

Approved, March 24, 2026

53 Park Ave
Park Ridge, NJ

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION
March 10, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmember Mintz, Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Metzdorf, Council President Cozzi and Mayor Misciagna

Absent: Councilmember Goldsmith

Also Present: Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Admin/ Clerk
Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney
Connie Carpenter, CFO

Mayor Misciagna read the compliance statement earlier as required by the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, and Chapter 231.

1. **Golden Age Budget Request:** Bill Hennig and Donna Szot came to speak about the Golden Age Club and requested a \$2,500 increase to their budget. Currently the Borough gives the Golden Age \$8,500 and another \$1,000 towards the Elks for their meeting Hall set up. They would like to keep going with programs that attracts younger golden age members and keeps the members active physically and mentally, as well as trips. Councilman Fenwick stated the Council will need to have the revenue side of the budget provided form the Borough Auditor.
2. **Borough Administrator:** The Administrator talked about the need for Borough Ord. regarding the James Parking lot and the Borough owned 20 spots, because residents are parking there overnight. A discussion ensued; the Borough Attorney is to write an ordinance including the James Parking Lot 20 spots and no parking between 12am to 5am. The commuter lot needs to have proper signage, and warnings should be issues no overnight parking in the Commuter and Madison Lot. The governing body would also like to look into Park Mobil and metering the 20 spots.
3. **Traffic control at intersection of Brae Blvd and Philips Pkwy/Sony Drive** - Councilman Hoffman stated that a few residents have raised concerns about the intersection at Lifetime/Landmark by the Marriott. They'd like us to take a look at whether we should add stop signs on the northbound and southbound sides. Lifetime and Brae already have stop signs, but the other two sides do not. Since it's right on the Montvale border.
 - a. The administrator stated that Captain Mauro Said that he did some research on the intersection, and there has only been one crash on the Park Ridge side there in the last 11 years. Therefore, at this time, he doesn't think we need any controls

added. However, as the AR Landmark project begins occupancy, the Borough should look at the situation again and consider re-installing the traffic light that was removed when Lifetime was built, as well as adding sidewalks on Brae Blvd.

b. Councilman Fenwick stated that the Borough would need to look down the line at potentially creating a walkway down the middle of Brae Blvd.

4. **Budget** – Councilman Fenwick asked the CFO what the projected increase in the 2026 budget is as of now? CFO stated 2.5%. Currently the proposed 2026 budget is \$16,237,390 and 2025 budget was \$18,015,863 and that she will need the revenue numbers from the Auditor to have a full picture. Councilman Mintz state the Finance committee will meet with the Fire and Police commissioner Friday morning and that will complete budget review recommendations.

Open Work Session adjourned at 7:40 pm

Councilman Mintz made a motion to adjourn work session into closed and seconded by Councilman Metzdorf to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk