



**MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
MAY 12, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council Peter J. Jimenez, advised the audience that notice of this meeting has been filed with the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, The Amboy Beacon and posted on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website, indicating that today's meetings are being held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, at 5:30 p.m. and **7:00 p.m. (public voting session)**.

Council President Peter J. Jimenez: 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.

Council President Peter J. Jimenez led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation was given by Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk.

Meeting was called to order by Council President Peter J. Jimenez with the following Council Members present: Kenneth Balut, Geraldine M. Bolanowski, Fernando Gonzalez and Robert R. Sottilaro.

Also present at this meeting were: Jane Feigenbaum, Business Administrator Mark Blunda, Esq., Director of Law and Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk.

Absent was Jill A. Goldy, CFO/Comptroller.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Michael Keller, Director of Community Development: We are hiring a firm to renovate the library facility. They will prepare a preservation plan. We are looking to put them on the historic register. Phase II is a 12,000 sq. ft. addition.

John Veisz provided overview of the portfolio of his firm's work. He advised the Council that the library is a gem and that the first task is to do an analysis of the building.

Jim Woller, Library Board Committee: We are looking to get this work done.

Council President Jimenez: After July 1, the new Council Members should be made aware of the plans.

Michael Keller: The funds are coming from the County grant.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Application for Waiver of Chapter 178, Section 12 by Kathleen Donahue and John Donahue at 107 Broad Street, for excess cats. (Jasko)**

TOPIC HEARD AT THE CAUCUS MEETING.

The City Clerk was requested to notify the volunteers of the animal shelter of this matter and to ask for their recommendations.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (10 MINUTE MAXIMUM)

None.

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

Council President Jimenez provided an overview of his years of service as a member of the City Council.

Miguel Roman, 107 Jefferson St.: I have a problem with an abandoned neighboring property (384 Stanford St.). I complained about this matter last year and nothing has been done.

Council President Jimenez: The Business Administrator is taking notes and will look into it.

Miguel Roman: I keep getting parking tickets for overtime parking at meters in front of my home. Why can't we have residential parking decals on Jefferson Street?

Council President Jimenez: The Business Administrator will look into it.

Richard Piatkowski, 142 Gordon St.: We should reopen and reconsider the size and location of the Duarte statue at the Caledonia/Roessler Park. The Resolution adopted at the previous meeting should be rescinded or amended until after it has been considered. There's a bond ordinance (#6) that is being held up tonight. Why are we borrowing more than we might need?

Jane Feigenbaum: The amount of debt is "up to". Right now we don't know how much we need.

Stan Sierakowski, Charles St.: Someone should contact "Gates or Dell" so we can have naming rights for the library center as a Gates Technology Center or Dell Technology Center. I thank the police for taking action on 124 Kearny Ave. Code Enforcement is short-handed. If that's the case we might want to contact the state code enforcement bureau to do the investigations in town.

Reinaldo Aviles, McKeon St.: There was a new OPRA case that says that regardless of who has the records, the City is responsible to get the records within the 7 day period. Is the loitering ordinance still being used? What's happening with that law?

Mark J. Blunda.: This is being reviewed by my office.

Reinaldo Aviles: This is not acceptable. An ordinance should be introduced.

Mark J. Blunda: There is no enforcement of anything illegal at the courts. We have looked into this previously. I will make a report to the Council.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: A Council Member gets compensated \$10,000 per year plus health benefits. This Council should eliminate this benefit. A statue of the Duarte bust is being placed in the waterfront. We need to establish a policy or criteria for putting up statues. I got a city letter from the Mayor on Saturday (3 days before the election). This cost the taxpayers \$3,900. It seemed very political.

Council President Jimenez asked that Council health benefits be listed as a topic for the next meeting.

David Caba, 151 Lewis St.: Decisions have to be made in this City by the new Council Members. New hires should have pride in Perth Amboy.

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-197

Katherine Massopust, 180 Market St.: It's important to save our library.

R-194

Richard Piatkowski, 142 Gordon St.: This does not obligate the City to any more money.

R-203

Richard Piatkowski: Is this for police cars?

Jane Feigenbaum: Yes.

Richard Piatkowski: Are we retiring any old vehicles?

Jane Feigenbaum: This is to infuse new vehicles into the mix so we can repair the others. Eventually we will replace all the vehicles.

Council Member Balut: The vehicles have no down time. These vehicles will help keep them working longer.

Comm. #10

Reinaldo Aviles, 496 McKeon St.: The Ordinance being introduced tonight gives too much leeway to the professionals. We want to raise the bar. The proposal was to have more teeth. We're asking for background checks. Trust and verify is what we recommend. This upholds the professional.

Council President Jimenez: I believe the Ordinance should be a little stronger.

Council Member Gonzalez: This has not been adopted anywhere else. Professionals don't lie. If they do lie, they will be dealt with.

Council Member Jimenez: We can amend this Ordinance at the public hearing scheduled for the next meeting.

R-194

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: Do we know what we've paid in principal and interest?

Jane Feigenbaum: I can break it out for you.

R-201

Alan Silber: What was the basis of the \$110,000 settlement?

Mark J. Blunda: It was a settlement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

BIDS

Bids were received on April 17, 2010 for the following:

- 1. Ranney Collector Well Cleaning of the Laterals Project**
 - a. Layne Christensen Company \$177,000.00***
 - b. A.C. Schultes No Bid**

*** Recommendation of Bid Award**

SUPPLEMENTAL DEBT STATEMENT

Various Capital Improvements	\$693,500
Renovation of Parking Deck	\$950,000
Public Safety-Court-Community Center	\$712,500

LIQUOR LICENSE – NOTIFICATION

None.

SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

**Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Church
188 Wayne Street
Date: June 26, 2010, 12 noon to 12 midnight
Location: Church parking lot, Wayne Street**

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

REPORTS

- 1. Report of checks prepared and paid during the month of April 2010 in the total amount of \$1,067,169.16.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING (No PUBLIC DISCUSSION)

- 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING FAIR AND OPEN COMPETITION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS.**

Motion was made by Council Member Jimenez, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on May 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay—none. Absent—none.

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY TO REVERT TO A CALENDAR FISCAL YEAR FROM A STATE FISCAL YEAR.

Motion was made by Council Member Bolanowski, 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 the Council to be held on May 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay—none. Absent—none.

3. 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 Jimenez, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of May 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay—none. Absent—none.

4. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$730,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$693,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

THE ABOVE ORDINANCE WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

- 5. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY-COURT-COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX IN AND BY THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 712,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

THE ABOVE ORDINANCE WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

- 6. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PARKING UTILITY DECK IN AND BY THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

THE ABOVE ORDINANCE WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

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

- 1. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$2,100,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FLORIDA GROVE ROAD RESERVOIR IN AND BY THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,100,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

Motion was made by Council Member Jimenez, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay—none. Absent—none.

Council President asked for comments.

Richard Piatkowski, 142 Gordon St.: Is this an extra \$2 million?

Jane Feigenbaum: This is being issued by NJEIT.

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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay—none. Absent—none.

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

2. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN VEHICLES IN AND BY THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$150,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Motion was made by Council Member Jimenez, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay—none. Absent—none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Council Member Jimenez, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay—none. Absent—none.

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

3. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" (NO. 1-72 AS AMENDED) ADOPTED JULY 28, 1972, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 4 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS IN CONNECTION WITH SUPERVISION OF YOUTH PROGRAMS.

Motion was made by Council Member Bolanowski, seconded by Council Member Balut to should change it from 90 days to 10 days and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay—none. Absent—none.

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

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-191-5/10 Accepting the bid and authorizing a contract with Layne Christensen Co. for the Ranney Collector Well Cleaning of the Laterals Project in an amount not to exceed \$177,000.00.

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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-192-5/12 Approving the SFY 2009 Annual Audit Corrective Action Plan and authorizing the filing of said plan with the Division of Local Government Services.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-193-5/10 Approving transfer of SFY 2010 Budget appropriations in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-194-5/10 Ratifying fees owed to Middlesex Water Company totaling \$4,226,442.00 plus accrued interest as set forth in the "Annual Repayment Schedule" dated January 23, 2008 as pursuant to the operating agreement dated January 1, 1999.

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, Sottilaro. Nay-- Jimenez. Absent—none.

R-195-5/10 Authorizing the closure of City Streets for the Celebrate Perth Amboy Susan Komen Race for the Cure on September 25, 2010.

Motion was made and seconded by the entire Council 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-196-5/10 Authorizing a professional service agreement with Faridy Veisz Fraytak, P.C. for architectural services in connection with the construction of the Brighton Avenue Community Center in the amount of \$29,600.00.

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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-197-5/10 Authorizing a professional service agreement with Faridy Veisz Fraytak, P.C. for architectural and historic preservation services in connection with the rehabilitation and expansion of the Perth Amboy Carnegie Library in the amount of \$248,065.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-198-5/10 Authorizing return of a performance bond to Malengi Abreu for 803 Central Place, Block 422, Lots 11.02 & 12 Docket No. 2784 in the amount of \$9,571.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Jimenez, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-199-5/10 Authorizing release of a performance bond guaranty to Leopold and Elba Reyes for 399 High Street, Block 143, Lots 12 & 13 in the amount of \$9,161.00.

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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-200-5/10 Authorizing an agreement with the County of Middlesex for the Municipal Drug Alliance Program in the amount of \$42,081.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-201-5/10 Authorizing settlement of Anthony Tavera v. City of Perth Amboy civil action no. Mid-l-0413-08 in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-202-5/10 Retaining Feist Engineering for engineering services associated with the Brighton Avenue community center building and renovations to the tennis courts facility in the amount of \$60,000.00.

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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-203-5/10 Authorizing a contract with Warnock Fleet for the purchase of two (2) 2010 Dodge Chargers under State Contract No. A72468 in an amount not to exceed \$39,679.20 for the police department.

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

Council President asked for comments.

Council Member Balut: We have \$196,000 in forfeiture funds. Can we use it purchase these cars?

Mark J. Blunda: I'll research it.

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

R-204-4/10 Authorizing settlement of the matter of Heim v. City of Perth Amboy, subject to approval by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-205-5/10 Authorizing execution of settlement agreement in GWP, Inc. v. City of Perth Amboy.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-206-5/10 Approving and authorizing an employment contract with Edwin J. McDonald as Acting Chief of Police.

Motion was made by Council Member Sottilaro, 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-207-5/10 Approving and authorizing an employment contract with David Volk as Chief of the Fire Department.

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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-208-5/10 Authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment for 2007 and 2008 to Pablo Pacheco, 193 Brighton Avenue, Block 33, Lot 22.01 in the amount of \$1,030.19.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Jimenez 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-209-5/10 Providing for the refund of duplicate tax payments on several parcels in the total amount of \$8,047.73.

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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

R-210-5/10 Making application to the Local Finance Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:3-1 et seq. for approval of Bond Ordinances in the amount of \$712,500 Supplemental for the Construction of the Public Safety-Court-Community Complex; \$693,500 for Various Capital Improvements and \$950,000 for Renovations to the Parking Utility Deck.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS REMOVED

R-211-5/10 Authorizing a Closed Session at the May 12, 2010 meeting to discuss the following:

- 1. DPW contract negotiations**
- 2. All pending civil cases**
- 3. Contract negotiations**
- 4. Collective bargaining**

Motion was made by Council Member Bolanowski, seconded by Council Member Jimenez 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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none.

Late Starter

R-212-5/10 Authorizing the engagement of Franklin Colon, Tax Assessor and David Lonski, Tax Appeal Attorney, to represent the City in conflicts cases before the Middlesex County Tax Board in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Balut, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to place the above Resolution on the agenda as a late starter and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Sottilaro. Nay--none. Absent—none. Abstain—Council Members Gonzalez and Jimenez.

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, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay--none. Absent—none. Abstain—Gonzalez, Jimenez.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. NJ Dept. of Education advising that a common ground must be found that preserves and protects the quality of education while reducing the cost to residents and property tax payers. (4/26/10)**

- 2. Housing Authority submitted a copy of a Resolution adopted on April 13, 2010 requesting that Aida Molina be reappointed to the Authority. (4/27/10)**
- 3. Governor Christie submitted an overview of some of the reforms included in his "tool kit" of reforms designed to empower local government and school districts to manage budgets more effectively. (4/27/10)**
- 4. Ralph G. Albanir, Middlesex County Director of Parks and Recreation advising that several public hearings will be held on the County's proposal to divert and dispose a total of approximately 0.92 acres of Ambros-Doty's Brook Park in Piscataway to allow adjacent highway improvement for NJDOT's Project Route 18 extension. (4/27/10)**
- 5. NJ Transit advising that the raised rebar on the sidewalk of the Hall Avenue Bridge is the responsibility of the City to repair. (4/29/10)**
- 6. NJDEP issued a No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue for the remediation of one 1,000 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system at 443 Amboy Avenue, Block 207. Lot 26. (4/29/10)**
- 7. NJDOT advising of new traffic patterns during the Route 440 northbound superstructure replacement work. (4/29/10)**
- 8. Senator Joseph F. Vitale and Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin congratulating the City's Office of Recreation on receiving a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission in the amount of \$1,112.00 for the 2010 calendar year. (4/30/10)**
- 9. NJDEP advising that applications are being accepted until July 30, 2010 for the Green Acres Program for land preservation and park development project. (5/3/10)**

- 10. Reinaldo E. Aviles, Committee on Clean and Open Government, provided a response to Mark Blunda's letter regarding the ordinance concerning licensed professionals. (5/5/10)**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Jimenez, seconded by Council Member Bolanowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Balut, Bolanowski, Gonzalez, Sottilaro and Jimenez. Nay—none. Absent—none.

Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk