



**Borough of Wallington
Mayor and Council Caucus/Work Session - Minutes
Thursday, February 8th, 2024, Civic Center**

A quorum was established. A Caucus/Work Session of the Borough of Wallington Mayor and Council was held at the Wallington Civic Center on Thursday, March 22nd, 2024, presided over by Mayor Dabal with Frank Belli as Acting Municipal Clerk. Mayor Dabal called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and read the OPMA Notice, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present – Eugeniusz Rachelski, Dennis Graham, Beata Balik, Mayor Melissa Dabal Susanne Preinfalk, Khaldoun Androwis

Also Present - Borough Attorney Richard Allen, Borough Administrator Jennifer Appice

Absent – Wendy Ivanicki

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Councilwoman Balik motioned to open the Hearing of Citizens and seconded by Councilwoman Preinfalk

ROLL CALL: **AYE:** Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis

Helena Plaskon (86 Roehrs Drive) wished to discuss School law enforcement officers carrying weapons. She was referred to the Board of Education.

Councilwoman Preinfalk motioned to close the Hearing of Citizens. Seconded by Councilwoman Balik.

ROLL CALL: **AYE:** Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 18, 2024, Caucus / Work Session

Councilwoman Preinfalk motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Councilwoman Balik.

ROLL CALL: **AYE:** Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk

NAY: Androwis



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Councilwoman Preinfalk motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Councilwoman Balik.

ROLL CALL: **AYE:** Rachelski, Balik, Preinfalk

NAY: Androwis

ABSTAIN: Graham

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Graham motions to approve “en mass”. Seconded by Councilwoman Preinfalk

ROLL CALL: **AYE:** Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk

NAY: Androwis

**Resolution No. 2024 – 086
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

WHEREAS the efficient and responsible management of the Borough’s finances necessitates the timely payment of bills and obligations incurred by the Borough of Wallington;

BE IT RESOLVED that all vouchers, as listed on the Bill Resolution attached hereto and a copy of which has been circulated by the Municipal Clerk, have been thoroughly examined and approved by the Chief Financial Officer and the Finance Chairman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that checks are to be issued for the payment of these approved vouchers when the funds of the Borough are sufficient to meet them.



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**Resolution No. 2024 – 087 Appointing Shade Tree Commission Secretary
RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHADE TREE COMMISSION SECRETARY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wallington (“Wallington”) Borough Code § 10-4 et seq. provides for the creation of a Shade Tree Commission; and

WHEREAS, the successful administration of the Shade Tree Commission requires the hiring of a Secretary to help conduct meetings and perform other duties; and

WHEREAS, Wallington desires to appoint Karen Zupanovich as Shade Tree Commission secretary at a rate of \$3,500 per year; and

WHEREAS, Wallington desires to also appoint Karen Zupanovich as a member of the Shade Tree Commission effective 1/1/2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington hereby appoints Karen Zupanovich as Shade Tree Commission secretary at a rate of \$3,500 per year and a member of the Shade Tree Commission.

**Resolution No. 2024 – 088 Approving Raffle License #24-0311 for HSO Wallington H.S.
APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR HSO WALLINGTON H.S.**

WHEREAS, the Borough has received the following raffle license applications; and

Applicant	Application Number	Drawing Date
HSO Wallington HS	24-0311	03/14/2024

WHEREAS, all the necessary submissions appear to be in order.

NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington that the above referenced License Applications are approved, and the Borough Administrator is authorized to issue each such license.



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**Resolution No. 2024 – 089 Authorizing the Rejection of All Bids for King Street
WALLMUN 22.018 and WALLMUN23.012**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington, Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, David Juzmeski, P.E., P.P., that the Bid for the:

LA-2023 MA WALLINGTON BOROUGH KING STREET (NJDOT FUNDED)

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BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Be rejected and rebid as the bids received exceeded the budget appropriation for the project.

Dated: _____

Certified: _____
Chief Finance Officer

Dated: _____

Approved: _____
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, Borough Clerk for the Borough of Wallington, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington at a regular meeting held _____, 2024.

Dated: _____

Clerk

NEA FILE: WALLMUN 22.018 and WALLMUN23.012



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**Resolution No. 2024 – 090 Awarding Contract to Smith Sondy – Parkview Drive Project
AWARD OF CONTRACT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington, Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, David Juzmeski, P.E., P.P., that the Contract for the:

PARKVIEW DRIVE – PHASE II ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (CDBG FUNDED)

**BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Be awarded to *Smith-Sondy Asphalt & Construction Company, 150 Anderson Avenue, Wallington, New Jersey* for Parkview Drive – Phase II Roadway Improvements (CDBG Funded) in the amount of **One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars and Two Cents (\$126,089.02)**.

This Resolution to take effect upon certification of this Resolution by the Borough’s Chief Finance Officer that sufficient funds are available.

Dated: _____

Certified: _____
Chief Finance Officer

Dated: _____

Approved: _____
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, Borough Clerk for the Borough of Wallington, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington at a regular meeting held _____, 2024.

Dated: _____

Clerk



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**Resolution No. 2024 – 091 Amending and Supplementing Resolution No. 2024-082 regarding
license # 0265-33-025-009 from Kung Fu Crab to Louis Kojcevski**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING PRIOR RESOLUTION 2024-82 FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A
PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE 0265-33-025-009 HERETOFORE
ISSUED TO KUNG FU CRAB, INC.**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License **0265-33-025-009**, from **KUNG FU CRAB, INC.** to **LOUIS KOJCEVSKI**; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, as outlined in N.J.S.A.33: 1-1 et seq., an Affidavit of Publication has been received by the Municipal Clerk and the transfer fees have been paid; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has investigated the applicant and the source of all funds to be utilized in connection with the purchase and operation of the business, and the results meet ABC standards; and

WHEREAS, a Tax Clearance Certificate has been received from the Division of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed per Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes and all rules and regulations promulgated there under, in addition to pertinent Borough Ordinances, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington does hereby approve the person-to-person transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to **LOUIS KOJCEVSKI**.

2. The Municipal Clerk shall endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to **LOUIS KOJCEVSKI**."

3. No approval is granted to a particular licensed premises and an appropriate application must be made for such approvals.



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CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Graham motioned to convene into **CLOSED SESSION**, as per Resolution 2024-085, seconded by Councilwoman Preinfalk

ROLL CALL: **AYE:** Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis

RESOLUTION 2024-085

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO CONVELE INTO CLOSED SESSION AS
PER THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

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

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

- ☐ (1) Matters Required by Law to be Confidential:
- ☐ (2) Matters Where the Release of Information:
- ☐ (3) Matters Involving Individual Privacy:
- ☐ (4) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:
- ☐ (5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease of Acquisition of Real Property, or the Investment of Public Funds:
- ☐ (6) Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:
- ☐ (7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege:
- ☐ (8) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:
- ☐ (9) Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington, as follows:

1. An Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on February 8th, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached on the agenda in the Civic Center, 24 Union Boulevard, Wallington, New Jersey for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.
2. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

Councilwoman Preinfalk motioned to return to **PUBLIC SESSION** at 7:23 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Balik

ROLL CALL: **AYE:** Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis



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COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Dabal read the following list of monthly reports.

1. Tax Collection report for the month of January 2024
2. EMS report for the month of January 2024
3. Property Revaluation RFP

Councilwoman Balik addressed purchasing an ad for the Pulaski Journal.

Councilwoman Balik motioned to approve the following communications, and to delegate them to the proper department heads. Motion was seconded by Councilman Graham.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis

ORDINANCES:

2024-001: 2nd Reading By Title Only: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 2020-005 Water Rates

Motion to Open the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2024-001
by Councilwoman Preinfalk, Seconded by Councilman Graham

ROLL CALL: AYE: Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis

- NO CITIZENS SPOKE

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Councilwoman Preinfalk, Seconded by Councilman Graham,

ROLL CALL: AYE: Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-001 by Councilman Graham, Seconded by Councilman Rachelski,

ROLL CALL: AYE: Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis

2024-002: 1st Reading By Title Only: An Ordinance Restricting Parking on Lawns

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2024-002 by Councilwoman Preinfalk, Seconded by Councilwoman Balik

ROLL CALL: AYE: Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis



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2024-003: 1st Reading By Title Only: Ordinance Revising Schedule of Stop Intersections In Schedule IX of Section 307-41

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2024-003 by Councilwoman Balik Seconded by Councilman Graham,
ROLL CALL: AYE: Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis

2024-004: 1st Reading By Title Only: An Ordinance To Provide a Personnel Policy to Volunteers

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2024-004 by Councilwoman Preinfalk, Seconded by Councilman Graham,
ROLL CALL: AYE: Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk,
NAY: Androwis

Mayor Dabal asked Councilman Androwis why he voted no to the volunteer handbook. Councilman Androwis stated that they didn't have enough time to sign the form. Mayor Dabal stated to Councilman Androwis that you are going on record that you are voting no to an insurance mandate, and you do not support protecting the town and volunteers from different forms of harassment.

2024-005: 1st Reading By Title Only: An Ordinance To Amend the Resident Parking Program

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2024-005 by Councilwoman Preinfalk, Seconded by Councilwoman Balik,
ROLL CALL: AYE: Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk,
NAY: Androwis



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- No Committee Reports

OLD BUSINESS:

- Councilman Graham addressed the Recreation CDBG grant that is due by 2/27/24.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Dabal discussed the parking issues effecting different parts of town specifically around Spring Street, Spring Court and Johnson Avenues. She explained that the residential parking sticker program will start on those streets because there is nowhere for anyone to park near Dul and Centennial fields.
- Councilwoman Preinfalk addressed the new Library Grand Opening event and the celebration budget for other events.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Dabal requested a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Balik moved for adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Graham.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Androwis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Frank Belli
Acting Municipal Clerk