

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 4, 2021
6:30P.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, February 4, 2021 at 6:32PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

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

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 January 22, 2021 and published on January 27, 2021.

3. RESOLUTION:

R-74-21 Resolution to Fill Council Vacancy

After the reading of the resolution, newly appointed Councilman Fakhoury was called on the dais, alongside his family, to be sworn into office by Mayor Robert Colletti. The record reflected that Councilman Fakhoury then joined the meeting. Following taking his seat on the dais, the Mayor and Council shared welcoming and congratulatory remarks. Councilman Fakhoury thanked everyone for the opportunity and stated that he will do his best in the new role.

4. ORDINANCE: FIRST READING

R-75-21 Introduce Ord. #21-04

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2
"ADMINISTRATION" MORE SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE
III OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD
PARK TITLED "DEPARTMENT OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT." MORE SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 2-27
ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT." MORE
SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2-27.1 ENTITLED
"CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT; MEMBERS"**

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmembers Fasolo and Wechtler noted that they feel Mr. Fakhoury is qualified to serve and a great fit, however, that their support was for Ms. Dennis to fill the vacancy.

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-74-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN BALISTRIERI**

RESOLUTION TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2021, Councilwoman Denise Ingui submitted a letter of resignation to Borough Clerk Erin Delaney effective January 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Elmwood Park Democratic Municipal Committee submitted three nominees to fill the vacancy on the Borough of Elmwood Park Council on January 28, 2021, which fell within the 15-day period in which nominees must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk as prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11;

WHEREAS, the three Democratic nominees are: Tanisha Dennis, Chakib Fakhoury, and Linda Colombini;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council does hereby select _____ to fill the Council vacancy commencing immediately to serve the remainder of Denise Ingui’s unexpired term through December 31, 2021.

APPROVED: February 4, 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
Balistrieri	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo		X			Wechtler		X		
Golabek	X								

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 4th day of February 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

Prior to voting, Councilman Golabek suggested that the Police Department and Mayor & Council give the table of organization a deeper analysis as he feels, though he will support the ordinance, adding 1-2 every couple of months is not the best practice.

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-75-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #21-04
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" MORE SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK TITLED "DEPARTMENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT." MORE SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 2-27 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT." MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2-27.1 ENTITLED "CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT; MEMBERS"

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, February 18, 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: February 4, 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
Balistreri			Recuse		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
ORDINANCE # 21-04**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" MORE SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK TITLED "DEPARTMENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT." MORE SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 2-27 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT." MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2-27.1 ENTITLED "CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT; MEMBERS"

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have become aware due to the Covid-19 pandemic of the need to reconsider the makeup of the Police Department to make the same more efficient in its operation and to effectively protect the health and safety of the citizens and residents of the Borough of Elmwood Park.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 2, Article III of the Code of the Borough of Elmwood Park titled "Department of Local Government" more specifically section 2-27.1 Creation of the Department; Members, more specifically Section 2-27.1(a)(5). Which shall be amended to read Thirty-Five (35), Patrol Officers. All of the remaining portions of said section shall remain in full force and effect.

All of the remaining parts of the Ordinance relating to Article III, known as Department of the Local Government of the Borough of Elmwood Park to the extent that they are not inconsistent with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect until modified or repealed pursuant to law. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3: Invalid Provisions

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication thereof as provided by law.

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Robert Colletti, Mayor

Introduced: February 4, 2021

Adopted:

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to be heard.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Meeting minutes approved at the February 18th, 2021 Regular Meeting