MAY 3, 2017

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK HELD ON
MAY 3, 2017 AT 6:30 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.................................................................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
                     Library Director Robert Belvin
                     Public Information Officer Jennifer Bradshaw
                     City Engineer Richard Moody
                     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
                     Finance Director Douglas Petix
                     Fire Safety Dominic Quagliata
                     Fire Director Robert Rawls
                     City Attorney TK Shamy
                     City Market Director Pam Stefanick
                     City Clerk Daniel Torrisi
                     Purchasing Agent Marie James
                     Water Utility Willie Weaver
                     Deputy City Clerk Leslie Zeledon
                     Engineer Tom Valenti
                     Auditor Joe Faccone
                     Senior Center Coordinator Melanie Ford
                     Sister Cities Mike Tublin

On motion of Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Sicora Ludwig and carried, the minutes of the previous Council Meetings held on April 19, 2017 were approved and adopted as engrossed.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

R-051700A  RESOLUTION TO READ 2017 NEW BRUNSWICK MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY TITLE

On a motion of Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Sicora Ludwig, and carried, the above resolution was adopted.

Roll Call:
   Aye:       Anderson, Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig, Fleming
Clerk Torrisi read the resolution. Council President Fleming asked Mr. Loughlin to give a summary of the budget. Mr. Loughlin spoke on the budget and amendments to the budget. Charles Kratovil of New Brunswick Today asked questions about numerous budget items. Mr. Petix and Mr. Loughlin responded. Joy Sheehan of Rutgers Village asked questions about the revaluation, Danielle Moore asked questions about street lighting, and Gretchen Spencer asked questions about sidewalk maintenance.

On a motion of Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Egan, and carried, the Budget Hearing was closed.

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

R-051700B  APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK 2017 BUDGET

Clerk Torrisi read the resolution.
Public Comment: None
On a motion of Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Escobar, and carried, the above resolution was adopted.

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

R-051700C  CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2017 BUDGET

Clerk Torrisi read section 2 of the resolution to adopt the budget.
Public Comment: None
On a motion of Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Escobar, and carried, the above resolution was adopted.

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

R-051700D  RESOLUTION TO SET TAX LEVY FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2017

On a motion of Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Egan, and carried, the above resolution was adopted.

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

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

**O-051701 AMEND THE MANAGEMENT SALARY ORDINANCE**

On a motion of Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Escobar, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on May 17 at 6:30P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:

- **Aye:** Anderson, Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig, Fleming
- **Nay:**
- **Abstain:**

Motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter from Edge Point requesting the Release of Bond for Metropcs New York, LLC.
2. A letter from Gilberto Mercado requesting the Release of Bond for 175 French Street.
3. A letter from Kelso and Bradshaw regarding Cultural Center Redevelopment Associates Urban Renewal, LLC and New Brunswick Cultural Center, Inc. application to the Planning Board of the City of New Brunswick. Hearing date will be May 1, 2017.
4. A letter from a taxicab driver regarding a ticket.
5. A letter from Bristol-Myers Squibb regarding Cell Products, INC., March 2017 Building 47 Vapor Intrusion Monitoring- Analytical Results Notification.
6. A letter from the Deliverance Prayer Revival Tabernacle regarding park fees and events.
7. A letter from the NJ Transit regarding Delco Lead Storage and Inspection Facility Project.
8. A Certified Copy of an Ordinance passed by East Brunswick Township amending Chapter 228, Zoning of the Township of East Brunswick.
9. A letter from Ay Luen Guo regarding a tax lien and foreclosure.

The correspondence will be forwarded to the appropriate departments for further action.

## RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Charles Kratovil asked questions about R-051711, R-051715, R-051720, R-051733, R-051735, R-051737, and R-051727.

Resolutions R-051701 through R-051739, except R-051710 moved by Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Escobar and carried were adopted, on consent, by the Municipal Council.

Roll Call:

- **Aye:** Anderson, Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig, Fleming
- **Nay:**
- **Abstain:**

Motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS

Ellen Whitt of NJ Alliance for Immigration Justice spoke out against the Federal Government enforcing immigration laws and against local governments assisting the Federal Government. She distributed documents to the council. Danielle Moore spoke about flushing fire hydrants and proximity to schools, asked for a guard rail at the Railroad Ave and Baldwin Streets intersections and traffic violations in the vicinity. Eric Nubar of Ward 5 spoke in support of informing the community of ICE actions. Pedro Showell of 107 Bayard St. asked that bathrooms be left unlocked at the Pine Street Park for children to use during park hours. Gretchen Spencer spoke about bathroom problems at the Joyce Kilmer Park, and problems at Robeson Village. Charles Kratovil spoke in support of Gretchen Spencer. He talked about a loan, the Housing Authority, George Zoffinger, and DEVCO.

On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Daniel A. Torrisi
City Clerk

Glenn Fleming
Council President