

**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
APRIL 10, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 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 William Petrick who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting was call to order by Council President Joel Pabon with the following Council Members present: Kenneth Gonzalez, Fernando Irizarry, Lisa Nanton and William Petrick.

Also present at this meeting were: Greg Fehrenbach, Business Administrator, Mark J. Blunda, Esq., Director of Law, and Victoria Ann Kupsch, Assistant City Clerk.

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, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay—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.

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

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: Loading Zone - addition and deletion of Lawrie Street

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, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay—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.

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

Council President Pabon: Are we sending out any information to the boat owners?

Greg Fehrenbach: The marina staff has sent out notices to a large number. We hope to have approximately 61 slips by the end of the month. It was made clear that electricity would not be available in 2013. Water would be available.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG & HOME GRANT FUNDS RESOLUTION
(5 MINUTE MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)**

R-165-4/13 Authorizing the City to submit applications and enter into agreements with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2013-2014 CDBG Funds and HOME Funds in the amount of \$535,455.90.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Greg Fehrenbach: Annie Hindenlang will give you an idea on how the landscape has changed.

Annie Hindenlang: We still don't know the amount we will be awarded. I spoke with different individuals from the state and county and some HUD representatives to try to come up with an estimate. I took the worst scenario and used that figure in our budget. We had an application period in January and a review period in February. Most projects from last year will be re-funded.

Council Member Irizarry: Why is the Academy for Urban Leadership getting \$20,000.00?

Mark J. Blunda: Class II must be an employee. The Statute does not require an application.

Reinaldo Aviles: Does the Mayor attend and participate in Closed Sessions?

Council President Pabon: Sometimes.

R-155-4/13

Sharon Hubberman, 529 Cornell Street: Is this a new amount? My concern is Birdsall has been a very bid topic. Do we have to continue with the contract? Other towns had contracts that they closed out.

Council President Pabon: Mr. Fehrenbach went into great detail at Monday's meeting. There was a freeze on assets the judge overturned. This resolution reduces the amount. We do have contracts. We have other contractors waiting for Birdsall to finish so they could start.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 27, 2013 - 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.

BIDS

None.

SUPPLEMENTAL DEBT STATEMENT

None.

LIQUOR LICENSE – NOTIFICATION

None.

SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

1. **St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church**
41-47 Wisteria Street
Occasion: Annual Festival
Dates: May 31, 2013 - 11:00 am – Midnight
June 1, 2013 - 11:00 am – Midnight
June 2, 2013 - 12:00 Noon – 8:00 pm

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on April 24, 2013 in the Council Chambers, City Hall and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay—none.

RESOLUTIONS

R-152-4/13 Authorizing emergency temporary appropriation to extend CY 2013 temporary budget in the amount of \$5,242,485.00.

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.

R-153-4/13 Authorizing a refund in the amount of \$100.00 to Francisco Hernandez for denial of a handicapped parking space at 407 High St.

R-154-4/13 Authorizing a refund in the amount of \$100.00 to Tadeusz Czaplak for denial of a handicapped parking space at 673 Cortland St.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt R-153-4/13 through R-154-4/13.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

R-155-4/13 Rescinding R-136-3/13 to correct the amount of the contract and re-authorize change order no. 1 to the contract with Birdsall Services Group, for professional engineering services for asbestos and lead study at the Perth Amboy Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$950.00.

R-158-4/13 Determining the form and other details of not exceeding \$2,800,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2013, of the City of Perth Amboy, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, amending Resolution #R-66-2/13 in order to increase the authorization from \$2,450,000 to \$2,800,000 and providing for their sale to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey pursuant to the 2013 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing 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 Resolutions were adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay—none.

R-159-4/13 Amending Resolution #R-67-2/13 in order to increase the aggregate amount of the General Improvement Bonds, Series 2013 from \$2,450,000 to \$2,800,000 and authorizing the execution and delivery of loan agreements to be executed by the City of Perth Amboy, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, and each of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the Department of Environmental Protection, and further authorizing the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement, all pursuant to the 2013 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program.

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 Resolutions were adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay—none.

R-160-4/13 Awarding a contract for the purchase of four (4) 2013 Dodge Charger Police Vehicles to Beyer-Warnock Fleet in accordance with the Township of Cranford cooperative pricing agreement, in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$89,345.00.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

**R-164-4/13 Refund in the amount of \$50.00 to Glenn
bowman for a key deposit with the Perth Amboy
Harborside Marina.**

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 Resolutions were adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea—Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.
Nay—none.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Mayor Wilda Diaz advising that she has appointed the following individuals to the position of Special II Police Officer in the Perth Amboy Police Dept. The appointments will become effective on March 25, 2013 at the rate of \$24 per hour on a 20 hour work week. (3/21/13)**

**Leonardo Perez
Richard S. Sorokac**

Council Member Petrick: I congratulate the two special officers.

2. **Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission submitted a packet of information which includes a "Q & A" sheet on mosquitoes, a fact sheet on Fyfanon and a copy of the "Public Notice for Adult Mosquito Control Treatment." (3/21/13)**
3. **Borough of Spotswood submitted a copy of a resolution opposing Senate Bill 2511 – Amendments to the Open Public Meetings Act. (3/25/13)**

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

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to open the public portion to the audience and was unanimously carried.

Terez McGrath, 30 Gordon Street: Will any provision be made for people who can't carry them (garbage cans) and have no driveways? Will we be fined for leaving them out? This is good for certain areas. This needs to be thought out before it is put in place in other parts of the city.

Council Member Gonzalez: We have been hearing complaints. We need to work on this. Perhaps we need to meet with public works and Mr. Fehrenbach to come up with solutions.

Kurt Epps, Water Street: I would like to commend Gerri Barcheski. I thought this was great until I tried to get them up. I called Gerri and she was very helpful and personally delivered a small can. This is a great idea but it doesn't work in the older neighborhoods. Any help would be appreciated.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector Street: We have the worst tolerance in New Jersey. You must be vigilant.

Dennis (last name indecipherable), 298 Bruck Avenue: We have an issue of people flying down the street. There is a speed sign, but it still continues. What do we have to do to get speed bumps? My planters have been hit, my neighbors house has been hit.

Pictures were provided for the Council and Mr. Fehrenbach.

Council Member Gonzalez: Maybe we need a traffic study.

Greg Fehrenbach: We will try to do something to help.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terrace: I believe the Mayor should be available. I have a right to question her. I want to ask questions but out in the public. Will we have a budget advisory committee?

Council President Pabon: No.

Mayor Wilda Diaz: This is a Council meeting. I respect this form of government. Everyone who applies is very good. I need to see how involved in the community they are. They need to be connected. I will always be available.

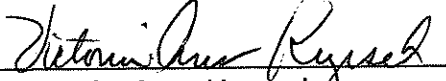
The Council set April 23rd and 30th, 2013 at 4:30 to hold budget review sessions.

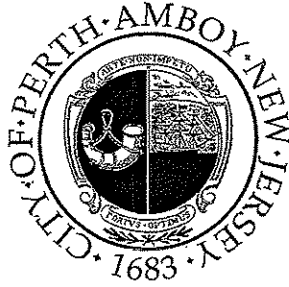
Council Member Nanton: It's the 150 anniversary of flight by Dr. Solomon Andrews.

The inspirational quote given by Council Member Lisa Nanton: "There is no innovation or creativity without failure."

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 9:35 p.m. and was unanimously carried.


Victoria Ann Kupsch
Assistant City Clerk



MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
APRIL 23, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS

Special Public Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was for the purpose of reviewing and/or holding departmental hearings on the CY 2013 Budget was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 4:30 p.m.

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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: Greg Fehrenbach, Business Administrator, and Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk.

Council Member Irizarry: What is the parks maintenance amount going to be used for?

Greg Fehrenbach: We've included \$100,000.00 to supplement the city employees to take care of the parks. This frees up some employees to do other jobs. There are currently 4 workers that are actually working out of 11 employees. This is due to injuries and sick leave.

Frank Dann: We have close to 50 locations that are handled by 4 employees. We will contract out and the job will have to be done. If one of the contract employees can't do the job they will have to send another person to do the job.

Council Member Nanton: Will the Garden Club get some help from the seasonal employees that you hire?

Frank Dann: Yes, we will make a person available to the group.

Council Member Petrick: Do we have salt left over from the winter?

Frank Dann: Yes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Nanton: Under maintenance of motor vehicles, there is an increase, why?

Ben Ruiz, Chief of Police: Eventually, we want to get from a repair fleet to a maintenance fleet. We've purchased some specialty equipment to do in-house repairs. We are looking to obtain vehicles with interchangeable parts.

Council Member Gonzalez: Are we trying to increase the number of officers in the department?

Ben Ruiz: The State has implemented changes, and many people are looking to leave. Personal choices are being made by personnel. We are looking at approximately 18 retirees. 9 have already filed. We are looking at quality instead of quantity in replacements.

Greg Fehrenbach: Accrued leave calculations were done on 12 employees for this year.

Council Member Irizarry: What type of training is this for?

David Volk: We continue to apply for grants. Everyone qualifies, but there are other towns that need it more than we do. We have had some personnel replacements and some attrition. However, we have not had any layoffs. We currently have 50 employees, but we would like an additional 13 employees.

Council Member Petrick: We have a lot of the city's buildings with no defibrillators.

David Volk: We have one at Olive Street. We get an income of about \$46,000 per year for services that we provide for private industries in Sayreville.

Council Member Nanton: What is volunteer reimbursement?

David Volk: It's the stipends that the volunteers get for their hours of service.

Council Member Irizarry: What is professional services?

David Volk: This is for new hires.

Council Member Petrick: The least expensive radio is \$2000, correct?

David Volk: Yes.

DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

Ed Scala, Director of Code Enforcement: Funds for the Planning and Zoning Boards are spent by the boards. We have 4 divisions in our department. Our budgets are static.

Council Member Nanton: Do you do an evaluation of the housing inspectors and zoning personnel?

Ed Scala: We review their work product. Sub-codes require state schooling and continuing education.

Council Member Petrick: Master Plan re-examination has double the funds in 2014, why?

Greg Fehrenbach: We're trying to button it up.

Council Member Gonzalez: Do we have funding for education and training for the Planning Board members?

Greg Fehrenbach: There is money allocated for 3 new members for the Planning Board and 3 new members for Zoning Board.