

**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
AUGUST 12, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Presiding Officer of the Council, William A. Petrick, wishes to advise 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, 260 High Street at 7:20 p.m. immediately following the Caucus Meeting.

Council President William Petrick: 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 Irizarry who also led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Petrick called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Fernando Irizarry and Milady Tejada.

Councilmen Helmin Caba and Joel Pabon were on vacation not in attendance.

Also present at this meeting were: Frederick C. Carr, Business Administrator; Peter J. King, Esq., Director of Law and Victoria Ann Kupsch, City Clerk.

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.

Communication No. 13 & R-352-8/19

Ken Balut, 359 Bruck Avenue: We're spending all this money on design. Our taxes went up with PILOTS. You should dissolve PARA. Kushner owes us \$4 million. He shouldn't get any of the bond money back. Take it back and sell it.

R-342-8/19 & R-324-8/19

Stan Sierakowski, 698 Charles Street: I just wanted to make sure it's on the ballot. What is R-324 about?

Council President Petrick: the Mayor is suing the City Council because she said I shouldn't have voted. We only needed 3 votes.

R-367-8/19

Alan Silber, 244 Rector Street: That's for the sink hole? Is the lining an emergency?

Council President Petrick: It precludes an emergency.

Alan Silber: Why didn't it go out to bid?

Frederick C. Carr: We have a contract with B&S. this increases the amount. I disagree with it not being an emergency for lining. It needed to be done. It didn't have to be bid.

Alan Silber: This should have been bided.

R-357-8/19

Sharon Hubberman, 529 Cornell Street: In 2012 we entered into a consent order. You need to refer to that to see if that area was part of it.

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

1. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT OF THE FOCUS 2020 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA 1 (GATEWAY) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW.

Re: Warehousing

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

Motion was made by Councilman Petrick, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to table the adoption of the Ordinance to the next meeting and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

2. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT OF THE FOCUS 2020 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA 3 (INDUSTRIAL) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW.

Re: Billboards

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

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

3. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT OF THE FOCUS 2020 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA 1 (GATEWAY) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW.

Re: Cell Towers

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

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

4. 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 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.

Re: Loading Zones

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

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

5. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE" ADOPTED FEBRUARY 18, 1975 (ORDINANCE NO. 64-75 AS AMENDED) ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 243 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

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

6. 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 Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

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

MINUTES

- June 12, 2019 - Regular Meeting**
- June 18, 2019 - Special Meeting**
- June 18, 2019 - Closed Session**
- June 26, 2019 - Regular Meeting**
- July 8, 2019 - Closed Session**
- July 10, 2019 - Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to accept the minutes and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

BIDS

- 1. Bids were received on May 14, 2019 for the following:**
 - a. Renovation work in the tax & water office of City Hall**
 - George Koustas Painting & Construction \$315,000.00.***
 - All Phase Consulting Services Corp. \$402,000.00.**

One additional quote was received under the ESCNJ CoOp Bid Number ESCNJ 16/17-54 GC3 – Dated 6/17/19 (Gordian Job Pricing)

- Murray Paving & Concrete \$411,496.26**

***Recommendation of Bid Award**

REPORTS

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

- 1. Investment Report for June 2019.**
 - 2. Check Register Report for the month of June 2019 in the total amount of \$9,134,299.21.**
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- 3. Nancy A. Martin, Tax Collector – Monthly Cash Receipts for the month of June 2019.**
 - 4. Frederick C. Carr, B.A. - Personnel Report as of July 31, 2019.**

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to accept the above Reports and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

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

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(i) AND SECTION 6 OF BOND ORDINANCE #1895-2018 OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, FINALLY ADOPTED OCTOBER 24, 2018, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AND SECTION 20 COSTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada 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 9, 2019 in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 7:00 p.m. and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

2. 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: Deletions

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada 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 9, 2019 in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 7:00 p.m. and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. 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 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.

Re:

- **Parking Prohibited – South side of Seaman Avenue 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday**
- **Seaman Avenue – Easterly direction one way between Augustine Place and Ogden Place**

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada 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 9, 2019 in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 7:00 p.m. and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to adopt R-325-8/19 thru R-367-8/19 with the exception of R-357-8/19.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Resolutions R-325-8/19 thru R-367-8/19, with the exception of R-357-8/19 were adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

R-325-8/19 Authorizing refund of handicapped parking space application fee to Janice Bosie, 559 Compton Avenue in the amount of \$100.00 due to denial by the Police Department and/or Handicapped Parking Committee. (Clerk)

R-326-8/19 Authorizing refund of handicapped parking space application fee to Maria Martinez Cruz, 315 Silzer Street in the amount of \$100.00 due to denial by the Police Department and/or Handicapped Parking Committee. (Clerk)

R-327-8/19 Authorizing refund of handicapped parking space application fee to Esteban Sanchez, 219 Meade Street in the amount of \$100.00 due to denial by the Police Department and/or Handicapped Parking Committee. (Clerk)

R-328-8/19 Authorizing refund of liquor license transfer fee to Pedro Perez in the amount of \$250.00 due to withdrawal of application. (Clerk)

R-329-8/19 Authorizing the refund of utility overpayment on account #563-3, also known as 358 Rector Street, Unit 306 in the amount of \$385.12. (Collector)

R-330-8/19 Authorizing the renewal of 2019-2020 Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1216-33-075-006 held in the name of Heat Sports Bar and Lounge at 1096 Convery Boulevard effective August 15, 2019. (Clerk)

R-331-8/19 Authorizing the person-to-person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1216-32-071-005 held in the name of T&A discount Liquors Inc., t/a T&A Discount Liquors & Wines at 439 Convery Boulevard to Perth Amboy Wine & Liquor, LLC effective August 15, 2019. (Clerk)

R-332-8/19 Setting forth an interpretive statement for inclusion on the November 5, 2019 General Election Ballot regarding the holding of a Runoff Election. (Council President)

R-333-8/19 Directing the Tax collector to place a lien on 393 Hall Avenue (Block 270, Lot 37) in the amount of \$458.67 for charges incurred by the Department of Public Works. (Code Enforcement)

R-334-8/19 Authorizing refund of fee paid for the trip to Medieval Times, a special event program sponsored by the Office of Recreation, to Aide Campos, 133 Market Street in the amount of \$35.00. (Recreation)

R-335-8/19 Authorizing refund of fee paid for the trip to Medieval Times, a special event program sponsored by the Office of Recreation, to Juana Polanco, 215 Sheridan Street in the amount of \$35.00. (Recreation)

R-336-8/19 Authorizing a refund in the amount of \$50.00 to Kiara Rosario, 467 Mechanic Street, for the cost of the permit fee for the use of Duffy Park. (Recreation)

R-337-8/19 Authorizing refund of registration fee for the Women's Softball League in the amount of \$200.00 to Yasmin Munoz, 574 Brace Avenue. (Recreation)

R-338-8/19 Authorizing refund of registration fee for the Women's Softball League in the amount of \$200.00 to Kitora Jones, 102 Hidden Village Drive. (Recreation)

R-339-8/19 Authorizing refund of deposit for the 2019 Summer Arts Camp in the amount of \$50.00 to Lixie Gomez, 395 Park Avenue. (Recreation)

R-340-8/19 Authorizing refund of code compliance fee for property located at 358 Rector Street, in the amount of \$110.00 to Michelle Rizzo. (Code Enforcement)

R-341-8/19 Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations to extend the CY 2019 temporary Budget for September in the amount of \$5,333,038.00 (Finance)

R-342-8/19 Authorizing cancellation of unexpended Capital Fund Improvement authorizations in the amount of \$54,456.56. (Finance)

R-343-8/19 Authorizing a professional services contract with SOR Consulting Engineers, Inc. for a subsurface investigation in connection with the relocation of a concrete pad in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00. (L. Perez-Jimenez)

R-344-8/19 Accepting the bid and awarding a contract to George Koustas Painting & Construction in the amount of \$315,000.00 for the renovation work in the tax and water office of City Hall. (BA)

R-345-8/19 Authorizing a contract with Storm Trap for the purchase of nets to be used at the CSO netting chambers in an amount not to exceed \$41,160.00. (L. Perez-Jimenez)

R-346-8/19 Accepting the bid and awarding a contract for the sewer separation in the area bounded by James Street, State Street, Parker Street and the Outer Bridge crossing to Maurer Road, to Underground Utilities Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,722,719.65. (L. Perez-Jimenez)

R-347-8/19 Authorizing a contract with Oswald Enterprises, Inc. for the TV inspection of various collapsed sewer mains in an amount not to exceed \$24,425.00. (L. Perez-Jimenez)

R-348-8/19 Accepting the proposal of an awarding a contract to Sonnenfeld + Trocchia Architects for architectural services for the reconstruction of the Smith Street Water Works Shop in an amount not to exceed \$33,050.00. (L. Perez-Jimenez)

R-349-8/19 Authorizing a contract with Metro Pumps and Systems, Inc. for the repairs of the motor on high lift pump #1 at the Runyon Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. (L. Perez-Jimenez)

R-350-8/19 Authorizing assignment of municipal lien on Block 346, Lot 24, 654 Cortland Street. (Collector)

R-351-8/19 Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy Police Department and Administration to participate with the City of New Brunswick in an application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY 2019 Local Solicitation in the amount of \$21,959.00. No matching funds required. (PD)

R-352-8/19 Authorizing a contract with Suburban Consulting Engineering for survey, design, bid phase and construction administration services related to the four (4) gate locations within the public safety complex in an amount not to exceed \$17,300.00. (DPW)

R-353-8/19 Authorizing an emergency contract with S & G Paving, Inc. for Seaman Avenue emergency road repairs in an amount not to exceed \$47,750.00. (DPW)

R-354-8/19 Authorizing amending schedule A Service Locations to the contract with Automated Building Controls for HVAC maintenance & repair services of city buildings to include additional locations in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00. (DPW)

R-355-8/19 Authorizing a contract with P.M. Construction Corp. for City Hall parking lot paving in an amount not to exceed \$33,710.00. (DPW)

R-356-8/19 Consenting to the reappointment of George M. Boyd as Judge of the Municipal Court for a 3 year term effective September 1, 2019 and terminating September 1, 2022. (Mayor)

R-357-8/19 Extending the contract with B&W Construction Co. of NJ for emergency repairs to the collection system in the amount of \$275,178.18 to pay for the emergency repairs of the collapsed 36" brick sewer main on Gordon Street and to line the brick sewer main from a man hole on Water Street to a manhole on Front Street for a total contract amount of \$825,178.18.n (BA)

Motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments.

Councilwoman Tejada: People have concerns about not bidding.

Frederick C. Carr: We have not completed the lining.

Peter J. King: Is the bidding amount for square footage the same as in this?

Frederick C. Carr: Yes.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.

R-358-8/19 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Olga Pena for water line repair services at 653 Carlock Avenue, Block 296, Lot 25. (BA)

R-359-8/19 Authorizing execution of a professional service agreement with Center State Engineering for engineering and construction inspection services for the paving of City Hall parking lot and emergency paving of Seaman Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. (BA)

R-360-8/19 Authorizing settlement of the workers compensation litigation entitled Jose A. Gonzalez v. City of Perth Amboy C.P. No. 2012-19575 for the amount of \$15,420.00. (Law)

R-361-8/19 Authorizing the purchase of energy generation services for public use on an online auction website. (BA)

R-362-8/19 Authorizing a contract with Allstate Office Interiors for the purchase of furniture for the tax and water department area of City Hall under State Contract AIS NJSC #A81705 in an amount not to exceed \$17,612.04. (BA)

R-363-8/19 Authorizing a professional services contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc. for oversight engineering for asbestos and lead-based paint survey in connection with the renovations of the tax collector and water department in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. (BA)

R-364-8/19 Authorizing a lease agreement with Willscot for the rental of a mobile office to be used during the renovations of the tax office and water department area of City Hall in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. (BA)

R-365-8/19 Awarding a contract to M-P Electrical Contractor for electrical work in connection with the renovation to the tax and water department area of City Hall in an amount not to exceed \$4,300.00. (BA)

R-366-8/19 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Silvia Lopez for water line repair service at 561 Carson Avenue, Blk. 286, Lot 5. (BA)

R-367-8/19 Authorizing an inter-local agreement with the County of Middlesex for the installation of a mid-block pedestrian actuated rectangular rapid flash beacon on High Street. (BA)

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. NJDOT advising that the Roadway Improvements for State Street & Lewis Street will be funded in the amount of \$387,561.00. (7/9/19)**

2. Mayor Wilda Diaz notifying Roman McKeon of his permanent appointment to the rank of Police Chief retroactive to May 13, 2019. (7/9/19)
3. Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. issued a Response Action Outcome for the remediation of the former MGP Site at Sadowski Parkway and Wisteria Street, Block 3, Lot 11. (7/9/19)
4. NJDOT submitted a Summer 2019 Volume 5 edition of the NJDOT Commitment to Communities newsletter highlighting the Federal Emergency Relief Funds for the 2019 Hurricane Season. (7/10/19)
5. NJDEP issued a News Release regarding the State Park Service hosting programs as part of the National "Girl Scouts Love State Parks" campaign. 7/11/19)
6. Council President William Petrick advised that Barbara M. Skokan has resigned from the Board of Adjustment due to health reasons. (7/12/19)
7. NJDEP issued a News Release regarding high-tech buoys being deployed as part of multifaceted response to Lake Hopatcong harmful algal bloom as swimming and contact advisory remains in effect. (7/12/19)
8. NJDEP issued a News Release regarding New Jersey Forest Fire Service celebrating the 75th Birthday of Smokey Bear with a big bash at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. (7/15/19)
9. Sayreville Deputy Municipal Clerk submitted a copy of an Ordinance adopting the Fulton's Landing Redevelopment plan adopted on Jun 24, 2019 and a certified copy of the Resolution providing reasons for disapproving recommendations of the Borough Planning Board regarding the Fulton's Landing Redevelopment Plan. (7/16/19)
10. NJDEP issued a No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue for the remediation of one 550 gallon #2 Heating UST at 323 Herbert Street, Block 101.06, Lot 6. (7/16/19)
11. NJDEP submitted a Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification regarding gasoline spill resulting from a ruptured tank at 519 North Park Drive. (7/19/19)
12. Frederick C. Carr, Business Administrator submitted a copy of the notice of continuing drinking water standard exceedance - 3rd quarter sampling results sent to residents advising that the exceedance of TTHM was due to a mechanical failure of the primary well. The well has been repaired and the TTHM levels have returned to normal. Since regulations are based on a running four quarter average, the exceedance is still part of the calculation. (8/8/19)

13. **Anonymous letter regarding the continuing behavior of residents at 490, 491 492 & 494 Neville Street. (7/22/19)**
14. **Maraziti Falcon, LLP submitted a copy of a letter submitted to the Local Finance Board on behalf of the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency, requesting that the hearing on the dissolution of PARA be adjourned to September 11, 2019. (7/22/19)**
15. **NJDEP advising the NJ Forest Services is currently assessing the environmental issues that impact NJ's trees and forests for the 2020 New Jersey Forest Action Plan. (7/22/19)**
16. **RTP Environmental Associates, Inc. advising that an environmental investigation/cleanup is in progress at Alpine Service Center, 674 Amboy Avenue, Block 322, Lot 25. (7/22/19)**
17. **Perth Amboy (USA) - Ayacucho (Peru) Sister City Support Committee advising that they are interested in initiating a formal Friendship and Sister City Agreement between the City of Perth Amboy and the City of Huamanga, Ayacucho, Peru. (7/22/19)**
18. **Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary of Local Finance Board adjourning the hearing on the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency to September 11, 2019. (7/23/19)**
19. **PSE&G submitted a Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearings on the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for approval of electric base rate changes to provide for cost recovery associated with the Company's Madison & Marshall Substations. (7/26/19)**
20. **PSE&G submitted a Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearings on the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company requesting a resetting of the Company's electric and gas Green Program Recovery Charge. (7/24/19)**
21. **NJDEP submitted a Summer 2019 Volume 6 edition of the NJDOT Commitment to Communities newsletter highlighting the Commitment to Communities Forum & Expo held on June 27, 2019. (7/26/19)**
22. **NJDEP issued a Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification regarding the contamination of land and water from motor oil resulting from a car crash into two homes that caught fire at 217 Washington Street. (7/28/19)**

23. **T&M Associates submitted a copy of the NJDEP Waterfront Development Individual Permit and Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit application for 225 Elm Street. (7/30/19)**
24. **Ana Maria Mascenik advising that she is resigning from the Board of Adjustment due to moving out of the City. (8/1/19)**
25. **Reach Associates, Inc. submitted a copy of the NJDEP Classification Exception Area/Well Restriction Area Fact Sheet for the remediation work being done at the former White Marine Inc., 500 Division Street. (8/1/19)**
26. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the Waterfront Development Modification Permit issued to 1250 State Street Holdings LLC for Block 484, Lots 1.02 & 1.03; Block 485, Lots 1 & 1.01 and Block 485, Lot 1.02. (8/2/19)**
27. **NJDEP submitted a Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification regarding the contamination of water resulting from a 6' wide by 50' long mystery rainbow sheen. (8/3/19)**
28. **NJDOT advising that applications are being accepted for the NJDOT fiscal year 2020 Local Freight Impact Fund. The available funding for FY 2020 program is \$30.1 million. (8/6/19)**

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

Vince Mackiel, 215 Sheridan Street: Last year the Planning Board approved the project at St. Demetrios. I brought up concerns about the road last year. Moving vehicles and large trucks on Sadowski Parkway is a concern. It could be a dangerous situation.

Sharon Hubberman, 529 Cornell Street: We did not receive that letter in communications #12. There are on-going issues with the water. I want to know what we did with over \$200 million. I want a full accounting. The administration needs to stop politicizing our concerns with the water. I've submitted applications to be on boards. I've e-mailed you the consent order.

Maria Vera, Madison Avenue: The Dominican Festival is a huge burden on the police. There is no benefit to our town. It's too big, it's not a festival, it's a concert. They left our neighborhood full of trash.

Fermin DeJesus, 395 Wagner Avenue: I knocked on doors while advertising Comcast. I've asked people, one to two percent had an issue with traffic. We have big companies and restaurants that sponsor us. It puts the City on the map. We use no tax money. If people have concerns, we want to listen. We will take their concerns to the committee.

Council President Petrick: Do you have someone measuring the noise level?

Fermin DeJesus: I'd have to check with the stage person.

Stan Sierakowski, 698 Charles Street: When Seaman Avenue school opens, parking will be a disaster. There's a piece of land the City owes. The Mayor refuses to sell it to the Board of Ed. It's a safety concern.

Peter J. King: That property is a park. It's Green Acres. There's regulations to follow. If they pave it and it's not approved, they want the City to reimburse them. I said no.

Jessica Hernandez, 1093 Andrews Drive: A few blocks away, a bar opened up. There is no parking. They park on our street. There's an issue with loud music. There are no windows. People urinate on our street.

Councilman Irizarry: We have a noise ordinance is, it being enforced?

Jessica Hernandez: Is he being fined? Can we get resident parking?

Council President Petrick: The business Administrator will talk to the Police Department.

Maria Rivera, 175 Smith Street: Why can't they move the festival to Rudyk Park? They frisked us at the Puerto Rican Festival, not at the Dominican Festival.

Lisa Nanton, 32 Gordon Street: The hearing with DCA has been postponed. I have an e-mail from December of 2016 from Ms. McNamara. I also got a voice message saying we should meet. It was never heard. Concerning the water, why is the City using bottled water if it's safe?

Mayor Wilda Diaz: We have a Home Depot warehouse coming in. We have other great projects all due to PARA. Thank you to Mr. Carr for sending out letters. The water issue is very complex. The DEP was here, there was a thorough study done.

Council President Petrick: Why were people frisked at the Puerto Rican Festival?

Mayor Wilda Diaz: They were not. The Puerto Rican Festival is by the bridge. It's a Home Land security area. We should welcome any enforcement for safety.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Irizarry: I'd like a police report on these festivals, it is a requirement in the Ordinance. I'd like a detailed report. I suggest to the Mayor and Administration to establish a domestic terrorism unit in the City. We should carry out drills so we're prepared if it ever happens here.


Councilwoman Tejeda: I thank everyone who attended the festival. We always try to accommodate people who have any issues. There are a lot of people but it's only once a year. I want to congratulate the Board of Education on being recognized by the State.

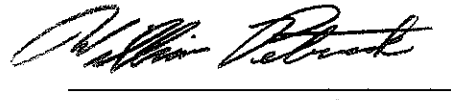
Councilman Irizarry: The bathrooms were to be moved when everything is done.

Frederick C. Carr: Until we get the check we won't move them.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilman Irizarry, seconded by Councilwoman Tejada to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Irizarry, Tejada and Petrick. Nay—none.


Victoria Ann Kupsch
City Clerk


William A. Petrick
Council President