

**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
OCTOBER 8, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, October 8, 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 also 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, Lisa Nanton and William Petrick. Absent--Council Member Fernando Irizarry.

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

City Council Members and all members in the audience were given pink ribbons by 4 year old Lexani Rodriguez.

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

- 1. 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/Deletions

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

- 2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "NOISE" (ORDINANCE NO. C-447 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED OCTOBER 3, 1951 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 304 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

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

Council President asked for comments.

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: Does this ordinance address the first time offender, who is cooperative, and is still issued a ticket?

Mark Blunda: This expands the definition of noise and increases the fines only.

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

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

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: Adding Mary Street to Permit Parking

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

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-495, R-496, R-497

Stan Sierakowski, Charles St.: These are tax appeals. It only states complaint in the title on the agenda. Why does it not say tax appeal complaint? You should look at that. You should also list an amount.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 24, 2014 – Regular

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

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER NOTIFICATION (No PUBLIC DISCUSSION)

Person-to-person transfer of plenary retail consumption license no. 1216-33-104-003, held in the name of Santo Domingo Invita, Inc., 223 Market Street to Santo Domingo Invita Restaurant, LLC.

REPORTS

1. **Utility Service Affiliates Perth Amboy submitted the Water and Wastewater Systems Annual Report for the contract year ended June 30, 2014.**

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

2. **Check register report for the month of September 2014 in the total amount of \$6,718,352.24.**

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

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING (No PUBLIC DISCUSSION)

1. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ARTS COUNCIL ORDINANCE.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Nanton 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 October 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Irizarry.

RESOLUTIONS

R-476-10/14 Authorizing the 2014-2015 renewal of plenary retail consumption license no. 1216-32-081-004 held in the name of Al Cibelli Enterprises, Inc. at 1096 Convery Boulevard effective October 9, 2014.

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

R-477-10/14 Authorizing the proper City Officials to accept the Fiscal Year 2014 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Program for sustaining the Marine III Police Boat in the amount of \$25,000.00 and authorizing the proper city officials to execute the agreement.

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

R-478-10/14 Authorizing the insertion of revenue in the CY 2014 Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) for a 2014 Port Security Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00.

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

R-479-10/14 Making application to the Local Finance Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(e) and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a) for approval of the three proposed financings through the 2015 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program for the improvements to the Water and Waste Water Utility in the City and approval of non-conforming maturity schedules in connection with such financing

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

Council President asked for comments.

Jill Goldy: \$2,800,669 is the borrowing amount. The loan will fund three water/sewer projects. This borrowing is for a 20 year period. In 2014 we received 20% forgiveness of the loan. Hopefully they will forgive some of this too.

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

Consent Agenda – R-480-10/14 – R-488-10/14

R-480-10/14 Authorizing a refund to Rafael Lorenzo, 1090 Florida Grove Road, for denial of a handicapped parking space application in the amount of \$100.00.

R-481-10/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment on Block 341, Lot 20.01 (688 West Side Avenue) to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in the amount of \$171.00.

R-482-10/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment on Block 410, Lot 25 (365 Grove Street) to Core Logic Tax Service in the amount of \$615.11.

R-483-10/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Block 124, Lot 11.01 (157 New Brunswick Avenue) to Michael I. Schneck, Trustee for 157 New Brunswick Avenue LLC in the amount of \$28,080.00.

R-484-10/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Block 126, Lot 6 (333 State Street) to Brach, Eichler, LLC and Palma Investments, Inc. in the amount of \$9,195.05.

R-485-10/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment on Block 179, Lot 23 (519 New Brunswick Avenue) to RSI Bank in the amount of \$1,213.76.

R-486-10/14 Authorizing the refund of 2014 taxes paid on Block 427, Lot 2 (985-995 High Street) to Conrail in the amount of \$7,265.56.

R-487-10/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Block 126, Lot 21.01 (164 New Brunswick Avenue) to Brach, Eichler LLC and Moorehouse Palma Partnership in the amount of \$20,410.00.

R-488-10/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Block 56, Lot 12 (285 High Street) to Michael A. D'Aquanni, Esq. in the amount of \$11,145.09.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt Resolutions #480-10/14 - #488-10/14.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-489-10/14 Rescinding R-415-9/14 and authorizing the voiding of check #0646294 and authorizing a check to be reissued in the amount of \$6,780.37 to Domingo Vargas for a totally exempt veteran.

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

R-490-10/14 Extending the contract with Appraisal Systems, Inc. for appraisal services in connection with the defense of tax court appeals in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

R-491-10/14 Extending the contract for diesel fuel with Allied Oil Co., in accordance with the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing Agreement in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$50,000.00.

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

R-492-10/14 Reducing the contract for unleaded fuel with Allied Oil Co., in the amount of \$50,000.00.

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

R-493-10/14 Authorizing the contract with Kamback Bros., for installation of two gazebos on Sadowski Parkway and in Columbus Park in an amount not to exceed \$32,250.00.

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

R-494-10/14 Authorizing the proper City Officials to renew a shared services agreement with the Township of Woodbridge for the collection of solid waste for the period retroactive to September 1, 2014 and terminating December 31, 2015.

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

R-495-10/14 Authorizing Stipulation of Settlement resolving the complaint filed by United Poles in America Enterprises for property located at 275 Grace Street, Blk. 76, Lot 12.

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

R-496-10/14 Authorizing Stipulation of Settlement resolving the complaint filed by 595 New Brunswick LLC for property located at 451 Stevenson Place, Blk.185, Lot 15.

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

R-497-10/14 Authorizing partial Stipulation of Settlement resolving the complaint filed by R.R. Steel/Gerdau Ameristeel for property located at the foot of Grant Street, Blk. 14, Lot 1.

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

R-498-10/14 Extending the contract for rock salt to Atlantic Salt Co. in accordance with the Middlesex County Cooperative Pricing Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

R-499-10/14 Recognizing the month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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

R-500-10/14 Supporting the Middlesex County Ballot question regarding the Establishment of a County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund.

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

LATE STARTERS – RESOLUTIONS

R-501-10/14 Authorizing Foreclosure By Summary Proceedings in Rem on Block 28, Lot 1.02, foot of Gordon Street and Block 51, Lot 1.02, foot of Gordon Street.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to place the above Resolution on the agenda as a late starter for consideration and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Irizarry.

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

R-502-10/14 Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy to participate in the Perth Amboy Board of Education Internship Partnership Program.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to place the above Resolution on the agenda as a late starter for consideration and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Irizarry.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. NJDEP advising that no further action is necessary for the remediation of the 500 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 486-488 Compton Avenue, Block 281, Lot 48. (9/15/14)**

2. **NJ Transit Corp. giving notice of its intent to apply for Federal Fiscal Year 2014 federal financial assistance and prior Federal Fiscal year carryover funds. (9/15/14)**
3. **NJ Transit advising that public hearings will be held on various dates and at various locations regarding the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act. (9/15/14)**
4. **NJDOT advising that Traffic Regulation Order RP 2014-31 Bus Stop on Route 35 was approved by the Commissioner of transportation on September 9, 2014. (9/17/14)**
5. **Mayor Wilda Diaz appointing the following as police officers effective September 19, 2014: (9/22/14)**

Jonathan Coronado	Dennis Marte
Anthony Colon	Emmanuel Pena
Frank E. Cristiano	
6. **NJDEP advising that Commissioner Bob Martin will give a progress report on the agency's initiative to crack down on illegal dumping in state parks, forests, wildlife management areas and natural areas. (9/24/14)**
7. **Comcast advising of channel changes. (9/25/14)**
8. **Mayor Wilda Diaz advising Jaime Fox, the NJDOT Commissioner that another suicide happened on the Victory Bridge and that the DOT needs to act now. (9/26/14)**
9. **NJDOT advising that in order to legally establish the speed limit along Route 35 the Governing Body needs to adopt a resolution of support. (9/30/14)**
10. **Sayreville Borough Clerk submitted a certified copy of a Resolution adopted on September 22, 2014 supporting the Middlesex County ballot question regarding the establishment of a County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund. (9/30/14)**

11. **Arcides Cruz, owner of property at 245 State Street, complaining of the garbage that has been allowed to accumulate on the vacant property next door and asking that the owner be made to clean it up. (9/30/14)**
12. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the Waterfront Development Permit issued to Buckeye Perth Amboy Terminal LLC, for the Perth Amboy Marine Terminal, Berth 3 Repair located at Block 481, Lot 1. (9/30/14)**
13. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the Waterfront Development Permit/Freshwater Wetlands Transition Area Waiver to The Louis Berger Group, Inc. for the Kinder Morgan Terminals Repair East Dike Wall and Installation of Erosion Control Measures located at Block 354, Lot 1.01. (9/30/14)**
14. **PSE&G submitted a Notice of Filing in the matter of the petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for approval of electric base rate adjustment pursuant to the energy strong program. (10/2/14)**

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

Stan Sierakowski, 679 Charles St.: There has been a decline in crimes by 12% according to the "Perth Amboy United" ticket. Does this include murders and drive-by shootings? Are we living in a safer city?

Linda Ferreira, 394 Bruck Ave.: We need to know about the crimes in the City. Crimes are being hidden from us. The Amboy Guardian should report this. The Amboy Guardian is bias. People are complaining about missing street signs. The quality of life is horrible in the City. All of the Council should step down. There's an autism sign that's needed in my neighborhood for an autistic child.

Jose Ortega, 553 Carson Ave.: I live on the corner of Carson Ave. There is 2 hour parking and I have been ticketed.

Council Member Petrick: We have the traffic dept. looking into it. We will resolve your issue.

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: I submitted an OPRA request regarding the Hall Ave. shooting in December 2013. Is the case still under investigation?

Mark Blunda, Esq.: It is still under review.

David Caba: I am entitled to the info under state statute. I believe it is not under investigation. Nothing regarding crimes in Perth Amboy gets reported by the Home News Tribune.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: I reported the Z-Bar shooting on New Brunswick Ave. to the Home News Tribune. They refused to put it in their newspaper. At Monday's meeting I complained about a religious group that recently used a park and cooked at the park. Ms. Barrick said you are not allowed to cook in a park. Are you allowed to cook in parks? Bathrooms are not open on Monday's and Tuesday's at the park due to budgetary constraints, but it was open for this event. Did they put in a permit for the use of the park? I think it was an illegal use of the park.

Council President Pabon: We will look into it.

Alan Silber: The house next door to me finally had their grass cut. I thank Angel Maldonado, one of our inspectors, for the work he does for the City. I disagree that the Hall Ave. shooting is still under review. The Police officer who was involved in the shooting is back to work. Why is it still under review?

Jillian Barrick: Any park permit request goes through Ken Ortiz at the Dept. of Recreation. Cooking may be allowed in a park, upon request, and permission by the fire inspector.

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Ave.: Why do we have 3 police officers here at this meeting tonight? Many people are not reporting crimes. We need to let the public know what is going on. The public helps the police. How do you OPRA a verbal command? OPRA's are not meant to give people a hard time.

Angel Leon, 618 Penn St.: Has there been any response to the bridge situation by the State?

Council President Pabon: The Mayor has met with the Commissioner of DOT and there is a process that needs to be followed. They are looking into this and they are discussing permanent options.

Council Member Gonzalez: The meetings regarding the bridge will be held here at the bridge.

Barry Rosengarten, 170 Water St.: The Bill of Rights was signed here first, in Perth Amboy. This year is the 225th Anniversary of the signing of the Bill of Rights. We will have the original document on display at the Council Chambers, City Hall, on November 11, 2014. I will ask everyone to partake in the activities that we have on that date. I invite everyone to the festivities.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: I like that all the directors are at the Council meetings to answer questions. We need better signage at the City Hall circle. I sat in Municipal Court recently and a certain judge is running a debtors prison. He discourages payment plans and sends people to prison if you don't have the money. This should be looked into. The Court is not a revenue stream.

Gregory Pabon, 437 Ashley St.: I like seeing the department directors at Council Meetings. I walk in the Budapest area every evening. I have not heard of crimes in my area.

Jillian Barrick: There is no overtime being paid to department heads for attendance at meetings.

Council President Pabon to Ben Ruiz, Police Chief: Can we look into replacing some street signs that need it.

Chief Ben Ruiz: Signs are being made. We will be putting them up, but we will be looking to weld them. Autism and handicapped signs go up immediately.

Council President Pabon: How is crime reported to the press?

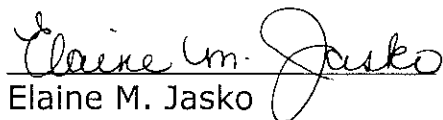
Chief Ben Ruiz: We make it available to the press, and they pick and choose what they want to print. We send Nixle reports to the public and to the press. We send out reports on a daily basis. Nixle also reports on Facebook.

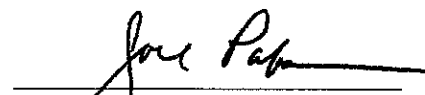
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Petrick to Linda Ferreira: We will get the installation of the autism sign expedited for your neighborhood.

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 8:30pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Irizarry.


Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk


Joel Pabon, Sr.
Council President

