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.................................................................Shalon T. Bennett
Pause for a moment to honor those American, Iraqis, and Afghanis who have lost their lives in this current conflict.

Staff in attendance:

- Youth Services Supervisor Ivan Adorno
- Public Information Officer Bert Baron
- Deputy City Clerk Shalon T Bennett
- Mayor’s Office Ryan Berger
- Public Information Officer Jennifer Bradshaw
- Acting Planning Director Daniel Dominguez
- Assistant City Administrator Michael Drulis
- Water Utility Eric Kouao Ekoue
- Assistant City Attorney Joseph J. Catanese
- Assistant City Administrator Brandon Goldberg
- Police Sgt. Scott Gould
- Purchasing Agent Marie James
- Chief of Staff Keith Jones
- Police Capt. JT Miller
- Fire Safety Dominic Quagliata
- Fire Director Robert Rawls
- City Attorney TK Shamy
- City Administrator Daniel A. Torrisi
- Director of Public Works/ Engineering Thomas Valenti
- Water Director Alexei Walus
- Water Utility Willie Weaver
- City Clerk Leslie Zeledón

On motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Escobar and carried, the minutes of the previous Council Meetings held on July 2, 2019 were approved and adopted as engrossed.

Meeting called to order by Council President Anderson with Council Members Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig present.
Council President Anderson opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.

Public Comment: None
On a motion of Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on August 7, 2019.

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

Council President Anderson opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.

Public Comment: Ms. Danielle Moore thanked the members of the Council and Mitch Karon of The New Brunswick Parking Authority.
On a motion of Council Member Egan seconded by Council Member Fleming and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on August 7, 2019.

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

Council President Anderson opened the Public Hearing on the above ordinance.

Public Comment: None
On a motion of Council Member Egan seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on Final Reading on August 7, 2019.

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

O-081901 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 5, BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5.80 – RENT CONTROL

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, seconded by Council Member Egan, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on August 21 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

O-081902 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2019 GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BY AND IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $4,885,276.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING DEBT IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,651,000.00 AND REQUIRING A DOWN PAYMENT OF $234,276.00

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on August 21 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

O-081903 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 $6,192,755.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $6,192,755.00 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig, seconded by Council Member Egan and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on August 21 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

O-081904 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 $2,762,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $2,762,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF
On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig seconded by Council Member Fleming, and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on August 21 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

O-081905

On a motion of Council Member Sicora Ludwig seconded by Council Member Fleming and carried, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading and held over for Public Hearing on August 21 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A Land Use Ordinance #19-24 from North Brunswick Township amending and supplementing Chapter 205.
2. A public notification from EcolSciences, Inc. regarding the Remediation of Contaminated Sites.
3. A public notice from the Township of Franklin regarding elements of the Township Master Plans.
4. A letter from Wick Companies, LLC regarding the denial of a Bond Release for 986 Jersey Avenue project.
5. A letter from Matrix New World Engineering regarding a Site Remediation Program for 786 Jersey Avenue.
6. A notice from PSE&G regarding gas and electric base rate adjustments.
7. A letter from Wood formerly Ame Foster Wheeler regarding environmental investigations at 101 Paterson Street.
8. A letter from GEI Consultants regarding a Public Notification and Outreach Form for 501 Jersey Avenue.
10. A letter from the NJDEP regarding a completed review of the Remedial Action Workplan/Remedial Action Report for Bristol Myers Squibb Company.
RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment: Mr. Kratovil inquired about resolutions R-081912, R-081913, R-081939 and R-081948. Mr. Jones, Mr. Shamy and Mr. Valenti responded. Ms. Danielle Moore inquired about resolutions R-081933 and R-081938. Greg Soha of The Trust for Public Land spoke in regards to R-081912.

Resolutions R-081901 through R-081949, moved by Council Member Egan, seconded by Council Member Fleming and carried were adopted, on consent, by the Municipal Council.

Roll Call:

Aye: Egan, Escobar, Fleming, Sicora Ludwig, Anderson
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.
DISCUSSION OF LAZOS AMERICA UNIDA FUTURE EVENTS

Mr. Shamy mentioned a report given from the Police Department of what occurred at the July 21st event held at Buccleuch Park. Council President Anderson asked for Ms. Vivar to speak with the council in regards to having future events in New Brunswick. Ms. Vivar spoke on behalf of her organization and stated she would like to still have events in New Brunswick.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM AUGUST 7, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Egan and seconded by Council Member Fleming to go into closed session to discuss the recent conditions placed on R-071969.

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

While in closed session the Council members discussed the potential future for Lazos continued events subject to terms and conditions including the event held on July 21st with the Kaotic Lowrider Club. The Council was advised by counsel relative to the decision for future action.

A motion was made by Council Member Fleming and seconded by Council Member Egan to end closed session.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Moore of 333 Somerset street thanked PSEG for all the work done in New Brunswick, spoke in regards to a recent post on Facebook, and a situation with an employee. Karissa Cayam of 217 Hamilton Street inquired about O-081901 and rental leases in dual languages. Mr. Shamy and CM Escobar responded. Jorge Torres of 5 Hoffman Blvd spoke in regards to acts of hatred that took place in Texas and asked for City input regarding the situation and immigration. CP Anderson and CM Escobar responded. Jamie Lopez of Princeton thanked the Council for future events of Lazos and spoke on landlord-tenant issues. Sadiq of Central Jersey DSA spoke in regards to language barrier issues with landlord tenants, Rent Control Ordinance and the Lazos Organization. Mr. Kratovil spoke in regards to investigating employees, public hearing, permit applications for cranes and climate change. Mr. Kratovil inquired about a city employee and his response from an OPRA Request.

On a motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.