

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

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council, Lisa Nanton, wishes to advise 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 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 Irizarry 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 Lisa Nanton. Absent--Council Member William Petrick (Passing of his Mother).

Also present at this meeting were: Peter Pelissier, Interim Business Administrator, Arlene Quinones Perez, Acting Director of Law, and Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Parliamentary Procedures for Mayor's Appointments. (Pelissier)**
2. **Procedure for Application Denial - Handicapped Parking. (Pelissier)**

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WERE DISCUSSED DURING THE CAUCUS MEETING HELD AT 4:30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 14, 2015.

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

1. **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: Blue & White Collar Supervisors Local 32, OPEIU
- January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2018**

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

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

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

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

**Re: Management & Non Union - January 1, 2015 -
December 31, 2018**

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

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

Re: Blue Collar

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

4. 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: Stop Sign on Vincent Pl. at McKeon St. & Vincent Pl.

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

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

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

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

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.

Comm #7

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: Will this report be sent in on time?

Peter Pelissier: Yes.

R-460

Ken Balut: Did the school pay any of the money for the basketball court?

Council Member Pabon: It's a grant.

Comm#8

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: Festivals should be held at Rudyk Park or some other designated area. We have 3 large festivals in this City. They should be moved away from residential areas. Rudyk Park would work well.

Council President Nanton: Councilman Pabon and I have looked to see if we could extend Rudyk Park with the extra property that is available to accommodate festivals.

MINUTES

**September 21, 2015 – Closed Session
September 23, 2015 – Regular**

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

BIDS

Bids were received on September 24, 2015 for the following:

- 1. 2016 Automated Refuse Collection Unit & Cab**
 - a. Hunter Jersey Peterbilt \$280,438.00***

(*) Recommendation of Bid Award

SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

**Our Lady of Fatima Church – Guadalupanos
380 Smith Street
Occasion: Dance
Date: November 21, 2015, 7:00 pm – 12:00 midnight
Location: Parish Center, 380 Smith Street**

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

REPORTS

- 1. NJ Department of the Treasury, Division of Taxation – 2015 Certification of the Table of Equalized Valuations.**
- 2. Jill A. Goldy, CFO/Comptroller – Check register report for the month of September 2015 in the total amount of \$5,686,344.37.**

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to accept report #2 and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon and Nanton. Nay--None. Absent--Council Member Petrick.

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

1. **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SANITATION" (ORDINANCE NO. C-240 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 1, 1937 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 362 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY TO REQUIRE PERMITS AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

ORDINANCE #1 REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE CAUCUS MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2015 AT 4:30 PM.

2. **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "LICENSED OCCUPATIONS" (ORDINANCE NO. C376) ADOPTED DECEMBER 22, 1947 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 275 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY TO ADD BEAUTY CULTURE AS A LICENSED OCCUPATION.**

ORDINANCE #2 REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE CAUCUS MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2015 AT 4:30 PM.

2. **ESTABLISHING THE PERTH AMBOY AUXILLIARY POLICE FORCE.**

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez, 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 November 9, 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 and Nanton. Nay--None. Absent--Council Member Petrick.

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda - R-435-10/15 - R-438-10/15

R-435-10/15 Authorizing the issuance of a 2016 Athletic/Social Club License to Pepino Social Club at 424 State Street.

R-436-10/15 Authorizing the issuance of a 2016 Athletic/Social Club License to Doble Seis Social Club at 414 Smith Street.

R-437-10/15 Authorizing the 2015-2016 renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1216-33-068-009 to Royal N Inc., t/a Court House Inn at 417 Fayette Street, effective October 15, 2015.

R-438-10/15 Authorizing the 2015-2016 renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1216-33-007-004, held in the name of Palma Investments, Inc., a pocket license, effective October 15, 2015.

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, seconded by Council Member Pabon to adopt Resolutions #435-10/15 - #438-10/15.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-439-10/15 Authorizing the insertion of revenue in the CY 2015 Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) for the 2015 Port Security Grant in the amount of \$144,544.00.

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

R-440-10/15 Authorizing cancellation of General Capital Fund Receivables in the amount of \$56,088.50 (FEMA – Waterfront Improvements).

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

R-441-10/15 Authorizing cancellation of unexpended City of Perth Amboy Capital Fund Improvement authorizations in the amount of \$58,167.62 (Waterfront Improvements).

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

R-442-10/15 Authorizing cancellation of unexpended City of Perth Amboy Capital Fund Improvement authorizations in the amount of \$1,601,821.32 (Rte. 440/High Street/Connector Road).

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

R-443-10/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Blk. 147, Lot 1 (375 State St.) in the amount of \$19,807.88.

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

R-444-10/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment on Blk. 353.02, Lot 2.02 (Hall Ave. Ext.) to Harbortown Terrace, LLC in the total amount of \$3,630.72.

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

R-445-10/15 Urging the United States Government and National and State Municipal Organizations to support Puerto Rico during an economic debt crisis.

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

R-446-10/15 Authorizing a reduction to the contract with Birdsall Services Group, Inc. for engineering services for the remediation of the eroded areas and reconstruction of wetlands mitigation areas at the Deep Run Recharge Reservoir in an amount not to exceed \$51,189.13.

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

R-447-10/15 Authorizing a professional services contract with Crane Associates for the Front Street Station-Replacement/Relocation of two variable frequency drives in an amount not to exceed \$36,071.00.

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

R-448-10/15 Extending the contract with F&S Tire Corporation for tires for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$5,000.00.

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

R-449-10/15 Authorizing a contract with Monogram Center, Inc. for the purchase of uniforms for program participants in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

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

R-450-10/15 Accepting the bid and awarding a contract to Hunter Jersey Peterbilt for one (1) 2016 auto refuse collection unit and cab in an amount not to exceed \$280,438.00.

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

R-451-10/15 Authorizing return of a demolition bond to 174 Hall Avenue, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for demolition of a building located at 174 Hall Avenue.

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

R-452-10/15 Directing the City Tax Collector to place a lien on 169 First Street (Block 35, Lot 19) in the amount of \$1,543.98 for charges incurred by the Department of Public Works.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Council Member Gonzalez: Are the properties in R-452, R-453 and R-454 bank owned?

Peter Pelissier: They are vacant.

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

R-453-10/15 Directing the City Tax Collector to place a lien on 800 Gadek Place (Block 424, Lot 6) in the amount of \$470.62 for charges incurred by the Department of Public Works.

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

R-454-10/15 Directing the City Tax Collector to place a lien on 802 Gadek Place (Block 424, Lot 5) in the amount of \$470.62 for charges incurred by the Department of Public Works.

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

R-455-10/15 Accepting the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs 2016 Recreational Opportunities for Individuals With Disabilities Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

R-456-10/15 Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy to submit a grant application to the Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission for the Summer Theater Performing Arts Camp.

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

R-457-10/15 Authorizing an agreement with Municibid for the sale of surplus fire vehicles and equipment no longer needed for public use on an online auction website.

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

R-458-10/15 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Mario Guerra for unpaid water and sewer on 165 First Street (Block 35, Lot 17)

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

R-459-10/15 Authorizing a contract with Suburban Consulting Engineering Inc. for professional design services for a synthetic turf field at Willow Pond in an amount not to exceed \$22,975.00.

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

R-460-10/15 Authorizing a reduction to the contract with Halecon, Inc. for the basketball court installation at Sadowski Park in an amount not to exceed \$7,397.00.

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

R-461-10/15 Authorizing the execution of right of way agreement between the City of Perth Amboy (Municipality) and Cross River Fiber LLC (Cross River Fiber) 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 Irizarry, 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 and Nanton. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Petrick.

R-462-10/15 Authorizing the submission of an application to the NJ Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets to Transit Grant.

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

R-463-10/15 Authorizing an agreement between the City of Perth Amboy and the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter (B-270, Lots 1, 40-50) 401 Hall Ave./612 Amboy Ave. for a water main extension.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Council Member Irizarry: I just want to make sure there are no problems with the property owners. When did the Water Dept. obtain the permission from the property owners?

Peter Peliessier: That has not been finalized yet. Each of the property owners will have to sign off on the agreement.

Council Member Irizarry: I don't know if the owners will sign off on the agreement.

Peter Pelissier: This is just to authorize the city to enter into an agreement. We are covering and protecting the city.

Council Member Gonzalez: They will get the signatures. It just takes time to complete everything.

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

R-464-10/15 Authorizing the submission of a grant application and grant acceptance with the NJ Dept. of Transportation ("NJDOT") for NJDOT Local Aid for 2016 for road improvements for the Elizabeth Street, Cortlandt Street and Charles Street project.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Deputy Chief Larry Cattano advising that the management of the Armory has contracted for an off-duty Police Officer at their outside area during the weekends in order to try and discourage the events that prompted the complaints at the Council Meeting of September 9th. (9/19/15)**
- 2. NJDEP advising that no further action is necessary for the remediation of a 550 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 677 Catherine Street, Blk. 343, Lot 6. (9/21/15)**
- 3. NJDEP submitted a copy of Coastal Zone General Permit 23 issued to the City for the Second Street improvement project. (9/21/15)**

4. Deputy Chief Larry Cattano advising that beginning September 23, 2015 there will be a crossing guard assigned to the corner of Amboy Avenue and Ashley Street. (9/22/15)
5. Maraziti Falcon, LLP, legal representative of the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency, advising that Commissioners David Volk and Thomas Haborak have failed to meet the statutory educational requirements and have been deemed resigned from their positions. (9/23/15)
6. Deputy Chief Larry Cattano submitted a follow up to concerns that were brought up at the Council Meeting of September 23, 2015. (9/26/15)
7. NJ Dept. of Community Affairs advising that the deadline for Best Practices Inventories is October 16 for Calendar Year and Transition Year municipalities. (9/29/15)
8. Residents of Madison Avenue submitted complaints related to the Dominican Festival and requesting that the Festival be moved to a place less residential. (9/29/15)
9. Marilyn Merritt, on behalf of herself and two other residents of Neville Street that have handicapped parking spaces, requesting that with the repaving of Neville Street that the handicapped parking spaces be painted after completion of the paving. (9/29/15)
10. NJDEP amending the No Further Action Letter issued April 2, 2014 for 710 Hanson Avenue for the remediation of the #2 heating oil underground storage tank system by correcting the address to 740 Hanson Avenue. (10/1/15)
11. Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. amending the Response Action Outcome issued on Feb. 3, 2015 for Block 354, Lot 1.04 for the unrestricted use remedial action plan by changing the Block and Lot to Block 353, Lot 1.04. (10/1/15)

12. **Speedway LLC, advising that in accordance with NJDEP regulations for Notification and Public Outreach, notification has been sent to the owners and tenants within a 200' radius of 413-429 Smith Street (site of former Hess Station) that environmental activities are taking place. (10/1/15)**
13. **Speedway LLC, advising that in accordance with NJDEP regulations for Notification and Public Outreach, notification has been sent to the owners and tenants within a 200' radius of 679 Convery Boulevard (site of former Hess Station) that environmental activities are taking place. (9/28/15)**
14. **Jamie Rios, Acting Director of Code Enforcement advising that the Planning Board has selected Joseph M. Wenzel, Esq. as the Planning Board Attorney. (10/7/15)**
15. **Faustino Dominguez, resident of 281 Elm Street appealing the denial of his application for a handicapped parking space. (10/8/15)**

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

R-434-10/15 Authorizing a Closed Session at the October 14, 2015 Caucus Meeting to discuss the following:

- 1. Closed session minutes review.**
- 2. Contract Negotiations**

RESOLUTION 434-10/15 VOTED UPON DURING THE CAUCUS MEETING HELD AT 4:30 PM ON OCTOBER 14, 2015.

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

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: Mr. Pelissier was reviewed by the pension people for the monies he was collecting upon retirement. Look into his background. If you want to know about Robert's Rules, just "google it". Don't just listen to some attorneys and take their word for it.

Peter Pelissier, Interim BA: I caution the speaker of slander.

Pastor Bernie Falcon-Lopez, 363 Thomas St.: I thank Elaine Jasko for the Pink Ribbon Gala. There will be an event for the lung cancer in November that we should support. I thank Irving Lozada and the Mayor's staff for helping a family of six people to get back to their home. I commend Councilmen Petrick and Pabon for helping us in events that recently took place.

Stefanie Rodriguez, 321 Maple St.: We are doing a first lung cancer event in Perth Amboy on November 1st. We hope you support us. We need to bring awareness to the public.

Virginia Lugo, 316 State St.: There is a great increase in second hand smoke, and that causes lung cancer.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: We are going to miss Tom Ward. The new county park should be accessible to the youth in Perth Amboy. The citizens should know about the pension of Peter Pelissier. If the DeCotiis firm gets hired, and the current attorney leaves, who will be representing the City? Why is the Mayor hiring grey area people?

Sharon Hubberman, 529 Cornell St.: For a small commercial business, if you rent a space, who is responsible for paying the fees for a variance? Is it the owner or the tenant? I am concerned about the double dipping category. There is a pool of capable people who could fill the position of Business Administrator.

Orlando Perez, 278 Madison Ave.: If someone wants to bring a camera or video to a council meeting, they are allowed to do so.

Arthur Brewton, 442 Convery Blvd.: I commend the Police Dept. for cleaning up the Remington Hotel. We should go back to officers walking the beat.

Virginia Lugo, 316 State St.: Sharon Hubberman is running for Freeholder in the County. Perth Amboy has drug testing facilities for the entire County, located within the City. It is being financed by the County. Someone should check with the County to find out how this happens.

David Caba, 559 Westside Ave.: Mr. Gonzalez stated at the Caucus Meeting that he would vote for the City Attorney. The Mayor has no credibility, since she told us in the past that she wouldn't run for a third term. Mr. Gonzalez also has no credibility. He indicated in the past that he wouldn't vote for a person that didn't live in town. This is not a matter of race. It's a matter of principal. We have a lot of attorneys in this town that are capable and should be considered. We lost a great servant to our City, Thomas Ward.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: We should lower the flag to half-mast for Tom Ward. He was a Perth Amboy resident artist. Tom Ward put in many hours to the Proprietary House. That needs to be recognized. We need to do a study of the cost that is being placed on people on their rents.

Pedro Perez, 733 Franklin Dr.: I am tired of hearing all the negativity about the people the Mayor is hiring. The Mayor is doing what is best for the City. Let's give her a chance to do what's best for the city.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: Not everyone is a perfect hiree. What happened to the walkway behind the Raritan Yacht Club? Why isn't it finished?

Council President Nanton: The work will continue and it will be finished.

Alan Silber: Fernando Gonzalez didn't vote for Greg Fehrenbach and many other individuals that didn't live in town. However, he is now changing his mind and is saying that he will vote for the attorney.

Alejandro Roman, 581 Krochmally Ave.: What you are doing is an attack against a Latina female. She is an excellent professional. I have witnessed her work. She has worked hard. She has been named as one of the 51 top Hispanic females in NJ. The most important thing is that she has achieved the position of attorney. How can one challenge the position? It is insulting that we can't have a Latin American person in this position. It seems to be a racist decision. Please take a moment to reflect.

Billy Del Gado, 216 Kearny Ave.: I commend Peter Pelissier for coming out of retirement and working for the City. I met with him and I was very impressed with his knowledge. This job is challenging. We need to take our governance seriously. I hope that Mr. Pelissier stays longer than just for the interim period. We are lucky to have him. We want professionals to move the city forward.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

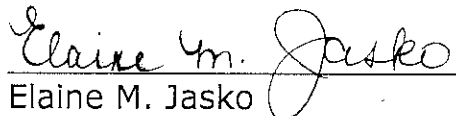
Council Member Pabon: Did the Board of Education come up with a decision on the Connector Road?


Peter Pelissier, Interim BA: We are setting up a meeting for the near future.

Council Member Gonzalez: We need to check into the services offered in Perth Amboy, by the County.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry on, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, and Nanton. Nay--None. Absent--Council Member Petrick.


Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk


Lisa Nanton
Council President

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