

**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
FEBRUARY 25, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council, Lisa Nanton advised the audience that notice of this meeting has been filed with the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, The Amboy Guardian and posted on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website, indicating that today's meeting is being held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

Council President Nanton: At this time, as a courtesy to the Governing Body, I would ask all individuals present, including members of the audience, to please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Should you need to make a telephone call, please go out into the hallway and speak in a low voice so as not to disturb the ongoing meeting.

Invocation was given by Council Member Petrick who also led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Lisa Nanton called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Fernando Irizarry, Joel Pabon and William Petrick. Absent--Council Member Fernando Gonzalez (due to shoulder surgery).

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

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

1. **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "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 Zone – Portion of Park Avenue deleted

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

2. **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1647-2012 OF THE CODE OF PERTH AMBOY AMENDING AN AGREEMENT FOR A FIVE-YEAR TAX EXEMPTION/ABATEMENT FOR MENPE CORPORATION D/B/A TROPICAL CHEESE INDUSTRIES, INC.**

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

3. 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: Public Safety Telecommunicators - Amending Step IV 2012-2017

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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: PBA - Amending Step 10 - 2015

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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-94, 95, 96

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: Are these commercial properties?

Council Member Pabon: Yes.

BIDS

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: Why didn't we go with the lowest bidder?

Mark Blunda: There was a defect in the bid.

R-106

Ken Balut: What is this for?

Mark Blunda: This is to pay for the Master in the lawsuit. It's an all-inclusive lawsuit.

BIDS

- **Bids were received on January 22, 2015 for the following:**

1. Cleaning and Lining of Various Sewer Mains

a. Allstate Power Vac, Inc.	\$215,638.50*
b. Arold Construction Co., Inc.	\$238,552.50

- **Bids were received on January 22, 2015 for the following:**

1. Replacement of Various Catch Basins Project Contract No. 2014-2 NJDEP Project No. S340435-12

a. Rock Solid Construction, Inc.	\$257,302.00
b. Montana Construction Corp. Inc.	\$272,800.00*
c. B&W Const. Co. of NJ, Inc.	\$294,999.00

d. P&M Construction Corp.	\$326,555.00
e. John Garcia Const. Co., Inc.	\$339,310.00
f. Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc.	\$343,625.00

***Recommendation of Bid Award**

SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

**Blessed John Paul II Parish
490 State Street
Occasions: Dances
Date: April 11, 2015 - 12:00 pm to 1:00 am
April 12, 2015 - 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Location: Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Church
188 Wayne Street**

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

REPORTS

- 1. Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency – Audit Report for years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.**
- 2. Perth Amboy Business Improvement District, Inc. – Audit Report for year ended June 30, 2014.**
- 3. Perth Amboy Business Improvement District – Annual Report for 2014.**
- 4. Nancy A. Martin, Tax Collector – Monthly Cash Receipts 2014 Calendar Year Annual Report.**
- 5. Gary Muska, Purchasing Agent – Report of auction of surplus City vehicles held on January 8, 2015 by Alfred's Auctions, Inc.**
- 6. Jill A. Goldy, CFO/Comptroller – Annual Financial Statement for the year 2014.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to accept reports #1 through #6 and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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

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

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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

Re: Management – Non Union – 2008-2014

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

RESOLUTIONS

- R-88-2/15 Authorizing an agreement with the Perth Amboy Little League, Inc. for the organization and operation of a youth baseball and softball program in the City of Perth Amboy for the 2015 Baseball Season.**

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none.
Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-89-2/15 Authorizing emergency temporary appropriation to extend CY 2015 Temporary Budget in the amount of \$25,000.00.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-90-2/15 Authorizing release of performance bond guaranty in the amount of \$186,540.00 and release of engineering inspection escrow balance in the amount of \$1,067.00 to McDonald's Corporation for 633 New Brunswick Avenue, Block 187, Lots 17-28.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none.
Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-91-2/15 Authorizing release of professional review escrow fee to Clearwire Legacy/Sprint Corporation for 313 State Street, Block 126, Lot 14, Docket No. 2921 in the amount of \$1,471.00.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none.
Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-92-2/15 Directing the City Tax Collector to place a lien on 654 Cortland Street, Block 346, Lot 24, in the amount of \$669.36 for charges incurred by the Department of Public Works.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

Consent Agenda – R-93-2/15 to R-98-2/15

R-93-2/15 Authoring the refund of tax overpayments to Corelogic on various Blocks and Lots in the City in the total amount of \$13,386.30.

R-94-2/15 Authorizing the refund of overpayment created by tax appeal on Block 426, Lot 3.06, 985 High Street to 975 High Street, LLC in the amount of \$76,394.30.

R-95-2/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Block 399, Lot 1, 950 Convery Boulevard to Philip J. Giannuario, Esq., attorney for Morris Perth Amboy Associates, LLC in the amount of \$222,931.18.

R-96-2/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Block 469, Lot 1, 1051-1057 Amboy Avenue to Philip J. Giannuario, Esq. attorney for Morris Perth Amboy Associates, LLC in the amount of \$624,362.00.

R-97-2/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Block 101.04, Lot 25, 340 Convery Boulevard to Archer & Greiner, P.C., Trustee for Local One Realty Corp. in the amount of \$19,507.50.

R-98-2/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Block 101.04, Lot 25, 340 Convery Boulevard to Archer & Greiner, P.C. Trustee for Local One Realty Corp. in the amount of \$4,377.00 for tax year 2104.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt Resolutions #93-2/15 - #98-2/15.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-99-2/15 Authorizing a professional services contract with Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP for legal services in the matter of the estate of Dixon Rodriguez v. City of Perth Amboy et al in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-100-2/15 Authorizing a contract with CDM Smith to perform engineering services in connection with drawings, specifications and construction management services needed for capital improvements to the Second Street pumping station in accordance with prior authorizations from Federal Emergency Management Administration.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-101-2/15 Authorizing application for a loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program for the enhancements to the Second Street main pump station.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-102-2/15 Authorizing application for a loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program for the repaving of two parking lots in the City with porous pavement.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-103-2/15 Authorizing application for a loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program for the replacement of various four inch water mains throughout the City.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-104-2/15 Accepting a Post Sandy Planning Assistance Grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$50,000.00 under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding Program for a Circulation Element Update.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-105-2/15 Authorizing change order no.1 to the contract with MRC, Inc. for the purchase of two gazebos to be placed on High Street and Sadowski Parkway/Water Street and Columbus Park in an amount not to exceed \$3,065.00.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-106-2/15 Authorizing execution of an escrow agreement with the Landings at Harborside, LLC for its payment of certain of the City's litigation costs and professionals' fees pursuant to court order.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-107-2/15 Authorizing return of a demolition bond to Campo Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for demolition of a church located at 598 Jacques Street.

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

R-108-2/15 Authorizing purchase of Exchange Licensing, VM Ware Licensing and Server for email infrastructure upgrade from Dell Computers under State Contract No. 70256 WSCA/NASPO in an amount not to exceed \$49,685.68.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none.
Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-109-2/15 Authorizing a contract with Log Tech for asset management/recycling services.

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

R-110-2/15 Authorizing an emergency contract with J. Fletcher Creamer & Sons, Inc. for emergency repairs to the sewer transmission main from the MCUA meter station to the Woodbridge trunk sewer line in the amount of \$91,724.00.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-111-2/15 Accepting the bid and awarding a contract to Allstate Power Vac, Inc. for sewer main cleaning and lining regarding the following locations: Goodwin Street from Smith Street to Fayette Street; Park Avenue from New Brunswick Avenue to Broad Street and Hartford Street from Buckingham Avenue to dead end in an amount not to exceed \$215,638.50.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-112-2/15 Authorizing a contract with Stires Associate, P.A. to perform licensed surveyor services in connection with a water main extension on Convery Boulevard from Harding Avenue to South Park Drive in an amount not to exceed \$3,200.00.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-113-2/15 Authorizing a contract with Stires Associates, P.A. to perform licensed surveyor services in connection with the replacement of 4" water mains on Miller Street, Mechanic Street, Center Street, Market Street and Jefferson Street in an amount not to exceed \$11,200.00.

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

R-114-2/15 Authorizing refund of restoration bond and remainder of the solid waste disposal bond paid by United Dominicans of Perth Amboy (UDOPA) for the Dominican Festival in the amount of \$3,152.99.

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

R-115-2/15 Accepting the bid and authorizing a contract with Montana Construction Corp., Inc. for the replacement of various catch basin project contract No. 2014-2 NJDEP Project No. S340435-12 in an amount not to exceed \$272,800.00.

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 Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

LATE STARTER – RESOLUTION

R-116-2/15 Denying application for tax abatement for residential conversion by 595 New Brunswick Avenue, LLC. for 595 New Brunswick Avenue.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to place the above Resolution on the agenda as a late starter for consideration and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: What property is this and why were they denied?

JoAnn Jimenez, Tax Assessor: It's the former medical examiner's building. It went from commercial to residential.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **NJDEP submitted a Coastal Jurisdictional Determination to Seabra Brothers II for the proposed reconstruction of enclosed patio at Seabra's Restaurant located on Front Street which is within the CAFRA regulatory area in a non-qualifying municipality. (2/6/15)**
2. **Earth Systems submitted a copy of the NJDEP Initial Receptor Evaluation Form for the former Hess Corporation-First Reserve Terminal located at Smith Street and Convery Boulevard. (2/9/15)**
3. **Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. submitted a copy of the NJDEP Remedial Action Workplan form for the Kinder Morgan Liquid Terminals, LLC site at 920 High Street. (2/9/15)**
4. **NJ Council on Affordable Housing advising that the deadline for completion of the annual affordable housing monitoring reports is April 30, 2015. (2/17/15)**
5. **Sevee & Maher Engineers, Inc., submitted a copy of the NJDEP application for the Remedial Action and Redevelopment Plan for the former American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO) facility at 1160 State Street. (2/18/15)**
6. **Gary A. Muska, Purchasing Agent submitted a copy of his renewed Qualified Purchasing Agent Certificate from the NJ Division of Local Government Services. (2/19/15)**

PUBLIC PORTION (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: With regard to the property that the city donated/sold to the County, when did the taxes stop being paid? Why did Nancy Martin not institute foreclosure? Where do I go to get the correspondence and documents?

Mark Blunda: Fill out an OPRA request at the Clerk's office. The Clerk's Office will forward the request to the proper departments to obtain the proper documents.

Jillian Barrick: The property went for tax sale and there were no buyers. The City became the lien holders.

Pedro Perez, 733 Franklin Dr.: If someone deletes a portion of a meeting so the public doesn't see it, is that a criminal act?

Mark Blunda: I don't know if that's a criminal offense. You are posing a hypothetical question and I don't believe the Council would want me to spend time investigating a hypothetical situation.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: I am in support of anti-corruption legislation. The Council should look into that. Is the Chief of Police still being paid for his health & medical benefits and for the pension? People in Landings are still being beat up. An individual doing work at the Landings was issued a summons. Why wasn't Mr. Kushner given any summons? There is illegal housing in the City and nothing is being done about it. The Council doesn't want the people to come and speak at meetings.

Jillian Barrick: Any violations issued against a property go against the property owner. The condo association is the property owner. Code Enforcement is focusing on illegal housing in the City. Many summonses are being issued. We are addressing and will be enforcing illegal housing laws.

Mark Blunda: We cannot discuss personnel matters in public. If someone is suspended for an indefinite period and they accumulated vacation and personal time they can collect it. Sick days cannot be used. There are no health benefits for those suspended for indefinite periods of time. No pension contributions are made.

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: We have over 90 police chaplains in the city. In 2013 an ordinance was adopted for the chaplains. The chaplains have to renew their application every year, according to the ordinance. I may apply to be a chaplain. Are we following the ordinance? Most of the chaplains live out of town. How do we know if they haven't been convicted of a crime? You should look into this.

Diane Signorile, Staten Island, NY: Read a letter from the town of Helmetta to the veterinarian regarding the illegal euthanasia of animals in Helmetta. The people of Perth Amboy deserve more. I can't believe Nancy Martin is doing a good job in Perth Amboy. I am sure she is shredding documents in Perth Amboy. I can't believe someone so evil can do good work in the city.

Virginia Lugo, 316 State St.: I think we should have translation headphones for meetings for our Spanish speaking residents. The firm that does the audit for the BID is not checking to see if the expenses were properly spent. What is the environmental cleanup cost and the appraisal for the Rosengarten property? Who determined this property should be a park?

Jillian Barrick: The County is trying to determine the costs. They are now the property owners.

Council Member Petrick: You should go to the County and get answers to your questions. The park is a good idea.

Angel Leon, 618 Penn St.: The gum busters are a good idea, but the money should be used to fix the sidewalks instead. The gum should be removed by the business owners.

Frank Dann, Director DPW: The gum busters have been located and we need to put it back together to get it working. It wasn't the greatest. We have 2 steam cleaners that we will use to try to remove the gum this summer.

Ramon Soto, 462 Brace Ave.: I recently parked my car in my own driveway for 5 minutes. A police officer came by and gave me a ticket while my car was still running. I was carrying items from my car into my house.

Deputy Chief Lawrence Cattano: The gentleman was parked over the sidewalk. He can go to court and plead not-guilty to the ticket.

Council Member Irizarry: We can't dismiss the summons here. You have to go to court.

Kathy DePow, 304 High St.: DPW does an excellent job. Where is the gazebo that was moved from the waterfront area? It can be used someplace else in the City.

Frank Dann: The gazebo was vandalized. It will need to be put back together. We still have the gazebo in storage.

Council Member Petrick to Jillian Barrick: Have we received the financials from the Housing Authority regarding "PARTNER" yet?

Jillian Barrick: Not yet.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: We have a pay to play ordinance on the books. In-kind contributions are sited in the ordinance. Mr. Northgrave didn't charge any money for representing the team of Pabon, Petrick and Diaz before the last municipal election. They should never have voted for Mr. Northgrave's firm. Can the vote be rescinded on the firm?

Mark Blunda: Only Mr. Gonzalez was named in the lawsuit. It was not a conflict to vote on the firm.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Pabon to Jillian Barrick: Please give us a report on the application process, the renewal process, a copy of the chaplain application and a roster of the chaplains.

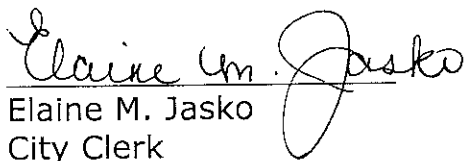
Jillian Barrick: I will provide that.

Council Member Petrick: Can we restrict areas where pawnbrokers and bail bonds businesses can be located in the City?

Jillian Barrick: That is a zoning issue.

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 8:25 pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.


Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk


Lisa Nanton
Council President