

*Town of West New York
Hudson County, New Jersey*

Minutes of Regular Meeting
(Regular Session)
October 11, 2023

Commissioner Marcos A. Arroyo
Commissioner Victor M. Barrera
Commissioner Marielka A. Diaz
Commissioner Adam W. Parkinson
Mayor Albio Sires
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: *ADELINNY PLAZA, RMC*
TOWN CLERK

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Minutes of a regular stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, held via Teleconference, on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. (No Work Session):

Present: Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
Absent: None
Also Present: Town Administrator Luis Baez, Deputy Town Administrator Jonathan Castaneda, and Angelo Auteri, Esq. (Scarinci Hollenbeck), Tyara Conil (Town Clerk's Office)

Meeting commenced at 6:32 P.M.

Corporation Counsel Angelo Auteri, Esq. made the following announcement:

As Corporation Counsel of this **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, held on **October 11, 2023 at 6:30 P.M (No Work Session)**, I do hereby publicly announce, and I direct that this announcement shall be placed in the minutes of this meeting, and that the Notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given by the Board of Commissioners in the **Resolution** dated and adopted on **June 28, 2023**. Said Resolution was transmitted by the Town Clerk to the Jersey Journal and the Bergen Record and publicly posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board, Town Hall, and filed with the Town Clerk. Notice of this meeting by the **October 3rd, 2023** Sunshine Notice was transmitted to the aforementioned newspapers, posted on the municipal bulletin board in Town Hall, and on the Town Website.

Copies are available to the public in accordance with the law.

Note: Minutes were taken and transcribed by Corporation Counsel Angelo Auteri, Esq. and Tyara Conil.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Barrera**, seconded by **Commissioner Parkinson** that the Minutes of Regular Meeting: **August 30, 2023 (Regular Meeting)** **September 6, 2023 (Special Meeting)** and **September 20, 2023 (Regular Meeting)** be approved. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Payment of Claims: (Claims are available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office)

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz** that the Payment of Claims of: **October 11, 2023** be approved. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Communication: (Sale Memorandum of the Chief Financial Officer for \$3,040,000 Bond Anticipation Notes)

(Memorandum appended to the end of minutes)

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Consent Agenda:

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz** that the following Consent Agenda Items **Nos. R23-307 through R23-319** be adopted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Note: Corporation Counsel Angelo Auteri, Esq. announced that the consent agenda would include items #R23-307 through #R23-319.

RESOLUTION #R23-307

RE: AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO EXECUTE THE SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK AND REDEVELOPER FOR WORK TO BE DONE AT WEIGAND PARK

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., the Board of Commissioners of the town determined that certain property known as waterfront property and more particularly described, at that time, on the Tax Maps as Block 168, Lots 3, 3.01, 4, 4.01, 5, 6, 6.01, 7, 7.01 and all air rights and riparian rights attached or associated with those parcels should be classified as a redevelopment area in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 (the "Redevelopment Area"); and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1996, The Board of Commissioners passed Ordinance 16/96, adopting the proposed redevelopment plan as the redevelopment plan of the Town of West New York for the Redevelopment Area (the "Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan calls for the Redevelopment Area to be developed as a mixed residential community consisting of apartment and condominium units, neighborhood retail space, and associate uses, including roadways, parking facilities, walkways, parks and other recreational amenities (collectively "the Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners designated Roseland/Port Imperial, L.L.C. ("RPI" or "Redeveloper") as the redeveloper of the Redevelopment Area and has entered into the Redeveloper Agreement dated September 19, 1996 with RPI, setting forth the terms and conditions by which RPI will construct the Improvements within the Redevelopment Area (the "Redevelopment Agreement"), which Redeveloper Agreement was amended on or about September 12, 2017 (the "2017 Amendment") and again on or about December 3, 2021 (the "2021 Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2021 Amendment, the term Redeveloper and the rights associated therewith shall inure to the benefit of any transferee for any portion of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Town of West New York granted Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval, Subdivision, Variance, and five-year approval pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-52-E for the development of Block 168.01 Lots 7.02, 7.08, 7.09, 8, and 8.05 which was memorialized by resolution dated January 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that approval, certain improvements are required to be made to Weigand Park by Redeveloper.

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):
Resolution (Cont.):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York that pursuant to the terms of the 2021 Amendment the Mayor and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Site Access Agreement as proposed by the Redeveloper to allow Redeveloper to perform improvements at Weigand Park as required by the above referenced resolution of approval by the Planning Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION #R23-308
RE: AUTHORIZING HUDSON COUNTY TAX APPEALS

WHEREAS, the following property owners have appealed to the Hudson County Board of Taxation for a reduction in Tax Assessment levied upon their respective properties in the Town of West New York (“Town”); and

WHEREAS, the Hudson County Board of Taxation by their judgment has reduced the said assessments levied upon the said properties; and

WHEREAS, said judgment of reduction in the Tax Assessment has caused an overpayment of taxes collected by the Town, relating to said respective properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that said overpayments of taxes be and the same are hereby to be paid and refunded to the said property owners in the following amounts:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BLOCK-LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
TIMOTHY MIDDLETON ATTY. FOR BREEZE PROPERTIES, LLC	168.01/8.01 C0133	\$2,401.11	2023
TIMOTHY MIDDLETON ATTY. FOR LEE RICHARD	168.01/8.01 C0315	\$867.85	2023
TIMOTHY MIDDLETON ATTY. FOR ZUE, GUYU & LI JIN CHEN	168.01/8.01 C0219	\$22.20	2023
TIMOTHY MIDDLETON ATTY. FOR YU, QINGLAN	168.01/8.03 C0323	\$3,435.09	2023
TIMOTHY MIDDLETON ATTY. FOR FITZHENRY JAMES P.	168.01/8.03 C0427	\$755.14	2023
ROBERT SPIOTT ATTY. FOR FOR MORAN CORNOR CLAIRE LAVERS	168.01/8.03 C0137	\$3,213.70	2023
KATES, NUSSMAN, ELLIS FARHI & EARLE IN TRUST FOR AYNILIAN	168.01/8.03 C0414	\$3,067.04	2023
	GRAND TOTAL	\$13,762.13	

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):

RESOLUTION #R23-309

RE: AMENDING #R23-017 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX LIEN REDEMPTION FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector held a Tax Sale on December 20, 2018 and sold Tax Sale Certificate 18-0010 to US Bank Cust for Act Lien Holding for property located at 6501-15 Boulevard East a/k/a block 5 lot 32 20207; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Office received and deposited from the property owner Enrich Enterprises China, LTD \$22,102.10 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 18-0010 and

WHEREAS, upon notification to the Lien Holder US Bank Cust for Act Lien Holding of the monies being collected to satisfy the said lien the tax office was informed that the lien had been foreclosed and the redemption funds would not be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, that a refund in the listed amount be issued and the Collector of Taxes is hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly.

NAME	BLOCK/LOT	CERT#	REFUND AMOUNT
HANBIN WANG AS ATTY. 5/32 C0207 FOR ENRICH ENTERPRISES CHINA LIMITED		118-0010	\$22,102.10
	GRAND TOTAL		\$22,102.10

RESOLUTION #R23-310

RE: AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX LIEN REDEMPTIONS AND TAX LIEN PREMIUMS

WHEREAS, the investors named below have previously purchased Tax Sale Certificates from the Town of West New York; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the said Tax Sale Certificates has received the full amount for redemption pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-60; and

WHEREAS, the Certificates have now been redeemed and the investor is entitled to a refund of said redemption amounts and premium amounts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-33 and N.J.S.A. 54:5-33; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the below listed redemption and premium amounts be paid to the investors in the following amounts, and the Department of Revenue and Finance is hereby authorized to issue said refunds:

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):
Resolution (Cont.):

LIEN HOLDER				TAX	REDEMPTION	PREMIUM
OCTOBER MEETING	BLK	LOT	QUAL	CERTIFICATE		
ABACUS 2 ASSETS LLC	5	32	C7715	22-0015	\$1,615.97	\$3,500.00
CHRISTIANA T C/F CE1/FIRSTRUST	110	5	C0115	22-0197	\$1,671.47	\$1,900.00
EVOLVE BANK & TRUST	18	43		22-0032	\$5,068.70	\$17,200.00
EVOLVE BANK & TRUST	19	17		22-0035	\$2,184.51	\$13,700.00
FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY	37	18		22-0076	\$2,679.24	\$3,000.00
FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY	34	26		22-0064	\$2,570.26	\$4,600.00
FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY	21	5		20-0079	\$1,729.67	\$2,000.00
GLIA GROUP, LLC	116	10		22-0206	\$8,690.24	\$5,700.00
LB-HONEY BADGER SBMUNI CUST	74	5	C0035	21-0185	\$4,439.29	\$6,800.00
PAM INVESTORS	5	32	C0162	11-0032	\$2,119.49	
PAM INVESTORS	5	32	C0162	12-0031	\$657.34	
PAM INVESTORS	21	5		12-0109	\$31,498.73	
PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	168.01	8.01	C2046	20-0470	\$6,116.72	\$600.00
PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	98	10	C0003	20-0306	\$9,463.89	\$1,200.00
PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	168.01	7.06	C0236	22-0262	\$2,651.71	\$600.00
TLOA OF NJ LLC	5	20	C2001	21-0008	\$2,625.73	\$4,800.00
TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS, LLC	74	5	C0035	22-0143	\$1,877.33	\$1,900.00
WSFS AS CUST FOR TOWER DB XII TRUST	168.01	1	C0012	22-0289	\$13,628.20	\$5,500.00
SUBTOTAL :					\$101,288.49	\$73,000.00
TOTAL:					\$	174,288.49

RESOLUTION #R23-311
RE: AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, taxes with respect to the following properties have been inadvertently overpaid to the Town of West New York (“Town”) in the amounts hereafter stated; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make appropriate refunds for such overpayments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey that the following refunds be issued by the Department of Revenue and Finance with respect to the designated property and the Collector of Taxes be and is hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly and to include the reimbursement of any applicable interest as a result of these overpayments:

NAME	BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT	YEAR
SPENCER SAVING BANK LOAN DEPT. ATTN# ANKA 611 RIVER DRIVE ELWOOD PARK, NJ 07407	112/4	\$5,637.84	2023
CORELOGIC QION ZHANG & LAW BRIAN JEROME 3001 HACKBERRY ROAD, IRVING, TX 75063-0156	168.01/007.05/C0428	\$5,169.06	2023

GRAND TOTAL: \$10,806.90

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):

RESOLUTION #R23-312

**RE: CONCERNING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION AND
GENERAL LIABILITY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023**

WHEREAS the Town of West New York has claims for bills to be paid under workers compensation and general liability; and

WHEREAS the Town of West New York is self-insured and participates with other communities in the Public Entity Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS the PE JIF, and Claims Administrator and the Town Administrator have reviewed all claims and recommend payment, and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for payment of these claims in account 21-75012 for Workers Compensation claims and account 21-75022 for General Liability claims, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners must approve payment of these claims; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby approve of the payment of the following claims:

Workers Compensation:	\$ 84,986.90
General Liability:	\$ 27,513.83

RESOLUTION #R23-313

**RE: RENEWING THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP
OF WEEHAWKEN FOR SPECIAL PROJECT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SPECIALIST FOR 2023-2024**

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution (#R20-371), the Town of West New York (the "Town") and the Township of Weehawken ("Weehawken") entered into a shared services agreement (the "Agreement") for the use of Special Projects Information Technology Specialist services provided by the Township of Weehawken; and

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution (R21-295) the Town and Weehawken authorized the renewal of the Shared Services Agreement for a one-year term between November 1, 2021 and October 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution (R23-109) the Town authorized the renewal of the SSA with Weehawken for the provision of Special Projects Information Technology Services for a one-year period from November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023 for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$40,740.00;

WHEREAS, the Town now seeks to authorize the renewal of the SSA with Weehawken for the provision of Special Projects Information Technology Services for a one-year period from November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024 for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$40,740.00, payable quarterly to Weehawken.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners for the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the renewal of the Shared Services Agreement between the Town of West New York and the Township of Weehawken for the provision of Special Projects Information Technology Services for a one-year period, effective November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$40,740.00 inclusive of fringe benefits, payable quarterly to Weehawken.

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):
Resolution (Cont.):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, the Town Administrator, and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized to take any necessary steps to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds necessary to provide payment pursuant to this Agreement are available in account 01-201-20-708-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R23-314
RE: APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 AND PAY CERTIFICATE #7 TO AA BERMS
FOR THE BERGENLINE AVENUE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(PHASE 2)

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution, the Town of West New York (“the Town”) awarded a contract to AA Berms, located at PO Box 180, Belleville, NJ 07109, for the Bergenline Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project (“the Contract”), for a total original amount of \$1,198,261.00; and

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution, the Town approved Change Order #1 for an increase in the amount of \$156,766.38 with AA Berms for additional costs and work required for the Bergenline Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project (Phase 2), for an amended total contract amount of \$1,355,027.38 (after Change Order #1); and

WHEREAS, AA Berms has submitted Change Order #2 for a decrease in the amount of \$189,578.62 for the Bergenline Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project (Phase 2), for an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$1,165,448.76 (after Change Order #2); and

WHEREAS, AA Berms has additionally submitted Payment Certificate #7 in the amount of \$113,705.07 for work performed to complete the Bergenline Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project (Phase 2); and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers (“RVE”), the firm overseeing this project on behalf of the Town, now submits Change Order #2 and Pay Certificate #7 on behalf of AA Berms for approval and has recommended approval of same by the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson hereby authorize as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein.
2. Change Order #2 for a decrease in the amount of \$189,578.62 is hereby approved, for an amended total contract amount not to exceed to \$1,165,448.76 (after Change Order #2) for the Bergenline Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project (Phase 2).
3. Pay Certificate #7 in the amount of \$113,705.07 to AA Berms for the Bergenline Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project (Phase 2) is hereby approved.
4. Chief Financial Officer certifies that sufficient funds are available for this contract in account number 04-215-55-925-006.

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):

RESOLUTION #R23-315

RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS' DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO CONSTRUCT AN OVERPASS IN THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (the "Town") desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services for approximately \$6,000,000, to carry out a project to construct a pedestrian overpass in the town of West New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York

1. The Town does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
2. The Town recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Town of West New York and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

RESOLUTION #R23-316

RE: AUTHORIZING INCREASE TO CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT INTERPRETING SERVICES WITH SOL'S INTERPRETING SERVICES

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution #R23-110, the Town of West New York (the "Town") awarded a contract to Sol's Interpreting Services, located at 6118 Meadowview Avenue, North Bergen, NJ 07047, for the provision of Municipal Court Interpreting Services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the period beginning January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that the total not to exceed amount for this contract must be increased by \$20,000.00 to cover the cost of unforeseen circumstances and additional services required throughout the end of the contract term; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to authorize an increase in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the total not to exceed amount for the Town's contract with Sol's Interpreting Services for an amended total contract amount of \$55,000.00 to cover the cost of additional Municipal Court Interpreting Services required through the end of the contract term expiring on December 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize an increase in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the contract with Sol's Interpreting Services for the provision of additional Municipal Court Interpreting Services required through the end of the contract term expiring on December 31, 2023, for an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):
Resolution (Cont.):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, the Town Administrator, and the Town Clerk are authorized to execute an amended contract for Municipal Court Interpreting Services as set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the necessary funds are available for this increase from account 01-201-30-830-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R23-317
RE: AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES WITH ARISTIDES HERNANDEZ, ESQ. ATTORNEY AT LAW

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution, the Town of West New York awarded a contract with Aristides F. Hernandez for the provision of alternate public defender services for the 2023 contract period for an original total contract amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that an increase in the amount of 10,000.00 to the contract with Aristides F. Hernandez is required for an amended total contract not to exceed \$40,000.00, for the period ending December 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize an increase in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the contract providing for alternate public defender services with Aristides F. Hernandez, Attorney at Law, for the period ending December 31, 2023, for an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute and deliver an amendment to this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract, to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto, and to further effectuate the purposes as set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the necessary funds are available for this contract from account 01-201-33-835-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R23-318
RE: AWARDING CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL PROJECT ARCHITECT SERVICES TO CPA ARCHITECTURE, LLC

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York ("Town") solicited proposals through a fair and open process, using a Request for Proposals, for the contract for special project architect services for the period expiring December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2023, the Town received four (4) proposals for the provision of special project architect services for the period ending December 31, 2023 as required by the Town of West New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town evaluated the proposals and determined that the proposal by CPA Architecture, LLC, located at 6401 Park Avenue, Suite 201, West New York, NJ 07093 was legally sufficient and that the required services will be provided in a professional and cost-effective manner as required by the Town; and

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):
Resolution (Cont.):

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to authorize a contract with CPA Architecture, LLC, located at 6401 Park Avenue, Suite 201, West New York, NJ 07093, for the provision of special project architect services, pursuant to the rates and amounts as set forth in the proposal, for the period ending December 31, 2023, for a total contract amount determined on a per-project basis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey do hereby authorize a contract with CPA Architecture, LLC, located at 6401 Park Avenue, Suite 201, West New York, NJ 07093, for the provision of special project architect services for the period ending December 31, 2023, for a total contract amount determined on a per-project basis, pursuant to the rates and amounts as set forth in the proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is authorized to take any steps necessary to execute this contract with CPA Architecture, LLC and to further effectuate the purposes as set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Town Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of West New York pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer. No minimum purchase is guaranteed.

RESOLUTION #R23-319
RE: APPOINTING THE REGISTRAR AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL
STATISTICS FOR THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) is required pursuant to New Jersey Statute 26:8-11 to have a person designated as the Town’s Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

WHEREAS, Maria C. Alvarez was previously appointed to serve as Town Registrar of Vital Statistics for the period between January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 but there is now a vacancy in the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics for the remainder of her unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, Meibol Rodriguez is currently serving as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of West New York for the period between January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 and is qualified and capable to serve as the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to appoint Meibol Rodriguez to serve as the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of West New York for the remainder of Ms. Alvarez’s unexpired three (3) year term expiring on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Meibol Rodriguez is qualified and eligible for appointment to serve as the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of West New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to appoint Erika Hernandez to serve as the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the remainder of the unexpired three-year term, expiring on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Erika Hernandez is qualified and capable for appointment to serve as the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of West New York.

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):
Resolution (Cont.):

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize as follows:

1. Meibol Rodriguez is hereby appointed to serve as the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of West New York for the remainder of the unexpired term between January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2024.
2. Erika Hernandez is hereby appointed to serve as the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the remainder of the unexpired term between January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned appointments shall be subject to the approval of the New Jersey State Registrar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the salary for each of these appointments shall be set forth pursuant to the salary ordinance of the Town of West New York.

ORDINANCE #15/23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 93 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK ENTITLED "SALARIES AND COMPENSATION"

Note: Corporation Counsel Angelo Auteri, Esq. read the title of the foregoing Ordinance aloud.

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Barrera**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **open the public hearing** on this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Barrera**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **close the public hearing and adopt** this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

ORDINANCE #16/23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 198 ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION"

Note: Corporation Counsel Angelo Auteri, Esq. read the title of the foregoing Ordinance aloud.

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Diaz**, seconded by **Commissioner Parkinson**, to **open the public hearing** on this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

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Ordinance (Cont.):

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires**, seconded by **Commissioner Parkinson**, to **close the public hearing and adopt** this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

ORDINANCE #17/23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #22/22

Note: Corporation Counsel Angelo Auteri, Esq. read the title of the foregoing Ordinance aloud.

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Diaz**, seconded by **Commissioner Parkinson**, to **open the public hearing** on this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Parkinson**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **close the public hearing and adopt** this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Public Portion:

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires** and seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **open Public Portion of meeting at 6:39 p.m.** The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

1. Johan Andrade, 7512 Hillside Terrace, North Bergen, NJ:

Mr. Andrade represents a nonprofit organization focused on pedestrian safety. He inquired about West New York's stance on protecting pedestrians as a result of a pedestrian being struck by pick up truck on 66th Street. He suggested the Town enforce parking regulations to reduce illegal parking to prevent future accidents. Mayor Sires inquired if the illegal parked vehicle was town owned and also advised that the administration was meeting with the Director of the Police Department to resolve any parking concerns. Mayor Sires stated that he will research other towns to see what they are doing and how he can implement the same in West New York.

2. Maria Santos, 6115 Madison Street, Apt. 2, West New York, NJ:

Ms. Santos commented on the pedestrian incident that took place on 66th Street and recommended for the Board of Commissioners to check out the camera system on 70th Street and Park Avenue, which is designed to detect vehicles parked illegally where fire hydrants are installed. She called for an investigation on the matter to ensure that it doesn't occur again, and Mayor Sires ensured her he would do so.

October 11, 2023
Regular Meeting

Public Portion (Cont.):

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Diaz** and seconded by **Commissioner Barrera**, to **close the Public Portion of the meeting and Adjourn at 6:47 p.m.** The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Commissioner Marcos A. Arroyo

Commissioner Victor M. Barrera

Commissioner Marielka A. Diaz

Commissioner Adam W. Parkinson

Mayor Albio Sires
Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Adelanny Plaza, RMC
Town Clerk