MAY 17, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK HELD ON MAY 17, 2023 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 in City Hall and has been transmitted to the official newspaper for the City of New Brunswick, namely The Home News Tribune.

The City Council met with 5 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:

Public Information Officer Bert Baron
Deputy Clerk Shalon T. Bennett
Planning Director Daniel Dominguez
City Administrator Michael Drulis
Water Department Eric Ekoue
Assistant City Attorney Charly Gayden
Assistant City Administrator Brandon Goldberg
Fire Department Hasahya Hirya
Police Lt. James Hoover
Police Officer Jamal James
Parking Authority Antoine Johnson
Finance Staff Michael Licameli
Police Deputy Director JT Miller
Finance Director Richard Mulrine
City Attorney TK Shamy
Fire Department Staff Cheryl Smith
City Market Director Pam Stefanek
Director of Water Department Alexei Walus
City Clerk Leslie R. Zeledón

On motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming and carried, the minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on April 5, 2023 were approved and adopted as engrossed.

Meeting called to order by Council President Rebecca Escobar with Council Members Egan, Fleming, Gaskins and Sicora Ludwig present. Council Members Anderson and Castaneda were absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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| **O-052301** | **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"**<br>ADD: 259 HALE STREET, 78 MAY STREET, 92 PAULUS BOULEVARD,<br>54 WRIGHT PLACE, 76 WELTON STREET, 224 POWERS STREET,<br>117 WRIGHT PLACE, 3 HAY STREET |

Council President Escobar 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 May 17, 2023.

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

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| **O-052302** | **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**<br>**RE:** PARKING METERS, ADDITIONAL PARKING AND CHANGE OF TRAFFIC FLOW ON MORRIS STREET |

Council President Escobar opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: Ms. Moore and Mr. Kratovil inquired on the above ordinance. Mr. Dominguez responded.
On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Gaskins, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on May 17, 2023.

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

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| **O-052303** | **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GEORGE STREET BETWEEN ALBANY STREET AND BAYARD STREET FROM SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023** |

Council President Escobar opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: Council Member Sicora-Ludwig commented on the ordinance. A local resident stated he was not in favor of the street closing. Ms. Moore spoke against the street closure and mentioned how the closure impacts emergencies. Mr. Kratovil, Ms. Kerber, Mr. Tublin and Mr. Hernandez also inquired on the above ordinance. Mr. Dominguez, Council Member Egan responded. Doug Schneider, City Center Chairman spoke on the overall goal of expanding the public space, help businesses and the hiring of more employees.
On a motion of Council Member Gaskins, seconded by Council Member Sicora-Ludwig, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on May 17, 2023.

Roll Call:

Aye: Fleming, Gaskins, Sicora Ludwig, Egan, Escobar
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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| **O-052304** | **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 16, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 16.24 – SITE PLAN REVIEW** |

On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on June 7, 2023 at 5:00P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:

Aye: Fleming, Gaskins, Sicora-Ludwig, Egan, Escobar
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

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| **O-052305** | **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 17, ZONING**<br>• **CHAPTER 17.05 – OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING**<br>• **CHAPTER 17.06 – SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS**<br>• **CHAPTER 17.08 – ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE** |

On a motion of Council Member Gaskins, seconded by Council Member Castaneda, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on June 7, 2023 at 5:00P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:

Aye: Fleming, Gaskins, Sicora Ludwig, Egan, Escobar
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter from Tetra Tech and GEI Consultants regarding Public Notification and Outreach for JB Ross Inc. (aka, 409 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ Pl #027286 / Case #13-06-13-1639-39 / Activity #LSR130001.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Public Comment: Ms. Moore inquired on R-052336, R-052346 and R-052349. Council President, Deputy Miller and Mr. Drulis responded. Mr. Kratovil inquired on R-052346, R-052349, R-052355 and R-052356. Deputy Miller, City Clerk Zeledón, Mr. Dominguez and Council President responded.
Resolutions R-052330 through R-052356, moved by Council Vice President Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming and carried were adopted, on consent, by the Municipal Council.

Roll Call:

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| Aye: | Fleming, Gaskins, Sicora Ludwig, Egan, Escobar |
| Nay: | |
| Abstain: | |

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council President congratulated Council Member Sicora Ludwig for being named a Power Player by Industry Magazine and her position in the Taste of New Jersey. CP mentioned Dog Bark Event and the distribution of free dresses for prom and dresses help citywide organizations. Ms. Moore of 333 Somerset Street complimented a city housing inspector, Samuel Torres, thanked Officer Jamaal James and Nicole Lewis, stated she was disappointed on the prosecutor's office and some officers. Ms. Marge Kerber of Comstock Street spoke of the signs at the treatment plant and mail being sent to her. Pete Miguel urged the city council to increase social services, asked about public restrooms, and city parks. Mr. Kratovil inquired on the video posting of the last council meeting, redaction of an address, freedom of speech, Nixle alerts and incidents that involved shooting and robbery in the city. Mr. Kratovil also asked of a theft of a police vehicle and the police director's schedule.
On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:05P.M.

Leslie R. Zeledón
City Clerk

Rebecca Escobar
Council President