MAY 2, 2018
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK HELD ON MAY 2, 2018 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...............................................................Shalon Bennett
Pause for a moment to honor those American, Iraqis, and Afghans who have lost their lives in this current conflict.

Staff in attendance:  Inspections Alex Adkins
                      Clerk Typist Shalon T. Bennett
                      Public Information Officer Jennifer Bradshaw
                      Police Sgt. Scott Gould
                      Community Organizer Keith Jones
                      Water Utility Director Mark Lavenberg
                      City Administrator Thomas A. Loughlin, 3rd
                      Police Capt JT Miller
                      City Engineer Richard Moody
                      Economic Development Director Glenn Patterson
                      Finance Director Douglas Petix
                      Fire Safety Dominic Quagliata
                      Fire Director Robert Rawls
                      City Attorney TK Shamy
                      Fire Dept. Cheryl Smith
                      City Market Pam Stefanek
                      City Clerk Daniel Torrisi
                      Asst. City Engineer Tom Valenti
                      Water Utility Willie Weaver
                      YSS Ivan Adorno
                      Library Director Robert Belvin
                      Recreation Director Ed Spencer
                      Dial-a-ride Hope Vega

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

PUBLIC HEARING

R-051800A  RESOLUTION TO READ 2018 NEW BRUNSWICK MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY TITLE

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, 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.

Clerk Torrisi read the resolution. Council President Fleming asked Mr. Loughlin to give a summary
of the budget. Mr. Loughlin spoke on the budget. Charles Kratovil of New Brunswick Today asked questions about the budget.

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

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

R-051800B RESOLUTION COMPUTING 2018 RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41C(2)

Clerk Torrisi read the resolution.
Public Comment: None
On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, 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.

R-051800D CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2018 BUDGET

Public Comment: None
On a motion of Council Member Anderson, 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.

R-051800E RESOLUTION TO SET TAX LEVY FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2018

On a motion of Council Member Egan, 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.
O-041802  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:
34 JULIET STREET
293 SUYDAM STREET
125 WRIGHT PLACE
79 WRIGHT PLACE

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 Escobar, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on May 2, 2018.

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

O-041803  AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Council President Fleming opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: Charles Kratovil asked questions regarding the agreement. Nancy Love of Comstock St. spoke about the agreement.
On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Sicora Ludwig, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on May 2, 2018.

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

O-041804  BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2018 GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BY AND IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $4,352,285.00 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING OF DEBT IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,145,000.00 AND REQUIRING A DOWN PAYMENT OF $207,285.00

Council President Fleming opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.
Public Comment: None
On a motion of Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Egan, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on May 2, 2018.

Roll Call:
Aye: Anderson, Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig, Fleming
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.
O-041805  BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM BY AND IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $6,078,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $6,078,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

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 Escobar, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on May 2, 2018.

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

O-041806  BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM BY AND IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $1,300,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,300,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

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 Escobar, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on May 2, 2018.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

O-051801  ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO GRANT A 0.046 ACRE EASEMENT TO PSE&G OVER A PORTION OF BLOCK 309.04, LOT 1.03 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK (FARRINGTON LAKE PROPERTY)

On a motion of Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Egan, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on May 16 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Roll Call:
Aye: Anderson, Egan, Escobar, Sicora Ludwig, Fleming
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.
On a motion of Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Egan, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on May 16 at 6:30 P.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 New Jersey Department of Transportation in regards to the Fiscal Year 2018 Municipal Aid Program.
2. A letter from Gilbane Building Company in regards to construction beginning at 90 New Street.
   The correspondence will be forwarded to the appropriate departments for further action.

RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Charles Kratovil asked questions regarding R-051808, R-051814, R-051819, and R-051824.
Resolutions R-051801 through R-051826, 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: Escobar R-051806
   Motion carried.
CP Fleming thanked Tormel Pittman for organizing the Child Abuse Awareness Walk on April 28. Maroun Maroun, Taxi Driver requested the City Council extend the cab age limit to 10 years. Currently the limit is 6 years. CM Anderson and Mr. Shamy responded. Nancy Love spoke in support of PILOTs that subsidize school funding. Javon Walker spoke against Ordinance O-051802. Charles Kratovil spoke about Senator Menendez, water quality on Maple St., water notifications to residents, and spoke against ordinance O-051802. The following also spoke against O-051802: Deshon Colum, Marge Kerber of 2 Comstock St., Alexander Lopez of 249 Commercial Ave, Luciana of Bound Brook Road, and Christian Rosario of Flemington. Neman Azzi spoke about differences in insurance requirements between Uber cabs and New Brunswick Taxis.

On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Daniel A. Torrisi
City Clerk

Glenn Fleming
Council President