AUGUST 19, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be advised that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act have been complied with and satisfied in that the annual notice, which gave sufficient notice of the time and place, and conduct of all public meetings of the Municipal Council of the City of New Brunswick, has been filed with the City Clerk, has been placed on an appropriate bulletin board and posted in the back vestibule of City Hall visible to the public through the windows in the lobby of City Hall, New Brunswick, N.J. and has been transmitted to the official newspaper for the City of New Brunswick, namely The Home News Tribune.
Additionally, a 48-hour notice of the time place and manor of conducting this meeting has been made by the City Clerk on August 17, 2020 as is required by law.

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy has issued Executive Orders limiting the size of public gatherings.
The City Council met with 3 of voting members of the City Council present and 2 voting member via conference call.

The City Council intends to meet on a regular schedule and will meet the guidelines of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) by utilizing teleconferencing systems. Public participation at public meetings has been revised and the public may participate through a conference call-in system.
The public is encouraged to call into the conference call system through the phone numbers and access codes transmitted in the 48-HOUR NOTICE and posted in the back vestibule of City Hall visible to the public through the windows. City employees will also be available via conference call during this meeting as well. All on the conference call will have the opportunity to hear the City Council meeting. During the portions of the meetings that are not open for public comment, all callers from the public will be muted and the Council will not be able to hear any public comment through the Conference Call system. During the public comment periods those on the conference call in lines, who have interest in addressing the Council, will first be organized by last name and then called upon to speak. Public needing assistance accessing the call-in number should call City Hall at 732-745-5007.

Salute to the Flag..... Leslie Zeledón
Pause for a moment to honor those American, Iraqis, and Afghanis who have lost their lives in this current conflict.

Staff in attendance:

Public Information Officer Bert Baron
Assistant City Administrator Michael Drulis
Police Capt. JT Miller
Chief Financial Officer Richard Mulrine
City Attorney TK Shamy
City Clerk Leslie Zeledón

On motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming and carried, the minutes of the previous Council Meetings held on July 1, 2020 were approved and adopted as engrossed.

Meeting called to order by Council President Anderson with Council Members Egan via telephone, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig present via telephone.

PUBLIC HEARING

O-082001	**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 13 – PUBLIC SERVICES, CHAPTER 13.04 – WATER SERVICE SYSTEM** RE: QUALITY AND FUNCTIONALITY OF WATER APPURTENANCES AND PIPING

Council President Anderson opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: Mr. Kratovil, Ms. Danielle Moore inquired on the Ordinance. Mr. Walus explained the Ordinance.
On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on August 19, 2020.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

O-082002	**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1, ET SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO ENTER INTO A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH NBA – NEW BRUNSWICK, LLC AND GRANTING A TAX EXEMPTION** RE: 33 PAUL ROBESON BOULEVARD BLOCK: 107.01, LOT 1.01

Council President Anderson opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: Mr. Kratovil and Ms. Stork asked questions about the on the Ordinance above and spoke against it. Mr. Shamy responded.
On a motion of Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on August 19, 2020.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

O-082003	**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 10.16 STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING, SECTION 10.16.210 - SCHEDULE 38, "TIME LIMIT PARKING AREAS"** RE: LIVINGSTON AVENUE

Council President Anderson opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: Mr. Kratovil and Ms. Moore inquired on the Ordinance above.
On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on August 19, 2020.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson

Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

O-082004	**AMEND THE MANAGEMENT SALARY ORDINANCE 2020 - 2022**

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on September 2 at 5:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

O-082005	**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $200,000.00 TO FUND THE REVISION OF THE CURRENT MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY**

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, seconded by Council Member Escobar, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on September 2 at 5:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

O-082006	**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 17, ZONING** RE: SEVERAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, seconded by Council Member Escobar, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on September 2 at 5:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

O-082007	**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BY AND IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $3,800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $3,619,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE AT OF THE COST THEREOF**

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, seconded by Council Member Escobar, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on September 2 at 5:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

O-082008	**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM BY AND IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $2,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $2,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, seconded by Council Member Escobar, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on September 2 at 5:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

O-082009	**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND 760 NEW BRUNSWICK URBAN RENEWAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** RE: 750 JERSEY AVENUE BLOCK 598, LOT 3.03

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, seconded by Council Member Escobar, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on September 2 at 5:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

O-082010	**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND 90 BAYARD GROUP URBAN RENEWAL, LLC** RE: 90 BAYARD STREET BLOCK 20, LOTS 12, 13, 14.01, 16, 17, 18, 19 AND 20.1

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, seconded by Council Member Escobar, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on September 2 at 5:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation regarding a Maintenance Roadway Contract C215, DP 21405.
2. A letter from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation regarding the 2020 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.
3. An email from Tanya Davis from Verizon Fios TV regarding filing an application for the Board of Public Utilities.
4. A notice from PSE&G regarding the 2020/2021 Annual Compliance Filings for the Universal Service Fund Program.
5. A notice from PSE&G regarding a Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company’s 2020 Annual Margin adjustment Charge.
6. A letter from Middlesex County Department of Transportation regarding the Agricultural Development Board 2020 Schedule of Meetings.
7. A notice from the City of New Brunswick Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding a change in meeting location.

RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Ms. Linda Stork inquired R-082046 and R-082047, Mr. Mulrine and Mr. Shamy responded. Mr. Kratovil asked about R-082047and R-082051. Mr. Shamy, Mr. Mulrine and Mr. Dominguez responded. Mr. Moore asked about R-082041 and R-082055. CM Escobar and Mr. Mulrine responded. Mr. Chris Stokes of Middlesex County asked about R-082047. CP Anderson responded.
Resolutions R-082038 through R-082062, moved by Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming and carried were adopted, on consent, by the Municipal Council.

Roll Call:

Aye:	Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:	
Abstain:	

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Director and OEM Coordinator provided the Council with an OEM update regarding the current public health emergency. Ms. Linda Stork of Park Blvd. asked about the CARES Act Funds. Mr. Drulis responded. Mr. Richmond mentioned an article he read. Mr. Kratovil of Suydam Street spoke about council meetings during the pandemic, Continuity Plan, a payout for a retired employee and the Cancer Institute. Ms. Moor of 333 Somerset Street spoke about 33 Paul Robeson Blvd., Lincoln Annex, and Jersey Avenue. Mr. Eric McFee of Middlesex County spoke about the Cancer Institute and asked questions about demolitions. Mr. Chris Stokes of Middlesex County spoke about a security position and allegations.
On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Leslie R. Zeledón
City Clerk

John Anderson
Council President