



**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
MAY 13, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, May 13, 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—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

Mayor Wilda Diaz proclaiming May 16, 2015 as "Kids to Parks Day."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT NANTON INDICATED THAT THE PRESENTATION WOULD BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

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

- 1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" ORDINANCE NO. 1-72 AS AMENDED) ADOPTED JULY 28, 1972, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 4 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY TO PROVIDE A REVISED SCHEDULE FOR THE HARBORSIDE MARINA UTILITY RENTALS.**

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.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, 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.

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, 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.

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-207

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: What property is this for?

Jillian Barrick: This is for the Wilentz School field. This fence will be 26 feet high. It's to address the issues with the baseballs hitting the homes in the neighborhood.

R-196

Stan Sierakowski: What type of case is this?

Mark Blunda: It is a slip and fall case.

MINUTES

April 20, 2015 - Closed Session
April 22, 2015 - Council Meeting
April 30, 2015 - Special Meeting

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--none.

SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

1. **Our Lady of Fatima Church**
380 Smith Street
Occasion: Dance
Date: June 13, 2015 - 8:00 pm - 1:00 am
Location: Parish Center, 380 Smith Street

2. **Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption**
684 Alta Vista Place
Occasion: Cultural Festival
Date: June 27, 2015 - 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Ukrainian School, 380 Meredith Street

3. **United Dominicans of Perth Amboy**
950 Florida Grove Rd.
Occasion: Dance
Date: June 6, 2015 - 9:00 pm - 2:00 am
Location: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church,
41 Wisteria St.

Motion was made by Council Member Pabon, seconded by Council Member Petrick to grant the social affair permits and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--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: Parking by Permit – Portions of High St., Smith St., and Fayette St.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on May 27, 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.

- 2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SEWERS" (ORDINANCE NO. 373-85 AND AMENDMENTS ADOPTED MAY 25, 1985, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 365 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY AND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "WATER" (ORDINANCE NO. 270-81 AND AMENDMENTS ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1981) ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 418 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member 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 May 27, 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.

- 3. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 400 LAWRIE STREET, PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY, TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, FOR \$40,000.00.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on May 27, 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.

REPORTS

1. **Jill A. Goldy, CFO/Comptroller – Check register report for the month of April 2015 in the amount of \$9,860,728.74.**
2. **Jill A. Goldy, CFO/Comptroller – 2015 Municipal User Friendly Budget.**

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-187-5/15 Authorizing a grant application and grant acceptance with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for the 2015 Body Armor Replacement Fund Program.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-188-5/15 Authorizing the proper City Officials to apply for the Department of Homeland Security – Port Security Grant 2015 – three year grant commencing September 1, 2015 and terminating August 31, 2018 to be used for sustaining the Perth Amboy Marine V Fire Boat.

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--none.

R-189-5/15 Authorizing the submission of an application to the NJ Department of Community Affairs for the 2016 Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant.

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--none.

R-190-5/15 Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy to submit an application and accept a grant from the NJDOT Urban Youth Corps "Urban Gateway Enhancements Program" in the amount of \$31,954.00.

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--none.

Consent Agenda – R-191-5/15 to R-194-5/15

R-191-5/15 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Camille DaSilva for unpaid water and sewer on 458 Hall Avenue, Blk. 276, Lot 1.

R-192-5/15 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Christa Richardson-Scott for unpaid water and sewer on 381 Park Avenue, Blk. 153, Lot 13.

R-193-5/15 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Emma Giles for unpaid water and sewer on 267 Front Street, Blk. 53, Lot 3.03.

R-194-5/15 Authorizing the Proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Rafael Rodriguez for unpaid water and sewer on 344 Watson Avenue, Blk. 116, Lot 32.03.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt Resolutions #191-5/15 - #194-5/15.

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--none.

R-195-5/15 Authorizing change order no. 1 to the contract with Fai-Gon Electrical, decreasing the contract by \$5,273.30 for the Willow Pond Park/Youth League Complex Ball Field Lighting.

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--none.

R-196-5/15 Authorizing settlement of Ramon Valdez v. City of Perth Amboy et al Docket No. MID-L-0628-14 in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

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--none.

R-197-5/15 Authorizing settlement of workers compensation litigation entitled David R. Formeza v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2013-29934 in the amount of \$16,335.00.

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--none.

R-198-5/15 VOID

R-199-5/15 Authorizing the City Engineer to endorse the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Treatment Works Applications.

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--none.

R-200-5/15 Authorizing an agreement with the Perth Amboy Youth Football League for the organization and operation of a Youth Football and Cheerleading Program in the City of Perth Amboy from January, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

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--none.

R-201-5/15 Authorizing a contract with Winner Ford for the purchase of six (6) 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility all-wheel drive vehicles under State Contract No. A88728 in an amount not to exceed \$147,774.00.

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--none.

R-202-5/15 Authorizing a refund for the denial of a handicapped parking space application to Norma Cintron in the amount of \$100.00.

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--none.

R-203-5/15 Authorizing the tax collector to credit and refund to Louis Petro the amount of \$1,687.00 on 354 Barclay Street (Blk. 208, Lot 5.02) for tax appeal assessed value adjustment for 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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--none.

R-204-5/15 Granting approval of a Special Permit for Public Entertainment to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church to be held from May 29, 2015 to May 31, 2015.

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--none.

R-205-5/15 Authorizing the closure of Sadowski Parkway, Wisteria Street and Linden Street for the St. Demetrios Greek Festival on May 30, 2015.

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--none.

R-206-5/15 Authorizing a contract with Rubbercycle for installation of rubber safety surface at the Flynn Park playground under State Contract No. A81417 in an amount not to exceed \$69,600.00.

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--none.

R-207-5/15 Authorizing a contract with Consolidated Steel and Aluminum for the purchase and installation of fencing at the Wilentz property, the Department of Public Works yard and police chiller security under State Contract No. A88680 in an amount not to exceed \$27,149.00.

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--none.

R-208-5/15 Authorizing the person-to-person transfer of plenary retail consumption license no. 1216-33-055-003 held in the name of Ed & Mary Tavern, Inc. to 3 Brothers Restaurant, LLC at 555 Penn Street effective May 14, 2015.

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--none.

R-209-5/15 Approving Special Permit for Public Entertainment to Concerts by the Bay, Inc. for concerts to be held on Sunday afternoons from July 5, 2015 to August 30, 2015.

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--none.

R-210-5/15 Authorizing the execution of Right of Way Agreement between the City of Perth Amboy and Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC (Fibertech) to permit the installation, use and maintenance of telecommunications facilities within public Rights-Of-Way for purposes of providing telecommunication services.

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--none.

R-211-5/15 Approving a seasonal fixed location peddler lease for the northeast area of the train station parking lot with Teresa J. Penalver d/b/a Teresa Piragua.

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--none.

R-212-5/15 Authorizing a contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc. for HR Software in an amount not to exceed \$18,500.00.

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--none.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **NJDEP advising that to legalize the temporary covered patio Seabra Brothers II must apply for a Coastal General Permit No. 26. Seabra Brothers II may operate the outdoor patio facility during the acquisition of the Coastal General Permit No. 26. The duration of a temporary structure is May 1, through October 31 of each year. (4/7/15)**
2. **Middlesex County Department of Public Safety and Health advising that a public hearing on an Amendment to the County's Solid Waste Management Plan was held on May 6, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the Freeholder Meeting Room, New Brunswick. (4/16/15)**
3. **NJ Transit advising that public hearings on proposed changes to rail, bus, light rail, access link and bus contract carriers' fare and rail and bus services levels will be held on various dates and at various locations. (4/23/15)**
4. **John A. Wolff resigning from the Rent Leveling Board. (4/24/15)**

5. Lawrence J. Cattano, Deputy Chief of Police advising that he and Captain Roman McKeon and Firefighter David Ramos have been selected to receive Meritorious Service Awards from the 200 Club of Middlesex County for their actions in saving an individual from jumping off the Victory Bridge on October 1, 2014. The awards banquet will be held on May 20, 2015 at the Pines Manor. (4/27/15)
6. EnviroTrac, Environmental Services, a Licensed Site Remediation Professional, issued a Response Action Outcome for the remediation of the industrial establishment at 1 Buckingham Avenue, Blk. 239, Lot 1. (4/29/15)
7. Edna Dorothy Carty Daniel, President of PARTNER, advising that PARTNER has been awarded a five year \$500,000 Implementation Grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation for the Gateway Neighborhood. (4/29/15)
8. NJDEP issued a news release concerning the prevention of wildfires. (4/30/15)
9. Edwin Plasencia and Jonathan Jerez advising that they are withdrawing their petition for additional taxis in the City. (5/1/15)
10. NJ Division of ABC advising that the Director has accepted payment of \$1,000.00 in compromise by plenary retail consumption license no. 1216-32-039-009, Charmi and D Inc., in lieu of suspension of license for 5 days for violation of ABC regulations. (5/4/15)
11. In accordance with NJDEP regulations for "Notification and Public Outreach", Chemtura Corp. submitted information relating to environmental conditions and remedial activities at 1000 Convery Boulevard. (5/4/15)
12. Middlesex County Board of Taxation advising that at the Annual Reorganization Meeting held on May 1, 2015, Richard Lorentzen was re-elected President, Michael E. Lachs was re-elected Vice President and Irving Verosloff, Tax Administrator remains the Custodian of Records. The Board also approved the meeting schedule for 2015-2016. (5/6/15)

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

Gudelio Gonzalez, 177 Market St.: I am a severe diabetic. The parking situation in my area is very difficult. I have a meter in front of my home. I was turned down for a handicapped parking spot because of the meter. I have a difficult time walking. I would ask that you reconsider this matter.

Jillian Barrick: The Police Dept. has reviewed this matter. The current ordinance prohibits the removal of any parking meter.

Council Member Petrick: Can this Council grant the authority to remove a meter?

Mark Blunda: I will review the ordinance.

Jillian Barrick: Even though you can't get a handicapped spot, you are entitled to a residential permit.

Gudelio Gonzalez: I have foot ulcers. I am handicapped and should be granted a parking spot in front of my home.

Council Member Petrick to Mark Blunda, Esq.: If there is no language in the ordinance, please prepare an amendment authorizing the removal of parking meters for handicapped individuals.

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: Councilman Pabon told me on Monday that he did not know who contributed to his council campaign. That is a shame and a lie. The Superior Court Judge was in cahoots with the politicians. She did not base her decisions on facts. We want a refund back for this election. We are planning to sue Mayor Wilda Diaz and other officials to get the money back. We are demanding our money back.

Marisa Criado-Villegas, 812 Holly Dr.: I want to congratulate the citizens of Perth Amboy for voting for Fernando Gonzalez. I live near the train tracks at Hidden Village II. The children are throwing rocks in the area. I've called the police many times. I have been hung up on many times. I don't see much police presence at my development. Police officers sit in their cars on Sundays in front of my church. They don't come out to cross the seniors. We need to use our tax dollars more wisely.

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: The poll clerks were removed by one of the Board of Elections Commissioners. Dan Frankel should be charged with corruption. Mr. Frankel has not responded to telephone calls by our senior citizen poll clerks. You allowed these people to screw our seniors out of their poll clerk money.

Joe Reyes, 655 State St.: It's a shame to see this beautiful city so divided. The people have spoken for a second time. We didn't need to spend the \$80,000 on this election.

Kathleen Manning-DePow, 304 High St.: I'm here representing Perth Town Commons. Thank you for taking care of the parking meter situation. We need to take action against the drivers that play their music loudly on High St. and Smith St. This affects our quality of life and something should be done. Let's not split this city up into groups. We are Americans.

Madeline Morales, 51 Madison Ave.: What is the status regarding the fence that will be going up around the Wilentz School property? I need a solution to my problem of baseballs hitting my house. I call the police regularly.

Jillian Barrick: We approved the resolution this evening and we will put the fence up as soon as possible.

Steve Nascimento, 422 Great Beds Court: I serve on the Planning Board. Harbortown received an approval in January 2015 to build a walkway along the water that will be 8 feet below the street surface. I was told by the previous Planning Board Attorney that I had to recuse myself from that meeting. Also, the public offering statement indicated that there would be pools or a water park in the development. We got a parking lot instead. Is that parking lot going to be a permanent situation? There are stock piles in the vacant land owned by Harbortown. I don't know if they have permits to stock pile dirt in the area. I discussed this with the new Planning Board Attorney and have received no feedback yet.

Council President Nanton: I'm tired of people building inferior things in Perth Amboy and better quality products in other towns.

Council Member Irizarry to Mark Blunda, Esq.: We should get Code Enforcement out there immediately.

Jillian Barrick: I have already provided Mr. Scala with the info.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: It's time for Joe Vitale to move on. This Mayor, Council, Senator Vitale and Assemblyman Coughlin should be responsible for the \$80,000 that was spent on the special election. Council President Nanton owes Fernando Gonzalez an apology because of comments she made in the past. Mr. Irizarry indicated that people that come up to speak at council meetings give a bad reflection to the city. It is their right to express themselves.

Virginia Lugo, 316 State St.: We should look out for our disabled senior citizens. I heard that the mail votes will be challenged. I hope that's not true. Fernando is only one vote on this Council. The rest of the Councilmembers are the Mayor's supporters. We need a balance on the Council.

Daniel Gonzalez, 178 Long Ferry Rd.: I feel Mr. Nascimento's pain regarding his property. Congratulations Perth Amboy for re-electing Fernando Gonzalez. State politicians can try to exercise their influence in Perth Amboy. The way the electoral process was violated is disgusting. All councilmembers love Perth Amboy, but your elections are being paid for by out-of-towners. We need to stop letting them control us.

Arthur Brewton, 442 Convery Blvd.: There's a problem with traffic control at the intersection of the bridge on Convery Blvd. near Shoprite. There's a need for a traffic light at that intersection. There's a rooming house (Remington) on Smith St. near the Richardson School. There's a lot of drug activity going on there. Something should be done with that building. It's unfair to the children and their parents to have that near the school. There's a lot of loud music in town. The young generation needs to be controlled.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terrace: Our waterfront looks disgusting. Something has to be done. We have to stop developers from developing what they want. I congratulate Fernando for winning. It's good to have a dissenting voice on the Council. It's a safeguard. The Council needs to re-examine the Handicapped Ordinance for people with disabilities. I sat through the proceedings in New Brunswick. The judge based her decision on the evidence that was presented at the court proceedings.

Angel Leon, 618 Penn St.: Will the county be doing any mosquito control in the parks this year?

Jillian Barrick: That is done regularly.

Marisol Gonzalez, 129 High St.: I am hurt by the words that were used against my father, Fernando Gonzalez. He deserves more respect.

Jesus Varela, 62 Catalpa Ave.: There is much drug activity in the Remington Hotel and throughout the City. You are doing nothing about the drug issue. I would like to prosecute all the councilmembers.

Israel Varela, 210 Lewis St.: I have been complaining about the drug activity at the Remington Hotel for a long time. That place gets a lot of state money to remain open. You should remove that place. It supplies drugs and prostitution. The house next door to the Remington is also being used by the prostitutes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Pabon to Jillian Barrick, BA: Can we get an update about the Remington Hotel?

Roman McKeon, Police Captain: The owner of the Remington provided me the keys to the front and back doors to the Remington Hotel. We do regular checks at that location. We have been working on cleaning it up. We are addressing it. We created an anti-crime patrol to address the matter. The hotel provides for weekly rentals. The owner created a waiver that people have to sign. If there's a problem, they will be evicted.

Council Member Petrick: Maybe they should consider hiring an off-duty officer.

Council Member Irizarry: Can we do extra patrolling during school opening and closing hours?

Capt. Roman McKeon: There is a lot of activity during those times, and we are spread a little thin with manpower.

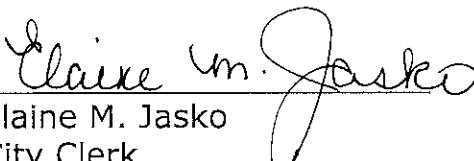
Council Member Pabon: It's a tough situation. The Police Dept. is working on this.


Capt. Roman McKeon: We will also be addressing the issue with the rock throwing near Hidden Village II.

Council Member Pabon: I congratulate Fernando Gonzalez on his Council victory.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm, 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

