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, 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.................................................................Leslie Zeledon
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
Social Services Director David Blevins
Public Information Officer Jennifer Bradshaw
Assistant City Attorney Charly Gayden
Engineer Tom Valenti
Community Organizer Keith Jones
Water Utility Director Mark Lavenberg
City Administrator Thomas A. Loughlin, 3rd
Assistant Business Administrator Officer Russell Marchetta
Police Capt JT Miller
Economic Development Director Glenn Patterson
Fire Safety Dominic Quagliata
City Attorney TK Shamy
Videographer Golda Speyer
City Market Director Pam Stefanick
Management Specialist Briana Suffy
City Clerk Daniel Torrisi
Purchasing Agent Joanne Vitanza
Water Utility Willie Weaver
Deputy City Clerk Leslie Zeledon
Parking Authority Director Mitch Karon
Firefighter Chris Stellatella

On motion of Council Member Garlatti, seconded by Council Member Fleming and carried, the minutes of the previous Council Meetings held on January 6, 2016 were approved and adopted as engrossed.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

O-021601 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SCHEDULE 26, “NO PARKING CERTAIN HOURS - ALTERNATE PARKING - STREET CLEANING PROGRAM” RE: NEILSON STREET

Council President Egan opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: None
On a motion of Council Member Fleming, seconded by Council Member Garlatti, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on February 17, 2016.

Roll Call:
O-021602  AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SCHEDULE 24, “NO PARKING AT ANY TIME”
RE: NEILSON STREET

Council President Egan opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: None
On a motion of Council Member Garlatti, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on February 17, 2016.

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

O-021603  AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 8, HEALTH AND SAFETY, “SPECIAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING DUMPSTERS IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS”

Council President Egan opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: Charles Kratovil of New Brunswick asked for a summary of the ordinance. Mr. Valenti responded.
On a motion of Council Member Garlatti, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on February 17, 2016.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

O-021604  AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SCHEDULE 32, “NO PARKING - EMERGENCY STREETS”
RE: SCOTT STREET
PLUM STREET

On a motion of Council Member Garlatti, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on March 2 at 6:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

O-021605  AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SCHEDULE 32, “NO PARKING - EMERGENCY STREETS”
E: HAMILTON STREET
On a motion of Council Member Garlatti, seconded by Council Member Anderson, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on March 2 at 6:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

O-021606 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OF NOT EXCEEDING $170,000,000.00 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF CITY GUARANTEED PARKING REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016, OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

On a motion of Council Member Garlatti, seconded by Council Member Anderson, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on March 2 at 6:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:
Aye: Anderson, Escobar, Fleming, Garlatti, Egan
Nay:
Abstain: Fleming R-021651, Garlatti R-021669
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter from CHA regarding a NJDEP Application Submitted by the Country of Middlesex for a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and Wetlands General Permit No. 10B & No. 17.
2. A No Further Action letter from the NJDEP regarding 6 Llewellyn Street- Area of concern: One 1000- gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System.
3. A No Further Action letter from the NJDEP regarding 7 Seventh Street- Area of concern: One 1000- gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System.
4. A Response Action Outcome Submittal from Kleinfelder regarding the Former Exxon Facility at 172 George Street.
5. A Notice from the County of Middlesex Department of Public Safety and Health regarding Plan Amendment 2015-2.

RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Charles Kratovil asked questions about Resolutions R-021648, R-021651, R-021669, R-021675, and R-021682. Victor of 23 Division St asked questions about R-021659. Mr. Loughlin, CP Egan, Mr. Shamy, Mr. Lavenberg and Mr. Stellatella responded.

Resolutions R-021644 through R-021686, moved by Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Garlatti and carried were adopted, on consent, by the Municipal Council.

Roll Call:
Aye: Anderson, Escobar, Fleming, Garlatti, Egan
Nay:
Abstain: Fleming R-021651, Garlatti R-021669
Motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS

Pam Stefanick of City Market informed the council of her proposed adjustments to the special assessment rate and expansion of the Special Improvement District. Vince Rifici spoke in support of a council resolution recognizing the Feeding New Brunswick Network. The following spoke in support of the resolution: Jennifer Apostle of Feeding New Brunswick Network, Loui Roland of Ebenezer Baptist Church Soup Kitchen, Yvette Molina of Elijah’s Promise, Douglas Wilson of Christ Church Food Pantry, Walter Munich of St. Vincent DePaul, and Susan Everet of Emanuel Lutheran Church. CP Egan thanked the supporters as asked Mr. Shamy to prepare a resolution for the next council meeting. Xavier Franko of 175 Livingston Ave spoke about Fire Director Rawls, and crime on Delevan St. Charles Kratovil spoke in support of Feeding New Brunswick Network and spoke about the break-in of Police Director Catanese’s car and theft of a gun, and asked questions about parking tickets on Housing Authority property. Danielle Moore thanked the Council for enhancements to a school crossing guard location. She complained about downed phone and cable tv wire, and the Fire Depts response to her downed wire inquiries. Xavier Franko asked questions about resident permit parking. CM Anderson congratulated Mr. and Mrs. James Neal for their Martin Luther King event. CM Escobar thanked Keith Jones and Dave Blevins for the emergency shelter they coordinated during the recent “code blue”

On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Daniel A. Torrisi
City Clerk

Kevin P. Egan
Council President
Council president, council members:

We are here to ask that a proposed resolution recognizing the Feeding New Brunswick Network be placed on the City Council agenda to be voted on for approval.

The Feeding New Brunswick Network is established to provide a means for existing food pantries and soup kitchens to coordinate their citywide activities to best meet the needs of their clients.

There are individuals here representing the Feeding New Brunswick Network that will speak to how the Network is benefiting the food system in New Brunswick.

First, I would like to comment on the City Council considering not placing resolutions recognizing the efforts of community organizations on its agenda:

The question is not whether the Feeding New Brunswick Network is doing good work. It is and has the potential to do much more. The question is; should the New Brunswick City Council make the public aware of this and other initiatives by recognition by resolution?

Approving a resolution is a public acknowledgment that there are individuals and organizations working in New Brunswick to improve the quality of life of residents and promote social justice. It is also a mechanism for making the City Administration aware of these efforts.

Placing these types of proposed resolutions on the City Council agenda and approval of these items are means of making public an acceptance by the city of the good work being done by individuals and organizations. Recognition of these efforts indicates that the city supports volunteerism. Recognition also provides an incentive for participation and increases organizational capacity.

It would not be good policy to discourage this type of work by not even considering whether the City should acknowledge the existence of the efforts of community organizations. Denying placing these items on the City Council agenda would be perceived as taking away from individuals and organizations an opportunity to benefit from an increased public awareness of their efforts.
The Feeding New Brunswick Network should be recognized for the following:

The Network has recently expanded to include twenty-two food pantries by the addition of the Sharon Baptist Church, which has offered to establish a food distribution center in an area of New Brunswick not previously served.

Network members contributed to updating the provider map, working with the Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement. The Network will also be a beneficiary of information obtained during the food assessment being done by this Center, which will result in improved service.

The Network is seeking to work with the New Brunswick city administration to develop an emergency food distribution plan, for example in response to severe weather, and also to be a resource for identifying unmet needs to be considered in establishing a client choice food pantry in the city.

College students in need are underserved in New Brunswick and the Network is seeking to work with Rutgers University and Middlesex County College to develop on-campus food pantries.

Network members mentor food pantries in joining the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, enabling them to have access to food from state and federal programs. The Food Bank is also pursuing participating in a shared client database developed by the Network.

Member pantries report increased volunteerism, communication and collaboration as a result of participation in the Network. The Network has now become a forum for sharing information from MCFOODS and the Food Bank and for dissemination of resources provided by SNAP-Ed.

The Network is a means for providers to work together to solve common problems such as storage, distribution, transportation and volunteer recruitment. Its efforts have improved the local food system by increasing access, identifying areas that are underserved and increasing awareness of educational programs.

Concluding Statement:

The Feeding New Brunswick Network is doing good work and should be recognized for it. Recognition by resolution justifies the existence of this community group and acknowledges that New Brunswick needs an organization that works towards best utilization of available resources to improve food security for the people of New Brunswick.