

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON,
NEW JERSEY, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 630 AVENUE C,
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

The Council met at 6:10 P.M.

The Council President LaPelusa: "I would like to advise all those present that notice of this regular adjourned meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne of September 10, 2025, has been provided to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey. Notice of time and place was posted and filed with the City Clerk and was forwarded to the Bergen Record and Star Ledger by fax and electronically on September 5, 2025."

The Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne is now in session.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present were: Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa

The Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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HA-1 Hearing of STEPHEN CYLEK – denial of Tax Cab Driver’s Permit.

Mr. Cylek did not appear.

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HA-2 Hearing of MICHELE SOLLER – denial of Alcoholic Beverage Control Bar Permit.

Appearing: Michael Soller – explained the reasoning behind the denial of bar permit and presented evidence of settlement.

Lt. Antony Pellicio, A.B.C. Supervisor – presented to the council with the background investigation to which the denial of the bar card was based upon and explained that while Ms. Soller did appeal to the Attorney General, the state agency is for advisory purposes, not enforcement

Correspondence:

September 6, 2025

Dear City of Bayonne Council

I am writing on behalf of Michele E. Soller, who has been employed with us since April 28, 2025, as a part-time server at Mr. G’s. As part of our company, Meadowlands Racetrack, all new hires undergo a criminal background check and are fingerprinted. At the time of hiring the company was aware of her prior legal matters. However, we were not aware that this would cause difficulty in her obtaining an A.B.C. work permit.

Since joining our team, Michele has proven to be a model employee, she is consistently kind, courteous and hardworking. On occasions where she has faced challenges from either coworkers or customers, Michele has remained professional and respectful, promptly reporting issues to management rather than reacting inappropriately. At no time has she displayed unprofessional conduct.

Michele has become an asset to Mr. G’s/Winners Bayonne family. Many of our regular customers, particularly our senior patrons, view her as warm, welcoming and attentive. Her ability to serve both food and beverages would significantly enhance her role and allow us to better serve our guests.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that her appeal for an A.B.C. work permit be reconsidered and moved forward. Granting her this permit would not only support her professional growth but would also be a great benefit to our establishment and its patrons.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Anything further needed, I can be reached at mbyrd@winnersbayonne.com or 347-683-5142.

Sincerely,
Michelle E. Byrd
Director of Operations

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September 8, 2025

Dear City of Bayonne Council,

My Name is Tammy Stauss. I am the food and beverage manager for Mr G's in Winners Bayonne. I have been employed in this building since its opening in 2012. I started my journey here as a bartender with McLoone's Restaurant. Prior to Winners, I worked as a bartender in T.G.I. Friday's Bayonne since its opening in 2012. I have been the food and beverage manager in Winners for three years now, occasionally still having to jump in and help serve customers. In my fifteen plus years in the service industry, I have earned a lot working with many different people. As Michele Soller's direct supervisor, I am asking for your consideration in granting here an A.B.C. license for Bayonne.

Michele is kind, caring and respectful to both her colleagues and out patrons. She has a pleasant personality and is very easy to communicate with. She goes above and beyond to help others outside of her regular duties and responsibilities. Most importantly, she has proven to be able to handle situations very professionally.

We would love for Michele to be able to continue serving with us. She has become a valued member of our team, and our customers love her too. Hard workers with great personalities and strong customer service skills are very hard to find. Michele is all of the above. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Tammy Stauss
Food and Beverage Manager

The council president motion to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Wimmer, which motion was adopted.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa

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03. Council President LaPelusa moved the following resolution, seconded by Council Member Weimmer, which was read by the Clerk and adopted.

WHEREAS, the City of Bayonne denied Anthony Inciarrano's application for a taxi driver's license and he filed a timely notice appealing that denial to the Municipal Council consistent with the terms set forth in City Ordinance 9-10.4; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2025, this Municipal Council did conduct a full and plenary appeal hearing; and

WHEREAS, this Municipal Council has carefully considered the testimony of the appellant and that of officials from the City of Bayonne; and

WHEREAS, this Municipal Council has carefully reviewed any and all documentation, this Municipal Council is satisfied that the appellant has provided sufficient cause for the license denial to be overturned; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne hereby reverses the determination rejecting Anthony Inciarrano's 2025 application for a taxicab driver's license and directs that a taxicab driver's license be issued to him consistent with the terms and conditions of the City of Bayonne's Revised General Ordinances.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa

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Council Member Weimmer moved to reconsider the denial of a A.B.C. work permit, seconded by Council President LaPelusa

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa

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At 6:20 P.M. Council President LaPelusa motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Weimmer, which motion was adopted.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa

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President – Gary LaPelusa, Sr.

Clerk – Madelene C. Medina