JUNE 15, 2022
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK HELD ON JUNE 15, 2022 AT 5:00 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.

The City Council met with all voting members of the City Council present.

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

Staff in attendance:

Deputy Clerk Shalon T. Bennett
Ryan DeGraw Police Detective
Economic Development Director Daniel Dominguez
City Administrator Michael Drulis
Melanie Ford Director of Social Services
Assistant City Attorney Charly Gayden
Assistant City Administrator Brandon Goldberg
Purchasing Agent Marie James
Human and Services Director Keith Jones II
Deputy Director JT Miller
Finance Director Richard Mulrine
City Attorney TK Shamy
Fire Dept. Member Cheryl Smith
City Clerk's Office Member Jasmine Sosa
Director of Engineering and Public Works Thomas Valenti
Water Utility Alexei Walus
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 April 20, 2022 were approved and adopted as engrossed.

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

REPORT OF BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Sicora Ludwig updated the public on questions from the previous Council meeting regarding Director Caputo's daily schedule.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. CONTINUATION/TERMINATION OF CONDITIONS ON ABC LICENSE – LA FAMOSA, INC. T/A LA FAMOSA, LIQUOR LICENSE #1214-33-045-003
Council President opened the public hearing. TK Shamy read the existing special conditions listed on the proposed resolution. The licensee has no opposition.
Public Comment: Ms. Moore inquired asked the location of the licensed establishment and inquired

on the conversion of bars to liquor stores. Mr. Shamy and Council President responded. Council President explained all current conditions will remain. Council Member Egan provided an explanation of the Tavern Report and its depiction of any and all service calls to each liquor licensed establishment with conditions.
On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the continuation of the special conditions on the license were adopted by Resolution R-062262.

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

2. CONTINUATION/TERMINATION OF CONDITIONS ON ABC LICENSE – D'GALA CAFÉ AND RESTAURANT, INC. T/A D'GALA CAFÉ AND RESTAURANT, LIQUOR LICENSE #1214-33-007-003

Council President opened the public hearing. TK Shamy read the existing special conditions listed on the proposed resolution. Det. DeGraw recommended to reimpose the conditions.
Public Comment: Attorney Delgado representing D'Gala inquired on the special conditions asking the council give the owner the benefit of the doubt and reconsider the conditions. Council President and Mr. Shamy noted the licensee is currently not in compliance with the conditions. The licensee is to provide reports on a monthly basis. Council Vice President stated the conditions are in place for safety reasons. Council Member Anderson mentioned this is not the first year the licensee has not provided the reports. He also stated with living in the area, the current conditions are working well. Council Member Fleming concurred the establishment has been better over the years. Ms. Moore asked if drinking was allowed outside and if someone could provide her with the law regarding the liquor license. Council President, Council Anderson, and Mr. Shamy responded.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

O-062201	**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 15, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, CHAPTER 36, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REGULATIONS**

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 June 15, 2022.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

O-062202	**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:** 137 REMSEN AVENUE

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 July 6, 2022 at 5:00P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

O-062203	**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"** **ADD:** PAUL ROBESON BOULEVARD AND GEORGES ROAD

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 July 6, 2022 at 5:00P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

O-062204	**CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS, IN AND BY THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $1,215,500 THEREFOR TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF (WHICH AMOUNT WILL BE FUNDED BY A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $625,000 AND $590,500 FROM THE CITY'S GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SURPLUS)**

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 July 6, 2022 at 5:00P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

O-062205	**CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS FOR THE SEWER UTILITY, IN AND BY THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $1,109,000 FROM THE CITY'S SEWER CAPITAL FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF**

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 July 6, 2022 at 5:00P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding a Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification at 146 Townsend Street.
2. A letter from Terraphase Engineering regarding a general information notice for 14 Home News Row.
3. A letter from ERM regarding the environmental remediation activities at 1010 Jersey Avenue.
4. A letter from Langan regarding the remedial action response at 2 French Street.
5. A letter from MidAtlantic Engineering Partners regarding the amended preliminary/final major site plan for 75 Neilson Street.
6. A LSRP general Information Notice for 783 Jersey Avenue.
7. A letter from Verizon Wireless regarding the lease agreement for 75 bartlett Street – Fire Engine 5.
8. A letter from Hill Wallack LLP regarding a foreclosed home at 24 Juliet Street.
9. A letter from PSE&G regarding an application for an extension of a freshwater wetlands general permit number 2.

RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Mr. Kratovil commented on R-062233, R-062240, R-062244 and R-062254. City Clerk Zeledón, Deputy Director Miller, and Assistant BA Mr. Goldberg responded. Ms. Moore commented on R-062233, R-062236 and R-062240. Council President and Council Vice President responded. Ms. Kerber commented on R-062235, R-062239, and R-062253. Council President and Mr. Valenti responded.
Resolutions R-062229 through R-062262, except R-062255, R-062257, and R-062258 moved by Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming and carried were adopted, on consent, by the Municipal Council. Council Member Fleming abstained on R-062239.

Roll Call:
Aye: Anderson, Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig
Nay:
Abstain: Fleming R-062239
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Fleming reminded everyone about the Juneteenth Parade. Council Vice President Escobar also mentioned a Juneteenth event and available summer programs for children. Council Member Anderson thanked everyone involved with the Hungarian Festival and commented on the fishing event at Boyd Park. Ms. Kerber of 2 Comstock Street commended the police for their prompt response to an incident in her neighborhood and thanked the person responsible for the trimming of the hedge on Nichol Ave. Ms. Moore of 333 Somerset Street commented on police officers while on duty. Ms. Brittney Richardson of Livingston Avenue commented on working during a national holiday and the working conditions in the Sanitation Department. Council President stated all complaints are taken seriously, but there is also a union who reviews and makes decisions. Mr. Kratovil of Suydam Street spoke of a homicide that took place and inquired on the status. Council President informed Mr. Kratovil it was an ongoing investigation. Deputy Director Miller stated the Prosecutor's Office sends the information out. Mr. Drulis commented on the distribution of uniforms for employees, the hiring process and holidays for the 2023 year with the Union negotiations.

On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Leslie R. Zeledón
City Clerk

Suzanne Sicora Ludwig
Council President