



**MINUTES**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE**  
**CITY OF PERTH AMBOY**  
**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**  
**APRIL 30, 2015**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Special Public Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Thursday, April 30, 2014, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 4:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council, Lisa Nanton, advised the audience that a Special Public Meeting is being held on April 30, 2015 at 4:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy. The notice of this meeting has been filed with the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger and posted on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website.

Council President Nanton: At this time, as a courtesy to the Governing Body, I would ask all individuals present, including members of the audience, to please turn off all cell phones, pagers 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.

The sole purpose of this meeting is to hold the public hearing on the 2015 Budget Amendments and possible adoption of the 2015 Budget as amended.

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

Also present at this meeting were: Jillian C. Barrick, Business Administrator, Jill Goldy, CFO 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.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **Public Hearing on the Amendments to the CY 2015 Budget (R-166-4/15)**

#### **1. Open Public Hearing**

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

Council President asked for comments.

Karen Kubulak, 654 Penn St.: The Planning Board has asked for funding to continue the re-examination of the Master Plan. The administration advised that the Master Plan will be addressed by the Office of Economic Development. The entire redevelopment plan will also be addressed by that office. I don't know if the \$7000 that was inserted into the budget will cover part of the work for the re-examination of the Master Plan (engineering and attorney fees). Are there other funds included in the budget that address the Master Plan? I don't have a ballpark figure for the entire cost of the Master Plan.

Jillian Barrick: Many of the elements have been grant funded and that is how the work was started on the Master Plan.

Council Member Petrick: How much of the document has to be reviewed by the Planning Board?

Jillian Barrick: All of it.

Council Member Petrick: Have the monies for the review been put in the budget?

Jillian Barrick: Some monies are in the budget and some of the work has been funded by the grants.

Council Member Petrick: The Master Plan Committee has not seen some of the work.

Council Member Pabon: All of the professionals will be putting the work product together and presenting one document. It probably will be either October or November before they finalize it.

Karen Kubulak: A steering committee was established to discuss the Master Plan. The city engineer is getting paid to review the Master Plan.

Council Member Pabon: There are several groups that are getting together to discuss this document

Council Member Irizarry to Karen Kubulak: What are you proposing?

Karen Kubulak: I am not proposing anything. I just want to make sure that there is adequate funding available. \$7000 is not enough.

Jillian Barrick to Karen Kubulak: The administration is not here to cut out the Planning Board. It is our intent to involve the Planning Board in every step. There is \$18,000 budgeted across various line items in the budget that deal with the Master Plan. We'll make sure the Planning Bd. has the money it needs.

Council Member Petrick: Is there a way to address this if we need additional funding in the future?

Jill Goldy: We can transfer funds in November, if needed.

Jillian Barrick: We will also continue going after grants.

## **2. Close Public Hearing**

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

### **R-185-4/15 Adopting the CY 2015 Budget, as amended.**

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

Council President asked for comments.

Council Member Petrick: I would like to amend the amendments by inserting the CY 2015 Budget Request, as requested by the City Clerk, which appears on Page 4 of the Personnel Summary printout.

Jillian Barrick: If you amend the budget again, you will not be able to adopt tonight. The amendment will have to be advertised. A public hearing will have to be held on the amendment and only then will you be able to adopt it.

Council Member Irizarry: I am not inclined to make any more amendments to the budget.

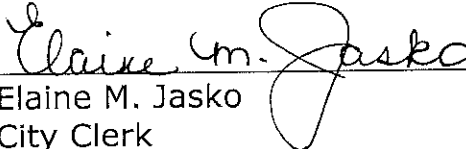
The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--none.


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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Pabon, seconded by Council Member Petrick to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--none.

  
Elaine M. Jasko  
City Clerk

  
Lisa Nanton  
Council President