

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EDGEWATER MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025, IN THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 55 RIVER ROAD, EDGEWATER, COUNTY OF  
BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AT 7:00 PM**

Mayor McPartland called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT READ BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor McPartland read the following statement:

In compliance with New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, I hereby declare that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided specifying that this meeting would be held on this date, May 5, 2025, in the Municipal Building, 55 River Road, Conference Rm 3, Edgewater, New Jersey at 6:00 pm. This notice was published in the Record, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall and posted on the Borough's website.

**PRESENT ON ROLL CALL**

Councilman Gutierrez, Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Monte, Councilman Martin, Councilman Bartolomeo

**ALSO PRESENT**

Administrator Gregory Franz, Borough Attorney Robert Travers, Borough Clerk Stephanie Evans.

**ABSENT**

Councilman Vidal

**OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC**

Mayor McPartland opened the meeting to the public.

Chris Nowell-Fort Lee – requested a resolution regarding Climate Superfund Act be added to a future agenda.

Patricia Firrincili, 270 Undercliff Ave - Spoke about possible limitations on smoke shops.

Laura Seip, 1375 River Rd – Asked about timing of budget amounts, taking effect the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Mr. Franz replied that the estimated tax bills will be mailed out shortly. The real bill will be out for November quarter. She also spoke about all the speeders at the north end. Mayor McPartland said he will speak with the Police Chief, but it is difficult to monitor.

Mayor McPartland seeing no further comments, he closed the meeting to the public. Mr. Franz explained why this is being done, there was an omission in the budget document that was submitted to the state.

**2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDED BUDGET**

**2025-107**

**Resolution to Amend 2025 Budget**

**RESOLUTION 2025-107  
AMENDED 2025 BUDGET  
THIS RESOLUTION CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor McPartland opened this hearing to the public. Mr. Franz explained that there was an omission in the budget documents that was submitted to the state.

Appropriation of Debt Services, emphasizing the interest amount difference, of \$27,218.89. Resulting in an amended budget and a public hearing for that budget line in the Marina.

Mayor McPartland asked if anyone wished to be heard on that. Seeing no one had any questions/comments the mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor McPartland asked for a motion to amend the budget.

Motion by: Councilman Martin

Second by: Councilman Monte

All in favor: 5-0

**ADOPT 2025 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

**2025-126**

**Adopt 2025 Municipal Budget**

**RESOLUTION 2025-126  
ADOPTION OF 2025 BUDGET  
THIS RESOLUTION CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor McPartland asked to adopt the 2025 Municipal Budget  
 Motion by: Councilman Martin  
 Second by: Councilman Bartolomeo  
 All in favor: 5-0

**ORDINANCE (S)**

**RE-INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)**

**ORDINANCE 2024-011 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER AND APPROPRIATING \$1,800,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,710,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER TO FINANCE THE SAME**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Edgewater, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough"), as general improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,800,000, including the sum of \$90,000 as the down payment for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment has been made available by virtue of provision in the capital improvement fund in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes not otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds or notes are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,710,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds or notes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the bonds or notes are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefore, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

- (a) Purpose: Acquisition of information technology and telecommunications equipment including items with a unit cost less than \$5,000, including, but not limited to, emergency radio communications and dispatch center improvements including but not limited to replacing emergency radio communications equipment, dispatch, mobile, portable, and server and switch upgrades, dispatch console equipment and furniture, and including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	\$700,000
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$ 35,000
<u>Estimated Maximum amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$665,000
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	5 years

- (b) Purpose: Improvements to Community Center, including, without limitation, lavatory stalls, commodes, sinks, acoustic panels and ceiling tiles, kitchen equipment including refrigerators, freezers, grills, stove, oven, deep fryers, cabinets and HVAC replacements, and including all work and materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$350,000
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$ 17,500
<u>Estimated Maximum amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$332,500

Period or Average Period of Usefulness: 15 years

- (c) Purpose: Improvements to Firehouse Building, including, without limitation, garage floors, garage doors and windows, and including all work and materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost: \$150,000  
Amount of Down Payment: \$ 7,500  
Estimated Maximum amount of Bonds or Notes: \$142,500  
Period or Average Period of Usefulness: 15 years

- (d) Purpose: Acquisition of vehicles with gross vehicle weight ratings in excess of 15,000 pounds for the Department of Public Works, including, without limitation, boom truck, street sweeper, dump truck and dump hook lift truck, and including all work and materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost: \$400,000  
Amount of Down Payment: \$ 20,000  
Estimated Maximum amount of Bonds or Notes: \$380,000  
Period or Average Period of Usefulness: 10 years

- (e) Purpose: Acquisition of vehicles with gross vehicle weight ratings below 15,000 pounds for the Police Department, including all work and materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost: \$200,000  
Amount of Down Payment: \$ 10,000  
Estimated Maximum amount of Bonds or Notes: \$190,000  
Period or Average Period of Usefulness: 5 years

(f) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(e) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget or temporary capital budget (as applicable) of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget or amended temporary capital budget (as applicable) and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not a current expense. No part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the several improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, computed on the basis of the respective

amounts or obligations authorized for each improvement or purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 8.889 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,710,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An amount not exceeding \$40,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are applied to the payment of obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are applied to the payment of obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. To the extent that any previous ordinance or resolution is inconsistent herewith or contradictory hereto, said ordinance or resolution is hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to make it consistent herewith.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Introduced: May 20, 2024  
Adopted: June 17, 2024

Re-Introduced: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Re-Adopted: May 19, 2025

Mr. Franz explained that this re-introduction is more for procedural reasons. This called for the ordinance to be published in the Record, versus previously it was published in the Jersey Journal not the Bergen Record. Because of that flaw it just needs to be re-introduced and re-adopted with publications in the Bergen Record.

Mayor McPartland asked for motion to re-introduce this ordinance.

Motion by: Councilwoman Lawlor

Second by: Councilman Gutierrez

All in favor: 5-0

## RESOLUTION

### 2025-127 AUTHORIZING 2025 GRAN FONDO BICYCLE RACE

#### RESOLUTION 2025-127

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2025 GRAN FONDO BICYCLE RACE

**WHEREAS**, the Gran Fondo World Championship Bicycle Race has been held yearly between the State of New York and the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the race course consists of the George Washington Bridge and the Palisades Interstate Park within the jurisdiction of the Borough of Fort Lee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edgewater-Fort Lee border at Hudson Terrace at the entrance to the Palisades Interstate Park will require a hard closure to vehicular traffic.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize Gran Fondo 2025 to conduct its yearly bicycle race which will necessitate the closure of the Edgewater-Fort Lee border at Hudson Terrace on May 18, 2025 in cooperation with the Borough of Fort Lee, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the State of New Jersey.

Mayor McPartland asked for a motion to adopt

Motion by: Councilman Bartolomeo

Second by: Councilman Gutierrez

All in favor: 5-0

Mayor McPartland asked for a moment of silence to remember Bunny (Annamarie O'Connor) who passed away after working for the Borough for 25 years.

**ADJOURNMENT @ 7:23 pm**

Mayor McPartland asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Councilman Martin

Second by: Councilman Monte

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephanie Evans*  
Stephanie Evans, RMC  
Borough Clerk