none of whom submitted bids:

Chadler Solutions	MSW Consultants	Nature's Choice Corp.
Fairfield, NJ	Orlando, FL	Hillsborough, NJ
Waste Management		
Ewing, NJ		

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WHEREAS, the bids received exceeds the budget appropriation; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Christian Butler, Recycling Coordinator, that this bid be rejected and re advertised.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the bid received on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 for Collection of Recyclable Materials be rejected and re advertised.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the contract for Collection of Recyclables be rejected and the City of Passaic re-advertise.

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-060

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONTRACT FOR
COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS MIXED PAPERS,
PETE AND HDPE PLASTICS, CLEAR GLASS BOTTLES,
BROWN GLASS BOTTLE, GREEN GLASS BOTTLES, ALUMINUM CANS
AND BIMETAL CANS [CURSDISE PICKUP]; TRANSPORTATION AND
DISPOSAL OF LEAVES, WOOD CHIPS AND OTHER VEGETATIVE
WASTE; TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF SCRAP TIRES;
AND COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF
WHITE GOODS (USED APPLIANCES, TELEVISIONS, ETC.)
CURBSIDE PICK UP**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic entered into a contract with Gaeta Recycling of Paterson, NJ for the above mentioned Collection of Recyclables on March 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the duration of the contract is for three (3) years expiring on February 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract for an additional 90 days; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15, the City of Passaic is extending the existing contract by mutual consent of the parties until May 28, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the contract between the City of Passaic and Gaeta, shall be extended until May 28, 2021 in order to give the City of Passaic time to re-bid this contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all the terms and conditions of the original contract shall be incorporated into this extension of the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to execute an extension of this contract.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-061**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION
FOR THE SNY PLAY BALL AND NEW YORK METS BASEBALL AND
SOFTBALL PROGRAM 2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic Department of Recreation wishes to submit an application for grant funding through the SNY Play Ball and New York Mets Baseball and Softball Program ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, through their Baseball and Softball Program, SNY Play Ball and the New York Mets are supporting baseball and softball sports leagues for children ages six through twelve; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic seeks to promote youth sports within the City; and

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WHEREAS, as a municipal recreation department within Passaic County, the City of Passaic Department of Recreation is eligible to apply for funding through this Program; and

WHEREAS, this Program shall not require any matching contribution from the City of Passaic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic wishes to apply for the maximum grant award being allotted through this Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the City of Passaic is hereby authorized to submit an application for the SNY Play Ball and New York Mets Baseball and Softball Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and Department of Recreation are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents and/or undertake any and all such actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-062

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC SAFETY
STATE AND COMMUNITY HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT 2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic wishes to submit an application for the State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program that is being offered through the New Jersey Division of Highway and Traffic Safety ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Program is to provide funding to address pedestrian safety issues; and

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WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Highway and Traffic Safety ("DHTS") has prepared a Highway Safety Plan which identifies the State's traffic safety problems and recommends programs and projects to address such problems; and

WHEREAS, this plan guides the DHTS in coordinating the funding for state and local projects related to pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, as a municipality in New Jersey, the City of Passaic is eligible to apply for funding through this Program; and

WHEREAS, request amounts are predetermined by the State; and

WHEREAS, there is a 12-month project period associated with the Program to begin October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this Program shall not require any matching contribution from the City of Passaic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic wishes to apply for the maximum grant award being allotted through this Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the City of Passaic is hereby authorized to submit an application for the New Jersey Division of Highway and Traffic Safety State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents and/or undertake any and all such actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

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CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-063

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC SAFETY
DISTRACTED DRIVING STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN GRANT 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic Police Department wishes to submit an application for the Distracted Driving Statewide Crackdown Grant Program that is being offered through the New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Program is to provide funding to local police departments to conduct enforcement details related to distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic Police Department is eligible to apply for funding through this Program; and

WHEREAS, the maximum award is based on a \$60.00 per hour rate formula allocation for a one-month project period to begin April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, funding through this Program may only be applied towards reimbursement for police overtime enforcement details conducted between April 1, 2021 and May 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this Program shall not require any matching contribution from the City of Passaic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic Police Department wishes to apply for the maximum grant award being allotted through this Program.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the City of Passaic is hereby authorized to submit an application for the New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety Distracted Driving Statewide Crackdown Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, and Police Department are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents and/or undertake any and all such actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION # 21-03-064**

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JEREMIAS E. BATISTA AS CHIEF
JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic seeks to appoint a Chief Judge in the Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to confirm the appointment made by the Mayor of Jeremias E. Batista, Esq. to sit as Chief Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic; and

WHEREAS Jeremias E. Batista, Esq. is qualified in all respects to hold the position of Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic; and

WHEREAS, to serve and receive the salary for Chief Judge, Jeremias E. Batista, Esq. must serve a minimum of three (3) sessions per week; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that Jeremias E. Batista, Esq. shall be appointed to the position of Chief Judge of the

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Municipal Court of the City of Passaic for a term to expire on February 8, 2024 completing his three year contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jeremias E. Batista, Esq. shall be paid the sum of \$69,020.00 per year as compensation in his role as Chief Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-065**

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RONDA CASSON COTRONEO AS JUDGE
OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic seeks to appoint a Judge in the Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to confirm the appointment made by the Mayor of Ronda Casson Cotroneo, Esq. as Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic; and

WHEREAS, Ronda Casson Cotroneo, Esq. is qualified in all respects to hold the position of Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that Ronda Casson Cotroneo, Esq. shall be appointed to the position of Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic for a term of three (3) years to expire on February 8, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ronda Casson Cotroneo, Esq. shall be paid the sum of \$50,750.00 per year as compensation in her role as Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic.

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CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-066

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JONATHAN H. ROSENBLUTH AS JUDGE
OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic seeks to appoint a Judge in the Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to confirm the appointment made by the Mayor of Jonathan H. Rosenbluth, Esq. as Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan H. Rosenbluth, Esq. is qualified in all respects to hold the position of Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that Jonathan H. Rosenbluth, Esq. shall be appointed to the position of Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic for a term of three (3) years to expire on February 8, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jonathan H. Rosenbluth, Esq. shall be paid the sum of \$68,304.00 per year as compensation in his role as Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Passaic.

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-067

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF TOWING CONTRACT
FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR TERM**

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WHEREAS, on January 11, 2018 , the City Council adopted Resolution #18-01-013 (attached) approving a three (3) year contract with Raineri's Service Station, Inc. for Towing Services for the City of Passaic with the option to extend the contract for an additional two year term; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic wishes to exercise their option to extend the contract for an additional two year term with the same terms and conditions as the original contract; and

WHEREAS, the additional two (2) year contract shall commence on January 19, 2021 through January 18, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the contract for towing services with Raineri's Service Station, Inc. shall be extended for an additional two (2) year term, expiring on January 18, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute a contract for these services on a form approved by Corporation Counsel.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-068**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR LATONA GRIFFIN PARK
100 STEPS RECONSTRUCTION CITY OF PASSAIC**

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Director of Purchasing on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 for Latona Griffin Park 100 Steps Reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, bids were received as per the attached:
and

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WHEREAS, in addition to the attached, the following bids were downloaded from the City's website, none of whom submitted bids:

O'Malley Electric Wharton, NJ	Absolute Fence Services Lincoln Park, NJ	Your Construction Irvington, NJ	Way
Road Safety System Shamong, NJ	TNS Construction Stanhope, NJ	United Terrain Group Morganville, NJ	
Phoenix HVAC Clifton, NJ	Concrete Construction Hackensack, NJ	T.R. Weniger, Inc. Piscataway, NJ	
Zenith Construction Orange, NJ	Z-Tech Contracting Mountainside, NJ	Power Concrete Newark, NJ	
Allied Signage Corp. Farmingdale, NJ	Arista Renovation Bethpage, NY		

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Boswell Engineering that the lowest responsible, responsive bidder AA Berms of Belleville, NJ be awarded the contract in the amount of \$ 411,099.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the contract for Latona Griffin Park 100 Steps Reconstruction be awarded to AA Berms of Belleville, NJ in the amount of \$ 411,099.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute a contract for the above on a form approved by City Attorney.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

Funds for the above are available in Account #B-12-46-BG0-217-878 Latona Griffin Park.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

Council President Schaer read said Ordinance by title.

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CITY OF PASSAIC
ORDINANCE NO. 2292-21

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED PARKING
FOR DISABLED PERSONS BY NJ LICENSE PLATE NUMBER

WHEREAS the total number of Handicapped Parking Spaces Restricted by New Jersey License Plate Number as per last ordinance was 432 Handicapped Parking Spaces.

WHEREAS the total number of Handicapped Parking Spaces Restricted by New Jersey License Plate Number as per this ordinance is 432 Handicapped Parking Spaces.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Passaic and State of New Jersey that Chapter 295 ARTICLE XII Schedule XV shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1

295-32.2.Ord. Handicapped Parking Spaces Restricted by New Jersey License Plate Number shall be amended by the deletion of the following:

DELETION:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PLATE #</u>
202 Dayton Avenue	East	Beginning at a point 165 feet south of the southerly curblin e of Highland Avenue and extending to a point 22 feet southerly therefrom	X22CDN
110 Howe Avenue	North	Beginning at a point 94 feet east of the easterly curblin e of Myrtle Avenue and extending to a point 20 feet easterly therefrom	P95FZN

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65 Parker Avenue West Beginning at a point 35 feet north of the northerly curbline of Van Buren Street and extending to a point 22 feet northerly therefrom HY3932

SECTION 2

295-32.2.Ord. Handicapped Parking Spaces Restricted by New Jersey License Plate Number shall be amended by the addition of the following:

ADDITION:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PLATE #</u>
202 Dayton Avenue	East	Beginning at a point 165 feet south of the southerly curbline of Highland Avenue and extending to a point 22 feet southerly therefrom	J28LPL
14 Kruger Place	West	Beginning at a point 161 feet south of the southerly curbline of McKinley Street and extending to a point 22 feet southerly therefrom	X54MRM
65 Parker Avenue	West	Beginning at a point 35 feet north of the northerly curbline of Van Buren Street and extending to a point 22 feet northerly	3078HH

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therefrom

Council Member Schwartz moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading. Motion was seconded by Council Member Love the public hearing be held on March 23, 2021.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

Council President Schaer read said Ordinance by title.

CITY OF PASSAIC
ORDINANCE NO. 2293-21

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF
RESTRICTED PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS**

WHEREAS the total number of restricted parking for use by Handicapped Persons as per last ordinance was 26 Generic Handicapped Parking Spaces.

WHEREAS the total number of restricted parking for use by Handicapped Persons as per this ordinance is 25 Generic Handicapped Parking Spaces.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Passaic and State of New Jersey that Chapter 295 (Part 2 - Art. XIII, Section 295-33) shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1

295-33 Article XIII: Restricted Parking for Handicapped Persons shall be amended by the deletion of the following:

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<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
14 Kruger Place	West	Beginning at a point 161 feet south of the southerly curblineline of McKinley Street and extending to a point 22 feet southerly therefrom

Council Member Garcia moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading. Motion was seconded by Council Member Melo the public hearing be held on March 23, 2021.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by and seconded by Council Member Love and Council President Schaer, the PAYMENT OF BILLS was accepted and approved.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council on a motion by Council Member Love and seconded by Council Member Garcia the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

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ATTEST:

Amada D. Curling,
City Clerk

APPROVED:

Gary S. Schaer,
Council President