

MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
APRIL 23, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 7:00 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, The Amboy Guardian and posted on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website, indicating that today's meeting is being held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

Council President 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 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Joel Pabon called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Kenneth Gonzalez, Fernando Irizarry, Lisa Nanton and William Petrick. Absent--none.

Also present at this meeting were: Gregory Fehrenbach, BA; Jillian Barrick, Assistant Business Administrator, Neha Patel, Esq. filling in for Mark J. Blunda, Esq., Director of Law, and Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. **Mayor Wilda Diaz proclaiming April - Sexual Assault Awareness Month.**
2. **Mayor Wilda Diaz honoring Our Lady of Fatima Basketball Program on winning the Catholic Youth Organization State Championship.**

Ken Ortiz, Director of Recreation, provided Certificates of Achievement, to the basketball players, on behalf of Mayor Wilda Diaz.

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

1. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1667-2013 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE LIBRARY IN AND BY THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY FOR THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$2,247,081.43.**

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT – Citizens may address the Council on any matter on the agenda which does not have its own scheduled public hearing. Citizens shall be permitted to speak once for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

R-219

Sam Convery, Esq.: Matters have been worked out with the Division of Taxation. We request that you permit one or two more ad interim permits. We will be withdrawing the previous transfer application and filing a new transfer application next week.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to authorize the city clerk to sign off on the additional ad interim permits and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

R-206

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: Who asked that this be put on the agenda? This was used as a parking lot. Have we been collecting rent on this property? We should have an appraisal of the property. It doesn't matter that the appraisal would cost \$4000. An appraisal would be a good business practice. Table this until an appraisal is done.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: This lot was used by Mike Carr's office for parking. You should have deducted rent before you gave him the \$6000 settlement.

R-205

Ken Balut: Why do we have to update a system that was new when we put in a whole new system when we built that building?

R-216

Ken Balut: Did we tell Carteret that we had a city employee that went around speaking about this?

R-217

Ken Balut: What is the amount of the settlement and what is the location?

Greg Fehrenbach: The property is located at 157 New Brunswick Ave. The settlement is an approximate reduction of \$120,000.00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 9, 2014 - Regular

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

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION

Person-to-person transfer of Pocket Plenary Retail Consumption License no. 1216-32-100-006 from Cali Entertainment Inc. to Bay City Liquors, LLC.

REPORTS

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

- 1. Water/Wastewater Utility Reports – March 2014**
- 2. Investment Report – March 2014**
- 3. Payroll Disbursements/Deduction – March 2014**

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-193-4/14 Approving a Special Permit for Public Entertainment to Comite Patriotico Cultural Puertorriqueno for a festival to be held on June 6, 7, & 8, 2014 at Rudyk Park.

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

R-194-4/14 Approving a Special Permit for Public Entertainment to United Dominicans of Perth Amboy for the Dominican Festival 2014 to be held on August 15, 16, & 17, 2014 at the Robert Wilentz athletic field.

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

R-195-4/14 VOID

R-196-4/14 Authorizing the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation

for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant.

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

R-197-4/14 Accepting funds from the Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant Program from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

R-198-4/14 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into a 3 year Inter Local Service Agreement with the County of Middlesex for the CFC Recovery Reimbursement Program commencing January 1, 2014 and terminating December 31, 2016.

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

R-199-4/14 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into a 3 year Shared Services Agreement with the County of Middlesex through the Division of Solid Waste Management to utilize its E Waste Program for the period commencing January 1, 2014 and terminating December 31, 2016.

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

R-200-4/14 Authorizing the submission of an application to Sustainable New Jersey for the Small Grants Program.

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

R-201-4/14 Authorizing change order no. 2 to the contract with John Garcia Construction, Inc. for the Krochmally Avenue, Grove Street and Amboy Avenue Sewer Separation Project in an amount not to exceed \$735.47.

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

R-202-4/14 VOID

R-203-4/14 Authorizing a one year extension to the contract with First Community Development Corporation of NJ, Inc. for custodial services at the Jankowski Community Center, Department of Public Works, Fire Headquarters and Municipal Court for a period commencing July 1, 2014 and terminating June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$53,224.00.

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

R-204-4/14 Authorizing refund of registration fee for the Rookie Baseball League in the amount of \$35.00 to city resident Rodney Gearhart.

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

R-205-4/14 Authorizing a contract with Amcom Software under state contract no. T-1009 A83912 in the amount of \$251,168.00 and Office Solutions under state contract T1316 A80802 in the amount of \$131,746.84 to replace the 911 System in the police department in the total amount not to exceed \$382,914.84 and rescinding R-185-4/14.

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

R-206-4/14 Authorizing the sale of city property not needed for public use known as Blk. 175, Lots 25 & 26 commonly known as 457-459 New Brunswick Avenue on the tax maps.

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

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

R-207-4/14 Authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Feist Engineering for design

engineering, specifications, bid documents and construction inspection for department of public works exterior truck canopy structure in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00.

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

R-208-4/14 Authorizing settlement of the workers compensation litigation entitled Carmelo Jimenez, Jr. v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2012-26153 for the amount of \$14,256.00.

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

R-209-4/14 Authorizing a contract with Day Chevrolet for the purchase of two 2014 White Chevrolet Tahoe SSV vehicles under state contract no. A82926 in an amount not to exceed \$68,903.02 for the fire department.

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

R-210-4/14 Authorizing a contract with East Coast Emergency Lighting for the purchase and installation of lighting and equipment in two new fire vehicles under state contract no. A81336 and A81338 in an amount not to exceed \$13,637.50.

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

R-211-4/14 Authorizing a lease agreement with Easter Seals of New Jersey for the use of one office in the Alexander Jankowski Community Center at no cost.

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

R-212-4/14 Authorizing a lease agreement with Congressman Pallone for the use of one office in the Alexander Jankowski Community Center at no cost.

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

R-213-4/14 Re-authorizing settlement of Geraldo Nunez v. City of Perth Amboy, Law Division, Docket No. MID-L-3149-12, in the amount of \$35,000.00 and rescinding R-111-2/14.

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

R-214-4/14 Authorizing a refund in the amount of \$100.00 for the denial of a handicapped parking space application to city resident Rosaura S. Nieves.

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

R-215-4/14 Supporting the addition of five proposed bus stops by NJDOT.

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

R-216-4/14 Authorizing shared services agreement with the Borough of Carteret to provide Mobil Data Terminal Maintenance Service through the City's contract with GTBM-INFOCOP annual license fee from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

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

R-217-4/14 Authorizing stipulation of settlement resolving the complaint filed by 157 New Brunswick, LLC.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Council Member Petrick: We should ask that in the future all LLC's disclose their partners.

Greg Fehrenbach: This is the documentation that was supplied to the tax court. Many times LLC's are established so that they don't have to disclose the individual owners. I don't know that we will be able to obtain that information for you.

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

R-218-4/14 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Edilia Alvarez for unpaid water and sewer on Block 246, Lot 3 (524 State Street).

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

R-219-4/14 Authorizing Municipal Clerk to review a licensee's first, second and third applications for an ad interim permit.

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

LATE STARTER

R-220-4/14 Extending the contract with Q.E.S. Construction Management, LLC, for value engineering and construction inspection services in connection with the library improvements in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Petrick to place the above Resolution on the agenda as a late starter for consideration.

The above Resolution was placed on the agenda as a late starter by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

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

 Greg Fehrenbach: In February, 2014, R-87 hired Gallas Surveying Group to survey various locations for the replacement of 4" water mains. Gallas has failed to perform. Proposals were requested from land surveyors. The low bid came in from Stires Associates, PA in the amount of \$14,000.00. I just need a motion to continue with the work. We will have a resolution hiring them for the next meeting.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to continue the work and authorize a resolution at the next meeting, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Abstain--none. Absent--none.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **NJDEP submitted a copy of a news release regarding Governor Christie's Administration initiative to combat illegal dumping in state parks and natural lands. (3/27/14)**
2. **PSE&G advising that public hearings will be held at various locations on the Company's petition for approval of electric and gas rate adjustments from the BPU. (4/7/14)**
3. **NJDEP advising that no further action is necessary for the remediation of the 1000 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system on Blk. 379.02, Lot 37, 710 Hanson Avenue. (4/10/14)**

4. NJDEP advising that no further action is necessary for the remediation of the 2000 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system on Blk. 231, Lot 11, 97-99 DeKalb Avenue. (4/11/14)
5. Sayreville Borough Clerk submitted a copy of an Ordinance amending the Land Development Ordinance to create a R-7B Infill Overlay Residential Zone District introduced on April 7, 2014. The public hearing is scheduled for April 28, 2014. (4/11/14)
6. Sayreville Borough Clerk submitted a copy of an Ordinance amending the Land Development Ordinance to create a B-4 General/Village Residential Zone District introduced on April 7, 2014. The public hearing is scheduled for April 28, 2014. (4/14/14)
7. Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders proclaiming April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and encouraging the observation of the spirit and actions associated with "Denim Day", on April 25, 2014, which has become a nationally recognized call to action. (4/14/14)
8. Alfred J. Petit-Clair, Jr., attorney for the Board of Adjustment, submitted copies of Resolutions adopted at the March 13, 2014 meeting appointing Leslie Dominguez Rodriguez Vice Chairman for the unexpired term of that office and requesting funding to enable the Board to conduct its functions. (4/14/14)
9. JM Sorge, Inc. submitted a copy of the NJDEP Receptor Evaluation Form for the Sobel Bros, Inc., a/k/a Barclay Street Associates property at 400 Barclay Street. (4/15/14)
10. Black & Veatch advising that New Cingular Wireless PSC, LLC has retained them to perform the coordination of services for upcoming routine maintenance upgrade at the Water Works Road, Old Bridge site. (4/16/14)

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

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: Is it illegal for an elected official to accept monies or a job offer to not run for office?

Neha Patel: As the attorney, I am advising Mr. Gonzalez not to answer the question.

Stan Sierakowski: Was the attorney able to research questions that were asked at a previous meeting?

Neha Patel: The role of the City Attorney is not to research hypothetical questions.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: At one time, the property at 157 New Brunswick Ave. was the site of democratic headquarters. There was a city computer being used there. I still question the Mayor taking an internal affairs police officer to drive her to Brooklyn. When you go to another state, a police officer needs to report to that jurisdiction that he has a weapon. I am sure that this was not done.

Fernando Gonzalez, 129 High St.: Do we have a response on the Dixon Rodriguez murder incident? One of the police officers is back on duty. We should have a group visit the Prosecutor's Office and the State. A group of van transportation owners keep getting ticketed. Some people paid the tickets. Please read the violation. We should give incentives to industries to keep them in town. We need to help this transportation industry to keep them here. They provide jobs to people in this town.

Greg Fehrenbach: I thought this issue was resolved. There were meetings held with four of the owners. There was to be a hold on the enforcement of the Ordinance. The Chief recommended that he would speak to the Prosecutor. There would be the merging of all tickets into one. The Prosecutor agreed. The Municipal Judge found them guilty and only one ticket had to be paid for. The following day 58 tickets were issued. The Police Dept. has continued their enforcement.

Council President Pabon: Can the Council get a copy of the violation and Ordinance provision they are charging them with?

Greg Fehrenbach: Yes.

Daniel Gonzalez, 178 Long Ferry Road: The Ordinance that is being used is for the parking of vans over 8000 lbs. These transportation vans are 4000 lbs. The parking spots cost \$55 per space per month at the parking deck. Do we have to charge that much? Can we do something to help them out? It is my belief that the Dixon Rodriguez investigation is probably complete. We need this resolved.

Council Member Gonzalez: Was a follow up letter sent out by Mr. Blunda to the AG?

Greg Fehrenbach: Yes.

Council President Pabon: The case left the County and went to the Attorney General. I'm sure it's in the pile somewhere. I'm hoping we have a response by the next meeting.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: I went to the BID meeting. They now have an attorney. It's been 14 years since they filed their charter report to the State. An election will be held to determine who the board members will be. Their own chair voted against their attorney giving a legal opinion. The Mayor overturned a 4-1 vote for a liquor license ordinance. How are the people going to know that this was vetoed?

Council Member Petrick: People are only notified when an ordinance is adopted.

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: A second letter was requested on the Dixon Rodriguez matter. There's a cloud over our heads. If this had been an Afro-American, we would have had an answer in two weeks. The Prosecutor should indicate that the investigation is complete. The family needs answers.

Joel Reyes, State St.: Many people speak at these meetings and they seem to research the matters. It's frustrating because we have no answers regarding the shooting.

Greg Fehrenbach: 157 New Brunswick is owned by 157 New Brunswick LLC. You want the principles of the LLC, but we don't know who they are. LLC's are a way of keeping ownership hidden. Mr. Blunda has expressed his frustration in not being able to get information on the Dixon Rodriguez shooting. This is out of the hands of the local officials. The Police Dept. lost jurisdiction to other parties (Prosecutor and NJ Attorney General's Office) as a result of the Police Dept. having been involved.

Virginia Lugo, 316 State St.: A city employee controlled the BID monies. Monies were given to the City, at the request of Mr. Fehrenbach. He kept telling us that this was required because it was a result of the historic agreement with the City. This is why I am requesting how monies are being spent.

Mr. Neldi Caba, 84 Washington St.: Mr. Dan Gonzalez did not represent all the companies. I have pictures of tickets given to my vans only. Other company vans are not being ticketed. Why is the Chief of Police not ticketing those other companies? The other companies are from out of town. I am paying for the parking lot. If you don't ticket the others, I will remove my cars and park them in the streets. It should be fair to all the vans. We want the Mayor to do

something. I have a problem with a water leak that is not being addressed. The water is in the basement of my house.

Greg Fehrenbach: I will speak to Mr. Caba after the meeting to get information from him so I can follow up on the matter.

Vernon Uvegas, 680 Donald Ave.: I am a city employee and I would like the standard operating procedures and the policies that deal with nepotism and cronyism with regard to hiring and promotions, as well as the bullying/harassment policy.

Greg Fehrenbach: We can provide Mr. Uvegas with a copy of the personnel policy.

Mayor Wilda Diaz: The reason this parking of vans has become an issue is a result of a petition that was submitted by homeowners on Oak St. that can't find parking in their neighborhood. We are working on a solution to accommodate our business community. The companies were to be treated equally. I will ask Mr. Fehrenbach to follow up on this issue. I am happy the BID has an attorney. The BID can move forward. The spending of BID monies has to be approved by the Council. I am hopeful the Prosecutor will give us a report on the shooting soon.

Steve Nascimento, 422 Great Beds Court: We have no power on the condo association board at Harbortown Sail. We have looming problems and are being drained of money. There are no carbon monoxide detectors in my unit. This may be a violation of code. We are not registered under DCA.

Council Member Petrick: Homeowners should install the detectors themselves.

Greg Fehrenbach: I should be able to get some answers to the carbon monoxide detectors question. Everything has been resolved, except the replacement of 2 catch basins. The grading and seeding will take place shortly. The siding issue is being worked on. They are looking to replace the siding with a type of siding that withstands heat.

Council Member Nanton: The stoops are falling apart throughout Harbortown Sail. I also have concerns about the exposed down spouts.

Dave Szilagyi, 42 Market St.: There is no requirement to tell anyone that an ordinance did not pass. LLC's have always been a problem. I am here to respond to allegations that I made regarding the Proprietary House. I asked the Police Dept. to make an investigation. The investigation was completed and nothing was found to be improper. This organization is a non-profit.

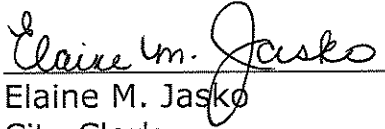
COUNCIL COMMENTS


Council Member Nanton: Tomorrow night there is an opening at the art gallery. I invite everyone to attend.

Greg Fehrenbach: We received a forgiveness of our loans for 2013 & 2014 from the NJDEP/EIT. The forgiveness is about \$1,139,169 over the two years. There will be a slight rate increase this year in water/wastewater. The forgiveness will decrease the increase from 2.5% to a 2% rate increase. Next year, the increase may stay at 2%, or go down to about 1.5%.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm, 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

