

# MINUTES PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY JULY 8, 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council, Lisa Nanton advised the audience that notice of this meeting has been filed with the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, The Amboy Guardian and posted on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website, indicating that today's meeting is being held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

Council President Nanton: At this time, as a courtesy to the Governing Body, I would ask all individuals present, including members of the audience, to please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Should you need to make a telephone call, please go out into the hallway and speak in a low voice so as not to disturb the ongoing meeting.

Invocation was given by Council Member Petrick who also led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Lisa Nanton called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Fernando Gonzalez, Fernando Irizarry, Joel Pabon and William Petrick. Absent—none.

Also present at this meeting were: Jillian C. Barrick, Business Administrator, Mark J. Blunda, Esq., Director of Law, and Victoria Ann Kupsch, Assistant City Clerk.

## ORDINANCE - PUBLIC HEARING (5 MINUTE MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER/PER ORDINANCE)

1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS" (ORDINANCE NO. 380-85 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED JULY 2, 1985 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 255A ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.

**RE: Additions and Deletions** 

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Member Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND SALARY RANGES AND INCREMENTS FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY" (ORDINANCE NO. 218-79 AS AMENDED) ADOPTED JULY 3, 1979.

Re: Uniformed Fire Fighters - Local 286

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Member Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

3. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" (ORDINANCE NO. C-74) ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 17, 1928) ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 95 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.

Re: Rules and Regulations

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

Council President asked for comments.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Avenue: Does this cover the Police Director and is there a policy about answering complaints?

Mark Blunda: I'd have to read it. I didn't draft the rules and regulations. The Police Director is not a sworn member of the police department.

Ken Balut: I made a complaint about lying on OPRA. I have not had a response. The AG says even anonymous complaints get a response. Both people in Internal Affairs got promoted.

Mark Blunda: This is a public hearing on an Ordinance. The Council has no obligation to read a document.

Larry Cattano: I take any complaint very seriously. I will look into it and get back to him. These are rule and regulations. Internal Affairs is regulated by the Attorney General.

Jillian Barrick: There is a follow up e-mail from the Chief as to why it was updated. There is a section, 9C, that needs to be added to 3:6 Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs.

Mark Blunda: If it's intended to amend the ordinance tonight, I recommend that it be read in full before the vote. It does not require a publication.

Council Member Irizarry: Can section 9 be read in its entirety?

Jillian Barrick read section 9 in full.

The amendment, section C reads as follows:

When a licensee has circumstances that require the use of trained police officers to provide crowd or traffic control or security for money, the municipality may assign regular police officers to the licensed premises for these purposes. The municipality may either bill the licensee for such cost or may require the licensee to prepay for the services. In no event, however, may the licensee directly hire or pay these police officers. (N.J.A.C. 13:2-23.31; N.J.S.A. 33:1-26.1)

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to amend the Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton, Nay-none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to close public hearing on the above Ordinance as amended and was carried by the following vote: Yea-Council Member Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay-none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Ordinance as amended on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea-Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay-none.

#### AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT - Citizens may address the Council on any matter on the agenda which does not have its own scheduled public hearing. Citizens shall be permitted to speak once for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

R-310-7/15

Stan Sierakowski, Charles Street: Is this increasing the bid threshold from \$17,500?

Jillian Barrick gave a brief explanation of the purchasing procedure.

Stan Sierakowski: Is the Purchasing Agent the screener?

Jillian Barrick: If a purchase exceeds the bid threshold, it must go through a purchasing process. There is a different process for professional services.

#### R-298-7/15, R-299-7/15 & R-311-7/15

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Avenue: These add up to a lot of money. How much do you get from the Y? Still don't have the amount of money the Y owes us. It's a huge amount of money.

#### MINUTES

June 22, 2015 - Closed Session

June 24, 2015 - Regular

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to approve the minutes and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

#### LIQUOR LICENSE EXTENSION OF LICENSED PREMISES

1216-32-081-004 Al Cibelli Enterprises, Inc. 1096 Convery Boulevard

Occasion: 40th Anniversary Party

Date: July 25, 2015, 11:00 am to 2:00 am

Location: 607 Kozusko Avenue

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to approve the permit and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

#### SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

**United Dominicans of Perth Amboy** 

950 Florida Grove Rd.

Occasion: Cultural Festival

Dates: August 15, 2015, 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm

August 16, 2015, 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Municipal Parking Lot, Next to Wilentz School

Field

#### REPORTS

1. Jill A. Goldy, CFO/Comptroller - Check register report for the month of June 2015 in the total amount of \$5,300,883.88.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to accept the above report and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

## ORDINANCES (FIRST READING) No Public Discussion

1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND SALARY RANGES AND INCREMENTS FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY" (ORDINANCE NO. 218-79 AS AMENDED) ADOPTED JULY 3, 1979.

Re: Fire Officers Association, Local No. 4070 – January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on August 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

#### RESOLUTIONS

R-298-7/15 Authorizing a final payment to Peterson Service company, Inc. for HVAC repairs at the public safety complex under State Contract No. 81014 as of June 1, 2015 in the amount of \$25,042.64.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-299-7/15 Authorizing a contract with George S. Hall, Inc. for HVAC repairs at the public safety complex under State Contract No. 15-X-23228 for the period of July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$49,957.36.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-300-7/15 Authorizing a contract for the purchase and installation of a 250 KW, Industrial Diesel Generator (Generac SD) for the Jankowski Community Center to Lighton Industries in accordance with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission in an amount not to exceed \$250,755.51.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-301-7/15 Authorizing an extension to the firm of Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP to cover costs associated with work to be performed for the balance of 2015 in connection with tax appeals before the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-302-7/15 Authorizing professional service agreements with qualified labor & employment attorneys who have submitted responses to requests for proposals for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, PC Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP Scarinci Hollenbeck Weiner Lesniak

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-303-7/15 Authorizing professional service agreement with qualified real estate attorneys who have submitted responses to requests for proposals for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. Shamy Shipers & Lonski

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-304-7/15 Authorizing professional service agreements with qualified tax appeal attorneys who have submitted responses to requests for proposals for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP Shamy Shipers & Lonski Weiner Lesniak

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-305-7/15 Extending the contract with Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. to provide legal services for labor & employment, real estate, ABC matters and extra litigation in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-306-7/15 Extending the contract with Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. to represent the City of Perth Amboy in defending against the appeals of TAK Construction, Safeco Insurance Company and Interstate Industrial from the final judgement of the superior court in the public safety complex trial in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-307-7/15 Authorizing a contract with Tennant Sales for the purchase of proprietary minisweeper parts in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-308-7/15 Authorizing a contract with Mid Atlantic Truck Center for truck parts and service under State Contract No. A739391 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-309-7/15 Authorizing a contract with Campbell Freightliner, LLC for truck parts and service under State Contract Nos. 73706 and 89264 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-310-7/15 Increasing the bid threshold to \$40,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-311-7/15 Exercising option three and four with Meridian Property Services, Inc. for facilities management services in connection with the public safety complex for the two year period commencing August 1, 2015 and terminating July 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$236,460.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-312-7/15 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Michelle Conover for unpaid water and sewer on 851 Kriel Street, Block 441, Lot 5.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-313-7/15 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Angelina Baksh for unpaid water and sewer on 302 Ridgeley Street, Block 265, Lot 8.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-314-7/15 Authorizing an agreement with the Coalition of Advocates for Shelter Animals to promote adoption of shelter animals and train volunteers in proper handling of animals.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-315-7/15 Accepting a grant from the County of Middlesex in the amount of \$41,103.00 for the 2016 Municipal Drug Alliance Program and authorizing an implementing grant agreement with the County with a City financial match of \$10,275.75.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-316-7/15 Authorizing the insertion of revenue in the CY 2015 Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) for a Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$41,103.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-317-7/5 Authorizing an application and agreement with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for a Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2015 Year End Statewide Crackdown Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-318-7/15 Accepting a Neighborhood Community Revitalization Grant from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority in the amount of \$1,993,310.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-319-7/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayments as a result of payment made to TTLBL, LLC on 328 Hall Avenue, Block 332, Lot 15 and 391 Division Street, Block 149, Lot 36 in the total amount of \$2,294.58

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-320-7/15 Authorizing refund of fee paid for the use of the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center to Adeusa American Association in the amount of \$50.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

R-321-7/15 Authorizing a refund for the denial of a handicapped parking application to Steven Davis in the amount of \$100.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

#### R-322-07/15 15 VOID

R-323-7/15 Ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Perth Amboy and the Perth Amboy Fire Officers Association, Local No. 4070 affiliated with the I.A.F.F., A.F.L.-C.I.O. and approving a contract for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay—none.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management advising that a public hearing will be held on July 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the County Freeholder Meeting Room, New Brunswick on an Amendment to the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. (6/19/15)
- NJDEP issued a news release encouraging boaters to be aware of ecologically sensitive areas of Barnegat Bay. (6/19/15)
- 3. Governor Chris Christie advising that the DEP and Garden State Preservation Trust have approved the City's application for a Green Acres matching grant of \$1,100,000.00. (6/24/15)
- Deputy Chief Cattano provided a written follow up to several concerns raised by residents at the June 24, 2015 Council Meeting. (6/25/15)

6. NJDEP advising that no further action is necessary for the remediation of one 550 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 432 Brace Avenue, Block 274, Lot 3. (6/24/15)

## PUBLIC PORTION (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Avenue: How does a civilian go in and clean out the Chief's office? It could have had evidence in there. You promote people so they can retire with more money.

Susan Batista, 1074 Truxton Drive: I asked last time about my law suit.

Mark Blunda: There are many lawsuits and notices of claims. Insurance company assigns Counsel when it's covered by insurance.

David Caba, 559 Westside Avenue: During training of police officers, are they told to look the other way when they see another police officer doing wrong?

Dorothy Carty Daniel, Water Street: I read a letter in the Guardian which I found disturbing. Apparently there are issues with the letter I signed as Chair of the Housing Authority where we gave a time limit. It came from the Housing Authority. This has been going on since 2002. Other Cities have gotten their schools built. All the schools corporation meetings we had, not one school board member came. We sent letters because all our efforts were thwarted. They would not respond. The next day, their attorney called our attorney.

Stan Sierakowski, Charles Street: Dorothy is wrong. There were negotiations. Two appraisals were done. They were not willing to have a  $3^{rd}$  party appraisal.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector Street: Can I OPRA the Mayor's schedule?

Council President Nanton: Yes.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Pabon: I take the parks comments personally, that work should have been done long ago. We have an issue with the jungle jim at the park by the Wilentz School. It's outrageous, Kids are constantly out there. The people in town, not out of town are coming to our waterfront, our parks. We need to make them as safe as possible. At Rudyk Park at 10:00 this morning, there was garbage. I had the people from the soccer league calling me to complain. I thank you Mr. Dann for all you've done for that department. I called you and you always took care of it.

Dorothy Carty Daniel, Water Street: I never meant to offend anyone. I only want what's right to be done. I hate to see it go by the way side.

Council Member Petrick: The Board of Education and the Housing Authority need to come together for the children. The children are not put first.

Council Member Gonzalez: I found out about a swearing in about 15 minutes before it started. The Council deserves more respect from the Administration. Mr. Blunda, I want to be aware of the lawsuits we received. I personally request that we be informed if we are being sued.

Mark Blunda: Notice of Claims and Summons are filed with the Clerk's Office. If it is the will of the Council we can keep you informed, how would you like to be informed? Whatever is your preference.

Council Member Gonzalez: A synopsis.

Mark Blunda: Perhaps on a weekly basis, D&H could provide it.

Jillian Barrick: Civil Service will be conducting a test for firefighters, the exam application is open until August  $31^{\rm st}$ 

Council President Nanton: Thank you Mr. Dann, you always answer when I call. The Automated garbage has saved on workers compensation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton.

Victoria Ann Kupsch Assistant City Clerk

Lisa **N**anton Council President