

**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
JANUARY 14, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, January 14, 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 Gonzalez, Fernando Irizarry, Joel Pabon and William Petrick. Absent--None.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Continental Soccer League.

PRESENTATION TO THE SOCCER LEAGUE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL A FUTURE MEETING DATE:

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-6

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: The person in the resolution is not an ethical person. He got a judgeship as payment for not running for the Council.

R-13

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: The insurance company costs are paid by taxpayers and the costs go up when they have to pay.

Council Member Irizarry: I did not know that.

R-21

Ken Balut: Why do we always hire the same democratic lawyers?

R-25

Ken Balut: This law firm is trying to change the election outcome but yet we hire them to do City work. I believe these firms are kicking back money.

Mark Blunda: The appointment of law firms, for the City, are a result of responses to requests for proposals for law firms. The City has not received any proposals from any Perth Amboy law firms. PARA needed an attorney and that's why we are hiring them for their expertise with this resolution.

R-25

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: This firm should be notified that unless they stop representing Sergio Diaz they will not get \$75,000 from the City of Perth Amboy. The attorney, William Northgrave, of this firm is ethically challenged.

Mark Blunda: I reviewed the petition that was filed by Sergio Diaz. The two parties are Sergio Diaz and Fernando Gonzalez. Council Members Pabon and Petrick are not part of the lawsuit and therefore there is no conflict. I notified the law firm and reviewed the professional ethics conduct for attorneys. This is a personal litigation and not litigation against the City.

Council Member Gonzalez: I cannot express my vote on this firm because of a conflict for me.

Council Member Petrick: Sergio Diaz is a private citizen and is not related to Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Comm. #16

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: What are the qualifications for a person to be on the Planning Board?

Mark Blunda.: There are no specific qualifications.

David Caba: People should be neutral when they are on a board.

Council President Nanton explained the Citizen Service Application process to the audience.

David Caba: If the administration takes no action against the Chief of Staff, we will take action. She and Maria Farber made comments on social media that were not proper.

R-6

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: He is a disgrace. The meeting that appointed him was never shown on TV.

Jillian Barrick: I was advised the meeting was shown.

R-25

Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez, 758 Convery Blvd.: The claim mentions the Board of Elections and the local City Clerk's office. The Dominican Community is being harassed by investigators questioning how voters voted in the Municipal Election.

LATE STARTERS

Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez: I submitted my renewal application for the Zoning Board in June. The Farber family was contacted by Council Member Petrick to apply for the position on the day the applications were due.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 24, 2014 - Regular
December 10, 2014 - Regular
December 22, 2014 - Special

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

BIDS

Bids were received and opened on December 23, 2014 for the following:

- **Parks & Public Property Maintenance**
- a. **L & F Martin Landscape** **\$70,000.00***
- b. **Greenleaf Landscape** **76,096.00**
- c. **Donofrio Landscaping** **76,190.00**
- d. **E W Landscaping** **80,476.00**
- e. **Greenscape Landscape** **94,500.00**

Bids were received and opened on December 30, 2014 for the following:

- **2015 Axel Tractor w/SCR Technology**
- a. **Gabrielli Truck Sales Limited** **\$148,055.00***
- b. **Mid Atlantic Truck** **149,250.00**

*** Recommendation of Bid Award**

SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

**United Dominicans of Perth Amboy
950 Florida Grove Road
Occasion: Dance
Date: February 28, 2015, 9:00 pm – 1:00 am
Location: Our Lady of Fatima Hall, 380 Smith 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 Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--None.

REPORTS

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

- 1. Water/Wastewater Utility Reports for the month of November 2014.**
- 2. Investment Report for the month of November 2014.**
- 3. Budget Status Reports – YTD November 2014.**

4. **Report of checks prepared and paid during the month of December 2014 totaling \$8,977,438.37.**

5. **NJ –State Comptroller – Controls over personnel and fiscal practices at selected New Jersey municipalities.**

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

Council Member Gonzalez abstained from accepting Report #4.

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

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, 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 28, 2015 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.

2. **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTY PARK.**

Re: Block 238, Lots 5, 5.18, 6, 6.18

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 28, 2015 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.

3. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT" (ORDINANCE NO. 683-93) ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 430, ET SEQ. OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY ESTABLISHING THE OFFICIAL LAND USE MAP 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 January 28, 2015 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.

RESOLUTIONS

R-6-1/15 Expressing appreciation, compliments and gratitude to Kenneth L. Gonzalez for dedicated public service.

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. Abstain--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-7-1/15 Consenting to the appointment of Joel Pabon to the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency for a term expiring on December 31, 2015.

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

R-8-1/15 Authorizing the 2014-2015 renewal of inactive plenary retail consumption license #1216-32-100-006, held in the name of Cali Entertainment, Inc.

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

**R-9/1/15 Authorizing the Tax Collector to conduct
2015 accelerated tax sale.**

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.

**R-10-1/15 Authorizing the collection of interest on
delinquent taxes and assessments.**

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.

**R-11-1/15 Authorizing an agreement with the Boys
and Girls Club of Perth Amboy to operate an after-
school program at the Alexander Jankowski Center.**

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.

**R-12-1/15 Approving a contract with La Casa Cultural
to provide not-for-profit educational and cultural
programs at the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the
Arts for the period commencing January 1, 2015 to
December 31, 2015.**

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

R-13-1/15 Approving Arch Insurance Company's recommended settlement of civil action Marquez, et als v. City of Perth Amboy, et als, in the amount of \$150,000.00 and authorizing execution and implementation of the settlement, release and dismissal.

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.

R-14-1/15 Authorizing settlement of the workers compensation litigation entitled Joseph Novak v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2011-17437 for the amount of \$95,175.00.

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

R-15-1/15 Approving the introduction of the Perth Amboy 2015 BID Budget and setting the public hearing date on the budget for January 28, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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.

R-16-1/15 VOID

R-17-1/15 Authorizing competitive contracting for an Energy Services Company (ESCO) to implement the energy saving improvement program (ESIP).

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

R-18-1/15 Authorizing participation in the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP).

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.

R-19-1/15 Accepting the bid and awarding a contract to L&F Martin Landscaping for parks & public property maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

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

R-20-1/15 Accepting the bid and awarding a contract to Gabrelli Truck Sales Limited for a 2015 Axle Tractor w/SCR Technology in the amount of \$148,055.00.

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.

R-21-1/15 Authorizing an extension to the firm of Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas LLP to cover costs associated with work to be performed from the last quarter of 2014 in connection with tax appeals before the tax court of the State of New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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.

R-22-1/15 Authorizing extension of the contract with F&S Tire Corporation for heavy duty tires for the department of public works equipment in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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.

R-23-1/15 Extending the contract for fire engine/pumper repair and preventive maintenance with Fire Safety Services in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$30,000.00.

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.

R-24-1/15 Extending the contract with Absolute Fire Protection for repairs and preventive maintenance of fire aerial apparatus in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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.

R-25-1/15 Authorizing a contract with McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC for continued representation of the City in Landings, et al. v. City of Perth Amboy et al. in the amount of \$75,000.00.

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.
Abstain--Council Member Gonzalez.

R-26-1/15 Authorizing a contract for printing of letterhead, envelopes, newsletters, programs, brochures & business cards to 1-2-3 Quick Print in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$16,500.00.

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.

R-27-1/15 Authorizing a contract with Premier Plus for office supplies (no paper products or toner) in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00.

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.

R-28-1/15 Authorizing a contract with Perkins Eastman in the amount of \$50,000.00 for professional planning services as a sub-recipient of the Post-Sandy Planning Grant.

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.

R-29-1/15 Authorizing a contract with Maser Consulting in the amount of \$72,900.00 for professional planning services as a sub-recipient of the Post-Sandy Planning Grant.

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.

R-30-1/15 Declaring the parcel of land located at 400 Lawrie Street in the City of Perth Amboy as surplus property and authorizing the same for sale.

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

R-31-1/15 Authorizing change order no. 1 to the contract with Paragon Restoration Corp. for the renovation of the Surveyor General's Office in an amount not to exceed \$1,150.00.

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

R-32-1/15 Authorizing a reduction to the professional services agreement with Center State Engineering, formerly known as Feist Engineering for design engineering, preparation of bid specifications, inspection and contract administration of drainage improvements to New Brunswick Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$4,777.40.

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

R-33-1/15 VOID

R-34-1/15 Authorizing a contract with Cummins Power Systems, LLC for Marine 5 repairs and preventive maintenance under State Contract No. A86342 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

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

R-35-1/15 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 \$100,000.00.

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

R-36-1/15 Awarding a contract for diesel fuel to Allied Oil Co., in accordance with the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing Agreement in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$320,000.00.

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

R-37-1/15 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 \$394,000.00.

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

R-38-1/15 Authorizing a contract with Winner Ford for the purchase of a 2015 Ford F250 Extended Cab 4w/d pickup truck under State Contract No. A83558 in an amount not to exceed \$26,096.00.

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

R-39-1/15 Authorizing a contract with Consolidated Steel and Aluminum for the purchase of an automated security gate at the Department of Public Works under State Contract No. 74881-316 in an amount not to exceed \$20,280.00.

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

R-40-1/15 Authorizing a contract with F&S Tire Corporation for tires for the Department of Public Works equipment under State Contract Nos. 82527 and 8528 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

R-41-1/15 Authorizing a contract with CDW Government for printer cartridges under State Contract WSCA NASPO in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00.

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

R-42-1/15 Authorizing a contract with Service Tire Truck Center for the purchase of tire and tubes under State Contract No. A82527 in an amount not to exceed \$28,750.00.

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

R-43-1/15 Authorizing various professional agreements for engineering, environmental services, architect & construction management services for special projects to vendors who have submitted requests for proposals for calendar year 2015.

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

R-44-1/15 Accepting the proposal of and awarding a contract to Jefferson Solutions, Inc. for professional GASB 45 Actuarial Services for pension and other post-employment benefits plan in an amount not to exceed \$3,650.00.

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

R-45-1/15 Authorizing a refund in the amount of \$100.00 for the denial of a handicapped parking space to Deborah Hunter, 156A Lewis St., Perth Amboy.

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.

LATE STARTERS – RESOLUTIONS

R-46-1/15 Appointing Thomas Ward as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

R-47-1/15 Appointing Linda Cruz as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

R-48-1/15 Appointing Andrew Toth as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

R-49-1/15 Appointing Michael P. Savoia to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate #1 for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

R-50-1/15 Appointing Scott Farber II to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate #2 for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

THE COUNCIL AGREED TO HOLD RESOLUTIONS #46 - #50 UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Carolyn Maxwell advising that she is resigning from the Historic Preservation Commission effective December 1, 2014. (12/5/14)**

2. Eastern States Environmental Associates Inc. submitted a Letter of Interpretation which establishes the official boundary line of any regulated freshwater wetlands, open waters, or transition areas on the property, and if freshwater wetlands are present, identifies their resource value for Perth Amboy 1160, LLC, 1160 State St., Perth Amboy. (12/8/14)
3. Kenneth Gonzalez advising that he is formally resigning from the position of City Councilman effective December 12, 2014. (12/9/14)
4. Middlesex County Utilities Authority submitted the 2015 Budget, rate schedule and service fees – solid waste division for the Authority. (12/9/14)
5. Virginia Lugo advising that she is resigning from the BID Board of Directors. (12/10/14)
6. NJDEP submitted a copy of a press release advising that the Christie Administration awards \$15 million in municipal grants to bolster local recycling efforts. Perth Amboy is scheduled to receive \$51,602.61. (12/17/14)
7. PSE&G submitted a copy of its filings with the BPU for rate increases. (12/18/14)
8. Barry Rosengarten, UEZ/BID Chairman, acknowledging the resignation of Virginia Lugo from the BID and thanked her for her contributions to the organization. (12/19/14)
9. NJDOT advising that Traffic Regulation Order LS 2014-73 (speed limits for Route 35) was approved by the Commissioner of Transportation on December 9, 2014 and enforcement may begin as of that date. (12/22/14)
10. A petition with the signatures of eight (8) towers asking for an increase in the tow rates and charges for services. (12/22/14)
11. Nancy Martin, Tax Collector, submitted a recap of the 2014 tax sale. (12/31/14)

12. **CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. advising that Praxair, Inc. will be submitting an application for a Flood Hazard Area Permit and Freshwater Wetlands General Permit No. 12 to the NJDEP for unnamed freshwater tributary of Crows Mill Creek, Woodbridge, NJ. (12/31/14)**
13. **NJDOT advising that the Traffic Regulation Order regarding the establishment of bus stops along a portion of Route 35 has been approved by the Commissioner of Transportation on December 23, 2014. (1/6/15)**
14. **PSE&G submitted a Notice of Public Hearing for Basic Generation Service Charges (BGS) Procured by PSE&G on behalf of its Basic Generation Service Customers and Recovery through the BGS Charges of NJ BPU Approved Changes in Capacity Performance Costs. The Public Hearing will be held on January 23, 2015 at the County Freeholders Meeting Room in New Brunswick at 1:00pm. (1/6/15)**
15. **Barbara J. Koonz of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, pursuant to Industrial Site Recovery Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1Kk-6 et seq., submitted a General Information Notice for Vira Manufacturing, Inc., 1 Buckingham Avenue, Blk. 239, Lots 1 & 1A (1/6/15)**
16. **Mayor Wilda Diaz making the following appointments, effective immediately: (1/8/15)**
 - Maria C. Farber - Planning Board (Alternate #1)**
 - Lisette Martinez - Planning Board (Class II)**
 - Sergio Diaz - Planning Board (Alternate #2)**
 - Christine Dispenziere- Planning Board (Class IV)**
 - Robert J. McCoy - Library Board of Trustees**
 - Joel Pabon, Sr. - Redevelopment Agency**

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

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: Just to be clear, I can speak about any elected official at any Council Meeting. When we foreclosed on the property being referenced in the Ordinance on tonight's agenda, how much was owed to the city, who was the owner, and who authorized the non-payment of past taxes? Who paid for the remediation of the former Rosengarten property?

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: Is Judge Ken Gonzalez getting paid health benefits and did Lisette Martinez attend the Planning Board classes that she is required to take?

Jillian Barrick: He is not getting health benefits. The members of the Planning Board have a time period in which they can attend the classes.

Ken Balut: There should be a fence around the Rosengarten property on High & Washington St. Where are we with the YMCA?

Mark Blunda: The YMCA negotiations are continuing.

Ken Balut: The Council fought to get the Chief of Police a salary increase, and look at where that got us.

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: What is the Administration going to do about the racial comments that were made by the Chief of Staff at a Special Council Meeting in December 2014? It's been 13 months since the shooting on Hall Ave. and there has been no release of the video. When is this tape going to be released?

Diane Signorile, Staten Island, NY: Was Nancy Martin associated with the former Mayor Joseph Vas? She should not be the City's Tax Collector.

Council President Nanton: This is a personnel issue and we will not comment.

Diane Signorile read a letter, dated 2011, into the record from an individual that no longer wished to volunteer at the PA Animal Shelter while the Cielezs' worked at the shelter.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: The City Attorney represents the Council and the Mayor. The construction at the waterfront has been two years in the works. There are no one-way signs at Lewis and Water Streets. They have been lying on the ground for two years. Maria Farber just got appointed to the Planning Board and made a comment on Facebook that was inappropriate. Lisette Martinez "liked" the comment. Mr. Blunda's firm billed the City \$46,000 in the Faulting case.

Samuel LeBrault, President of the Perth Amboy Board of Education: The Board of Education was 40 minutes late in reporting to the City the recent closing of the school. We found out on Thursday that there was a medical issue. We apologize for the delay. The City did not notify the Board on several occasions when there were police issues. Communication is a two way street.

Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Acting Superintendent of Schools: I want the Board of Education to work with the City for the betterment of the children. The parents were notified of the closing by an all-call system and the internet. A fact sheet was put out on the website. We explained to parents, over the telephone, what was occurring. The schools will reopen tomorrow. The cleanup cost is \$50,000 - \$100,000.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: They did not communicate with other children in other schools. Children have siblings. Charter and parochial schools were not notified. All parents in the entire district should have been notified.

Council Member Pabon: I'm sure that the Bd. of Ed. will be addressing this at their next meeting. Mistakes were made and I appreciate their coming here this evening.

Mayor Wilda Diaz: There was a lack of communication. We had to call the health department ourselves to find out what was going on at the school. This proves that we should look at all our "Preparedness Plans". We learned that we need to address such situations immediately. We need to have a more open line of communication. I am glad the Board of Education came here this evening. We all have the same goal of educating our children.

Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez, 758 Convery Blvd.: I would like to speak to Mr. Blunda about the lawsuit. There were several aspects that need to be addressed in this lawsuit. I am doing my own investigation, as the local Democratic Chair, with regard to this lawsuit. I will fight for the people.

Iris Rodriguez, 335 Fayette St.: This was a lesson for us to not go on social media when there is a problem in the future, such as the recent situation at the Bd. of Education, until all the facts are gathered. We have to be careful what we put out there.

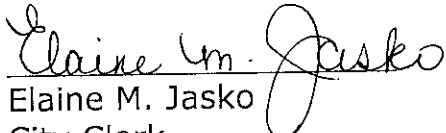
COUNCIL COMMENTS


Council Member Petrick: I thank the Board of Education for coming out tonight.

Council President Nanton: The names of people that have been convicted can be discussed at any meeting. Police Chief Ben Ruiz did not get a raise. He received an amount to make his salary comparable with other police chiefs.

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 8:55pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--none.


Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk


Lisa Nanton
Council President