

**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
DECEMBER 9, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 7:00 pm.

Presiding Officer of the Council, Lisa Nanton wishes to advise 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 Lisa 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.

Moment of Silence for the passing of Perth Amboy resident, retired Superior Court Judge Joseph Deegan.

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: Peter Pelissier, Interim Business Administrator, Arlene Quinones Perez, 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 "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS" (ORDINANCE NO. 380-85 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED JULY 2, 1985 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 255A ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

Re: Additions and Deletions

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

Re: Management & Non Union - January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2018

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

Council President asked for comments.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: Which employees received more than the 1.75% increase? The new BA is making more money than the previous BA. The new BA has only been here for a couple of months and has already received paid vacation days off. I tried to get this info under OPRA, and my request was denied. Who changed the salary code for the BA?

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 Irizarry to adopt the Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--Council Member Gonzalez.

3. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT OF THE FOCUS 2000 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA 1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW.

Re: Minimum 1 Side Yard (feet) SI-A amended to 50 feet

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

AGENDA

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

R-559

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: We, the citizens, are subsidizing the YMCA. Tell the public that this is occurring. Why should that be happening? Our Recreation Dept. should take over the YMCA programs. The contract should be broken with the YMCA. Have we received any audit from them recently? Have they turned the Jefferson St. property back to the City?

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: The public safety complex building never went out for bid. This was built for one entity only--the YMCA. They owe us over \$1million. The City maintains the YMCA, but they don't share with the City what they take in. There should be a running tally on what they owe to the City.

R-567

Sharon Hubberman, 529 Cornell St.: What is this about? What components are being changed or added? Is there an addendum to the resolution that describes the changes in more detail?

Council Member Petrick: A Master Plan is required by State Law. We have been working on this for over 5 years. It is an ever changing document. This addresses the parks in the City. This would allow us to get additional grants. The last Master Plan was adopted under the previous administration. There will be a continuation of the review of the Master Plan even after it is adopted.

Council Member Gonzalez: I have not had a chance to read this. Mr. Petrick has a personal interest in this and he might have to abstain from the vote. We should have a public hearing on this matter because it affects the entire City.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: The Historic Preservation Commission would have liked to have seen this document before the Council adopted this. It needs further discussion.

R-550

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: Where did the term "involuntary disability" come from? What were his duties and why is he being exited out?

Arlene Q. Perez: Civil Service approved this term. The Administration and the Police Officer are in favor of this.

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: The officer is being forced out with benefits.

R-559

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: At Monday's Caucus Meeting, Ms. Goldy, the CFO, should have provided the earlier totals of the expenses for the YMCA for prior years (3 or 4 years ago). She was disingenuous at the Caucus Meeting on Monday.

R-562

Billy DelGado, 216 Kearny Ave.: I am happy that we will be upgrading the pay stations. This matter should be given the highest priority. Our equipment is outdated. It has outlived its usefulness. This is long overdue.

MINUTES

November 9, 2015 – Closed Session

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November 23, 2015 – Closed Session

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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. Abstain--None.

BIDS

Bids were received on November 24, 2015 for the following:

1. **Bayview Park Reconstruction Project**
 - a. **A-Tech Concrete Co.** **\$1,717,950.00**
 - b. **Applied Landscape Technologies** **\$1,515,425.00**
 - c. **Assuncao Brothers, Inc.** **No Bid**
 - d. **Berto Construction, Inc.** **\$3,487,500.00**
 - e. **CMS Construction** **\$1,411,600.00**
 - f. **Helios Construction, Inc.** **\$1,352,700.00***
 - Furniture** **\$ 40,000.00#**
 - g. **JC Landscape Construction & Management Co., Inc.** **No Bid**
 - h. **Persistent Construction Co.** **No Bid**
 - i. **SHD Construction** **No Bid**
 - j. **Tricon Enterprises** **No Bid**
 - k. **Zenith Construction Services, Inc.** **No Bid**

(*) Recommendation of Bid Award.

(#) \$40,000.00 will be added to the low bidder for Landscape Furniture which was noted as an alternative in the Bid Package if it came in with the budget.

REPORTS

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

- 1. Check register report for the month of November 2015 in the total amount of \$5,901,382.98.**

- 2. Center State Engineering – Master Plan Reexamination Report.**

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

ORDINANCES (FIRST READING) No PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- 1. 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: Loading Zones

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 January 13, 2016 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. Absent--None.

- 2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "WATER" (ORDINANCE NO. 270-81 AND AMENDMENTS ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1981,) ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPER 418 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

Re: Water meters

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 January 13, 2016 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. Absent--None.

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda - R-536-12/15 - R-567-12/15 with the exception of R-537-12/15; R-543-12/15; R-562-12/15; and R-567-12/15.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt Resolutions #536-12/15 thru #567-12/15 with the exception of Resolutions R-537-12/15; R-543-12/15; R-562-12/15; and R-567-12/15.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Resolutions #536-12/15 - #567-12/15, with the exception of Resolutions R-537-12/15; R-543-12/15; R-562-12/15; and R-567-12/15, were adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--None.

R-536-12/15 Authorizing the 2015-2016 Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1216-33-038-009 held in the name of Z&G Associates, LLC, t/a Las Palmeras Restaurant Bar & Lounge at 266-270 Madison Avenue, effective December 10, 2015.

R-537-12/15 Appointing William Petrick to the Perth Amboy Planning Board for a one year term expiring December 31, 2016.

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

R-538-12/15 Authorizing the Temporary Budget for Municipal Debt Service for CY 2016 in the amount of \$21,129,189.96.

R-539-12/15 Authorizing the CY 2016 Cash Management Plan of the City of Perth Amboy.

R-540-12/15 Approving transfer of CY 2015 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$295,000.00.

R-541-12/15 Authorizing a refund to Faustino Dominguez for denial of a handicapped parking application in the amount of \$100.00.

R-542-12/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayments created by tax appeal on Block 126, Lot 21.01 (164 New Brunswick Avenue) to Brach Eichler LLC and Moorehouse Palma Partnership in the amount of \$7,622.50.

R-543-12/15 Accepting the bid and authorizing a contract with Helios Construction, Inc. for the Bayview Park Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,392,700.00.

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. Absent--None.

R-544-12/15 Authorizing a contract with Winner Ford for the purchase of a 2015 Ford Transit Connect XL Van for the use of Green and Clean Initiative under State Contract No. A83173 in an amount not to exceed \$22,417.50 for the Department of Public Works.

R-545-12/15 Awarding a contract for rock salt to Morton Salt Co. under State Contract No. 4021 in an amount not to exceed \$37,000.00.

R-546-12/15 Awarding a contract for diesel fuel to National Fuel Oil Company in accordance with the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

R-547-12/15 Awarding a contract for unleaded gasoline to Allied Oil Co., in accordance with the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing Agreement in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$325,000.00.

R-548-12/15 Authorizing a three (3) year contract with Unifirst Manufacturing Corporation for uniform rental and cleaning service for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$40,000.00 per year and rescinding R-491-11/15.

R-549-12/15 Authorizing a contract with Simplex Grinnel for fire alarm sprinkler system preventive maintenance, testing, inspections and repairs at the public safety complex community center from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00.

R-550-12/15 Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy to process an involuntary disability retirement application for a police department employee.

R-551-12/15 Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy Fire Department to submit an application to the Department of Homeland Security (FEMA) for the 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

R-552-12/15 Accepting the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

R-553-12/15 Authorizing change order no. 4 to the contract with Ecolsciences, Inc. for professional environmental engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$41,408.00.

R-554-12/15 Authorizing submission of an application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Brownfield Cleanup Grant.

R-555-12/15 Awarding a contract for rock salt to Atlantic Salt Co. in accordance with the Middlesex County Cooperative Pricing Agreement in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$75,000.00.

R-556-12/15 Authorizing a service contract with Automated Logic for maintenance of the Automated Logic WebCTRL System for HVAC at the municipal court and recreation areas of the public safety complex for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$18,788.00.

R-557-12/15 Authorizing a service contract with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation for preventive maintenance and service of the elevators at the public safety complex for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

R-558-12/15 Authorizing a contract with Aquatic Service for pool service from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.00.

R-559-12/15 Authorizing a contract with Automated Building Control for HVAC maintenance & repair services of City Buildings in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

R-560-12/15 Authorizing a contract with Ramas Climate and Refrigeration LLC for HVAC preventive maintenance for the public safety complex from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$18,800.00.

R-561-12/15 Authorizing a contract with Core Mechanical Inc. for the HVAC repairs and installation at the public safety complex under State Contract No. 15-X-23228 in total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

R-562-12/15 Authorizing a contract with Amano McGann Inc. for thirteen (13) Solar Parking Pay Stations in an amount not to exceed \$104,613.00.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Council Member Gonzalez: I asked for additional info and received it from the BA and the staff of the Parking Utility.

Peter Pelissier: The Parking Utility Manager and the vendor are here to offer info and answer questions the Council may have.

Chet Wilkolaski, Amano McGann Inc. - Provided an overview of the company's current service to the City and the proposed future service. He described how the solar power pay stations work. He indicated that there will be no issues with the battery that gets solar power. He indicated payments can be made via smartphone. However, this is done by a separate company. He advised that they will integrate with them to provide the service. That will be a separate contract. There is a one year warranty on the pay stations and they offer additional coverage thereafter at a cost.

Jeannette Rios, Parking Utility Manager: We will implement the payment by phone in the future.

Council Member Irizarry: I have a concern because this is a proprietary item. Is there any way to get around that?

Chet Wilkolaski: We are the largest parking meter company in the world.

Jeannette Rios: We've had great past experience with this company.

Council Member Irizarry: How long will it take us to make our money back on this expenditure?

Jeannette Rios: We will make the money back in 3 to 4 months.

Chet Wilkolaski: Several towns in NJ use these meters.

Council Member Pabon: What type of access do our technicians have for parts and how many technicians do we have?

Chet Wilkolaski: We would deliver the parts the same day or the next day.

Jeannette Rios: We have two technicians.

Council Member Petrick: Is there any salvage value for the present equipment?

Chet Wilkolaski: None. We will set the pay stations up in both English and Spanish.

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

R-563-12/15 Authorizing a contract with First Community Development Corporation of NJ, Inc. for custodial services at the Jankowski Community Center, Department of Public Works, Perth Amboy Fire Headquarters, City Hall and Municipal Court for a one year period commencing on January 1, 2016 and terminating on December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$96,908.00.

R-564-12/15 Authorizing settlement of the workers compensation litigation entitled Gilberto Velez v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2012-216376 for the amount of \$17,775.00.

R-565-12/15 Authorizing a professional services contract with Crane Associates for the Front Street station-replacement/relocation of two variable frequency drives in an amount not to exceed \$42,300.00.

R-566-12/15 Authorizing an agreement with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation Americorps Program in an amount not to exceed \$3,670.00 per year.

R-567-12/15 Adopting the City of Perth Amboy Master Plan Reexamination.

Motion by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pabon, to postpone the vote on the resolution until the next meeting and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--None. Absent--None.

Council Member Gonzalez: We should consider having a special meeting to discuss this further and to offer time for the public to speak on this.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP submitted a copy of the Motion for Extension of Temporary Immunity and Cases Management Order in the Matter of the Application of the Township of Bethlehem (Mount Laurel Matter) filed with the Superior Court of New Jersey, Somerset County Courthouse. (11/9/15)**

2. **US Army Corps of Engineers advising that Optical Communications Group has submitted an application for a Dept. of the Army Permit for the installation of submarine duct/cable in the Arthur Kill. (11/9/15)**
3. **NJDEP issued a News Release concerning the awarding of \$1.75 million in grants for 5 Water Quality Improvement Project. (11/20/15)**
4. **Maser Consultants advising that Sayreville Seaport Associates Urban Renewal, LP is applying for a NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Permit for property in Sayreville. (11/23/15)**
5. **Maser Consultants advising that Sayreville Seaport Associates Urban Renewal, LP is applying for a NJDEP Waterfront Development and Coastal Wetlands Permit for property located in Sayreville. (11/23/15)**
6. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the Waterfront Development Permit/Water Quality Certificate/Acceptable Use Determination issued to Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals for Maintenance Dredging on Blocks 354 & 355, Lots 1 & 1. (11/24/15)**
7. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the Waterfront Development Permit/Water Quality Certificate/Acceptable Use Determination issued to Buckeye Perth Amboy Terminal LLC for Maintenance Dredging on Blocks 481 & 484, Lots 1 & 1.01. (11/24/15)**
8. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the Soil Remediation Action Permit issued to Federal Hill Condominium Association, Inc. a/k/a Glasgow & Sons Inc. for the Federal Hill at Perth Amboy COA site at 382 Fayette Street. (11/25/15)**
9. **Garden State Environmental submitted a copy of the Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form for Soil for Federal Hill at Perth Amboy, Block 111, Lots 1-4. (11/30/15)**
10. **Neighbors of Hall Avenue advising that the Chinese Restaurant at 228 Hall Avenue is selling cigarette packs and single cigarettes to children who are under age. (12/2/15)**

11. **Freehold Soil Conservation District advising that the initial review of the plans submitted for the Bayview Park Reconstruction are incomplete and listed the items that must be addressed in order for the application to be complete. (12/2/15)**
12. **Maria J. Rivera of the Office of Business Administration advising that the matter of the Restaurant on Hall Avenue selling cigarettes to children has been referred to the Perth Amboy Police Department and the Middlesex County Department of Consumer Affairs. (12/2/15)**
13. **NJDEP advising that no further action is necessary for the remediation of one 550 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 140 Market Street, Blk. 58, Lot 5. (12/3/15)**

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

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: What is the status of my OPRA request for the RFP's for legal services? If I am denied the documents, I can go to the GRC or the Superior Court to appeal my case.

Arlene Q. Perez: The response is due on December 11. RFP's are opened in the public eye. Everyone is welcome to be present when they get opened.

Nelvi Caba, 84 Washington St.: I complain about the Police Dept. and no one does anything and nobody calls me back. My vans get damaged due to vandalism. I am removing my vans from the City's parking lot because of all the damage that was occurring there. I lost a lot of money in that parking lot. Jeannette Rios is not returning my money for the rent I paid, after I removed my vans.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: There was no bid on the parking meters. The Attorney and BA should not be texting during the meeting. I submit OPRA's and they are not being filled. Everyone is lying here. Civil Service Rules have been violated.

Susan Batista, 1074 Truxton Dr.: Ms. Perez is in contempt of Court in my case. She did not show up for my hearing yesterday. How much has been spent by the City on my case already? This case could have been settled.

Arlene Q. Perez: I was not obligated to be at the hearing. The city is being represented by the DeCotiis firm in the Batista matter.

Sharon Hubberman, 529 Cornell St.: There's a live electrical box near the water on Water St. Who authorized the installation of the box there? Please look into that matter. An election cycle is coming up in 2016. We are a non-partisan town. I encourage an ordinance/resolution that will penalize any person that does not respect the law with regard to elections.

Council President Nanton: That box is being moved. Please provide me with any election material that shows that election laws were violated in the past.

Sharon Hubberman: I will do that.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: Having council meetings every week gives people time to review information and be more informed. That might be the way to go. You also may want to consider meetings on Mondays and Thursdays of the same week, instead of Monday and Wednesday.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: Closed Session resolutions should be more specific as to why the Council is going into Closed Session. The City has been brought to Court in the past. You need to be more specific than just listing the word "litigation" in the resolution.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/LAW DIRECTOR/MAYOR COMMENTS

Arlene Q. Perez: We will list out litigation matters going forward for Closed Session. I just want to reinforce that the DeCotiis law firm is a very reputable firm that represents many municipalities in the State.

Peter Pelissier: The Christmas Tree Lighting was one of the best ever. The Adler Building on outer High St. is being subdivided into 2 businesses and will increase revenues and jobs. The Bd. of Education is not understanding the urgency of the connector road. Any help from the Council will be appreciated. We have received several applications for the BA position. We will be reviewing them and sending out questionnaires. The CFO was called disingenuous this evening. She is a hard worker and saves the City much money as a result of her diligence.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Gonzalez: The smell from the chicken place on Amboy Ave. has gotten worse. Please have their permits removed. There's a problem with the dumpsters at the Harbortown property. Those dumpsters should be moved to the back of the property. They use private haulers but the City reimburses them for garbage collection. When will we get a summary of legal cases from the Law Dept.?

Arlene Q. Perez: I submitted a report last month. The only thing you haven't received is the Worker's Comp cases.

Council Member Gonzalez: Some locations have driveway curb cuts with no actual driveway. People are getting ticketed for parking there. How is that handled?

Larry Cattano, Deputy Police Chief: Get me the specific addresses and I will look into it. If anyone has received a ticket they should go to court and fight it.

Council Member Gonzalez: I thank Annie Hindenlang for the report on the connector road.

Council Member Irizarry: I wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Council Member Pabon to Arlene Q. Perez: Please send a letter to the Bd. of Ed. asking what it is that they are looking for with regard to the connector road.

Arlene Q. Perez: I will send it out.

Council Member Pabon: This is not the first time we have been addressed about the garbage issue at Harbortown. We need to follow up on things. We also need to follow up on the chicken place on Amboy Ave. The Christmas Parade was wonderful. Please go take a tour at the Proprietary House. They are decorating it and it looks beautiful.

Council Member Petrick: Please look into the fire lane at Harbortown.

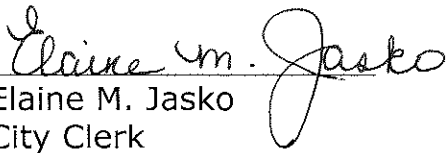
Larry Cattano: We can't enforce traffic violations at Harbortown. They haven't relinquished Title 39. Maybe we can enforce it under fire codes.

Council Member Petrick: We have a Chanukah celebration tomorrow at 6pm at City Hall. Everyone is invited.

Council President Nanton: Perth Amboy is the most beautiful City at Christmastime. There are house tours on December 13 and the St. Peter's Concert is also on December 13. It is open to the public and I invite everyone.

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 9:35 pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--None. Absent--None.


Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk


Lisa Nanton
Council President

