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: Social Services Director David Blevins
Public Information Officer Jennifer Bradshaw
Assistant City Attorney Charly Gayden
Police Sgt. Scott Gould
Purchasing Agent Marie James
Water Utility Director Mark Lavenberg
City Administrator Thomas A. Loughlin, 3rd
Assistant Business Administrator Officer Russell Marchetta
City Engineer Richard Moody
Economic Development Director Glenn Patterson
Fire Safety Dominic Quagliata
Fire Director Robert Rawls
City Attorney TK Shamy
City Clerk Daniel Torrisi
Asst. City Engineer Tom Valenti
Water Utility Willie Weaver
Deputy City Clerk Leslie Zeledon
Recycling Coordinator Donna Caputo

On motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Sicora Ludwig and carried, the minutes of the previous Council Meetings held on December 6, 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

O-121701  BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $150,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED $142,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Council President Fleming opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: Charles Kratovil inquired as to the purpose of the ordinance and notification of Parks and Gardens Commission. CM Escobar and Mr. Loughlin responded.
On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Sicora Ludwig, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on December 20, 2017.

Roll Call:
Aye: Anderson, Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig, Fleming
Nay:
Council President Fleming opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.

Public Comment: None

On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Sicora Ludwig, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on December 20, 2017.

Roll Call:
Aye: Anderson, Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig, Fleming
Nay:
Abstain: Sicora Ludwig R-121763, Fleming R-121744
Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A Remedial Action Outcome letter from Arcadis regarding One 2,000-gallon diesel Underground Storage Tank at 1 Johnson &Johnson Plaza.
2. A letter from the Middlesex County Utilities Authority regarding the 2018 Budget, Rate Schedule and Service Fees.
3. An invoice for Professional Services from Suburban Consulting Engineers for the period of November 11, 2017- December 08, 2017.
4. A Legal Notice from J & F Villa, LLC to construct a two-story mixed-use building is requesting a use variance to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of New Brunswick.
5. A Request of a Bond Release from Asset Management Consultants for McDonald’s Corporation and Verizon New Jersey Inc.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Charles Kratovil asked questions about resolutions R-121744, R-121746, R-121760. Danielle Moore asked questions about Resolution R-212753

Resolutions R-121736 through R-121763, except R-121736 and R-121763 moved by Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Sicora Ludwig and carried were adopted, on consent, by the Municipal Council.

Roll Call:
Aye: Anderson, Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig, Fleming
Nay:
Abstain: Sicora Ludwig R-121763, Fleming R-121744
Motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS

CM Sicora Ladwig thanked Police Director Caputo for the successful Christmas toy collection event. CM Escobar announced the success of the Suydam Street Reformed Church Christmas party last Saturday. CVP Anderson Chaired this portion of the meeting. Danielle Moore spoke about curb cuts at Lee and Lawrence Streets, water fountains at Baker Park and Harvey St. Park, speed humps for Lee Avenue, photographs she submitted in the past, car accidents, and speed meters. Charles Kratovil spoke about the NB Housing Authority, Edna Ortero, the Housing Authority meeting schedule, a financial deficit, and corrective action plan. Doris Elliot of New Brunswick spoke about Mr. Kratovil’s comments and Ms. Moore’s comments.

On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Daniel A. Torrisi             Glenn Fleming
City Clerk                      Council President