

**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Special Public Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Monday, August 18, 2014, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 4:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council, Joel Pabon, Sr., advised the audience that notice of this meeting has been filed with the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger and posted on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website.

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.

The sole purpose of this meeting is to consider a resolution authorizing a change order to the marina project.

Council President Joel Pabon called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Fernando Irizarry, Lisa Nanton and William Petrick. Absent--Council Member Kenneth Gonzalez.

Also present at this meeting were: Jillian Barrick, Business Administrator and Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS

R-407-8/14 Authorizing Change Order No. 8 to the contract with Bird Construction for the City Marina Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$550,510.00.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Bob Mainberger, Engineer for the Marina Project: The structure keeps breaking the bolts and putting stress on the timbers. Most of the failure is a result of the timbers being in bad shape. The City was experiencing problems with the wave screen in the past and the Port Authority did some work to address the issues. However, Superstorm Sandy created a major problem. As we started to make repairs we looked at each timber and connection to make the structure was intact. The current washers are deteriorating. A lot of this work has to be done at low tide. Bird Construction will be starting on the south side. The biggest expense will be the barge and crane.

Council Member Petrick: What is the projected end date for the work?

Bob Mainberger: Sometime at the end of September.

Council Member Petrick: Are we using all new materials?

Bob Mainberger: Yes. We're trying to match the life span of the new materials with the existing materials. In addition, we will be using clamps to strengthen the structure. We will have to check the structure annually. We believe there's a 20 year life span left to this structure. All the decking and stringers were removed by the storm and it gave us the opportunity to inspect everything properly.

Council Member Nanton: What is the most difficult thing to replace?

Bob Mainberger: The lower clamps and whalers.

Council Member Nanton: How deep are the piles?

Bob Mainberger: Some were 58 feet and some were 65 feet. The wave screen will be the same height.

Council Member Petrick: Will you provide netting?

Bob Mainberger: We'll have railings with balusters.

Council Member Irizarry: Please explain Changer Order #7 in the resolution, and what is the hold up?

Bob Mainberger: We found damage to the water system and to the conduits, when we inspected the area of the lighting. Until we get the proper fill to replace the bollards we will not process this change order. PSE&G will be required to put in sand and gravel.

Council Member Irizarry: The electrical panels should be moved to a different location so that it wouldn't experience similar damage in future storms.

Bob Mainberger: Since it's only a replacement, we could keep it in the same location and just move it higher. If we moved it, it would have to be put at the top of the park and it would be extremely expensive. We might have to replace it all if we move the location.

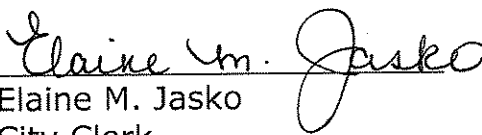
The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Gonzalez.

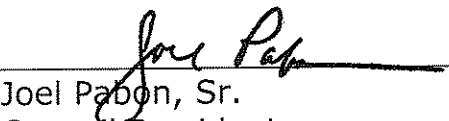
**PUBLIC PORTION
(5 MINUTES MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)**

Frank Dann, Director DPW: Frank Wild went inside the north wave screen to do an inspection. We'll do the south part next year. Mr. Wild dove into the water and checked it all himself.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--None. Absent--None.


Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk


Joel Pabon, Sr.
Council President

