

**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk: In the absence of the Council President, I will ask for a motion for the nomination of an acting council president for tonight's meeting.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to appoint Joel Pabon as the Acting Council President and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Nanton (Vacation).

Presiding Officer of the Council, Joel Pabon 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 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 Pabon: 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 Joel Pabon called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Fernando Gonzalez, Fernando Irizarry, and William Petrick. Absent--Council Member Lisa Nanton (Vacation).

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

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Closing of Planned Parenthood. (Pabon/Fr. Gordon)**
- 2. Suggestions for Law Department Independent Study. (Gonzalez)**

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WERE DISCUSSED DURING THE CAUCUS MEETING HELD AT 4:30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2015.

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: Through Streets, Stop & Yield Intersections

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

2. 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: Relocating Stop Sign from Bingle St. to Carlock Ave.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

3. 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 High Street/Buckingham Avenue

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

4. ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4. ARTICLE XVIII OF THE PERTH AMBOY CODE: "GENERAL PROVISIONS," TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO FILE REQUIRED STATE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: You should get rid of them if they don't file. This is ethics. I wonder how many people haven't filed reports.

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

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

5. 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 PROVIDED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

ORDINANCE TO BE HELD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2015 AND WILL BE REINTRODUCED ON FIRST READING.

6. 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 TO BE HELD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2015 AND WILL BE REINTRODUCED ON FIRST READING.

7. 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: Perth Amboy Superior Officers

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

8. BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6(D) OF BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 1633-2012 OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED MAY 6, 2012 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE SECTION 20 COSTS.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

9. BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE #1717-2014, FINALLY ADOPTED MARCH 12, 2014, IN ITS ENTIRETY TO REMOVE CERTAIN GRANTS, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS AND TO REDUCE THE APPROPRIATION AMOUNTS.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

10. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$7,275,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,525,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Jillian Barrick: Both this ordinance and the next ordinance on the agenda were approved by Local Finance Board today.

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

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

11. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,499,659 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,324,659 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

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

Council President asked for comments.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: A member of the Mayor's staff received a \$6000 raise? Did anyone else in the City get a \$6000 raise?

Jillian Barrick: This ordinance is based on the blue and white collar supervisor's contract. The salary ranges also tie into the supervisor's contract. The pay raises for all unions is 1.75%.

Acting Council President Pabon: We will find out and get back to you.

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

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

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-403

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: What property is this and why is it being cancelled?

Jillian Barrick: This was a clerical error that needs to be corrected. This is for 50 Market St.

R-397

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: Where's the money?

Jillian Barrick: There are 4 items in this project, for a total of \$26,000.00.

Ken Balut: This will cost the taxpayers a lot of money. The property is very polluted.

Comm# 28

David Caba, 559 Westside Ave.: Councilman Gonzalez, did you contact the Hispanic Bar Association to find out if a Dominican was available to be hired as the City Attorney?

Council Member Gonzalez: I am not the hiring authority. You should ask the Mayor.

David Caba: The Dominican community wants to be part of the City in a policy making position.

Comm. #28

Virginia Lugo, 316 State St.: Women should be in power but there should be due process in hiring an attorney. It was deplorable how Mr. Blunda was relieved from duty. In 2012 and in 2013, I provided the Mayor with the needs for women in Perth Amboy and nothing was done.

Comm. #28

Manny Segura, Trenton, NJ: You should hire the most qualified person for a job. There should be due process. You should not hire someone because of nationality.

Comm. #28

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: There are over 20,000 Dominicans in this town. There are no Dominicans in the position of policy making or authority for the City. Are you saying there are no qualified Dominicans in this State? Mr. Gonzalez has commented on several occasions that he will not vote for anyone that doesn't live in Perth Amboy.

Mayor Wilda Diaz: In 2008, no one ever questioned me about the hiring of Mark Blunda as the City Attorney or Greg Fehrenbach as the BA. No one verified their credentials. I have worked with Arlene Quinones on many Latino organizations. She is an excellent attorney. I believe in her abilities. Arlene will be the next president of the Hispanic Bar Association for the State. Arlene is being named attorney of the year by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. I have received many recommendations and great reviews regarding her abilities from many diverse groups. She will be great for Perth Amboy. I am determined that Arlene Quinones Perez is the attorney that I want to work with.

Comm. #28

Pastor Bernie Falcon-Lopez, 363 Thomas St.: We should focus on qualifications and not race. I was impressed with our new law director. I am hoping that this will be a positive change for our city.

Comm. #28

Susan Batista, 1074 Truxton Dr.: I have a problem with the way the appointment was done. The meeting in which this was done, was held improperly.

Comm. #35

Noelle Zaleski, 232 Rector St.: I am concerned about the Armory and the use of City property for drinking of alcohol. They are blocking the walkway. The customers are putting the tables and chairs out there. They are taking the alcohol with them onto City property.

Jamie Rios, Acting Director of Code Enforcement: We are conducting an investigation and I will report back to the Council.

MINUTES	
August 10, 2015	- Closed Session
August 10, 2015	- Regular

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

LIQUOR LICENSE - NOTIFICATION

A change has been reported in the corporate structure of inactive plenary retail consumption license no. 1216-33-032-002, Goodwin Inn, Inc. t/a Carvajal Mexican Restaurant from Nat Carvajal & Alvaro Carvajal each 50% to Nat Carvajal 100%.

SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

1. **United Dominicans of Perth Amboy**
352 State Street, PMB 199
Perth Amboy
Occasion: Dance
Date: October 17, 2015, 10:00 pm to 2:00 am
Location: St. Demetrios Church Hall, Wisteria Street

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

2. **Our Lady of Fatima Church**
380 Smith Street
Perth Amboy
Occasion: Dance
Date: October 3, 2015, 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight
Location: Parish Center, 380 Smith Street

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

REPORTS

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

1. **Budget Status Report and Appropriation Status Report**
for the following as of July 31, 2015:
Current Fund
Parking Utility Fund
Water/Wastewater Utility Fund
Harborside Marina Utility Fund
2. **Investment Report for the month of July 2015.**

3. Water/Wastewater Utility Reports for the month of July as follows:

**Routine Capital Disbursements
Major Capital Projects**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to accept reports #1 through #3 and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--None. Absent--Council Member Nanton.

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

- 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 Irizarry, and seconded by Council Member Petrick 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 September 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--None. Absent--Council Member Nanton.

RESOLUTIONS

R-373-9/15 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 a Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

R-374-9/15 Authorizing submission of an application to the US Department of Environmental Protection Agency for the Local Foods, Local Places Grant.

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

Consent Agenda – R-375-9/15 to R-387-9/15

R-375-9/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayments created by tax appeals on Block 240, Lot 1.01 (Riparian Rights) owned by Harbortown Terrace, LLC in the amount of \$16,237.38.

R-376-9/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayments created by tax appeals on property owned by Harbortown Terrace, LLC, Block 353, Lot 1.01 (Riparian Rights) in the amount of \$18,978.75.

R-377-9/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayments created by tax appeals on Block 136.01, Lot 1 CB522 (368 Rector Street, Unit #522) for 2014 to Peter Zipp, Esq., attorney for Anthony Vulpi, in the amount of \$852.06.

R-378-9/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Block 356, Lot 23 (670 State Street) to Jason Lustbader, Esq. attorney for Jose & Barbara Minaya in the amount of \$1,906.46.

R-379-9/15 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment on Block 81, Lot 8 (216 Grant Street) to 216 Grant Street Plaza, LLC in the amount of \$4,311.47.

R-380-9/15 Authorizing refund of overpayment of registration fee for the Woman's Softball League to Mariah Jones in the amount of \$45.00.

R-381-9/15 Authorizing refund of fee paid for the trip to Medieval Times sponsored by the Office of Recreation to Catty Yaringano in the amount of \$105.00.

R-382-9/15 Authorizing refund of fee paid for the trip to Medieval Times sponsored by the Office of Recreation to Victor Castillo in the amount of \$70.00.

R-383-9/15 Authorizing refund of fee paid for two tickets for the trip to Point Pleasant sponsored by the Office of Recreation to Domingo Jimenez in the amount of \$40.00.

R-384-9/15 Authorizing refund of fee paid for two tickets for the trip to Point Pleasant sponsored by the Office of Recreation to Irma Morillo in the amount of \$40.00.

R-385-9/15 Authorizing refund of deposit for M.A.P.S. Summer Camp to Vanessa Temple in the amount of \$100.00.

R-386-9/15 Authorizing refund of deposit for M.A.P.S. Summer Camp to Cristina Borgono in the amount of \$100.00.

R-387-9/15 Authorizing refunds in the total amount of \$5,500.00 to tenants for returned key deposits with the Perth Amboy Harborside Marina.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt Resolutions #375-9/15 - #387-9/15.

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, Petrick and Nanton.
Nay--None. Absent--None.

R-388-9/15 Authorizing execution of a conditional affidavit of payment and partial release of claims to Terra Contracting in the amount of \$21,248.50 paid on behalf of Superior Environment & Development Corporation for off-duty work performed by the Police Department at 1050 State Street.

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

R-389-9/15 Authorizing settlement of the workers compensation litigation entitled Dorothy Daskiewicz v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2014-4263 for the amount of \$10,350.00.

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

R-390-9/15 Authorizing the closure of Pulaski Avenue from State Street to Valley Place for the Portuguese Sporting Club of Perth Amboy Annual Picnic on September 19, 2015 and rescinding R-345-8/15.

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

R-391-9/15 Authorizing an agreement with Bayshore Single Stream Solutions for marketing and recycling of single stream recyclable materials.

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

R-392-9/15 Extending the contract with Simplex Grinnel for fire alarm sprinkler system preventive maintenance, testing, inspections and repairs at the public safety complex community center from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-393-9/15 Extending the contract for office supplies (no paper products or toner) with PremierPlus in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-394-9/15 Rescinding R-366-8/15 and re-authorizing a reduction of \$13,440.07 to the City's contract with MNC General Contracting for the Washington Park Site and Drainage Project.

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

R-395-9/15 Rescinding R-315-7/15 and authorizing accepting of a grant from the County of Middlesex in the amount of \$41,103.00 for the 2016 Municipal Drug Alliance Program and authorizing an implementing grant agreement with the County with a financial match of \$10,275.75.

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

R-396-9/15 Reducing the contract for 2014 road rehabilitation and improvements – various streets with Z Brothers Concrete in the amount of \$76,023.86.

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

R-397-9/15 Authorizing a contract with Center State Engineering to perform surveying, engineering, construction inspection and administration services for the storm sewer connection for proposed Seaman Avenue School.

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

R-398-9/15 Authorizing a contract with Pride Landscape Supply for ground maintenance supplies & equipment in an amount not to exceed \$10,725.74.

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

R-399-9/15 Authorizing a contract with Honeywell to prepare an investment grade energy audit and energy savings plan.

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

R-400-9/15 Authorizing Change Order No. one to the contract with Consolidated Steel & Aluminum Fence Co., Inc. for upgrade to key pad posts, key pads and hardware in an amount not to exceed \$3,920.00.

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

R-401-9/15 Authorizing Change Order No. one to the contract with Signal Control Products for the purchase of traffic signal material and mounting hardware in an amount not to exceed \$3,772.50.

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

R-402-9/15 Authorizing Change Order No. one to the contract with Shorelands Construction, Inc. for the Department of Public Works canopy installation in an amount not to exceed \$1,142.30.

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

R-403-9/15 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for 3rd and 4th quarter 2015 and 1st and 2nd quarter 2016 on Block 49, Lot 15 (15 Market Street) in the amount of \$44,161.20.

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

R-404-9/15 Authorizing thirteen police officer recruits to attend the 39th Basic Course for Police Officers at the Cape May Police Academy in an amount not to exceed \$28,600.00.

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

R-405-9/15 Authorizing the 2015-2016 renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1216-33-101-002 held in the name of Harbor Town Tavern, Inc. at 792 State Street, effective September 19, 2015.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc. submitted a copy of the City's NJDEP Coastal General Permit No. 23 Application for 25 South Second Street. (8/7/15)**
- 2. NJDOT advising that applications are being accepted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation's FY 2016 State Aid Programs. (8/7/15)**
- 3. Chevron Environmental Management Company submitted a copy of the NJDEP Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form – Soil, Remediation Cost Review and RFS/FA Form and associated attachments for the Chevron Perth Amboy West Yard, 1200 State Street. (8/12/15)**
- 4. NJ ABC submitted a copy of the Order of Suspension suspending license no. 1216-33-038-009, held in the name of Z&G Associates, LLC, t/a Las Palmeras Restaurant Bar & Lounge at 266-270 Madison Avenue effective September 8, 2015 for an indefinitely period. (8/12/15)**
- 5. Mark J. Blunda resigning from the position of City Law Director effective August 31, 2015. (8/12/15)**
- 6. The Elm Group, Inc. submitted a copy of the NJDEP Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form – Soil, Remediation Cost Review and RFS/FA form for FM Sylvan, Inc. at 1001 State Street. (8/13/15)**

7. Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc., d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas advising that public hearings will be held on its Petition filed with the NJBPU to increase base distribution revenues on various dates in various locations. (8/14/15)
8. Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc., d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas advising that public hearings will be held on its Petition filed with the NJBPU to extend the term of its Energy Efficiency Program for an additional four-year term commencing September 1, 2015 on various dates in various locations. (8/14/15)
9. Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc., d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas advising that public hearings will be held on its Petition filed with the NJBPU to review its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service Rate on various dates in various locations. (8/14/15)
10. Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk advising Mayor Wilda Diaz that Councilman Fernando Gonzalez would like to know the reason for the termination/replacement of Mark Blunda as City Attorney. (8/17/15)
11. G.C. Fehrenbach, former City Administrator advising Mayor Wilda Diaz that the resignation of Mark Blunda as Director of Law will be a great loss for the City as a governmental corporation but also as a community. (8/17/15)
12. G.C. Fehrenbach, authorized representative – WWWU reporting on the status of the City's compliance with the Administrative Consent Order reached between the City and USEPA in 2011. (8/18/15)
13. Mayor Wilda Diaz appointing Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq. of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP as Acting Law Director effective September 1, 2015. (8/19/15)
14. Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk advising Jillian Barrick, BA that Councilman Fernando Gonzalez has asked that the Council be provided with a list of options for conducting a study of the Law Department in accordance with the Resolution adopted at the Council Meeting of August 10, 2015. (8/19/15)

15. Nat Carvajal requesting that his request for a handicapped parking space in front of his home at 30 Market Street be reconsidered due to his medical condition. (8/20/15)
16. Alan Gould, NJDEP Dam Safety & Flood Control, advising that in order to compile statistics regarding flood hazard mitigation efforts, each community should provide a listing of structures, residential and non-residential, that have been mitigated, whether they received grant moneys or was owner financed. (8/21/15)
17. NJDEP advising that no further action is necessary for the remediation of one 550 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 213 Meade Street, Blk. 79, Lot 37. (8/24/15)
18. Middlesex County Department of Infrastructure Management advising that effective September 10, 2015, the Office of Planning is moving from 40 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick to the 5th Floor of the County Administration Building. (8/26/15)
19. Mayor Wilda Diaz welcoming and extending her support to Dr. David A. Roman, the new Superintendent of Schools. (8/26/15)
20. Mayor Wilda Diaz and Business Administrator Jillian C. Barrick notifying the following of their appointment as Police Officer effective August 24, 2015: (8/25/15)

Giovanni Diaz
Darling J. Ciriaco
21. NJDEP advising that no further action is necessary for the remediation of the 550 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 577 Harding Avenue, Block 379, Lot 29.02. (8/27/15)
22. NJDEP submitted a copy of the Ground Water Remedial Action Permit issued to Witko Chemical Corporation for 1000 Convery Boulevard. (8/27/15)
23. Jaime Rios, Acting Director of Code Enforcement advising that Marc Leibman, Esq. of Kaufman Semeraro & Leibman, LLP is the new attorney of the Planning Board. (8/27/15)

24. Council Member William Petrick asking Jaime Rios, Acting Director of Code Enforcement what the process was used in naming Marc Leibman the attorney to the Planning Board. (8/27/15)
25. Sayreville Borough Clerk submitted a certified copy of an Ordinance adopting the Amended Sayreville Landfill #3 and Melrose Redevelopment Plan adopted on first reading on August 24, 2015. Public hearing is scheduled for September 15, 2015. (8/28/15)
26. PSE&G advising that a public hearing will be held on the filling with the BPU requesting that the Board approve the procurement of BGS through a statewide competitive auction process with new BGS charges to become effective June 1, 2016. (8/31/15)
27. Ken Balut, a concerned citizen questioning the termination of Mark Blunda as the City Attorney. (9/2/15)
28. David Caba, a concerned citizen expressing his displeasure concerning the selection process for the City Law Director. (9/2/5)
29. Elizabethtown Gas providing notification in accordance with the NJDEP Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites to residents and businesses within 200' of the Perth Amboy Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site located at Linden Street and Sadowski Parkway, Blk.3 Lot 11. (9/3/15)
30. Jamie Rios, Acting Director of Code Enforcement, advising that the Planning Board will be sending out RFP's (request for proposals) for a new Board Attorney. (9/3/15)
31. Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq., Acting Law Director submitted a copy of a letter of recommendation written by Evelyn Padin, Treasurer of the New Jersey State Bar Association and founder of the Law Offices of Evelyn Padin. (9/4/15)
32. Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq., Acting Law Director submitted a copy of a letter from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey nominating her for the "Attorney of the Year" Award. (9/4/15)

33. **Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq., Acting Law Director submitted a copy of a letter of recommendation written by the Honorable Michael A. Shipp, US District Judge for the District of New Jersey, in 2013. (9/4/15)**
34. **Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq., Acting Law Director submitted a copy of a letter of recommendation written by Michael Plata, President of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey and the founder of Plata Ferrer Law Group. (9/4/15)**
35. **Noelle Zaleski, a concerned resident, requesting that the proper city officials conduct an investigation of the use of public property next to the Armory, by the Armory. In addition to littering, individuals are consuming alcohol. (9/4/15)**

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

R-372-9/15 Authorizing a Closed Session at the September 9, 2015 Caucus Meeting to discuss the following:

- 1. Closed Session Minutes Review**
- 2. Potential Litigation**
- 3. Personnel**
- 4. Contract Negotiations**

RESOLUTION 372-9/15 VOTED UPON DURING THE CAUCUS MEETING HELD AT 4:30 PM ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2015.

PUBLIC PORTION (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)

Susie Dyer, Planned Parenthood: There is no fetal donation program in NJ. We had 3800 visits in the Perth Amboy facility last year. We are opposed to any closing resolution.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: I investigated both Mr. Blunda and Mr. Fehrenbach before they were hired. I am concerned about the law firm that the new lawyer works for. It is a questionable firm. They got caught for overbilling. The new attorney should tell us what cases she handled in court.

Joseph Vas, 312 High St.: There's a level of frustration. I am not questioning the credentials of Ms. Perez. There was not a proper process that took place in the hiring of the attorney. I can submit my resume if you are still hiring.

Virginia Lugo, 316 State St.: The Mayor does not have a law degree. She has been here since 2008. What has she done? Ms. Perez is a political attorney that will help get funds for the Mayor's campaign.

Billy DelGado, Democratic Chair: This year our annual picnic will be held on Sunday. We invite everyone to attend.

David Caba, 559 Westside Ave.: We have an opening for the BA position. You should reach out and try to get a Dominican to fill the position.

Acting Council President Pabon: Give me the name of a Dominican that lives in Perth Amboy that is qualified for the BA's position and I will consider the name.

David Caba: We need to be part of the process.

Arthur Brewton, 442 Convery Blvd.: I want to commend the Police Dept. for the recent arrests in the murders that took place on Smith St. There are many drug activities going on at the Remington Hotel. The owner is not complying with the city ordinances. This type of business (rooming house) should not be allowed near a school.

Nelvi Caba, 84 Washington St.: I have had more than \$2000 worth of damage at the Parking Deck on my vehicles. I pay rent at the Parking Deck. I cannot park outside on the street. Nothing is being done. This has happened to my vehicles in the past.

Jeannette Rios, Parking Authority: Mr. Caba has notified me in the past of the damage and I contacted the Police Dept. The problem is that the keys are being left in the vehicles. Mr. Caba is looking for the top level to be completely fenced in. We need to get price quotes on the fencing.

Jillian Barrick: He will need to rent the spaces that we fence in.

Acting Council President Pabon: We should have a camera installed for the third floor.

Jillian Barrick: We will explore the different options.

Larry Cattano, Acting Deputy Police Chief: There have been 9 instances of criminal mischief against vehicles this past year. Many vehicles were not secured in the past. They are now being secured.

Jose Minaya, 676 State St.: I own the Triangle Café. In the past, the City would pick up my bottles. I received a letter that the City would not collect the bottles anymore. When was a resolution passed to change this? Latin people don't get help with the bottles. They only increase the cost for the taverns.

Maria Vera, 81 Madison Ave.: My neighbors and I are here to express our problems with the Dominican Festival. Rudyk Park should be the location for future festivals. We thank Chief Larry Cattano for his help. People are urinating in the neighborhoods during the festival. The festival is too big for our area. Please consider Rudyk Park for next year.

Manny Segura, Trenton, NJ: A leader should build a consensus with the residents. Dominicans in Perth Amboy only work in the trades. They do not hold positions of policy. There should be due process when a position of importance needs to be filled. No one should be in an elected position for more than two (2) terms.

Ramon Feliciano, 62 Madison Ave.: I love the Dominican Festival. However, it has gotten too large for our neighborhood. It should be moved to another area where there are no residents around.

Eleni Glykis, 555 Compton Ave.: The Library renovations are beautiful but it is not enough. Libraries today are much more than just books. I hope that the Council sees the importance of a library.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: In 2009, the Mayor stated that she "vowed not to run for more than 2 terms". Councilman Fernando Gonzalez is more concerned about the smell on Amboy Ave. than of the smell that came out of City Hall at the last meeting with regard to the hiring of the Law Director. What was the rush? Did the lawyers from DeCotiis attend the last Closed Session?

Dorothy Carty-Daniel, 277 Water St.: Three (3) churches are closing in Perth Amboy. It's a problem that we can't sustain our churches. I thank you for changing the parking on High St. from angle to parallel parking. I thank Maria Vera for talking about the festival. You should not allow drinking at the festivals. It is meant to be a family event, not a drinking place for adults.

Frank Hoffman, Dept. of Public Works: Two years ago we switched over to single stream collection. There is a large volume of glass generated by taverns. We were only looking for help and cooperation. We will schedule a meeting to resolve the problem.

Orlando Leon, 51 Madison Ave.: The adults are still playing baseball in the area near my property. We are tired of calling the Police Dept. We need to have signs installed. The festival is too big for the area. There were people drinking near my house. We need respect. The festival needs to be moved. There is a noise ordinance, but after 12 midnight the carousel people were making noise and keeping the neighborhood awake.

Jillian Barrick: The signs will be installed shortly.

Christian Tallaj, 441 Thomas St.: I am here to complain about the smell coming out of the chicken place on Amboy Ave. There were many promises made by the owner of the property and his attorney. Nothing has been done. Please do something about this.

Jamie Rios, Code Enforcement.: We met with the owner and the attorney. They were going to exterminate and the doors were to be kept closed. A permit was granted today to get an exterior freezer box. He has not exterminated the property.

Acting Council President Pabon: We should do whatever we need to do to make sure this is taken care of, especially the smell. If we need to close them down, so be it. What is our plan?

Jamie Rios, Code Enforcement: There is an issue and I will be meeting with the owner tomorrow.

Jillian Barrick: The Health Dept. is involved with this.

Sylvia Santos, 962 Amboy Ave.: I have been dealing with this problem for several years. There are a lot of health issues there. I spoke to Assemblyman John Wisniewski and sent a letter to Mayor Wilda Diaz. Nothing that was promised has been taken care of. The doors are always open. There are dead chickens on the road. There are water bugs in our homes.

Council Member Gonzalez: The owner filed a police report against me for harassment because I was going there every day to see if anything was being done.

Council Member Irizarry: We need to go to the next level. We should take whatever legal action we can to correct this problem.

Jillian Barrick: The Health Dept. can shut them down.

Gregory Pabon, 437 Ashley St.: The smell is very bad in the location. It seems that the owners don't want to do anything about this problem. They let their chickens run around in the backyard.

Judy Verrone, Esq., DeCotiis FitzPatrick & Cole LLP: I am a member of the DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole law firm. We are a preeminent municipal law firm that operates throughout the State. We understand that we operate in a political world. If the accusations that were made about the firm were true, we would not have passed the vetting process to represent the Attorney General for the State of NJ and the many municipalities and public entities that we represent across the State.

JoAnn Jimenez, 55 Madison Ave.: During the festivals I have to sit and guard my house. People urinate on my property. The festival is too big for the area. There is no respect for any property. The field is always full of trash. People walk their dogs and don't pick up after them. Where is our quality of life?

Acting Council President Pabon: I feel for you. There are many garbage cans out there, but people don't use the trash cans.

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: With regard to Comm. #13, how long is the appointment for and how often can it be renewed?

Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq.: 90 days and no reappointment is allowed.

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: This is not a race issue. This is a money issue for the Mayor's re-election.

Mr. Diaz, 293 Smith St.: I get tickets every single day with regard to my business on Smith St. I don't have a loading zone in front of my business. It is across the street. I have put up flags on my business but Code Enforcement won't allow me to fly the flags. The flags don't bother anyone. Why am I being bothered? We no longer have sidewalk sales. Why?

Jillian Barrick: Mr. Diaz, please meet with Jamie Rios of Code Enforcement before you leave this evening.

Thomas Wright, Smith St.: The flags only promote the business. In the past, we would get a warning. Now we get tickets without warnings. We need an opportunity to make a living.

Pedro Perez, 733 Franklin Dr.: What is the status of the negotiations between the Housing Authority and the Bd. of Education.?

Acting Council President Pabon: I don't know the status. The price is still being negotiated. You should go to the Bd. of Education meeting and get a status report from them.

Pedro Perez: Maybe the State should take over the Bd. of Education.

Acting Council President Pabon: City employees should be educated in the way they deal with the public.

Jillian Barrick: We will have customer training starting next week for all city employees.

Mayor Wilda Diaz: I welcome Arlene Quinones Perez to the City. There are many issues in the City and they have to be addressed. There is much redevelopment going on in the city. We are constantly meeting with developers. The public doesn't realize how hard we work. There are areas that need improvement but we need to look at the big picture. We have stabilized taxes. I have worked hard to get the best services for our community.

Acting Council President Pabon: We need to advertise the good things that we are doing. We need to sell ourselves more.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

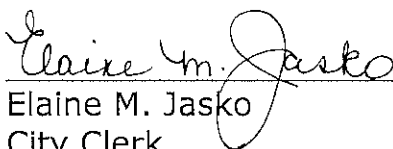
Council Member Gonzalez: The waterfront is the pride of Perth Amboy. The streets need to be repaved. The two tones are awful. Who is going to handle the dog poop problem? The truck traffic on Amboy Ave. is terrible. I would like an update on the connector road.

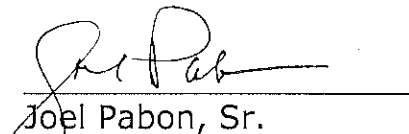
Jillian Barrick: We need to acquire one last easement from the Board of Education.

Council Member Gonzalez: There are situations where children are being forced to walk on the street instead of the sidewalk (Madison Ave.--between Gordon St. and Paterson St. & Jacques St.). The train station looks ugly with all the busses that are parking in the parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Pabon, and Petrick. Nay--None. Absent--Council Member Nanton.


Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk


Joel Pabon, Sr.
Acting Council President

