



Passaic City Council
July 1, 2021 Minutes

**REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC
WAS CONDUCTED AS A LIVE STREAM VIA FACEBOOK
ON THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021 AT 7:05 P.M.**

Amada D. Curling, City Clerk read the following notice into record:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED TO THE HERALD NEWS AND PUBLISHED ON JUNE 20, 2021; SAID NOTICE WAS PLACED ON THE CITY OF PASSAIC WEBSITE AT WWW.CITYOFPASSAIC.COM (COUNCIL AGENDAS)

PLEASE BE FURTHER ADVISED DUE TO COVID-19 THIS MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL STREAMED. PUBLIC NOTICE AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS MEETING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE HERALD NEWS AND POSTED ON JUNE 16, 2021 ON THE CITY OF PASSAIC WEBSITE AT WWW.CITYOFPASSAIC.COM UNDER COUNCIL AGENDAS. INSTRUCTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE LAST PAGE OF THIS AGENDA. PLEASE BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY.

ON CALL OF THE ROLL THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONDED:

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:		Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:	Munk			Patel			

ALSO PRESENT: Hector C. Lora, Mayor; Ricardo Fernandez, Business Administrator; Christian Hibinski, Esq., City Attorney

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Thania Melo, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Munk joined at 7:11 p.m.

At this point in the meeting, The City Clerk read the Statement of Determination of the Municipal Election held on May 11, 2021.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO

Amada D. Curling, City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mayor Hector C. Lora

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECT

The following City Council Members were administered their oath of office by Amada D. Curling, City Clerk:

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**JOSE "JOE" GARCIA
DR. TERRENCE L. LOVE
DANIEL J. SCHWARTZ**

Dr. Terrence L. Love took oath of office.

He thanked citizens and city of Passaic. This is his fourth successful election and community members who came out to vote because of their concern for Passaic. He thanked his family and running mates for believing in him and supporting him. He also thanked all individuals who put their names on the ballot.

Jose "Joe" Garcia took oath of office.

Thanks voters of Passaic for believing in him, his colleagues, and the mayor, who makes our job so easy. Wants to continue to help make Passaic better.

Daniel J. Schwartz took oath of office.

This is his seventh term, he thanked the citizens, the mayor for his incredible throughout the election, and his teammates for their cohesive teamwork. He is excited for what the council will do for the next 4 years.

NOMINATIONS AND SEATING OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

On a motion by Council Member Love and seconded by Council Member Melo the following RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-161**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A ONE YEAR
TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the City Council designates Councilperson Schaer as the City Council President for a one (1) year term, said term to commence on July 1, 2021 and to terminate on June 30, 2022.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)

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ABSENT:				Patel			

Mayor Lora's statement

- He congratulated Council President Gary Schaer on his reappointment; his wisdom mentorship means a great deal to him, to his colleagues. He is excited for the future. He also congratulates running mates Terrence Love, Daniel Schwartz and Joe Garcia.
- He acknowledged Council Member Love for his support of youth sports and small businesses Passaic.
- He thanked Council Member Schwartz on his constant fight for the taxpayers, his scrutiny and pragmatic approach to government, and his genuine love for the citizens of Passaic.
- He thanked the city staff inside City Hall, including City Clerk Amada Curling and Chris Post in IT, the Passaic Police Department.
- He thanked his wife and family.

Followed by comments from the City Council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Council President Schaer opened the public portion of the Meeting with the following statement for the record:

In Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.). The Council opens every public meeting for comments of the public. However, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 "nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the discretion of a public body to permit, prohibit or regulate the active participation at any meeting,"

Therefore, the City Council will not entertain any comments from persons who communicate obscene material, make statements which are considered bias intimidation in which any person attempts to intimidate any individual or group because of race, color, religion, handicap, sexual orientation or ethnicity or makes personally offensive or abusive, defamatory or profane comments, comments intending to harass or speak any offensive or abusive language. The person who makes these statements will relinquish their allotted five minutes for public discussion.

Aryeh Mack, 187 Howard Ave

- He congratulated everyone on their reappointments and the improvements they have made for Passaic.

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- Howard Avenue recycling did not get picked up.
- He contacted the Business Administrator about 145 Main and 129 Main for littering issues.

After ample opportunity given and no one else responding on a motion by Council Member Love and seconded by Council Member Garcia the public portion of the meeting was adjourned.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

On a motion by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Melo the following RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-162**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR
 JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the City Council hereby designates the North Jersey Herald News; The Record; El Especial/Especialito; Poder Latino USA as Official Newspapers for the City of Passaic, which newspapers are authorized to publish legal advertisements. The City Clerk shall retain the right to select which newspapers shall receive said advertisements in accordance with the law.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
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ABSENT:				Patel			

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On a motion by Council President Schaer and seconded by Council Member Garcia the following RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-163**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC FOR
A ONE YEAR TERM (JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic hereby designates Council Member Schwartz as the City Council's representative to the Planning Board of the City of Passaic for a one (1) year term, said to commence on July 1, 2021 and to terminate on June 30, 2022.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

On a motion by Council Member Love and seconded by Council Member Garcia the following RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION

**CITY OF PASSAIC
RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-164**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE PASSAIC
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022)**

WHEREAS, THE City Council of the City of Passaic has, by Ordinance 1515-01 created the Passaic Redevelopment Agency in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12 (a) - 11; and,

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WHEREAS, there shall be seven commissioners of the Redevelopment Agency, which shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12(a)-11; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Council Member Munk for a term commencing July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Passaic that the Council Consents to the appointments of Council Member for a term commencing July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

On a motion by Council Member Schwartz and seconded by Council Member Love the following communications and petitions were received placed on file and approval granted

Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs, 330 Passaic Street, submitting the following applications

- To hold a T-Ball/Pony Baseball Ceremony on June 26, 2021 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Benson Avenue Ball Field
- To hold a Summer Concert Series on July 1st through September 2nd, 2021 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at Bobby Thomas Memorial Stage-Christopher Columbus Park, Carlos B. Sinnung State- Third Ward park, and Dundee Island Park (**CONTINGENT UPON DEPARTMENTAL APPROVALS**)
- To hold a Summer Concert Series on July 6 through August 31st, 2021 from 7:45pm to 10:30pm at 122 Eight Street, Christopher Columbus Park, Passaic City Hall Courtyard, Third Ward Park, Dundee Island Park, and Factory 220(**CONTINGENT UPON DEPARTMENTAL APPROVALS**)

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Passaic City Hall, 330 Passaic Street, submitting application to hold a Juneteenth Celebration & Fireworks on June 19, 2021 from 7:00pm to 9:30pm at the Passaic City Hall Courtyard

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

ALL MATTERS LISTED HEREUNDER ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION ANY COUNCIL MEMBER MAY REQUEST THAT AN ITEM BE REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.

On a motion by Council Member Love and seconded by Council Member Garcia the following communications and petitions were received placed on file and approval granted

Mayor Hector C. Lora, submitting the following memorandums of appointments:

- Memorandum reappointing Chaim Munk to the Redevelopment Agency term to commence July 1, 2021 and expire June 30, 2022.
- Memorandum swearing-in Probationary Firefighters on Wednesday, July 7th at Eastside Firehouse

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

RESOLUTIONS:

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS TAKEN OFF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PASSAIC ON PASSAIC ON JULY 1, 2021 AT 7:00 PM OR ANYTIME THEREAFTER TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE VOTED ON BY ONE MOTION

On a motion by Council Member Love and seconded by Council Member Garcia the following RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION

**CITY OF PASSAIC
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
SPRAY PAD EQUIPMENT FOR
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK
PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the City of Passaic, wishes to purchase Spray Pad Equipment for Christopher Columbus Park from Commercial Recreation Specialists (Vortex Manufacturer) covered under NJ State Contract #06 Fleet 00131; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 authorizes the purchase of any materials, supplies or equipment under State Contract and Cooperative Purchasing entered on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury without the necessity for public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the splash pad equipment is priced at \$40,196.20.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Passaic that a contract be awarded under NJ State Contract #06 Fleet 00131 to Commercial Recreation Specialists (Vortex Manufacturer) of Verona, WI in the amount of \$ 40,196.20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute a contract for the above on a form approved by the City Attorney.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

Funds for the above are available in Green Acres Account #0-01-44-905-000-9PK.

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ABSENT:				Patel			

MAYOR'S REPORT

Through the leadership of the city council, the removal of the railroad tracks is progressing. The merging of Pulaski Park and Dundee Island will be presented the city council at the next meeting.

Passaic budget included removal of lead pipes. This is now required by NJ state law, the recognition goes to Council President Schaer for his work on the legislation in his role as Assemblyman.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council on a motion by Council Member Love and seconded by Council Member Garcia the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL (VIA ZOOM)							
AYES:	Munk	Love	Melo		Schwartz	Garcia	CP Schaer
ABSENT:				Patel			

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amada D. Curling,
City Clerk

Gary S. Schaer,
Council President