

**MINUTES  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY  
MAY 14, 2014  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, May 14, 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 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 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.

## 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-222**

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: Does the County support these two bills? Maybe there will be less politics if it goes to the County. What is the reason for this?

Greg Fehrenbach: The League is opposed to these two bills. They want to wait to see the results of the two pilot counties that are currently trying this out.

### **R-226**

Stan Sierakowski: Was an appraisal made 2 years ago and what was the amount? The lot was used as a parking lot for years. Did we collect any rent? It's still being used as a parking lot. Why aren't we collecting rent?

Greg Fehrenbach: There was an initial interest in the property a while ago. We sent out a standard letter regarding the property. The party was not interested in paying the amount we were seeking. We did not make determinations on the 100 x 100 lot to fence it or restrict activity or create a problem for surrounding businesses by not allowing them to use it. We did not have funds to prepare it as a rental lot. We once again received a statement of interest and sent out another letter. We asked the parties what would be the maximum amount they would be willing to pay for this property. Based on the Assessor's sales numbers, the maximum amount to be offered was competitive in that particular market. We are seeking authorization from the Council to sell the property. We will be seeking sealed bids for the property. The property has 2 interested parties. We have set a minimum price. We want to turn it into a taxable piece of property.

### **R-223**

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: I want to commend the Clerk's office for the work they do. They are very helpful and competent.

### **R-244**

Alan Silber: The new BA should be kept in the loop on what is going on in the City, especially with such items as the police boat.

Council President Pabon: Do we have a policy for the use of the vessel?

Greg Fehrenbach: It's a regional task force vessel that works the bodies of water in the area. The need is determined by the Police Dept.

**R-223**

Fernando Gonzalez, 129 High St.: I want to commend Elaine and her staff in the Clerk's Office for the work they do.

**R-244**

Fernando Gonzalez: I welcome Ms. Barrick to the City of Perth Amboy.

Greg Fehrenbach: Ms. Barrick will start as the Business Administrator of July 1 and her waiver is until Sept. 30th.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**April 7, 2014 - Closed**  
**April 21, 2014 - Closed**  
**April 25, 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**

**Bids were received on May 6, 2014 for the following:**

- 1. Dome Top Litter Style Containers**
  - a. Jedstock \$163,800.00\*
  - b. Otto Environmental \$171,334.80
- 2. Universal Container Style Units (95 & 65 gallon containers)**
  - a. Cascade Engineering, Inc. \$138,136.00\*
  - b. IPL, Inc. \$145,579.00
  - c. Otto Environmental \$156,045.00

**(\*) Recommendation of Award**

**SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT**

**Comité Patriótico Cultural Puertorriqueño**  
**323 Maple Street**  
**PMB 132**  
**Occasion: Festival**  
**Dates: June 6, 2014 - 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**June 7, 2014 - 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

**June 8, 2014 – 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**Location: Rudyk Park**

**United Dominicans of Perth Amboy**  
**950 Florida Grove Road**  
**Occasion: Festival**  
**Dates: August 15, 2014 – 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm**  
**August 16, 2014 – 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm**  
**August 17, 2014 – 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**Location: Municipal Parking Lot**  
**(Next to Wilentz School Field)**

**Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption**  
**684 Alta Vista Pl.**  
**Occasion: Cultural Festival**  
**Dates: June 22, 2014 – 12:00 noon – 8:00 pm**  
**Location: Ukrainian Catholic Church of the**  
**Assumption School, 380 Meredith St. (Meredith**  
**& Jacques Sts.)**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to authorize the applications 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. Check Register Report for the month of April 2014 in the total amount of \$10,573,572.77.**  
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- 2. Perth Amboy Police Department – Shelter/Pound annual report for CY 2012 and CY 2013.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to accept report #1 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. 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, 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 May 28, 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.

**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 AN 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, and seconded by Council Member Nanton 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 May 28, 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.

**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 Nanton, and seconded by Council Member Petrick 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 May 28, 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.

**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, 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 May 28, 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.

**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.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Nanton 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 May 28, 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.

**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, 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 May 28, 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-222-5/15 Opposing Senate Bill S-1801 and Assembly Bills A-2621 and A-2495, seeking to authorize County Government to create County Tax Assessment while abolishing Tax Assessment at a local municipal level.**

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-223-5/14 Recognizing May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup> as  
Municipal Clerk's Weeks.**

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-224-5/14 Approving special permit for public  
entertainment to Concerts by the Bay, Inc. for  
concerts to be held on Sundays from July 6, 2014 to  
August 31, 2014.**

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-225-5/14 Supporting the addition of five proposed  
bus stops by NJDOT and rescinding R-215-4/14.**

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-226-5/14 Authorizing the sale of City property not  
needed for public use known as Blk. 175, Lots 25 & 26  
commonly known as 457-459 New Brunswick Avenue  
on the tax maps.**

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-227-5/14 Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy Fire Department to submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the 2014 Port Security Grant Program.**

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-228-5/14 Authorizing a contract with Hertrich Fleet Services for the purchase of two 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4WD Crew Cab vehicles under State Contract No. A85438 (T2099), for the Police Dept., in the amount of \$45,508.00.**

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-229-5/14 Authorizing a contract with Stires Associates, PA, to replace Gallas Surveying Group for the surveying of various locations for the replacement of 4" water mains in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00 and to rescind R-87-2/14.**

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-230-5/14 Authorizing a contract with SHI for the purchase of spatial data logic under NJ Software State Contract No. 77560 in an amount not to exceed \$85,600.00.**

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

**R-231-5/14 Authorizing a contract with Skylands Area Fire Equipment for firefighter personal protection equipment under State Contract No. 80948, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.**

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-232-5/14 Authorizing a contract with Motorola Solutions c/o Pinnacle Wireless for the purchase of Motorola V Pagers for the Fire Dept., under State Contract No. A83909, in an amount not to exceed \$6,072.00.**

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-233-5/14 Supporting the use of a "No Passing Zone" on Route 184 in the City, as recommended by the NJDOT.**

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-234-5/14 Authorizing Stipulation of Settlement resolving the tax complaint filed by Jaime Morales for property located at 285 High Street, Block 56, Lot 12.**

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-235-5/14 Authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Feist Engineering for design engineering, specifications, bid documents and construction inspection for the basketball courts and park rehabilitation in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00.**

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-236-5/14 Authorizing a clothing bin royalty agreement with American Recycling Technologies (ART) for acceptance of recycled clothing.**

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-237-5/14 Accepting the American Industrial Supply Corp. donation of container for sailing vessels to be temporarily placed at the Second Street pump station parking lot.**

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

Council President asked for comments.

Greg Fehrenbach: Ken Ortiz recommended only one container.

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-238-5/14 Authorizing purchase of equipment from Dell Computers under State Contract No. WSCA/NASPO 70256 in an amount not to exceed \$36,077.40.**

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-239-5/14 Acknowledging and celebrating the many first accomplishments of the City of Perth Amboy.**

Mark Blunda: This should be tabled.

Council **removed** R-239 from the agenda by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-240-5/14 Accepting the bid and authorizing a contract with Jedstock in the amount of \$163,800.00 for dome top litter style containers.**

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-241-5/14 Accepting the bid and awarding a contract to Cascade Engineering, Inc. for universal container style units (95 & 65 gallon containers) in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$138,136.00.**

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, 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-242-5/14 Reauthorizing award of alterations and additions to the Perth Amboy Public Library to Performance Mechanical regarding FVHD Contract #4071C for proposed award of Alternate Bids #2 & #3 regarding acquisition and installation of chiller and fan coil unit in an amount not to exceed \$137,000.00 and authorizing change order No. one to the contract in the amount of \$20,400.00 and rescinding Resolution R-191-4/14.**

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-243-5/14 Authorizing change order No. two to the contract with Performance Mechanical Corp. for heating, ventilating and air conditioning work at the Perth Amboy Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$32,020.55 and rescinding Resolution R-119-2/14.**

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-244-5/14 Consenting to the appointment of Jillian C. Barrick as Business Administrator effective July 1, 2014 and temporarily waiving the residency requirement.**

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-245-5/14 Authorizing the proper city officials to apply for the "Click It or Ticket" grant in the amount of \$4,000.00.**

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-246-5/14 Authorizing the proper city officials to apply for a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 offered by the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety 2015 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement and Education Grant Program.**

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-247-5/14 Authorizing change order no. one to the contract with Earthworks Inc. for the Water Street embankment repair project in a net decrease of \$1,045.00.**

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-248-5/14 Authorizing the City to submit applications and enter into agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for 2014-2015 CDBG Funds and HOME Funds in the amount of \$835,024.00.**

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-249-5/14 Rescinding R-211-4/14 and authorizing a use and occupancy agreement with Easter Seals of New Jersey for office space in the Alexander Jankowski Community Center.**

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.

**LATE STARTER**  
**RESOLUTION**

**R-250-5/14 Authorizing a Closed Session at the May 14, 2014 Council Meeting to discuss the following:**

**1. Contract Negotiations**

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Petrick to place the above Resolution on the agenda as a late starter for consideration.

The above Resolution was placed on the agenda as a late starter 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 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. Abstain--none. Absent--none.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1. Chief Benjamin Ruiz congratulating Police Officers Andrew Hadjioannou and Pascal Medina on being nominated and recognized by the NJ Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for outstanding and distinguished service for DUI/DWI enforcement for the year 2013. (4/22/14)**
- 2. The Port Authority of NY & NJ advising that beginning May 1, 2014, service will be suspended for approximately 75 days in order to make critical system-wide repairs to AirTrain Newark at Newark Liberty International Airport. Substitute shuttle bus service will be provided between the airport and Newark Penn Station. (4/23/14)**

3. Woodbridge Township Clerk submitted a certified copy of a Resolution adopted on April 22, 2014 recognizing May 4 - 20, 2014 as Municipal Clerk's Week and recognizing the Municipal Clerk and his staff for providing outstanding services to the community. (4/23/14)
4. Chief Benjamin Ruiz advising that Sergeant William Tiedgen will receive a Valor Award from the 200 Club of Middlesex County for his actions in saving an individual from jumping off the Victory Bridge on April 6, 2013. (4/23/14)
5. NJDEP issued a news release encouraging the proper use of pesticides and fertilizers for spring maintenance of homes, lawns and gardens. (4/23/14)
6. Mayor Wilda Diaz appointing the following as Police Officers effective April 25, 2014: (4/23/14)  

Marino Feliz	Jessica L. Irizarry
Reymond Nolasco	Ricardo Rosado
7. Mayor Wilda Diaz appointing Jillian C. Barrick as Business Administrator, effective July 1, 2014. (4/28/14)
8. NJDEP submitted a copy of Classification Exception Area/Well Restriction Area Fact Sheet form for Perth Amboy Shell, Blk. 184, Lots 20, 22, 23, 24 & 25. (5/1/14)
9. LSRP Consulting submitted a copy of the NJDEP Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form – Soil for Nextrom, Inc., a/k/a Syncro Machine Company located at 611 Sayre Avenue. (5/1/14)
10. Sayreville Borough Clerk submitted a certified copy of an Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance to Create a General/Village Residential Zone District, adopted on April 28, 2014.
11. Sayreville Borough Clerk submitted a certified copy of an Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance to create an R-7B Infill Overlay Residential Zone District, adopted on April 28, 2014 (5/2/14)



12. Comcast advising of upcoming changes to the MultiLatino services starting May 20, 2014. (4/17/14)
13. Sovereign Consulting, Inc. submitted a copy of the NJDEP Updated Receptor Evaluation Form for the former Amoco Services Station site at 640 Amboy Avenue and Arnold Avenue. (5/5/14)
14. NJDEP submitted a copy of the Coastal General Permit #15, Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #4, Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit issued to Perth Amboy 1160, LLC, for the former ASARCO Facility site at 1160 State Street. (5/5/14)
15. South Jersey Resource Conservation & Development Council advising that its Team Habitat program will be expanding to include stormwater basin enhancements in 2014. (5/5/14)
16. Middlesex County Board of Taxation submitted a copy of its Meeting schedule for 2014-2015, approved at its reorganization meeting held on May 1, 2014. (5/5/14)
17. NJDEP submitted a copy of a news release regarding the Governors announcement that the State History Fair will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Washington Crossing State Park. (5/5/14)
18. Parsons submitted a copy of the NJDEP Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form – Soil for Chevron U.S.A., Inc., 1200 State Street. (5/6/14)
19. NJDEP submitted a copy of a news release regarding new “Don’t Waste Our Open Space” initiative to combat illegal dumping on state lands, yielding first enforcement actions. (5/6/14)
20. NJDEP submitted a copy of a news release regarding the announcement of the 2014 round of Green Acres Preservation Program Funding. (5/8/14)

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

John Siberry, 432 Barclay St., read a letter into the record questioning the ethics of Councilman Ken Gonzalez's potential immoral, unethical and perhaps illegal conduct in the use of a handicapped placard and for his representation of clients in real estate transactions under the "First Time Homebuyer" program.

Council Member Gonzalez to Mark Blunda, Esq.: I requested the Law Dept. to research the issue of citizens applying for grants and whether there would be a conflict for me to represent them in real estate transactions.

Mark Blunda, Esq.: A sitting councilman, who is an attorney and has no vote in the granting of funds for "First Time Homebuyers", has no conflict in doing real estate closings.

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: Mr. Blunda should not have given an opinion. This should have been referred to the Bar Ethics Committee. The City was issued the license to for a local access station. The Bd. of Ed. is only running it. Who decides what programs should be on the local access stations? The Council should determine what is on the cable station.

Jane Herron, 519 Groom St.: We live in a residential area. It is a light traffic street. We have a lot of trucks, ambulances and school buses coming down our street. We have a lot of speeding. There is no traffic enforcement on Groom & Neville Streets. There have been multiple accidents at the intersection of Groom, & Neville. I am asking for enforcement to be established in that area. There is a large pot-hole outside my window that also needs to be addressed.

Greg Fehrenbach: If that information can be provided to me in writing we will try to take care of the issues.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: You should include developers in the contractor ordinance. Councilman Irizarry voted for Chief Ruiz's raise, but he didn't vote for the increase for the young kids on the Police Dept. I'm still wondering why. We are an accredited police department. They should be above the law. Why are we negotiating with the Kushner people? They are criminals. All of these issues are ethical issues.

Fernando Gonzalez, 129 High St.: Three of our police officers are being honored for valor and should be acknowledged. Do we have 2 police boats and 1 fire boat now?

Greg Fehrenbach: Yes, we have a total of 3 boats.

Fernando Gonzalez: We should consider hiring additional firefighters to man the boat. You need to have a meeting with this community and expose what occurred in the Dixon Rodriguez shooting.

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: I still believe there was no investigation in the Dixon Rodriguez shooting. Did the crossing guard that was in the area ever get contacted regarding this shooting? The answer is "no". There was no fairness in the investigation. I don't believe the City has a Grade-A rating.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: The Prosecutor was biased in his investigation of the Dixon Rodriguez shooting. I hope we are doing a review so that we don't have problems like this in the future. The City Council has equal opportunity to place meetings on the local access channel. The Council should place a resolution on the agenda and vote on whether to show meetings. We need to know why Mr. Irizarry voted on one salary ordinance and not on another salary ordinance. The April 23, 2014 Council Meeting was never shown on the local access cable channel.

Greg Fehrenbach: I'll look into it.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

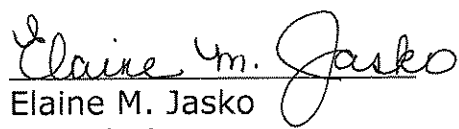
Council Member Nanton: There will be a Fado-Tango project in June. It is being sponsored by the Recreation Dept. The Barge Restaurant is having a ribbon cutting for their patio on Saturday afternoon.

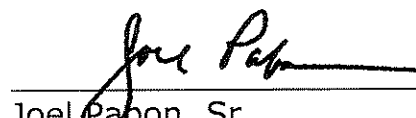
Council Member Petrick: Not all the fire hydrants are being flushed every year.

Greg Fehrenbach: I'll look into it.

#### 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 8:30 pm, 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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