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 Afghans who have lost their lives in this current conflict.

Staff in attendance: Social Services Director David Blevins
Public Information Officer Jennifer Bradshaw
Assistant City Attorney Charly Gayden
Purchasing Agent Marie James
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
City Engineer Richard Moody
Economic Development Director Glenn Patterson
Finance Director Douglas Petix
Fire Safety Dominic Quagliata
City Attorney TK Shamy
City Clerk Daniel Torrisi
Deputy City Clerk Leslie Zeledon

On motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Sicora Ludwig, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on October 18, 2017.

Roll Call:
Aye: Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig, Fleming
Nay: 
Abstain: 
Motion carried.
INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

COMMUNICATIONS


2. A letter from NJ Transit regarding County Yard Improvements Project.

3. A letter from the NJ General Assembly regarding an adopted Resolution.

4. A letter from PSEG regarding their application for Flood Hazard Area Verification and Individual Flood Hazard Area Permit.

5. A letter from the attorney offices of Kelso and Bradshaw regarding route 1 Southbound ADA Facilities Revocation of Egress.


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

RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Charles Kratovil asked questions about the following resolutions: R-101756, R-101750, and R-101766. CP Fleming, Capt Miller, Mr. Loughlin, and Mr. Shamy responded

Resolutions R-101740 through R-101767, except R-101759 moved by Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Sicora Ludwig and carried were adopted, on consent, by the Municipal Council.

Roll Call:

Aye: Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig, Fleming

Nay:

Abstain: Escobar R-101745

Motion carried.
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL

DISCUSSION OF THE CY2017 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY

Mr. Loughlin spoke to the Governing Body about the CY 2017 Best Practice Inventory. He explained the grading process, discussed the Inventory answers, including reasons why some questions were answered as, “No”, and as, “Not Applicable”. He spoke about the Repeated Comments in the 2016 Municipal Audit, the Pre-qualification of Contracts, discussed the Health Benefit coverage of part-time officials and employees, and discussed the Collective Bargaining Agreements and their accumulated sick time and longevity policies.

NEW BUSINESS

CP Fleming thanked the people of New Brunswick who participated in the collection and shipment of hurricane relief supplies to the City of Houston, Texas.
Gretchen Spencer spoke about issues at the New Brunswick Housing Authority. Les Twist of Kearny spoke in support of Trap Neuter and Return policies for feral cats in New Brunswick. He spoke against the euthanizing of cats. Nancy Salzone of 110 Chester Circle and Carol Pasmat of North Brunswick spoke in support of Mr. Twist’s comment and spoke in support of Trap Neuter and Return policies for feral cats and spoke against the use of Blumig Kennels and the euthanizing of feral cats. Theresa Vival spoke about the poor condition of housing in her neighborhood, the lack of garbage cans, the difficulty of registering cars for permit parking, an assault of a student on October 10 and the response by police. Pat Kaladik of 134 Tunison Rd spoke in support of Trap Neuter and Return policies for feral cats, against a proposed hotel on the property of the former Bennigans restaurant, and complained of noise from fireworks in her neighborhood. Veronica of Delevan and Throop spoke about violence and garbage in her neighborhood. Pedro Vasquez spoke about several violent incidences he was involved in as a victim. Carlos Ramirez of New Brunswick Today spoke about his issues with parking, photography, and police response. Charles Kratovil voiced his concerns with Housing Authority. Keith Jones of 56 Mitchell spoke about the food pantries in New Brunswick and the need for residents to donate to them.

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