

**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
MAY 27, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Presiding Officer of the Council, Lisa Nanton wishes to advise the audience that notice of these meetings have 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 meetings are being held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, at 4:30 p.m. (Caucus) and **7:00 p.m. (Public Voting Session)**.

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.

NOTE: (*) Fernando Gonzalez was sworn in as Council Member prior to the start of the Caucus Meeting of May 27, 2015. Fernando Gonzalez was elected to the position of Council Member at the Special Municipal Election of May 12, 2015.

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

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Rudyk Park Entrance. (J. Pabon)

THE TOPIC WAS DISCUSSED AT CAUCUS MEETING HELD AT 4:30 PM.

**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: Parking by Permit – Portions of High St., Smith St., and Fayette St.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: What will this ordinance do?

Council President Nanton: The residents will get parking permits so they can park at the parking meters.

Jillian Barrick: This amends the current residential parking permit ordinance. There is no cost to the residents that reside in the area. There are no time restrictions associated with the parking.

Council Member Gonzalez: Are there any other areas in town that are also being ticketed? We should do this for the whole community. We should do it for all other areas that have similar problems, not just for one area. Other people should come before the Council and let us know if there are other sections of town that have similar parking problems.

Council Member Irizarry: No one else mentioned this before.

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

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

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.

THE ABOVE ORDINANCE WAS REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION AT THE 4:30 P.M. CAUCUS MEETING. A NEW ORDINANCE IS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION.

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-221

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: We're lucky that only person has filed a complaint with regard to potholes. The potholes are terrible in this city. We should be fixing the potholes.

Frank Dann, Dir. DPW: We are receptive to those that call in potholes. When a pothole is reported, we fix them within 24 hours. We are pretty much caught up. We have a crew out every day dealing with this. A pothole cannot be patched immediately in some cases.

Council Member Pabon: I have called in many potholes and they are being addressed. We've used \$10,000 so far this year to patch potholes.

Council President Nanton: You can report a pothole on the city's website. You can also call DPW to report a pothole.

MINUTES

May 13, 2015 – Regular

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

BIDS

Bids were received on May 7, 2015 for the following:

- 1. 2015 Summer Food Services – 1,800 breakfasts & 2,129 lunches for 43 days**
 - a. Karson Food Services, Inc. \$271,338.17*
 - b. Preferred Meal Systems, Inc. \$274,226.05
 - c. Nu Way Concessionaires, Inc. \$327,798.03

* Recommendation of bid award

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER NOTIFICATION (NO PUBLIC DISCUSSION)

Person-to-person transfer of plenary retail consumption license no. 1216-33-038-009, held in the name of Z&G Associates LLC, t/a Las Palmeras Restaurant Bar & Lounge, 266-270 Madison Avenue to ROD Lounge LLC, t/a Duo Restaurant & Lounge at the same address.

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

- 1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 400 LAWRIE STREET, PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY TO PERTH AMBOY REDEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE AND REVITALIZATION (PARTNER) 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 June 10, 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. Abstain--Council Member Gonzalez.

- 2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 255A-7 (HANDICAPPED PARKING IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY).**

Re: Hardship exemptions

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 June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton. Nay--Council Member Irizarry.

- 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: Non Union Seven Step – 2008-2014

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 June 10, 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. Abstain--Council Member Gonzalez.

RESOLUTIONS

R-214-5/15 Authorizing a refund to Daniel Arocho in the amount of \$100.00 for denial of a handicapped parking space application.

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-215-5/15 Authorizing the cancellation of unexpended City of Perth Amboy Capital Fund Improvement Authorizations in the amount of \$7,110.32.

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-216-5/15 Authorizing the Planning Board to investigate whether the properties commonly known as Block 62, Lots 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 22, 23, 24 & 25; Block 63, Lots 1, 2, 3.01, 3.02, 4, 6 & 7; Block 121, Lots 1, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.01, 24.02, 25, 26, & 27; Block 120, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.01, 9.01, 10.01, 11.01, 12.01, 13.01, 14.01, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 and Block 155, Lots 1 through 26 on the tax map of the City of Perth Amboy, should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

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-217-5/15 Authorizing a contract with L3 Mobile Vision for the purchase of six (6) L3 Flashback 3 Digital Video Systems & six (6) rear seat cameras under State Contract No. A81311 in an amount not to exceed \$31,192.20.

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-218-5/15 Authorizing a contract with Patrol PC for the purchase of six (6) Patrol PC Rugged Fixed Mount Computers under State Contract No. A81300 T0106 in an amount not to exceed \$30,208.00.

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-219-5/15 Authorizing a contract with East Coast Emergency Lighting for the purchase and installation of four (4) sets of emergency lighting and equipment in new marked police vehicles and two (2) sets of emergency lighting and equipment in the new unmarked police vehicles under State Contract No. A81336 in an amount not to exceed \$36,949.68.

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

R-220-5/15 Authorizing execution of a hold harmless agreement with Harbortown to locate a summer lunch 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 Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton.
Nay--none.

R-221-5/15 Authorizing settlement of Jose Valdez G/A/L Joel Valdez v. City of Perth Amboy Docket No. MID-L-4065-13 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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-222-5/15 Authorizing settlement of two (2) workers compensation litigations entitled Domingo Cepeda v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2013-5247 and C.P. 2013-31075 in the amount of \$44,389.00.

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-223-5/15 Authorizing settlement of two (2) workers compensation litigations entitled Domingo Cepeda v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2012-20504 and C.P. No. 2012-20510 in the amount of \$12,786.00.

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-224-5/15 Accepting the bid and authorizing a contract with Karson Food Services, Inc. for the State of New Jersey 2015 Summer Food Service Program in an amount not to exceed \$271,338.17 (1,800 breakfasts @\$1.01 and 2,129 lunches @ \$2.11 per lunch for 43 days).

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-225-5/15 Authorizing a contract with Atlantic Tomorrows Office for the purchase of five (5) copiers; a Savin MP4002SP Copier for the Office of Vital Statistics, Savin MPC3503 Copier for the Fire Department and Code Enforcement and one (1) Savin MP6002SP Copier and two (2) Savin MP3054SP for the Police Department under State Contract No. A51464 in the amount not to exceed \$56,813.00.

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-226-5/15 Authorizing extension of the contract for rock salt with Atlantic Salt Co., in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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-227-5/15 Authorizing change order no. 2 to the contract with Paragon Restoration Corp. for the renovation of the Surveyor General's Office in an amount not to exceed \$2,750.00.

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-228-5/15 Authorizing a contract with CDWG for the purchase of Cisco Equipment for network upgrade 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 Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton.
Nay--none.

R-229-5/15 Authorizing a contract with SHI for the purchase of an additional Twenty-Five Medium Town Enterprise Licenses, Support and Portal for two years under New Jersey Software State Contract No. 77560 in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00.

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

R-230-5/15 Approving waiver of the transient dockage fee for the Tall Ship A.J. Meerwald, from June 15 to June 22, 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 Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, Petrick and Nanton.
Nay--none.

R-231-5/15 Approving Special Permit for Public Entertainment for the Comite Patriotico Cultural Puertoriqueno of Perth Amboy to be held June 12, 13 & 14, 2015 at Rudyk Park.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **NJDEP submitted a copy of a consolidated Draft Renewal NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Action issued to Gerdau Ameristeel Perth Amboy Division, 225 Elm Street. (5/8/15)**
2. **NJ Division of State Police advising that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded the City a Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Senior Center (Shelter) Generator Project. (5/11/15)**

3. TRC Environmental Corporation advising that Texas Eastern Transmission, LP has submitted an application for a Land Use Regulation Program permit to the NJDEP for Statewide Pipeline Maintenance Project. (5/11/15)
4. FEMA advising that a Home Elevation Summit will be held on June 23, 2015 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Middlesex Fire Academy in Sayreville. (5/12/15)
5. Sayreville Borough Clerk submitted a certified copy of a Resolution adopted on May 11, 2015, supporting the "Transparent Tax Act of 2015". (5/14/15)
6. PSE&G advising that public hearings will be held on various dates at various locations on its Petition filed with the BPU, requesting an increase in its Manufactured Gas Plant Remediation charges, in its Remediation Adjustment Clause component of its Societal Benefits Charge. (5/15/15)
7. PSE&G advising that public hearings will be held on various dates at various locations on its Petition filed with the BPU, seeking approval for electric and gas base rate changes to provide for cost recovery associated with the Company's Energy Strong Program. (5/15/15)
8. LSRP Consulting advising that a ground water Classification Exception Area will be established for Nextrom, Inc. aka Syncro Machine Company at 611 Sayre Avenue. (5/20/15)
9. NJDEP issued a press release concerning the kickoff of the summer season and the state of the shore. (5/21/15)

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

R-213-5/15 Authorizing a Closed Session at the May 27, 2015 Caucus Meeting to discuss the following:

- 1. Potential Litigation**
- 2. Contract Negotiations**
- 3. Pending Litigation**

RESOLUTION 213-5/15 WAS ADOPTED AT THE CAUCUS MEETING HELD AT 4:30 P.M.

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

Maritza Criado, 812 Holly Drive: The Council is the link between the public and the government. I provided my sons name for the war memorial and his name did not appear on the memorial this past Memorial Day. I still did not receive an answer regarding the issue of the rocks that are being thrown at my house. I have been advised that my development is private property. We still have an issue with the size of our water meter.

Council Member Pabon: This was addressed before. It is private property. The Police Dept. will be addressing the rock issue.

Jillian Barrick: There was a request that the City put a fence up around her house but it's Conrail property. We can't put a fence on their property. We will continue to work with Conrail.

Maritza Criado: We don't receive the support of the Police Dept. when we call to report an issue.

Council President Nanton to Jillian Barrick, BA: Please send a letter to Conrail to address the issue. Continue sending letters until we get an answer.

David Caba, 559 West Side Ave.: Fernando Gonzalez will be the voice of the people. Perth Amboy has a large population of Dominicans. I believe that we need to pick the best candidate to represent all the people in this City.

Council Member Irizarry to David Caba: At the last meeting you called all council members liars. Why?

David Caba: It had to do with the election between Fernando Gonzalez and Sergio Diaz. You are all in cahoots with those people.

Virginia Lugo, 316 State St.: Every council member said that Fernando Gonzalez knew about the fraud. The video is there to prove otherwise. The judge stated there was no culpability on Mr. Gonzalez's part.

Arthur Brewton, 442 Convery Blvd.: There is still drug activity going on at the Remington Hotel. The Police Dept. is doing a fantastic job. However if the Police Dept. needs help, they should call in other agencies and use other techniques.

William Langford, 437 Broadhead Pl.: Public buses stop in the middle of the street and they don't want anyone to pass them, especially at Convery Blvd. and Smith St. They should be issued tickets. Are we going to put benches on Smith St. so senior citizens can have a place to sit down and rest?

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: "Vote by Mail" was voted on by Mayor Diaz, legislative supporters and contributors. In 2009, Mayor Wilda Diaz made promises to end influence in money in politics and her administration would have zero tolerance for corruption.

Nelvi Caba, 84 Washington St.: There is still an issue with ticketing by the Police Dept. regarding commercial license plates. Sgt. Andy Montalvo gave my driver a ticket for one of my buses. He claimed it was a school vehicle. I have over 115 vehicles and this is the first ticket I received this year.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: I was at the court hearings regarding the election of Fernando Gonzalez. The judge indicated there was no indication of wrongdoing by either Mr. Gonzalez or Mr. Diaz. There was fraud, but she couldn't determine who was responsible. Ben Ruiz has not been convicted. The Mayor cannot be responsible for what Chief Ruiz did. The Mayor suspended him without pay. She should be commended. The election is over and we should go back to move the city forward. Fernando needs to ask his people to stop coming to the meetings and rehashing everything.

Luisa Ramos, 275 Maple St.: I live by the train station and I came to the Council last year about the noise from the bar near the train station. It stopped for a while but it is starting again. They do not respect city ordinances and authority. There are a lot of homeless people near the train station.

Edna Dorothy Carty Daniel, 277 Water St.: We had a wonderful arts festival this past Saturday at the waterfront. Everyone that attended the event was happy. Kudos to whoever organized the arts festival. Let's do it again as soon as possible. The gum is being removed on Smith St. and it looks great.

Vincent Mackiel, 215 Sheridan St.: The Governor has proposed an Exxon settlement. The City should comment on this to the DEP. Exxon shouldn't get away with this.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Irizarry: I congratulate Fernando Gonzalez on his victory. The people have spoken and I respect you and your supporters. The arts festival was a great event. I commend all those involved. I hope to see it next year. I thank everyone involved in the Memorial Day ceremony.

Council Member Pabon: I congratulate Fernando Gonzalez on his victory. There are several different types of art and the arts festival showed off a lot of different types. I thank the departments of DPW and Recreation for the work that is being done on our city parks. Code Enforcement did a good job yesterday on a case.

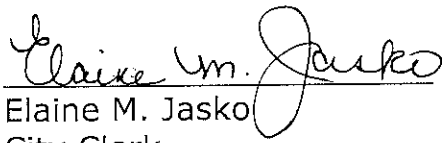
Council Member Petrick: We should waive the dockage fees for the "Clearwater" if it comes in this year. We need parks in our community. The parks are being used by our kids. The arts festival was a beautiful thing. We need to do more of those events. Congrats to Fernando!


Council Member Gonzalez: I voted "no" on the water increase because it affects our citizens. The election is over. I would like to encourage people to report questionable behavior. People are looking the other way. Be a good citizen and come forth. This city has a great future. We need to work together to build a better city. The arts festival was a great activity. There's a mural that will be going up on Herbert and Smith St. We need to work on making the entrance to the city better. We need to reach out to the Housing Authority to improve that area. PARTNER just received a \$500,000 grant and we should work with them to see if we can partner with them for some of the money.

Council President Nanton: I thank everyone on the arts council for all the work on the arts festival. The art was great. The musicians were also fantastic. We had people from many different communities. June 7 will be the reenactment of the arresting of William Franklin. Everyone is invited. There is a community meeting on June 1 at the Jankowski Center. Please show interest the community and attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm, 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