

City of Passaic Parking Authority Meeting

Wednesday March 13, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

ID: 862 2498 4096

Commissioners Present: Adam Buckstein, Denise Perez, Daniel Ritz and Eugene Shpilsky

Staff Present: Ricardo Fernandez/Executive Director, Omar Garcia/ CFO, Brian Hak Esq. /Attorney, Sonal Patel/Secretary, Karen Correa/Administration, Philip George Esq/ Attorney (*joined approximately 7:15 p.m during Closed Session*)

Proper Notice: Adequate notice of the meeting was provided by resolution of the Passaic Parking Authority adopted on December 13, 2023 setting forth a schedule of regular meetings for the year 2024, which was published and placed, on the city hall bulletin board by the office of the City Clerk.

I. ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC SESSION

- *Resident: Elka Martinez/ 248 Hope Avenue*
 - o *Parking situation in the City needs to improve. Homeowner has an elderly father has been denied in receiving a designated handicap spot due to lack of availability.*
 - o *Wants to know where Parking Authority budget is being allocated towards*
 - *Mr. Fernandez shares that the budget goes towards shared service agreements, salaries, and the city continues to create new parking opportunities including a parking deck, allowing front yard parking and renovating existing lots to increase spaces in different wards throughout the city. He asked Ms. Martinez to directly reach out to Administration so that the matter of her father receiving a permit can be further looked into.*

Moved: Dan Ritz
Second: Denise Perez
For: 4 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Not Present:** 0

IV. MINUTES: October 25, 2023 and December 13, 2023

Moved: Denise Perez
Second: Dan Ritz
For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Present: 0

V. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # PA 24-03-01:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE PASSAIC PARKING AUTHORITY ON MARCH 13, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. OR ANYTIME THEREAFTER TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION; CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS.

WHEREAS, Section of 8 of the Open Public Meetings act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Passaic Parking Authority of the City of Passaic, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows;

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters;
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: a. Litigation b. Personnel **c. Contract Negotiations/ PARKING DECK DISCUSSION**
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when deemed appropriate.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER: Dan Ritz

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER: Eugene Shpilsky

| Record of Commissioner Vote | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| Adam Buckstein | x | | | |
| Denise Perez | x | | | |
| Daniel Ritz | x | | | |
| Eugene Shpilsky | x | | | |
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VI. BILL LIST

Moved to Accept: Dan Ritz

Second: Eugene Shpilsky

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Present: 0

VII. UPDATES BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RICARDO FERNANDEZ

- The City has been actively working on creative ways to create more parking spaces throughout the city including the new parking deck and creating more spaces in existing municipal lots.

VIII. CFO REPORT

- Mr. Omar Garcia states the City collected \$80,000 more than anticipated in 2023 and we are making good progress.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Adam Buckstein

Second: Eugene Shpilsky

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Present: 0