

**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
MARCH 11, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, March 11, 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 Irizarry 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 Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk.

**ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING
(5 MINUTE MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER/PER ORDINANCE)**

- 1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "PAWNBROKERS" (ORDINANCE NO. 415 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED OCTOBER 16, 1899 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 313 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY).**

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 Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, 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: Management – Non Union – 2008-2014

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 Irizarry to close public hearing on the above 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 adopt the Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, 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-134

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: Is this a new vendor? Was this done through a bidding process and where are they from?

Jillian Barrick: They have worked for the City for 4 years. It was done by RFP. They are from Sparta, NJ.

R-137 & R-138

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: Is this \$40,000 per attorney?

Mark Blunda: Each law firm is for an amount up to \$40,000. The finance office asked us to separate the law firms.

Alan Silber: Do we budget for legal representation for the year?

Mark Blunda: The Law Dept. submits a budget just like any other City department. We have insurance for liability and they have different deductibles. After \$100,000 the insurance company pays. We budget up to that amount for a case.

R-128

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: Do we have a total amount that has been spent for the pool yet?

Jillian Barrick: No, not yet.

R-137, R-138 & R-139

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: Is this for the shootings that occurred on Hall Avenue?

Mark Blunda: R-137 is not part of that case.

MINUTES

February 9, 2015 - Closed Session
February 11, 2015 - Council Meeting
February 23, 2015 - Closed Session

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

REPORTS

1. Middlesex County Preliminary Equalization Table for the year 2015.

Jill A. Goldy, CFO/Comptroller submitted the following reports:

- 2. Report of Bond Anticipation Note Sale held on February 26, 2015.**
- 3. Check Register Report for the month of February 2015 in the total amount of \$10,625,842.73.**

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to accept reports #2 and #3 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 "DRUGS AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA" (ORDINANCE NO. 482-89 AS AMENDED) ADOPTED MAY 2, 1989, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 202 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY – REVISED MAP OF DRUG FREE SCHOOL ZONES.**

Re: Adoption of Map

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Irizarry 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 March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 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 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" (ORDINANCE NO. 194-78 AS AMENDED) ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 19, 1978 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 414 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.

Re: Stop Sign – Intersection being relocated to First Street instead of Gordon Street.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and 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 March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at 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-118-3/15 Authorizing a refund for the cancellation of a handicapped application in the amount of \$100.00 to Carmen De La Cruz, 219 First St.

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-119-3/15 Endorsing the passage of companion Bills S1696 and A2135 supporting the issuance of driving privilege cards for undocumented residents.

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, 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, and Nanton. Nay--Council Member Petrick.

R-120-3/15 Authorizing emergency temporary appropriations to extend CY 2015 Temporary Budget in the amount of \$259,965.00.

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-121-3/15 Authorizing settlement of workers compensation litigation entitled Israel Cardona v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2012-22615 in the amount of \$6,615.00.

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-122-3/15 Authorizing settlement of workers compensation litigation entitled Andy Montalvo v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2013-22751 in the amount of \$103,338.00.

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-123-3/15 Authorizing settlement of workers compensation litigation entitled Domingo Diaz v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2011-26897 in the amount of \$11,631.38.

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-124-3/15 Authorizing settlement of workers compensation litigation entitled Domingo Diaz v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2012-22715 and C.P. 2013-5998 in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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-125-3/15 Authorizing settlement of workers compensation litigation entitled Domingo Diaz v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2012-11076 in the amount of \$13,383.75.

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-126-3/15 Approving funding for the Street Banner Project in an amount not to exceed \$66,100.00 through the Zone Assistance Funds held in a trust account.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Council Member Gonzalez: Mr. Rosengarten stated verbally, at the Caucus Meeting, that Hall Ave. was included in this proposal. I don't see that in writing. I would ask that Hall Ave. be included since it is not listed in the proposal.

Council Member Petrick: We should request it of the UEZ. How is this being funded?

Jillian Barrick: I ask that this be approved for tonight. It will delay the process if we don't act on it this evening. We can revise the locations and place Hall Ave. there if it is in the Enterprise Zone.

Council Member Gonzalez: Please provide us with a map of where the banners will be placed.

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pabon to amend the above Resolution by including Hall Ave. and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none.

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

R-127-3/15 Authorizing a reduction to the City's contract with Hughes Environmental Engineering, Inc. for removal and replacement of two (2) compressors and all associated work from YMCA poolpak unit in the amount of \$14,456.46.

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-128-3/15 Authorizing a reduction to the City's contract with Aquatic Service for on call pool and inspection services from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 at the public safety complex community center in the amount of \$2,611.67.

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-129-3/15 Authorizing a reduction to the City's contract with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation for preventive maintenance and service of the elevators at the public safety complex from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$2,777.53.

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-130-3/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal, to Brach, Eichler LLC and LGVM Investments LLC, on Blk. 173, Lot 12, 371 Washington Street, in the amount of \$1,584.47.

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-131-3/15 Authorizing the transfer of change fund in the amount of \$200.00 from the Office of Tax Collector to the Office of Vital Statistics.

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-132-3/15 Authorizing a contract with BFJ Planning in the amount of \$50,000.00 for professional planning services as a subrecipient of the Post Sandy Planning Grant.

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-133-3/15 Accepting a Municipal Public Access Grant from the NJDEP in the amount of \$7,131.00 for the creation of the Municipal Public Access Plan.

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, seconded by Council Member Petrick 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-134-3/15 Authorizing a contract with D&H Alternative Risk Solutions for risk management, third party administration, managed medical care, PPO access and safety training as a "one stop shop" services from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017 at an annual fee of \$205,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, seconded by Council Member Petrick 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-135-3/15 Authorizing a professional service agreement with Sonnenfeld & Trocchia for architectural services pursuant to requests for proposals for 2015.

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-136-3/15 Authorizing a contract with Sonnenfeld & Trocchia Architects for construction documents services in connection with the renovation of an existing garage bay to include a new office as well as a staff break room in an amount not to exceed \$1,600.00.

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-137-3/15 Authorizing professional services contract with Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy for legal representation of individual police officer defendants in the matter of Edwin Rodriguez v. City of Perth Amboy, et al, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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-138-3/15 Authorizing a professional services contract with Scarinci Hollenbeck for legal representation of Police Officer Gina Fontan in the matter of the Estate of Dixon Rodriguez v. City of Perth Amboy, et al, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, seconded by Council Member Petrick 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-139-3/15 Authorizing a professional services contract with James P. Nolan and Associates for legal representation of Police Officer Rafael Puntiel in the matter of the Estate of Dixon Rodriguez v. City of Perth Amboy, et al, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, seconded by Council Member Petrick 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

1. Archer & Greiner, PC submitted a copy of the NJDEP General Information Notice (GIN) for the Vopak Terminal Perth Amboy Site. (2/20/15)
2. Roselle Park Borough Clerk submitted a copy of a Resolution adopted on February 19, 2015 supporting Assembly Bill A-1109 which seeks to implement stricter rules and regulations for organizations that house and care for individuals with developmental disabilities. (2/20/15)
3. The Jersey City Employment & Training Program, Inc. submitted copy of the 2014 Year End Prisoner Reentry Report. (2/23/15)
4. Middlesex County Planning Board submitted a 2015 schedule of regular meetings, a schedule of 2015 meeting dates for the Planning Board's Development Review Committee, and the agenda to be followed at all official meetings of the County Planning Board where formal action is intended to be taken. (2/23/15)
5. NJDEP submitted a copy of the No Further Action Determination for the remediation of the 550 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 612 Johnstone Street, Blk. 264, Lot 3. (2/23/15)

6. NJDEP submitted a copy of the No Further Action Determination for the remediation of the 1000 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 451 Stevenson Place, Blk. 185, Lot 15. (2/25/15)
7. NJDEP submitted a copy of the No Further Action Determination for the remediation of the 1000 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 215 High Street, Blk. 47, Lot 8. (2/25/15)
8. NJDEP submitted a copy of the No Further Action Determination for the remediation of the 500 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 619 Colgate Avenue, Blk. 295, Lot 9. (2/26/15)
9. G Environmental d/b/a GECP, Inc. submitted a copy of the NJDEP Receptor Evaluation Form for Constanza, Inc., 306 Smith Street. (2/27/15)
10. Archer & Greiner, PC submitted a copy of the Amended GIN and Remediation Certification regarding Vopak Terminal Perth Amboy, 1 State St., Perth Amboy. (2/27/15)

**HEARING OF CITIZENS
(10 MINUTE MAXIMUM)**

Reinaldo Aviles, City Resident – Lack of a civil tone and working relationship between the Council and some members of the public.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr. - provided a history of the term "gadfly". He advised that there are 3 types of gadflies and that many good ideas come from the gadflies. He indicated that the Council does not take all good ideas seriously and that many times nothing comes of the proposed ideas. He indicated that people should be encouraged to attend meetings and express their ideas.

Council Member Gonzalez: This Council followed through this week on an idea from a resident with regard to the Trap, Neuter and Release program.

Council President Nanton: Many suggestions from the public have been considered. However, just because one person brings forth an idea, doesn't mean that the Council is required to take action. Many times I have asked for additional info to help stimulate discussion among the Council, but I don't receive the info.

PUBLIC PORTION
(5 MINUTES MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: The amount that was owed in back taxes to the City, for the property that was recently donated to the County, is approximately \$883,000. The taxes were not paid for about 6 years. The foreclosure didn't occur until late last year. You should find out who the individual owners of the property were. The taxes due to the City should have been approximately \$3m.

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: An employee of the City made a racial remark at a December 2014 Council Meeting. The Mayor stated at Monday's Caucus Meeting that she defends all city employees. Does that mean she still defends the suspended police chief? The Mayor needs to take a stand and do something about that employee. That should not be tolerated.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: Only people that love and will vote for the Mayor should apply for board memberships when there are vacancies. Only they will get appointed. The others don't have any chance. If an attorney contributes to the Mayor, can the attorney be hired by the City to do work?

Mark Blunda: According to the pay-to-play ordinance, they can donate up to \$300. There's a certification that is required to be signed by the vendor.

Alan Silber: Mr. Nolan donated \$1200 to the Mayor and we just hired him for \$40,000. Can this be looked into?

Mark Blunda: I will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: Mr. Nolan is huge in the Democratic Party in Middlesex County. The City Clerk should ask for the anti-corruption ordinances from Ewing and from Princeton Twp. I would like to speak to someone about getting a personal parking space in front of my home. There is a large trailer on Leon Ave. with people living in it. Nobody is doing anything about this. Doesn't Code Enforcement see this?

Mark Blunda: Any code violations should be submitted to the BA or to Code Enforcement.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: In the past, I spoke about instant runoff voting. I provided all types of documents. Nothing was done. I went to Court in New Brunswick twice last week to see what was going on with regard to the voting by mail issue. The Judge indicated there was a lot of voter tampering in the last municipal election.

Diane Signorile, Staten Island, NY: I am here to help you with the Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) program in Perth Amboy. I am TNR certified.

Council President Nanton: The City supports TNR.

Virginia Morales, 745 Barry Ave. - Provided the definition of feral cats, and explained the TNR program and the TNR training process. She advised that the animal shelter needs to keep logs. She indicated that the City needs to prepare signs for the members of the community for the feeding of the feral cats. She indicated that the shelter has improved tremendously over the past few years, and asked that the Council support the TNR initiative.

Dave Szilagyi, 42 Market St.: Discussed decorum at council meetings. In the past, 5 minutes were allowed for each item on the agenda. You can always change the rules of decorum if you want to do so.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Gonzalez: The trucks that are driving on High St., to do work at the waterfront, are bringing a lot of mud all through High St. The companies should be required to clean up after themselves. Someone needs to address this.

Jillian Barrick: Part of the contract is that they need to sweep the streets. I will call the company.

Council Member Gonzalez: I have asked Mr. Blunda to review the pay-to-play ordinances on two issues and was wondering if he has a response for me.

Mark Blunda: I am still reviewing the matters.

Council Member Gonzalez: I am paying approximately \$14,000 in taxes for my home. I don't think a big enough effort is being made to put ratables on the books. Our waterfront has not been developed like it should have been. I am concerned about the old Police Dept. and the old First Aid Squad buildings that are sitting there and not bringing in any taxes. The Washington Street Park and the So. Second Street Park are not being built by the City, but we will be carrying them. We need to bring ratables into this town.

Council Member Irizarry: Have we completed the review on the Chaplain Ordinance?

Jillian Barrick: There have been meetings to finalize and revamp the entire process. We will provide you with the results after they have been finalized.

Council Member Pabon: Can we get a time frame for the start of the TNR program? Grants will be funding the trial TNR program. We are 12-13 parks behind in the City. The waterfront beach is being used by many families. I am very glad that So. Second Street is going to become a park. I am all for parks. We need them. We are heading in the right direction.

Council Member Petrick: We need both parks and ratables. Parks are invaluable to us. High density housing needs parks. We need to move on the old city properties. The Council should send a letter to Kinder Morgan and congratulating them on their new acquisition.

Council Member Petrick to Mark Blunda: We should get the Ewing and Princeton Twp. anti-corruption ordinances.

Council President Nanton: There is a lot of litter in the streets after the snowfalls. Homeowners should clean up in front of their homes. Compiling all the elections into one election is a result of many people complaining about all the elections that were held here in the past. We have a big debt. We need ratables. We need to respect each other.

Council Member Gonzalez to Frank Dann, Dir. DPW: Why was the snow removed curb to curb on Smith St., but not the snow on the sidewalks?

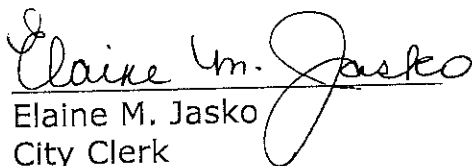
Frank Dann, Dir. DPW: We ran out of time to get rid of it.

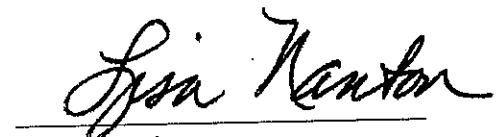
Council Member Pabon: We should see if the BID can remove the snow off the sidewalks with some small bobcats.

Jillian Barrick: We can provide an analysis for next year.

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 9:00pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none.


Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk


Lisa Nanton
Council President