JANUARY 6, 2021
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2021 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 January 4, 2021 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 all voting members of the City Council present 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:

Acting City Administrator Michael Drulis
Assistant City Administrator Brandon Goldberg
City Attorney TK Shamy
City Clerk Leslie Zeledón

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

REORGANIZATION

OATH OF OFFICE IS ADMINISTERED BY CITY CLERK ZELEDÓN TO NEWLY RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- COUNCIL MEMBER GLENN FLEMING
- COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN ANDERSON
- COUNCIL MEMBER SUZANNE M. SICORA LUDWIG

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON:
TK SHAMY

On a motion of Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Egan, and carried, TK Shamy was elected temporary chairperson on January 06, 2021.

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

CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2021-2022

On a motion of Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Egan, and carried, Suzanne Sicora Ludwig was nominated and elected Council President on January 06, 2021. There were no other nominations for Council President.

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

City Clerk Leslie Zeledón administered the oath of office to Council President Suzanne Sicora Ludwig. Council President Sicora Ludwig thanked her colleagues for the confidence, guidance and support. Council President is looking forward to representing the Council.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CALLS FOR NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2021-2022

On a motion of Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, Rebecca Escobar was nominated and elected Council Vice-President on January 06, 2021. There were no other nominations for Council Vice-President.

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

City Clerk Leslie Zeledón administered the oath of office to Council Vice-President Escobar.
Council Vice-President Escobar thanked her fellow Council Members for allowing her to serve as Council Vice-President and is looking forward to working with the newly elected Council President.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

O-012101	**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 10.20 – HANDICAPPED PARKING, SECTION 10.20.010 – SCHEDULE 39 – "PARKING ZONES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS"** **ADD:** 86 WRIGHT PLACE

On a motion of Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on January 20 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

O-012102	**AMEND THE MANAGEMENT SALARY ORDINANCE 2020 - 2022**

On a motion of Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on January 20 at 5:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Mr. Joab inquired about R-012127. Mr. Drulis and Mr. Shamy responded. Mr. Kratovil inquired about R-012127 and R-012128. Mr. Drulis and Mr. Shamy responded. Mr. Shamy read R-012126 congratulatory resolution.
Resolutions R-012101 through R-012129, 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, Anderson, Sicora Ludwig
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President stated it was a sad day for the democracy and hopes we can find some peace. (In reference to the Capitol Hill breach.) Council Vice President Escobar asked Capt. Miller for an update on a previous incident. Capt. Miller provided the council with a narrative on how the police department responds to incidents and how they are classified, anything under investigation he could not provide details. CVP Escobar commended the police on their hard work. CM Fleming congratulated both Council Women on their elected positions and looks forward to another 4 years with the City as Council member. OEM Coordinator Rawls provided the Council with an OEM Report. He encouraged residents to be vaccinated, mentioned free Covid test sites at Unity Square and that the county provides testing in Piscataway. Mr. Chris John of 359 George Street complained about his mother's water bill. Mr. Drulis explained the City is evaluating the charges and is working on a solution. Mr. Kratovil of Suydam Street spoke about the violent attack at Capitol Hill, an announcement of the project of the Cancer Institute and asked questions about last year's shootings. Captain Miller responded. Michael Tublin wished everyone a happy healthy new year and thanked the Mayor and Council for the closing of George Street in helping promote business for the local restaurants. He would like to see the continuance of this in the future.
On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Leslie R. Zeledón
City Clerk

Suzanne Sicora Ludwig
Council President