



Passaic City Council
June 22, 2021 Minutes

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC
WAS CONDUCTED AS A LIVE STREAM VIA FACEBOOK
ON TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021 AT 7:09 P.M.**

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 JUNE 15, 2021 ON THE CITY OF PASSAIC WEBSITE AT www.cityofpassaic.com UNDER 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:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				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:

- COVID statistics from March 2020 to date: 8519 tested positive for Covid-19; of those there were 309 deaths. Passaic Covid numbers continue to decline.
- Covid testing and vaccinations for 12 and over at walk-in locations -St Mary's general hospital, 350 Blvd. on Wednesdays from 9am-2pm, indoor facilities Thursdays 9am-2pm.
- Food distribution will continue on Wednesdays from 2pm at City Hall until supplies deplete and Thursdays from

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2:30 pm at 122 8th Street distribution center until supplies run out.

- Passaic Firefighters Juneteenth celebration ceremony in honor of Passaic's first African American Firefighter William L. Green who became a firefighter on February 1, 1951.
- NAACP first Juneteenth celebration held on Saturday at Memorial Park band camp.
- City of Passaic and Passaic City Council had its Juneteenth event at city hall with refreshments and fireworks on Saturday evening.
- Cleanup event on School Street off Madison and George streets.
- Initiative to change the surfaces of all playgrounds into rubberized surfaces.
- There will be fireworks for 4th of July.
- Educational opportunities for city in form of \$2 million dollar grants, with help of Assemblyman Schaer.
- A moment of silence for the passing of Katie Johnson of the Housing dept.

Two graduations this week, for Passaic Arts and Science Charter School High School at Third Ward Park on, June 24 and high school graduation on June 28th.

Council Member Patel joined at 7:17 p.m.

MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2021 were submitted for approval.

Upon motion made by Council Member Love and seconded by Council Member Melo the aforementioned meeting minutes were approved.

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

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PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lora declared June as Immigration Heritage Month

GREEN ACRES PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Passaic Council will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. After 7 P.M., the City Council will hold a public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment on a grant application to be submitted by the City of Passaic to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Land Acquisition and Park Development Grant Program. The application will discuss funding request for various park improvements for Christopher Columbus Park, Columbia Park, Colonel Johnson Park, Main Memorial Park, Third Ward Park, Armory Park and Pulaski Park. The application will also discuss camera systems, lighting systems and rubberized surfacing at various park locations. The City Council members will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. All residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

Public Hearing:

Aryeh Mack, 187 Howard Ave

- Where will the lighting be located on Benson Avenue?

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

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

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

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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.

Aryeh Mack, 187 Howard Ave

- When will courts be open fully?
- When will Brookhaven Mall be opening?
- Areas that need cleaning, i.e., overgrown grass and debris: 129 Main Avenue, 145 Main, and 6 Bond Street.

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

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

Council Member Patel left at 8:10 p.m.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

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

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CITY OF PASSAIC
ORDINANCE NO. 2303-21

ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
437 PAULISON AVENUE (BLOCK 3220 LOT 27)
AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION
IN THE CITY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY (PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED
AT THE MEETING OF MAY 25, 2021)

Council Member Love moved a public hearing to be held on Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Council Member Melo, 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:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

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

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

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

**CITY OF PASSAIC
ORDINANCE NO. 2305-21**

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$388,792 AVAILABLE IN THE CITY OF
PASSAIC'S GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, RESERVE FOR ROADS AND SEWER,
TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS ROAD, SEWER, CURB AND PARKING LOT
IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH THE CITY**

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

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

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City of Passaic, 330 Passaic Street, submitting the following applications:

- to hold a Dominican Consular Services on June 12, 2021 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Indoor Recreation Facility, 390 Paulison Avenue (**Contingent Upon Departmental Approval**)
- To hold a Festival & Fireworks from 6:00pm - 10:00pm on June 30th, July 1st, and 2nd and 3:00pm - 10:00pm on July 3rd and July 4th at Pulaski Park (**Contingent Upon Departmental Approval**)

City of Passaic Departments of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, 330 Passaic Street, submitting application to hold a Family Bike Ride on June 6, 2021 from 9:00am - 12:00pm at the Veterans Memorial Park (**Contingent Upon Departmental Approval**)

City of Passaic Police Department, 330 Passaic Street, submitting application to hold a BBQ/Picnic from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Pulaski Park (**Contingent Upon Departmental Approval**)

United Puerto Rican Council, 173-175 Passaic Street, submitting application to hold a Flag Raising on July 25, 2021 from 12:00pm - 2:00pm in front of the City Hall Flag Pole (**Contingent Upon Departmental Approval**)

City Green INC, 171 Grove Street, Clifton NJ, submitting application to hold a Mobile Farm Stand every Friday beginning June 4, 2021 to November 5, 2021 from 10:00am - 1:00pm at the William Street Parking Lot (**Contingent Upon Departmental Approval**)

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

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.

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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection submitting the following:

- Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 21-06-01-1538-27
- Classification Exception Area/ Well Restriction Area: Silver Star Fabrics Corporations

North Jersey District Water Supply Commission submitting the following:

- Minutes of their April 28, 2021 meeting
- Notice of their April 28, 2021 meeting

Passaic Housing Authority submitting the following:

- Notice of their June 16, 2021

Passaic Valley Water Commission submitting the following:

- Notice of their July 14, 2021 Meeting
- Agenda of their June 9, 2021 Meeting
- Minutes of their May 12, 2021 Meeting

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

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

Passaic Board of Education, submitting the following:

- Notice of their June 7, 2021 Public Meeting
- Notice of their June 24, 2021 Public Meeting

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

RESOLUTIONS:

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS TAKEN OFF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PASSAIC ON PASSAIC ON JUNE 22, 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 Melo the following RESOLUTIONS WERE OFFERED FOR ADOPTION

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-146**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH PASSAIC BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR USE OF SCHOOL
AND CITY FACILITIES 2021-2022**

WHEREAS, City of Passaic and Passaic Board of Education wish to enter into the attached Shared Services Agreement for the shared use of Board of Education facilities and City of Passaic fields and facilities pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, under such Shared Service Agreement, the City of Passaic and Board of Education shall provide each other with a list, semi-annually, of the facilities and fields to be used and dates and times requested and agree that their use of each other's facilities shall not interfere or conflict with that other party's use of its own facilities; and

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WHEREAS, under such Shared Service Agreement, the City of Passaic and Board of Education agree to waive any fees and forms for the use of each other's fields and facilities; and

WHEREAS, under such Shared Service Agreement, the City of Passaic and Board of Education shall mutually indemnify and hold harmless each other and shall also obtain the appropriate liability coverage naming each other as an additional insured for the use of each other's fields and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Shared Service Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2021 and expire on June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the City of Passaic is hereby authorized to enter into the attached Shared Services Agreement with the Passaic Board of Education for the shared use of Board of Education facilities and City of Passaic fields and facilities and subject to the terms and conditions thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution and a copy of the executed Shared Services Agreement shall be forwarded to Passaic Board of Education to commence the Shared Services Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the executed Shared Services Agreement shall be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4.

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

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

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-148**

**RESOLUTION SETTING MEETING DATES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PASSAIC FOR THE YEARS (2021-2022)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the following is the Schedule of meetings of the City Council for the year 2021-2022

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all public work session meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Passaic City Hall, 330 Passaic St. Passaic, NJ 07055

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July 1, 2021 Reorganization meeting*	January 11, 2022 January 25, 2022
July 20, 2021	
August 3, 2021	February 8, 2022 February 22, 2022
September 9, 2021*	March 8, 2022
September 23, 2021	March 22, 2021
October 5, 2021	April 12, 2022
October 19, 2021	April 26, 2022
November 9, 2021	May 12, 2022*
November 23, 2021	May 24, 2022
December 7, 2021	June 9, 2022*
December 21, 2021	June 21, 2022

***Thursdays**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that closed session meetings may be held during any of the public meetings set forth upon passage of an appropriate Resolution.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION #21-06-149**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the below mentioned property owner over paid taxes on his property for the 4th quarter of **2020** in the amount of **\$2,836.18**

WHEREAS, on **6/10/2021** the property owner submitted proof of the overpayment and written request for a refund in the same amount.

BLOCK	LOT	PROPERTY	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT
3281.01	8	50 Mineral Spring	Patel, Alkesh	2020	\$2,836.18

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:

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CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION # 21-06-150

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
CONFLICTS COUNSEL
LEGAL

WHEREAS, proposals were received by the Director of Purchasing on Tuesday, June 9, 2021 for Conflicts Counsel Legal; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received from the following vendor; and

Vaughan Baio & Partners
New Brunswick, NJ

WHEREAS, in addition to the attached, specification were downloaded from the City of Passaic's website by the following vendors, none of whom submitted proposals.

Chasan Lamparello Mallon
Secaucus, NJ

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee that the contract for Conflicts Counsel-Legal be awarded to Vaughan Baio & Partners, New Brunswick, NJ in the amount of \$120.00/hr. not to exceed \$ 40,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the contract for Conflicts Counsel-Legal be awarded to Vaughan Baio & Partners, New Brunswick, NJ in the amount of \$120.00/hr. not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

Funds are available in CY 21, Account #1-01-20-155-000-118 contingent upon approval from the Governing Body.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION #21-06-151**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT
WITH EJG SPORTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION
OF ATHLETIC SCOREBOARDS
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS FOOTBALL FIELD
THIRD WARD PARK BASEBALL FIELD
PULASKI PARK SOCCER FIELD**

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Director of Purchasing on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 for the Purchase and Installation of Athletic Scoreboards, Christopher Columbus Football Field, Third Ward Park Baseball Field and Pulaski Park Soccer Field; and

WHEREAS, bids were received as per the attached; and

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

Electro-Mech Scoreboard Co.
Wrightsville, GA

Delgado Brothers
Passaic, NJ

Mercury Holdings
Clifton, NJ

Allied Signage Corporation
Farmingdale, NJ

Watchfire Signs
Danville, IL

Eastbay
Cortland, NY

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic that a contract be awarded to EJJ Sports, Garfield, NJ in the amount of \$ 53,000.00.

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 Community Development Block Grant Account # B-12-46-BG0-202-878.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION #21-06-152**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
ONE (1) 2021 CATERPILLAR MODEL 938M WHEEL LOADER**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic wishes to purchase One (1) 2021 Caterpillar Model 938M Wheel Loader; and

WHEREAS, **N.J.S.A.40A:11-2** authorizes the purchase of any materials, supplies or equipment under a Cooperative Pricing System without the necessity for public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this truck is offered under ESCNJ - Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Pricing 18/19-25 as follows:

One (1) 2021 Caterpillar Model 938M Wheel Loader \$ 239,991.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic that a contract be awarded to Foley Caterpillar, Piscataway, NJ in the amount of \$ 239,991.00 for One (1) 2021 Caterpillar Model 938M Wheel Loader.

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

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

Funds for the above are available in Account #1-01-44-905-000-9WL (\$225,000.00) and Account #1-01-26-290-000-028 (\$14,991.00) contingent upon approval of the 2021 budget.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO.21-06-153**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT WITH TOPOLOGY NJ, LLC
MAIN AVENUE PROJECT - PLANNING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Resolution #20-01-028 (attached) for Main Avenue Project - Planning Services was awarded by the City Council on January 21, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$ 56,525.00; and

WHEREAS, the services were rendered for a total contract amount of \$ 51,099.95; therefore, it is necessary to **decrease** the contract amount by \$ 5,425.05 for a revised contract amount of \$ 51,099.95.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the contract for a total amount of \$5,099.95.

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

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**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO.21-06-154**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2022 WIC HEALTH SERVICES GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic WIC Program has received notice from NJ WIC Services regarding the availability of funds for the 2022 federal fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic WIC Program wishes to submit an application for the FFY 2022 WIC Health Service Grant ("Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Grant is to fund the salaries and fringes of the WIC staff, supplies and program expenses, travel to conferences and meetings, and facility costs; and

WHEREAS, the recommended funding that is outlined below is subject to the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, NJ WIC Services has recommended that a Grant application for funding be submitted as follows:

FFY 2022 USDA NSA (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022)	\$968,700 \$70,785
FFY 2022 Target USDA Breastfeeding Funding	
Total FFY 2022 WIC NSA Funding	\$1,039,485
Total FFY 2022 Food Funds for Breast Pump Purchases	\$2,000
Total FFY 2022 Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Funding	\$74,570
Total FFY 2022 HSG Funding	\$1,116,055

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the City of Passaic WIC Program is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to NJ WIC Services in the amount of \$1,116,055 for FFY 2022 HSG funding

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subject to the terms and conditions of the grant guidance attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, Passaic WIC Program and Health Officer 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.21-06-155**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION YOUTH CORPS URBAN GATEWAY
ENHANCEMENT GRANT AWARD 2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic has applied for grant funding through the Youth Corps Urban Gateway Enhancement Grant Program ("Program") being offered through the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Program is to create employment opportunities for young adults (ages 16 to 25) so that they may develop essential professional skills while designing and carrying out roadway enhancement projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic has been awarded \$32,000.00 in grant funding from the NJDOT; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic wishes to accept 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 accept the grant award from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Youth Corps Urban Gateway Enhancement Grant Program in the total amount of \$32,000.00, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant Agreement attached hereto; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents, inclusive of the Grant Agreement, and/or undertake any and all such actions necessary to effectuate receipt of these funds.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO.21-06-156**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
FOR THE CONCEPTUAL REDESIGN OF MAIN AVENUE (PASSAIC COUNTY
ROUTE 601) BETWEEN MONROE STREET AND GREGORY AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic in coordination with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the County of Passaic, and the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) are project team members and have conducted a Local Concept Development study to implement recommended improvements to Main Avenue in the Central Business District of Passaic; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the study is to improve travel safety, traffic flow, transit access, walkability, biking and support for economic development in the Central Business District of the City of Passaic at Main Avenue (Passaic County Route 601) between Monroe Street and Gregory Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic is supportive of the project Purpose and Need Statement along with NJTPA, NJDOT and the County of Passaic; and

WHEREAS, the project team held meetings with County and City officials to provide progress of the study, including a first meeting to provide study overview on October 1, 2019, a second meeting to discuss findings from the existing conditions assessment on October 15, 2020, and a third meeting to be scheduled in 2021 to present the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA); and

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WHEREAS, the project team held meetings with stakeholders, including a first meeting to provide study overview on December 10, 2019 and a second meeting to solicit feedback on the alternatives on February 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the project team held meetings with the public, including a first meeting to provide study overview and solicit feedback for their vision of Main Avenue on February 28, 2020 and a second meeting to solicit feedback on the alternatives on March 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, based on the alternatives analysis, stakeholder and public comments, and discussion with Passaic County and the City of Passaic, the Preliminary Preferred Alternative, known as Alternative 3: Promenade with Reverse Angled Parking, which proposes a 30' wide promenade to replace the existing parking lot in the median between Passaic Avenue and Madison Street, bicycle lanes, extended sidewalk widths, reverse angled parking spaces, and the reduction of one travel lane in each direction; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 3: Promenade with Reverse Angled Parking has been designed to accommodate the proposed NJ TRANSIT bus terminal to be located in the existing parking lot median between Passaic Avenue and Pennington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic, in coordination with the County of Passaic, NJTPA and NJDOT is desirous of completing the Local Concept Development phase and proceeding to the preliminary engineering and final design phases; and

WHEREAS, to qualify to receive federal funding for the subsequent project phases, a resolution of support for the Local Concept Development Study from the City of Passaic is desired for inclusion within the Local Concept Development phase project documentation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic, that the City of Passaic hereby endorses and fully supports the Preliminary Preferred Alternative, known as Alternative 3: Promenade with Reverse Angled Parking, which proposes a 30' promenade to replace the existing parking lot in the median, bicycle lanes, extended sidewalk widths,

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reverse angled parking spaces , and the reduction of one travel lane in each direction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Passaic County Board of County Commissioners, the Passaic County Engineer, the Federal Highway Administration, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, and the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BLOCK 2197.01 LOTS 1 & 32 WHICH IS LOCATED AT 452- 454 PAULISON AVENUE AND 439 OAK STREET AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Planning Board of the City of Passaic that Block 2197.01 Lots 1 and 32 on the Tax Map of the City of Passaic is an area in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, a preliminary investigation in this matter has been approved by the Planning Board of the City of Passaic; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the City of Passaic has recommended to the City Council to proceed with the determination of the need of rehabilitation in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the City of Passaic has authorized the rehabilitation plan and its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the City of Passaic has approved and memorialized these determinations and recommendations on June 2, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to accept these determinations and recommendations of the Planning Board of the City of Passaic and commence with all rehabilitation efforts regarding Block 2197.01 Lots 1 and 32.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the City of Passaic is hereby authorized to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board regarding the rehabilitation efforts that concern Block 2197.01 Lots 1 and 32; 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.

**CITY OF PASSAIC
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CANCELLING SPECIAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION - COVID-19

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted an ordinance providing for a special emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m) to fund certain extraordinary revenue losses incurred directly attributable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorized a special emergency appropriation of \$1,500,000 in the Current Fund and \$700,000 in the Sewer Utility Fund; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, the special emergency appropriation for COVID-19 may not exceed the actual deficit in revenues incurred; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Passaic, that the special emergency authorization balances of \$696,000 in the Current Fund and \$212,000 in the Sewer Utility Fund be hereby cancelled, as of December 31, 2020.

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

On a motion by Council Member Love and seconded by Council Member Melo the following RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-159**

RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2021 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for 2021 was approved on the 13th day of April, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic, County of Passaic, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2021 be made:

CURRENT FUND	FCOA	From	To
General Revenues	-		-
1. Surplus Anticipated	08-101	\$ 4,260,000	\$ 4,340,000
Total Surplus Anticipated	08-100	4,260,000	4,340,000
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items			
of General Revenues Anticipated with Prior Written			
Consent of Director of Local Government Services -			

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Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:			
American Rescue Plan - Federal Funding	10-550	-	2,200,000
Total - Section F: Special Items of General Revenues Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations	10-001	-	2,200,000
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G: Special Items of General Revenues Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items:			
American Rescue Plan - Federal Funding	08-240	7,829,000	4,824,000
Reserve for Deferred State Aid	08-244	775,000	1,275,000
Total - Section G: Special Items of General Revenues Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items	08-004	14,411,967	11,906,967
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	13-099	30,018,800	29,713,800
5. Subtotal General Revenues (Items 1,2,3 and 4)	13-199	34,393,800	34,168,800
7. Total General Revenues	13-299	100,917,022	100,692,022
8. General Appropriations			
(A) Operations - Within "CAPS"			
Insurance			
Employee Group Insurance	23-220-2	16,232,903	15,633,403
Police Department			
Salaries and Wages	25-240-1	9,866,960	19,606,960
Streets and Road Maintenance			
Salaries and Wages	26-290-1	2,793,500	2,343,500
Solid Waste Collection			
Other Expenses - Garbage Removal Contractual	26-305-2	3,100,000	2,450,000
Buildings and Grounds			
Salaries and Wages	26-310-1	682,700	591,200
Public Health Services			
Salaries and Wages	27-330-1	1,086,850	712,850
Total Operations (Item 8(A) within "CAPS"	34-199	81,860,693	79,435,693
Total Operations Including Contingent within "CAPS"	34-201	81,860,693	79,435,693
Detail:			

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Salaries & Wages	34-201-1	48,562,745	47,387,245
Other Expenses	34-201-2	33,297,948	32,048,448
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal within "CAPS"	34-299	95,228,995	92,803,995
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"			
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues			
American Rescue Plan - Federal Funding			
Employee Group Insurance	40-550		\$ 599,500
Police Department - Salaries and Wages	40-550		260,000
Streets and Roads Maintenance Salaries and Wages	40-550		225,000
Solid Waste Collection/Recycling	40-550		650,000
Buildings and Grounds - Salaries and Wages	40-550		91,500
Public Health Services - Salaries and Wages	40-550		374,000
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	40-999	\$ 35,000	2,235,000
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	1,525,987	3,725,987
Detail:			
Salaries & Wages	34-305-1	-	950,500
Other Expenses	34-305-2	1,525,987	2,775,487
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Excluded from "CAPS"	34-309	4,338,027	6,538,027
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (H-1) and (O))	34-400	99,567,022	99,342,022
9. Total General Appropriations	34-499	\$100,917,022	\$100,692,022

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2021 local municipal budget so amended.

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

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On a motion by Council Member Love and seconded by Council Member Garcia the following RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-160**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2021 BUDGET

Be it Resolved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the city of Passaic that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 65,152,235.00 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
- (d) \$ - (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
- (f) \$ 1,370,987.00 (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

SUMMARY OF REVENUES			
1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$	4,340,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-099	\$	29,713,800.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$	115,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$	65,152,235.00
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	\$	-
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$	-
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY		\$	-
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191		
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX	07-192	\$	1,370,987.00
Total Revenues	13-299	\$	100,692,022.00

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Within "CAPS"	xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	34-201	\$ 79,435,693.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-209	\$ 13,368,302.00
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"	xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 3,725,987.00
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ 1,050,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 1,762,040.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	46-999	\$ -
(f) Judgments	37-480	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$ -
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	50-899	\$ 1,350,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)	07-195	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 100,692,022.00

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- He appreciates the help he received in putting together the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The COVID crisis and other events created many new challenges and this year's budget incorporated many items, including capital improvements, infrastructure, public safety, recreation, etc. and working the city council to make improvements for Passaic.

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 8:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)

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

ATTEST:

Amada D. Curling,
City Clerk

APPROVED:

Gary S. Schaer,
Council President