

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

March 11, 2021

6:45P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park was called to order on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:47PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

On Roll Call Councilmembers: Balistrieri, Fakhoury, Fasolo, Golabek, Pellegrine, and Council President Wechtler. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno, and Borough Clerk Erin Delaney.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, Therefore Be Advised, that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by publishing a special meeting notice in The Record and Herald News and by posting such notice in the office of the Borough Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building, and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted and transmitted on March 2, 2021 and published on March 5, 2021.

3. ORDINANCE: FIRST READING

R-101-21 Introduce Ord. #21-05

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK MORE SPECIFICALLY
CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC" ARTICLE 7-8.3, "TEMPORARY
NO PARKING FOR SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL"**

4. RESOLUTIONS:

R-102-21 Resolution Amending Resolution R-48-21, A Resolution
Authorizing Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute
a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of
Transportation for MA-2019-Phase 2: Mola Boulevard
Improvements Fiscal Year 2019

R-103-21 Resolution Amending Resolution No. R-498-20 – Appointment of
Special Counsel

R-104-21 Appointment of Consultant for Emergency Relief Programs

R-105-21 Authorize Execution of an Agreement with the New Jersey
Department of Transportation

R-106-21 Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

6. ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-101-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #21-05
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD
PARK MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC" ARTICLE 7-8.3,
"TEMPORARY NO PARKING FOR SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL"**

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard in the Municipal Building on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be, and she is hereby authorized to advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: March 11, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

| | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent | | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Balistreri | X | | | | Golabek | X | | | |
| Fakhoury | X | | | | Pellegrine | X | | | |
| Fasolo | X | | | | Wechtler | X | | | |
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This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 11th day of March 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 21-05**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
ELMWOOD PARK MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC"
ARTICLE 7-8.3, "TEMPORARY NO PARKING FOR SNOW PLOWING
AND REMOVAL"**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park have been and are aware of multiple complaints from the residents regarding the hardship that the restriction on parking in a certain area of the Borough is causing to the residents of that area where parking is prohibited for snow plowing and removal during a snow storm; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has determined that there is a need to remove the prohibit parking during prohibited snow conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has determined that such limitation, control and or prohibition would adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of that area of the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that Chapter VII, Article 7-8.3 is hereby amended so as to reflect that the parking restriction for snow plowing and snow removal on "Miller Avenue" Sides "Both" Location "West of Elm Street to dead end" TO "Miller Avenue" Sides "SOUTH" Location "West of Elm Street to dead end" be and are hereby removed and that the area so identified shall no longer be subject to the parking restriction for snow plowing and or removal; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, that if any provision of this amended Ordinance shall be held invalid, or contrary to the law, then such provision of the Ordinance shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance and shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of the Ordinance.

BE IT, FURTHER ORDANED, by the Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, that all the other language contained therein shall still be valid and remain in full force and effect.

BE IT, FURTHER ORDANED, this amended Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: _____

Robert Colletti, Mayor

Introduced: March 11, 2021

Adopted:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-102-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO
SECONDED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER**

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-48-21, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MA-2019-PHASE 2: MOLA BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2021, the Mayor and Council approved resolution R-48-21, a resolution approving the submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act, Fiscal Year 2019 Municipal Aid Program, for the purpose of constructing Phase 2 of the Mola Boulevard Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the original grant application proposed the installation of roadway improvements along Mola Boulevard from Market Street to Linden Ave, with a construction cost estimate of \$389,145.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough was awarded a grant in the amount of \$239,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Phase 2 of the Mola Boulevard Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County constructed improvements to the intersection of Market Street and Mola Boulevard and in conjunction with that project paved a portion of Mola Boulevard that overlapped the limits of the 2019 Municipal Aid Grant by nearly half; and

WHEREAS, since the project is now already partially completed, the Borough of Elmwood Park is considering adding streetscape lighting either in conjunction with or in lieu of any of the remaining milling and paving but needs additional time to evaluate the modified project costs and effects on the original grant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is requesting a time extension of 6 months from grant deadline of March 25, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen hereby authorizes the submission to the New Jersey Department of Transportation "A request for a six-month time extension from March 25, 2021 to September 25, 2021" to determine whether they want to amend the scope and or limits of work from Market Street to Linden Place, as originally filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign all documents on behalf of the Borough of Elmwood Park and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

APPROVED: March 11, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

| | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent | | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Balistreri | X | | | | Golabek | X | | | |
| Fakhoury | X | | | | Pellegrine | X | | | |
| Fasolo | X | | | | Wechtler | X | | | |
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This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 11th day of March 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-103-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO
SECONDED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-498-20
APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elmwood Park, New Jersey had previously passed resolution No. R-498-20 on December 17, 2020, appointing Michael Bukoski, Esq. of the Law Firm of Locke, Correia & Bukowski as the Borough’s special counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park have been made aware that the original resolution No. R-498-20 appointing the special counsel requires to be amended in order to reflect an increase of the capped sum that can be charged by the special counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Elmwood Park wish to increase the original capped sum from \$2,500.00 to reflect a fairer and just sum compensable with the services that the special counsel shall provide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the original Resolution No. R-498-20 is hereby amended to properly reflect a more fair and equitable sum, thereby, amending the prior resolution to increase the original capped sun to a maximum of \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that all such other language contained in the original resolution will remain as written and that any and all language inconsistent with this amended resolution will be deleted and amended to reflect the intent of this amended resolution.

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

March 10, 2021
Dated

APPROVED: March 11, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

| | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent | | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Balistreri | X | | | | Golabek | X | | | |
| Fakhoury | X | | | | Pellegrine | X | | | |
| Fasolo | X | | | | Wechtler | X | | | |
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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-104-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO
SECONDED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER**

APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, a contract may be awarded without public bidding regardless of the bid threshold in circumstances where an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare of our citizens requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elmwood Park may be entitled to reimbursement for costs incurred, from the US Federal Emergency Management Agency or other State agencies, as a result of events that have been declared a presidential disaster, state of emergency and/or a state of public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, consultants will need to be retained to assist the Borough of Elmwood Park with obtaining reimbursement for said costs incurred; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Millennium Strategies, LLC located at 60 Columbia Road, Building B, Suite 230, Morristown, New Jersey, has the necessary experience and expertise as a consultant to provide said services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elmwood Park seeks to enter into a contract with Millennium Strategies, LLC to act as consultant on behalf of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with its proposal dated February 18, 2021 Millennium Strategies, LLC will provide services at a blended hourly rate of \$180.00 per hour for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the of the Borough of Elmwood Park, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey that the Borough of Elmwood Park, hereby enters into a contract with Millennium Strategies, LLC., at the blended hourly rate of \$180.00 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Millennium Strategies, on behalf of the Borough of Elmwood Park.

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

March 10, 2021
Dated

APPROVED: March 11, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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| Balistreri | X | | | | Golabek | X | | | |
| Fakhoury | X | | | | Pellegrine | X | | | |
| Fasolo | X | | | | Wechtler | X | | | |
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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-105-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO
SECONDED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER**

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has submitted new agreements approved by the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, said agreements are Municipal Utility Engineering and Construction Agreements and Amendments regarding the Route 80, Riverview Drive to Polifly Road Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer have reviewed said agreements and amendments and have no objection to their execution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Elmwood Park agrees to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute all necessary paperwork requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

APPROVED: March 11, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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| Fakhoury | X | | | | Pellegrine | X | | | |
| Fasolo | X | | | | Wechtler | X | | | |
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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-106-21**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO
SECONDED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, Resolutions R-102-21 through R-106-21 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: March 11, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to be heard.

A motion was made by Council President Wechtler and seconded by Councilwoman Balistreri to adjourn.
Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the April 1, 2021 Special Meeting