



**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
JANUARY 14, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk: In the absence of the Council President, I ask for a nomination for a presiding officer for this evening's proceedings.

Motion by Council Member Gonzalez seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to appoint Council Member Sottilaro, as the Acting Council President at tonight's meeting and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, and Sottilaro. Nay—none. Absent—Council Member Jimenez.

Presiding Officer of the Council, Robert R. Sottilaro, advised the audience that notice of this meeting has been filed with the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger and posted on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's office.

Acting Council President Robert R. Sottilaro: At this time, as a courtesy to the Governing Body, I would ask all individuals present, including members of the audience, to please turn off all cell phones, pagers and electronic devices. Should you need to make a telephone call, please go out into the hallway and speak in a low voice so as not to disturb the ongoing meeting.

Acting Council President Sottilaro led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation was given by Council Member Bolanowski.

Also present at this meeting were: Jane Feigenbaum, Business Administrator; Gregory C. Fehrenbach, Interim Business Administrator; Jill Goldy, CFO/Comptroller; Mark J. Blunda, Esq., Director of Law and Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Wilda Diaz proclaiming the following:

- 1. The month of January 2009 as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Month".**
- 2. The month of January 2009 as "National Wear Red Day for Women Month".**

Presentation was made by Ms. Geri Barcheski on Clean & Green Community.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Middlesex Water Annual Report. (Fehrenbach)

Gregory Fehrenbach: Middlesex Water Company will be coming before the Council to provide a report on their operations.

Dennis Doll, President & CEO of Middlesex Water: We are happy to provide a report to the Council to keep the Council informed.

Bruce O'Connor, CFO of Middlesex Water, provided overview of personnel, work performed over the year, and a short synopsis of the financial condition of the company.

Gregory C. Fehrenbach: The financials being provided in the report are from the perspective of the company. The City's perspective is a little different.

Council Member Bolanowski questioned the amount of debris collected by the wastewater utility.

Council Member Gonzalez questioned if there were any changes anticipated to decrease the cost of water.

Bruce O'Conner, CFO Middlesex Water: We're continuing to explore the cost savings.

Council Member Gonzalez: There seems to be lost water. Do we have any idea where it is going?

Bruce O'Conner, CFO Middlesex Water: Water gets lost due to leaks; broken meters; and meter tampering.

Council Member Gonzalez: Is there a greater number of broken pipes this January than previously?

Ron Williams, VP of Operations: There have been a greater number of leaks since we took the reservoir out of service for repairs. Once we get it back in service, the problem will be alleviated.

Council Member Gonzalez: Do you have any projects that may be covered by President Obama's financial package?

Ron Williams, VP of Operations: We hope to get some of the projects financed if they fall into the guidelines.

R-29-1/09 Authorizing a Closed Session at the January 14, 2009 meeting to discuss:

- 1. Tax Appeals**
- 2. Pending and Anticipated Litigation – Hugh Montani vs. City of Perth Amboy**
- 3. Contract Negotiations/Labor Relations**

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to recess the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to go into Closed Session, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to resume Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m. and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT – Citizens may address the Council on any matter on the agenda which does not have its own scheduled public hearing. **Citizens shall be permitted to speak once for a maximum of ten (10) minutes.**

R-2-1/09

Richard Piatkowski, 142 Gordon St.: Is this to finance tax appeals from 2006?

Gregory C. Fehrenbach: Yes.

R-3-1/09

Richard Piatkowski: This is good.

R-4-1/09

Richard Piatkowski: This is good.

Communication #3

Richard Piatkowski: I'm glad the plan is proceeding.

Communication #9

Richard Piatkowski: I commend these individuals.

Communication #28

Richard Piatkowski: When will this begin and will it require detours?

Council Member Sottilaro: There were no specific dates.

Report #4

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: Should we have an analysis of the water deal?

Council Member Sottilaro: It wouldn't make a difference. We have an existing agreement.

Council Member Gonzalez: There are no monies available from the utility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 27, 2008	Regular
March 12 & 26, 2008	Regular
April 7 & 17, 2008	Special
April 9 & 23, 2008	Regular
May 14 & 28, 2008	Regular
June 11 & 25, 2008	Regular
July 1, 2008	Reorganization
July 9, 2008	Regular
July 23, 2008	Special

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, seconded by Council Member Balut to approve all of the above minutes, and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay—none. Absent—Council Member Jimenez.

BIDS

None.

SUPPLEMENTAL DEBT STATEMENT

None.

LIQUOR LICENSE - NOTIFICATION

None.

SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

**St. Stephens R.C. Church
490 State Street**

Date: February 14, 2009, 8:00p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Location: School Auditorium, State Street

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to grant the social affair permit and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, and Sottilaro. Nay—none. Absent—Council Member Jimenez.

REPORTS

- 1. Report of checks prepared and paid during the month of December 2008 in the total amount of \$1,448,012.90.**
- 2. Middlesex County 2008 Abstract of Added/Omitted Assessments.**
- 3. Middlesex County 2008 Abstract of Ratables.**
- 4. Utility Service Affiliates Perth Amboy - Water and Wastewater Systems Annual Report for the contract year ended June 30, 2008.**
- 5. Middlesex County Utilities Authority – Solid Waste Division Budget, Rate Schedule & Service Charges for 2009.**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING
(No PUBLIC DISCUSSION)**

- 1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS" (ORDINANCE NO. 380-85 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED JULY 2, 1985 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 255A ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

Re: Additions

Motion was made by Council Member Bolanowski, and seconded by Council Member Balut to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of January 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay—none. Absent—Council Member Jimenez.

**ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING
(5 MINUTE MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER/PER ORDINANCE)**

- 1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC (ORDINANCE NO. 194-78 AS AMENDED)" ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 19, 1978, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 414 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

Re: Adding Loading Zone – Amboy Avenue location

Motion was made by Council Member Bolanowski, seconded by Council Member Balut to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

Council President asked for comments.

Council Member Sottilaro: This is for the east side of Amboy Ave., beginning at a point 70 feet north of the northerly curb line of Arnold Ave.

Council Member Gonzalez: In general, are there specific times for loading zones?

Michael Kohut, Police Chief: There are no specific hours. They need to be designated.

Council Member Gonzalez: We should have specific times for all loading zones. Some loading zones are a "mile long".

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, seconded by Council Member Balut to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS" (ORDINANCE NO. 380-85 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED JULY 2, 1985 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 255A ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.

Re: Additions

Motion was made by Council Member Bolanowski, seconded by Council Member Balut to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Council Member Bolanowski, seconded by Council Member Balut to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

Motion was made by Council Member Bolanowski, seconded by Council Member Balut to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent—Council Member Jimenez.

3. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CITYWIDE POLICY REGARDING WAIVER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER GROUP HEALTH CARE BENEFITS PROGRAM.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

Council President asked for comments.

Richard Piatkowski, 142 Gordon St.: Can the employee opt out of insurance and get a stipend?

Gregory C. Fehrenbach: Yes, the money would be paid on a semi-annual basis. This does not include prescription coverage.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

RESOLUTIONS

R-1-1/09 Public Hearing and possible adoption of SFY 2009 Budget. MOTION TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING TO THE MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2009.

Motion made by Council Member Sottilaro seconded by Council Member Balut to continue the public hearing on January 28, 2009 and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-2-1/09 Authorizing funding of Reserve for Tax Appeals from available fund balance in the amount of \$948,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments.

Gregory C. Fehrenbach: This is to pay for tax appeals only.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-3-1/09 Authorizing up to one hundred twenty days of paid injury leave to Officer Matthew Mercurio.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-4-1/09 Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy to charge back legal fees incurred in connection with business transactions.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-5-1/09 Renewing the lease agreement with Congressman Albio Sires for designated office space in Perth Amboy City Hall commencing January 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2009.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-6-1/09 Confirming the appointment of D&H Alternative Risk Solutions, Inc. as third party administrator of insurance claims.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-7-1/09 Rescinding R-43-1/94 authorizing health and hospital benefits coverage to certain retired employees.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Sottilaro to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-8-1/09 Authorizing a contract for professional planning services with the firm of Triad Associates to prepare a Neighborhood Stabilization Program Application in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

Consent Agenda – R-9-1/09 to R-18-1/09

R-9-1/09 Authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel various credit balances under the \$10.00 threshold.

R-10-1/09 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment in the amount of \$3,644.98 on Block 136, Lot 1.04.

R-11-1/09 Authorizing refund of duplicate tax payments resulting from veteran/senior deductions.

R-12-1/09 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment in the amount of \$1,171.52 on Block 30, Lot 27.

R-13-1/09 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayments to First American Real Estate Tax Services.

R-14-1/09 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment in the amount of \$170.18 on Block 353.04, Lot 2.

R-15-1/09 Authorizing the refund tax overpayment in the amount of \$2,760.33 on Block 135.01, Lot 1 CB318.

R-16-1/09 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment in the amount of \$6,774.97 on Block 126, Lot 29.01.

R-17-1/09 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment in the amount of \$1,256.62 on Block 34, Lot 24.02.

R-18-1/09 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayments to Countrywide Tax Services Corp.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, seconded by Council Member Balut to adopt the above Resolutions.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolutions were adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-19-1/09 Authorizing subordination of mortgage between Perth Amboy Urban Enterprise Zone Program and Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, Inc. to New Jersey Economic Development Authority Mortgage.

RESOLUTION 19 DELETED FROM THE AGENDA BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

R-20-1/09 Retaining iMendez & Co. to provide communication consultant services and public relations to the City of Perth Amboy in an amount not to exceed \$37,500.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Abstain--Gonzalez. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-21-1/09 Authorizing emergency temporary appropriations to extend SFY 2009 Temporary Budget in the amount of \$10,630,528.84.

Jill Goldy: This needs to be amended by the amount of \$37,500.00 to cover the contract cost for iMendez, bringing the total amount to \$10,630,528.84.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution with the change.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Abstain—Council Member Gonzalez. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-22-1/09 Authorizing settlement of Hugh Montani vs. City of Perth Amboy Docket No. MID-C-111-08.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-23-1/09 Canceling an account receivable to the water/wastewater account of Crows Nest Condominium Associates based upon review of disputed bills in the total amount of \$316,185.19.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent—Council Member Jimenez.

**R-24-1/09 Authorizing Stipulation of Settlement
resolving the complaint filed by Harbor Terrace LLC
concerning Block 131, Lot 1.01.**

Motion was made by Council Member Bolanowski, seconded by Council Member Balut to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

**R-25-1/09 Authorizing Stipulation of Settlement
resolving the complaint filed by Convery Perth
Amboy Associates concerning Block 96.04, Lot 1.01.**

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

**R-26-1/09 Authorizing Stipulation of Settlement
resolving the complaint filed by 234 Sheridan LLC
concerning Block 78, Lots 1 & 9.**

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, and Sottilaro. Nay--Council Member Gonzalez. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

**R-27-1/09 Authorizing refund of tax overpayment on
Block 126, Lot 25 and Block 126, Lot 21.01 in the
total amount of \$6,395.82.**

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez and Sottilaro.
Nay--none. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

R-28-1/09 Authorizing change order no. 12 to the contract with Binsky Snyder for the public safety-court-community complex bid package #10 – HVAC/building maintenance service increasing the contract in the amount of \$12,906.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments.

Gregory C. Fehrenbach: The elevator inspector required a modification to the elevator shaft.

The above resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:
Yea--Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, and Sottilaro. Nay--Council Member Gonzalez. Absent--Council Member Jimenez.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Middlesex County Dept. of Planning, Land Development and Review Division advising the Old Bridge Township Planning Board that the County's conditions have been fulfilled with regard to Omnipoint Communications, Inc.'s site plan application for work at Runyon Water Treatment Facility. Authorization is given to the local building official to issue a building permit. (12/5/08)**
- 2. NJDEP issued a No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue for the remediation of the 550 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank at 588 Penn Street. (12/8/08)**
- 3. Mayor Wilda Diaz advising David Biagini of the Chamber of Commerce that she has asked her staff to provide her with a current assessment and to prepare a plan to restart the BID Board. (12/8/08)**
- 4. Dianne Roman, Senior Citizen Programs and Services Supervisor thanking Maximo Peguero of Mi Pueblo Cleaners for ironing the senior citizen billiard team shirts. (12/10/08)**

5. Michael W. Keller, Dir. of Community Development thanking the DOT for having sidewalks installed along the west side of Route 35 from Lindberg Avenue to Rudyard Drive. (12/10/08)
6. William T. McAllister, resident of Water Street, advising that he supports Slavko's food stand on the waterfront. (12/10/08)
7. Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski advising that the DOT will be installing crisis intervention signs on the Victory Bridge. The signs will be equipped with a hotline phone number. (12/10/08)

Council Member Balut to City Clerk: Please send a letter to the Assemblyman asking that the signs be placed properly.

8. Michael Kohut, Police Director/Chief, submitted a report from the traffic bureau supporting the return of Park Avenue, between Washington Street and Broad Street, to a two-way street. (12/10/08)
9. Mayor Wilda Diaz thanking the following for their donation of children's books for distribution by Santa Clause at the tree lighting ceremony on December 4th: (12/11/08)

John & Lina Gosden, NJ Publishes
Athur Zarzycki, Apple Books
Dan O'Connor & Stan Miller, Perma-Bound
Cliff Herbert, Cliff Education Ent.
Leah Wagner, Books to Keep, Monroe Township Library

10. Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk, advising Gregory Fehrenbach, Interim B.A., that the Council has asked that the odors emanating from the sewer pumping station in the marina be investigated. (12/12/08)
11. Environmental Liability Management, Inc. submitted a General Information Notice and the Remediation Agreement application for FM Sylvan, Inc. for 1001 State Street. (12/12/08)
12. PSE&G advising that they are launching a state-of-the-art customer service system in early 2009. The transition will begin in January. (12/16/08)

- 13. Middlesex County Dept. of Planning acknowledging receipt of the resolution adopting an amendment to the 2003 Master Plan Utility Service Plan. (12/16/08)**
- 14. Jack Coughlin, Interim B.A. advising Luis Perez Jimenez, Middlesex Water, that the Council has requested an investigation into the orders emanating from the sewer pumping station. (12/17/08)**
- 15. Gregory Fehrenbach, Interim, B.A. submitted an excerpt from Local Finance Notice which advises that Pending FY 2009 Extraordinary Aid and Special Municipal Aid awards will not be made until the deferred pension obligation initiative is resolved. (12/19/08)**
- 16. Middlesex County Freeholder Clerk submitted a certified copy of a Resolution adopted on November 24, 2008, authorizing execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement for Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery. (12/16/08)**
- 17. Paul D. Wnek, Dir. Public Works advising that as a result of discussions with the Police Chief, arrangements were made on how to handle a snow event at the public safety complex. (12/19/08)**
- 18. South Amboy City Clerk submitted a certified copy of a Resolution adopted on December 17, 2008, approving the Feasibility Grant to Study Sharing of Trunked Radio Services. (12/22/08)**
- 19. Mayor Wilda Diaz advising that effective immediately, Battalion Chief David Volk has been appointed as EMS Program Administrator and Senior EMT Edward Murawski has been designated as the Alternate. (12/24/08)**
- 20. NJ Transit giving notice of its intent to apply for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Federal Financial Assistance. (12/26/08)**

21. NJDOT acknowledging receipt of Ordinance 1446-2008, deleting Penn Street as a one-way roadway and advising that on December 4, 2008 the Governor signed legislation requiring municipalities and counties to establish certain traffic controls without DOT review or involvement. (12/31/08)
22. Woodbridge Township Planning Board Secretary advising that a meeting will be held on January 7, 2009, 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, for the purpose of obtaining public comment relative to the Master Plan. (12/31/08)
23. Robert McCoy, UEZ Chief Administrator advising that parking enforcement officers use portable hand held enforcement devices that record license plate, time and date of vehicles that park in excess of two hour meter parking. Parking enforcement officers have been reminded to be more pro active with regard to enforcement of over time meter parking. (1/2/09)
24. Mayor Wilda Diaz advising that she is proposing to institute a 6 week program where high school students can help beautify the City and earn money. In an effort to fund the project she has contacted the following to help find the resources to implement the program: (1/2/09)

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer
 Hess Corporation
 Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals
 Gerdau Ameristeel

25. Mayor Wilda Diaz expressing her thanks to the following for their efforts in making a difference in the City: (1/2/09)

Maria Cuba	William Pavlovsky
Anna Daily	Tom & Betty Ward
Wanda Hernandez	Capt. Ismael Correa
Bob Durso	Rev. Wayne Brady
Jack Dudas	George Bonilla
Doug Dzema	Carolyn Carmon
John Dyke	Father Michael Rosco
Jorge Cruz	Mary Katz
Luis Vargas	Geri Barcheski
Millie Abreu	

Council Member Gonzalez: The Mayor will be doing this on a quarterly basis.

26. **Bill George, Editor/Publisher Amboy Beacon gave a report on the cost for official advertising since being designated as an official newspaper for the City. (1/5/09)**
27. **Middlesex County Planning Board advising that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 13, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Center of the Planning Board offices in New Brunswick. (1/5/09)**
28. **NJDOT advising that they are proposing replacement of the existing bridge deck on Amboy Avenue over Route 440 and the NJDOT believes that there will be no effect on historic properties if they exist. (1/5/09)**
29. **Mayor Wilda Diaz advising that she has appointed the following to the Zoning Board of Adjustment: (1/8/09)**

**Susan Batista – 4 yr. term
Yvonne Evertt – 2 yr. term**

30. **Mayor Wilda Diaz submitted a list of projects that represent a multitude of capital needs that exist in the City for consideration under the Stimulus Bill to the following: (1/6/09)**

**Middlesex County Planning Board
Congressman Albio Sires
Senator Frank Lautenberg
Senator Robert Menendez**

31. **NJ Department of Community Affairs submitted information that local officials can take to help homeowners that are facing foreclosure or other housing related problems facing residents. (1/6/09)**
32. **NJDEP advising that it has approved the Classification Exception Area Biennial Certification reports for the Shell Service Station, Krochmally Ave. (1/9/09)**

33. Mayor Wilda Diaz advising Ann Poznik a resident of Jennetty Court that her letter concerning a puddling situation on the street has been forwarded to the City Engineer. (1/13/09)

**HEARING OF CITIZENS
(10 MINUTE MAXIMUM)**

**PUBLIC PORTION
(5 MINUTES MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)**

Council Member Gonzalez: We should have a new team to finish the construction of the public safety complex. I'm tired of throwing money into the money pit.

John Siberry, Barclay St.: Calls are not being returned to me by the administration, with regard to St. Nicholas Church. I am a parishioner and I can talk about the subject matter. There were documents stolen from the Planning Board by an individual and then returned.

Mark Blunda: I spoke to the attorney for the church and he recommended that I not speak with anyone since they have counsel. For this reason, I did not return Mr. Siberry's call.

Orlando Perez, Broadhead Pl.: The City is stuck with the problems of the public safety building.

Richard Piatkowski, 142 Gordon St.: I want to thank Fire Battalion Chief Volk for the report on the fire on Laurie St. I understood that Middlesex Water was responsible for repairs to the system, especially the reservoir.

Gregory C. Fehrenbach: There are many responsibilities of the water utility. Any repair exceeding \$500 must be paid for by the City. Of the \$67 million bonding, the majority of the money went towards franchise fees.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: I thank the City Clerk for the preparation of the minutes. Council Member vacations should be limited to when there are no meetings. What's going on with our website?

Council Member Balut: It will be fully functional in a short time.

Gregory C. Fehrenbach: There were legal issues that were recently resolved. It will be up and running by the end of the month.

Chief Michael Kohut: On February 5, 2009 at 10:00 am, there will be a public meeting regarding the accreditation process. I invite the public to find out about the accreditation process.

Council Member Gonzalez: There were 7 school buses parked on High St. today. Can you please check into it?

Chief Michael Kohut: We'll look into it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro seconded by Council Member Balut to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm, and was unanimously carried.

Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk