JULY 17, 2019
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK HELD ON JULY 17, 2019 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 the that the annual notice which gave sufficient notice of the time, place and conduct of all public meetings of the Municipal Council of the City of New Brunswick, has been filed by the City Clerk, has been placed on an appropriate bulletin board in the lobby of the City Hall, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and has been transmitted to the official Newspaper for the City of New Brunswick, namely the Home News Tribune; as provided in a resolution adopted by this governing body.

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

Staff in attendance:

Inspections Alex Adkins
Youth Services Supervisor Ivan Adorno
Deputy City Clerk Shalon T. Bennett
Public Information Officer Jennifer Bradshaw
Rent Regulation Officer Maria Cody
Acting Planning Director Daniel Dominguez
Assistant City Administrator Michael Drulis
Water Utility Eric Kouao Ekoue
Assistant City Attorney Joseph J. Catanese
Assistant City Administrator Brandon Goldberg
Police Sgt. Scott Gould
Purchasing Agent Marie James
Zoning Department Tina McCaskill
Police Capt. JT Miller
Fire Safety Dominic Quagliata
Fire Director Robert Rawls
City Attorney TK Shamy
Fire Dept Cheryl Smith
Clerk Typist Jasmine Sosa
City Market Pamela Stefanek
City Administrator Daniel A. Torrisi
Director of Public Works/ Engineering Thomas Valenti
Water Director Alexei Walus
Water Utility Willie Weaver
City Clerk Leslie Zeledón

On motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Escobar and carried, the minutes of the previous Council Meetings held on June 19, 2019 were approved and adopted as engrossed.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

O-071901	**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: 376 LIVINGSTON AVENUE 46A CHESTER CIRCLE

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 August 7 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-071902	**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 10.12.040, SCHEDULE 6, "STOP INTERSECTIONS"** **DELETE:** INTERSECTION OF ROOSEVELT STREET AND HENRY STREET – STOP SIGN ON ROOSEVELT STREET **ADD:** INTERSECTION OF ROOSEVELT STREET AND HENRY STREET – STOP SIGN ON HENRY STREET

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 August 7 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-071903	**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 15, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION** RE: CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES

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 August 7 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 NJDEP in regards to a One 1000-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System at 103 Easton Avenue.
2. A letter from the City of New Brunswick Office of the City Attorney in regards to Pirsiv Inc. d/b/a MiTierra Bar and Restaurant Liquor License No. 1214-33-047-005.
3. A letter from members of the Mercado Esperanza in regards to the Cinco de Mayo event.

RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Mr. Kratovil inquired about R-071955, R-071957, R-071959, R-071960, R-071962, R-071963 and R-071967. Mr. Dominguez, Mr. Valenti, CP Anderson and Mr. Shamy responded.
Ms. Moore inquired about R-071934 and R-071937. Mr. Torrisi responded.
Resolutions R-071924 through R-071967, moved by Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Escobar and carried were adopted, on consent, by the Municipal Council.

Roll Call:

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

DISCUSSION OF LAZOS AMERICA UNIDA CINCO DE MAYO EVENT MAY 4, 2019

Mr. Shamy spoke in regards to information received from vendors who participated at the Cinco de Mayo event and a video given by Ms. Braunstein, counsel to Ms. Vivar, of what took place. The information was reviewed by Council, Mr. Catanese and Mr. Shamy. Ms. Vivar spoke on behalf of her organization.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 17, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Escobar and seconded by Council Member Fleming to go into closed session to discuss the matter due to Threatened Litigation.

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

While in closed session the Council members discussed information obtained, the testimony and comments heard. The Council reviewed potential action related to prior authorization.

A motion was made by Council Member Egan and seconded by Council Member Fleming to end closed session.

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

Council amended Resolution R-051921, moved by Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming and carried were adopted, on consent, by the Municipal Council.

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

Public Comment: Matt Smith of 123 Livingston Avenue inquired in regards to the recent discussion. Mr. Shamy responded. Ms. Magol commented on how beautiful the events have been by Ms. Vivar and expressed her opinions. CM Escobar responded. Olga Whitt of Highland Park supports the events by Lazos and commented on a recent experience with a police officer. Zack Reyes, organizer of Lazos, spoke in support of the events. Zadib spoke in support of Teresa and her events. Carissa Cunningham mentioned she has worked with Lazos and is against having the event by Lazos without the sale of food. Amy Braunstein of 16 Woodbridge Street and Counsel for Ms. Vivar believes this is a language barrier and clerical error situation. Tamere and Lawrence Vivar are family of Teresa and spoke in support of the cultural events and the Lazos organization. Marissa of 253 Hale Street spoke in support of the events and also has participated. Catalina Hernandez spoke in support of the event and believes Lazos is a big help in the community. Carlos Casteneda believes food is an important part of the cultural events. Mr. Kratovil commented on the discussion. Mr. Shamy expressed the Council's concerns for the health, welfare and safety of the community.

Council amended Resolution R-051919 to modify condition on items #8 and #9, no food vendors allowed, moved by Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Escobar 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

Ms. Moore thanked the Council for the Play SAFE program, swimming lessons for students, handicap parking, a fixed pole and the housing inspectors for issuing tickets. Ms. Moore suggested ways to make areas and parks safer and requested the water fountain at Baker Park to be replaced. Mr. Kratovil made a comment on the NBPA, asked about shootings, spoke in regards to employees and a new redevelopment. Capt. Miller, Mr. Torrisi, Mr. Catanese and Mr. Dominguez responded. On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:59P.M.

Leslie R. Zeledón
City Clerk

John Anderson
Council President