



**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
MAY 28, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council, Joel Pabon, Sr. advised the audience that notice of these meetings have 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 meetings are being held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, at 4:30 p.m. (Caucus) and **7:00 p.m. (Public Voting Session)**.

Council President Pabon: 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 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present at this meeting were: Gregory Fehrenbach, BA; Jillian Barrick, Assistant Business Administrator, Mark J. Blunda, Esq., Director of Law, and Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Raritan Bay Arts Collaborative Creative Team. (Pabon)
2. Handicapped Parking at Parking Meters on High Street. (Gonzalez)

**TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE CAUCUS MEETING
WHICH WAS HELD ON MAY 28, 2014 AT 4:30 PM.**

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

- 1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING" (ORDINANCE NO. 572-91 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 17, 1991 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 317 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

- 2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SEWERS" (ORDINANCE NO. 373-85 AND AMENDMENTS ADOPTED MAY 25, 1985) ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 365 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY AND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "WATER" (ORDINANCE NO. 270-81 AND AMENDMENTS ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1981) ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 418 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

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

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

3. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT" (ORDINANCE NO. 830-96 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED APRIL 2, 1996 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 343 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.

Re: Liability Insurance Required

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

Council President asked for comments.

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: What triggered this?

Mark Blunda: The insurance administrator requested that the wording be inserted.

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

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

- 4. 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: Non-Union Titles

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

- 5. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "PUBLIC CONTRACTING," (ORDINANCE NO. 1417-2008 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED JUNE 25, 2008 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 98 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

ORDINANCE #5 WAS TABLED DURING THE CAUCUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 28, 2014 AT 4:30 PM

- 6. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A THREE-YEAR LEASE WITH EASTER SEALS OF NEW JERSEY FOR OFFICE SPACE IN THE ALEXANDER F. JANKOWSKI COMMUNITY CENTER FOR NON-MONETARY CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14, TO BE USED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE.**

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

BIDS

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: The lower middle class will be hurt by the charges for this ambulance service.

Greg Fehrenbach: This is to continue the current service.

R-270

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: We must be near \$1m - \$1.5m for this building. Do we know how much has actually been spent on this already?

Mark Blunda: Since the lawsuit began in 2006 the City has paid about \$1m in legal fees and Safeco has spent about \$5m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 12, 2014 - Closed Session

May 14, 2014 - Regular

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

BIDS

1. **Bids were received on May 8, 2014 for the following:**
 1. **4" Water Main Replacement Project – Davidson Avenue**
 - a. **Lucas Construction**

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| | Group, Inc. | \$144,570.00 |
| b. | John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. | \$183,525.45 |
| c. | T&T Commonwealth Const. Co., Inc. | \$342,351.00 |
- 2. Bids were received on May 20, 2014 for the following:**
- 1. Provide Basic Life Support/Emergency Medical Services**
 - a. Raritan Bay Medical Center** **Zero Cost to City***

Garage Lease	\$ 20,509.44
Office Lease	\$ 1,450.56
(per annum of contract)	
 - b. MONOC** **\$244,600.00**

Garage Lease	\$ 20,500.00
Office Lease	\$ 1,450.00
- 3. Bids were received on May 21, 2014 for the following:**
- 1. 2014 Summer Food Service program**
 - a. Karson Food Service, Inc.** **\$183,314.16***
95,976 total lunches (2,232 daily @ \$1.91)
 - b. Preferred Meal Systems, Inc.** **\$189,552.60**
95,976 total lunches (2,232 daily @ \$1.975)
 - c. Metropolitan Foods/**
dba Driscoll **\$200,589.84**
95,976 total lunches (2,232 daily @ \$2.09)

*** Recommendation of Bid Award**

SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

Blessed John Paul II Parish
490 State Street
Occasion: Dance/Bar-Baquet
Date: June 28, 2014, 12:00 pm to 12:00 am
Location: Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Church
188 Wayne Street

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

REPORTS

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

- 1. Payroll Disbursements/Deductions – April 2014**
- 2. Investment Report – April 2014.**

3. Water/Wastewater Utility Reports – April 2014
4. Budget Status Reports – YTD April 2014.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to accept reports #1 - #4 and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING
 (No PUBLIC DISCUSSION)**

1. BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6(D) OF BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 1619-2011 OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED DECEMBER 14, 2011 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE SECTION 2-20 COSTS.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Gonzalez 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 June 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

RESOLUTIONS

R-252-5/14 Commending and congratulating Joshua-Daniel Tochi Bishop-Mbachu on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-253-5/14 Calling for the immediate and safe return of the young women abducted in Nigeria by Boko Haram.

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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
 Nay--none. Absent--none.

CONSENT AGENDA – R-254-5/14 – R-262-5/14

R-254-5/14 Authorizing the refund of duplicate tax overpayments to CoreLogic on various Blocks and Lots in the total amount of \$13,294.90.

R-255-5/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal to Peter Zipp, Esq., attorney for Mercyland, Zipp & Tannenbaum on Block 69, Lot 26 (277 Smith Street) in the amount of \$943.49.

R-256-5/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal to Peter Zipp, Esq., attorney for Andres & Evelyn Busto on Block 392.07, Lot 32.02 (796 Chamberlain Avenue) in the amount of \$3,944.66.

R-257-5/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal to Philip J. Giannuario, Esq., attorney for Crompton/Chemtura on Block 472.03, Lot 1 (Convery Boulevard) in the amount of \$4,976.33.

R-258-5/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal to Philip J. Giannuario, Esq., attorney for Crompton/Chemtura on Block 471, Lot 1 (1000 Convery Boulevard) in the amount of \$220,025.08.

R-259-5/14 Authorizing the refund of certificate of code compliance for property located at 92 Buckingham Avenue, Block 246, Lot 20 in the amount of \$120.00 to Arelis Pimentel

R-260-5/14 Authorizing the refund of street opening bond to Jar Plumbing for work at 632 Amboy Avenue, Block 324, Lots 20.02, 21 & 22 in the amount of \$2,000.00.

R-261-5/14 Authorizing the return of engineering inspection escrow fee to Dani Mejia for 710 Convery Boulevard, Block 316, Lot 25, Docket No. 2932 in the amount of \$1,080.00.

R-262-5/14 Authorizing release of performance guarantee in the amount of \$186,981.10 to Menpe Corporation for 450-452 Fayette Street and 482-484 Fayette Street, Docket No. PAZB-2906.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt Resolutions #254-5/14 - #262-5/14.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolutions were adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick, and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-263-5/14 Certifying to the Middlesex County Board of Taxation a Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$23,987,952.00 for the 2014-2015 Perth Amboy School District Budget – General Fund.

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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-264-5/14 Authorizing the submission of an application to the NJDOT for the Local Technical Assistance Program to provide planning services to municipalities related to bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-265-5/14 Authorizing the proper City Officials to apply for the 2014 Port Security Grant Program offered by the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be used for sustaining the Marine III Police Boat.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-266-5/14 Authorizing a contract with Day Chevrolet for the purchase of three (3) 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV 4x4 vehicles under State Contract No. A82926 in an amount not to exceed \$100,836.03 for the police department.

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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-267-5/14 Authorizing a contract with East Coast Emergency Lighting for the purchase and installation of three sets of emergency lighting and equipment in three new police vehicles under State Contract No. A81327 in an amount not to exceed \$18,847.52.

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-268-5/14 Authorizing a contract with East Coast Emergency Lighting for the purchase and installation of two sets of emergency lighting and equipment in two new police vehicles (Dodge Rams) under State Contract No. A81327, in an amount not to exceed \$9,006.36.

Motion was made by Council Member Nanton, 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-269-5/14 Authorizing a contract with L-3 Mobile Vision for the purchase of one Flashback 3 Digital Video System and one V-One Mobile Data Computer under State Contract No. A81311, in an amount not to exceed \$9,472.05 for the police department.

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-270-5/14 Extending the contract with Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. to represent the City in litigation involving the construction of the public safety complex in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-271-5/14 Accepting the bid and awarding a contract to Lucas Construction Group, Inc. for the water main replacement project of four inch main - Davidson Avenue in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$144,570.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-272-5/14 Accepting the bid and authorizing a contract with Raritan Bay Medical Center to provide basic life support services within the City of Perth Amboy and to lease office and garage space.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-273-5/14 Accepting the bid and authorizing a contract with Karson Food Services, Inc. for the State of New Jersey 2014 Summer Food Service Program in an amount not to exceed \$183,314.16 (95,976 lunches @ \$1.91 per lunch for 43 days).

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-274-5/14 Rescinding R-230-5/14 to correct the source of funding and re-authorize a contract with SHI for the purchase of Spatial Data Logic under NJ Software State Contract No. 77560 in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-275-5/14 Authorizing the insertion of revenue in the CY 2014 Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) for a NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$330,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-276-5/14 Authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Feist Engineering for design engineering, specifications, bid documents and construction inspection for the 2014 Capital Road Projects in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-277-5/14 Authorizing purchase of equipment from Dell Computers under various state contracts for one Power-Edge R720 server and SQL software for 25 licenses in an amount not to exceed \$13,778.86.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-278-5/14 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Cris Rosenvinge for unpaid water and sewer on Block 115, Lot 7, 309 Watson Avenue.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-279-5/14 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Hipolito Inoa for unpaid water and sewer on Block 213, Lot 17, 524 Penn Street.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-280-5/14 Authorizing the renewal of the 2013-2014 Plenary Retail Consumption License #1216-33-104-003, held in the name of Santo Domingo Invita Inc., t/a Santo Domingo Invita, 223 Market St.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-281-5/14 Authorizing the submission of an application to the NJDEP for a Municipal Public Access Planning Grant.

Motion was made by Council Member Nanton, 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, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay--none. Absent--none.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Copy of NJDEP Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form – Soil for the Robert N. Wilentz Elementary School Site (former McWilliam Stadium) at 51 First Street has been received. (5/8/14)
2. NJDEP advising that Green Acres will accept applications for funding to acquire or develop land for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes until July 31, 2014. Applications can be found in the *What's New* section at www.NJ.GreenAcres.org. (5/12/14)
3. JM Sorge, Inc. submitted a copy of NJDEP Classification Exception Area/Well Restriction Area Fact Sheet Form for 500 Market Associates LLC Site at 500 Market Street, Block 88, Lot 2, 2.02, 2.03. (5/12/14)
4. Copy of NJDEP Receptor Evaluation Form for 500 Market Street Associates LLC site at 500 Market Street has been received. (5/12/14)
5. NJDOT advising that the City has been selected to receive funding from the NJDOT's Fiscal Year 2014 Municipal Aid Program for Municipal Aid Road Improvements at Jeffries Street, Broad Street and Elm Street in the amount of \$330,000.00. (5/12/14)
6. Peak Environmental Inc. submitted a copy of NJDEP Receptor Evaluation Form for Ted's Service Station at 662 Penn Street. (5/13/14)
7. Peak Environmental Inc. submitted a copy of NJDEP Receptor Evaluation Form for J V Auto Repairs at 284 Market Street. (5/13/14)
8. Middlesex County Freeholder Clerk submitted a certified copy of a Resolution adopted on April 24, 2014 authorizing the sale of roadway improvements along CR-654, Mauer Road in the City of Perth Amboy to Buckeye Perth Amboy Terminal LLC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13. (5/13/14)

9. NJDEP advising that the Dept. will reimburse up to \$1,000.00 to a municipality toward their purchase of radon test devices. Funds are limited and applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. (5/15/14)
10. Copy of Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Private Sale of Surplus Property by the County of Monmouth in the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex known as 1231 Hoffman Station Road and described as Block 32, Lot 1.10 has been received. (5/16/14)
11. Mayor Wilda Diaz advising that Kevin Savoia has been appointed to the position of Special II Police Officer effective June 1, 2014. (5/19/14)
12. Mayor Wilda Diaz advising that Kenneth Puccio has been appointed to the position of Special II Police Officer effective June 1, 2014. (5/19/14)
13. Chief Benjamin Ruiz congratulating Detective Sandra Rivera on being nominated by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office to receive a Meritorious Service Award from the New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement. (5/21/14)
14. Chief Benjamin Ruiz congratulating Detective Mohamed Mohamed on being selected by the New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association as the recipient for the NJNEOA Individual Narcotics Law Enforcement Award for 2014. (5/21/14)
15. Chief Benjamin Ruiz congratulating the following members of the Special Investigation Bureau for being selected by the New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association as the recipient for the NJNEOA Unit Narcotics Law Enforcement Award for 2014: (5/21/14)

Sgt. Carmelo Jimenez, Jr.
Det. Mohamed Mohamed

Det. Mabner Terron
Det. David Guzman

Council Member Gonzalez: Congrats to all the officers in communications 13, 14, and 15.

16. Comcast advising of channel changes. (5/16/14)

- 17. NJDEP submitted a copy of a new release advising that the Christie Administration has announced more than \$17 million in Clean Communities Grants for Municipalities and Counties. (5/21/14)**

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

R-251-5/14 Authorizing a Closed Session at the Caucus Meeting of May 28, 2014 to discuss the following:

- 1.** Closed Session Minutes Review
- 2.** Public Safety Complex Litigation
- 3.** Landings Litigation
- 4.** Potential Litigation

RESOLUTION #251-5/14 WAS ADOPTED AT THE CAUCUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 28, 2014 AT 4:30 PM

**PUBLIC PORTION
(5 MINUTES MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)**

Adrienne Benberry, 846 Harbortown Blvd.: We are looking for the Council to assist us in retaining our Pastor Jose Santiago at the Salvation Army. He has done so much for the community. People are coming into the church. He is here now. It is his time. It needs to be managed the right way. There has been a 200% increase in membership in one year. We were told he is being moved because he is not married. Our pastor is bilingual and his services are bilingual. That is amazing. He moves the church and embraces the diversity and brings everyone together. We are located at 433 State St. and we welcome everyone.

Amber Rivera, 709 Holly Dr.: Lt. Santiago has brought many youth activities to the church. He is awesome with the children. We are known as his family. He believes in us and gives us a chance.

Nilda Vasquez, 16 Koster Blvd., Edison, NJ: I am asking for your assistance in having our pastor remain here. Young people and children are coming back to the church because of him. He has done a lot for the community. He has helped us to learn much about the Lord. We need a person like him in our church. The church is continuing to grow. We are appreciative in any help you can give us. It is an injustice in taking him away from here.

Antonio Ferrao, 48 West Pond Rd., Woodbridge: Our pastor, Jose Santiago, is beloved. We were told that the pastor would be here for 5 years. The church started to grow under Lt. Santiago. The children love him. If you can help us to retain him we would be very appreciative.

Council Member Petrick: Where would we send a letter of support?

Adrienne Benberry: We can provide the info to you before we leave here this evening.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: The Police Chief used an Internal Affairs officer for a social event which generated overtime for the officer. The IA officer could have said "no". We should be able to get the info on the overtime and monies spent on that trip.

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: Does the Mayor support the broadcast of board meetings back on local access television? A legal opinion was provided to BID members by the Chair but the member had to sign a waiver.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: We have not had police accreditation since 2012. There is a question about the Mayor's comments about our overall debt reduction. At the BID meeting there was a discussion about the cost for the flowers that were put in the planters on Smith St. People were not happy with the quality but paid the bill because a contract was in place.

Greg Fehrenbach: Superstorm Sandy created 3 bond ordinances which resulted in additional debt for the City. That is why there is a discrepancy in the debt reduction numbers.

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: 6 years ago the City voted for a change. I am still waiting for the change. There is an election coming up. We need true leaders. We need a Dominican Councilman. The Dominicans don't like the Mayor's choice of Sergio Diaz.

John Siberry, 432 Barclay St.: The only change with this Mayor is her change of clothing.

Jane Herron, 519 Groom St.: I am concerned about the traffic in my neighborhood. I just want the law that is on the books to be enforced. I want to know what will be done about the situation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Petrick: We should have a letter or resolution commending Luis Perez-Jimenez of USA-PA for the design work he does on water/wastewater projects, thereby saving the City money.

Mark Blunda: The Mayor can send a letter on behalf of the Salvation Army's Pastor. The Council can pass a resolution of support.

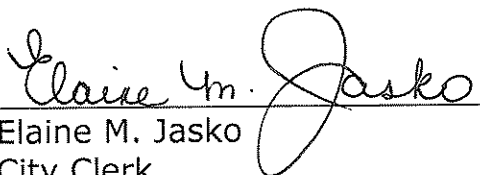
Council Member Gonzalez: A letter of support should be sent to the congregation. I will outline a letter and forward it to Mr. Fehrenbach so we can send it to whomever we need to send it to.

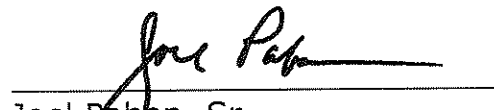
Council Member Nanton: There are several Girl Scout Troops that I would like to thank for helping the Garden Club plantings. My facebook page was hacked, so please be aware that I am not asking for any money.

Council Member Gonzalez: The Memorial Day Parade this year was the best parade ever. The parade organizers did a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.


Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk


Joel Pabon, Sr.
Council President

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