JULY 21, 2021
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK HELD ON JULY 21, 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 July 19, 2021 as is required by law.

The City Council met remotely with all voting members of the City Council present via the 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:

City Administrator Michael Drulis
Assistant City Administrator Brandon Goldberg
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 May 19, 2021 were approved and adopted as engrossed.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

O-062105 AS AMENDED BY R-O-062105-1	**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 5, "BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS"** RE: CANNABIS LICENSING AND REGULATIONS

Council President Sicora Ludwig opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: Mr. Kratovil and Ms. Moore inquired on the above ordinance. Mr. Dominguez responded.
On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on July 21, 2021.

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

O-072101	**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 10.12 – TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS, SECTION 10.12.160 – SCHEDULE 18, "RIGHT TURN ON RED LIGHT PROHIBITED"** -SUYDAM STREET AND LIVINGSTON AVENUE -LIVINGSTON AVENUE AND NEW STREET -NEW STREET AND LIVINGSTON AVENUE -EASTON AVENUE AND FRENCH STREET -ALBANY STREET AND EASTON AVENUE

Council President Sicora Ludwig opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: Ms. Moore inquired on the above ordinance. Council President Sicora Ludwig responded.
On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on July 21, 2021.

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

O-072102	**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 3, REVENUE AND FINANCE, CHAPTER 3.28, "FEE SCHEDULE", SECTION 3.28.090** RE: AMEND FEES FOR LAND USE PROCEDURES

Council President Sicora Ludwig opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: None
On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on July 21, 2021.

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

Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A Notice of Demolition for 44 Courtland Street, 7, 3, 13, 15 Duke Street and 52, 56, 58, 60 Delafield Street from Kelso & Burgees.
2. A letter from Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions regarding a response action outcome for the remediation of the industrial establishment at 289 Jersey Avenue.
3. A letter from NJDOT Traffic Advisory regarding the closure of Landing Lane bridge over Raritan River/D&R Canal.
4. A letter from Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions regarding the environmental investigations conducted at 101 Paterson Street.
5. A letter from Pioneer Environmental Group, LLC regarding the environmental investigation activities conducted at 86 Sandford Street.
6. A letter from residents of Wellington Place requesting two (2) speed humps.

RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Mr. Datta inquired about R-072139. Council President Sicora Ludwig responded. Mr. Kratovil inquired on R-072143, R-072146 and R-072148. Council President Sicora Ludwig, Council Member Egan and Mr. Shamy responded. Ms. Moore inquired about R-072146. Council President Sicora Ludwig responded.
Resolutions R-072125 through R-072156, except R-072144, 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 Sicora Ludwig provided an updated population from the most recent Census, spoke about the revitalization project at War Memorial Park, acknowledged everyone who took part in the project, announced the successful mobile shower unit from Arc Angel Raphael's Mission for the homeless and anticipated a safe reopening plan for in-person Council Meetings in September. Council Vice President mentioned the reopening of War Memorial Park and the collaborative effort from the municipality, county and the community. Council member Anderson, Egan and Fleming echoed CP and CVP's comments and to remember all War veterans. OEM FF Joseph Allen provided an update on COVID-19 vaccination sites and testing sites at various locations in New Brunswick, some locations with no appointments required. Nishan Datta provided comments on the Red Cooling Center, Mr. Jones responded. Ms. Marge Kerber of Comstock Street thanked BA Drulis and mention properties needing to be cleaned up on Nicole Avenue and Baldwin Street by Jones Avenue. Mr. Kratovil of Suydam Street complained about the recycling not being picked up, overgrown grass at Buccleuch Park and mass shootings. Ms. Moore complained about recycling, Boyd Park with overgrown grass in need of clean up and alcohol related arrests. Council President reminded everyone of National Night Out taking place on August 3rd.
On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Leslie R. Zeledón
City Clerk

Suzanne Sicora Ludwig
Council President