

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER  
May 4, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

*Meeting held via  
teleconference*

**PRESENT:** Mayor Fardanesh, Council Members Ditkoff, Florio, Lyons, Masi, Borough Administrator Preusch, Borough Attorney Regan

**ABSENT:** Council Members DiMartino & Drennan

**PRESIDING:** Borough Administrator Preusch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the following statement:

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Pursuant to the Open Sunshine Act P.L. 1975, c. 231, proper notice of this meeting has been provided by submitting appropriate notice to The Ridgewood News and The Record on December 15, 2022 by email in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

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**Presentation by Jay Perez, Environmental Commission Chairman:** Mr. Perez distributed information pertaining the Environmental Commission's current initiatives, which include a monthly Styrofoam collection which will be run by high school students. Additionally, the Commission is requesting funding for Bee Hive preservation in the Borough. Currently, the Mason bee population is decreasing significantly and, by creating manmade hives, this would encourage bees to populate. Mr. Perez also stated that residents living in the Commons do not have access to recycling containers in the complex and this was discussed in detail. Mr. Perez also distributed a proposed ordinance prohibiting gas powered leaf blowers from May through October. The Mayor and Council discussed this in detail; no other municipality in Bergen County has adopted an ordinance of this nature. Achieving the Sustainable Jersey designation was also discussed and the Commission will pursue this moving forward.

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

**WHEREAS,** the members of the Upper Saddle River Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain actions under Section 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act; and

**WHEREAS,** the discussions more specifically will involve:

- o Litigation
- o Personnel

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that at 7:05 p.m. the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to exclude the public from discussion; a motion was made and seconded to go into Closed Session.

The Executive Meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and was unanimously approved by all Council members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, Municipal Clerk