

Borough Council Minutes
New Providence, New Jersey
March 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of New Providence, County of Union and State of New Jersey was held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Center. Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Morgan, Council President Muñoz,
Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Kapner,
Councilman Gennaro, Councilman Robinson

Entered After Roll Call: None

Absent: Councilman Madden

Also Present: Administrator Marvin, Borough Clerk Barry, Deputy
Clerk Brinkofski, Attorney Rizzo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Mayor Morgan stated this is a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of New Providence, County of Union and State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, in that an annual notice or revision was made in conformance with Section 13 of the Act.

Mayor Morgan gave an update on the recent Nor'easter stating it was one of the worst storms he had ever seen. He commented on the heavy snow and wind which resulted in downed wires and trees. He commended the Public Works Department as well as Police, Fire, and EMS for all their hard work. He also thanked the volunteers who managed the shelter and local businesses for donating food.

PROCLAMATION: American Red Cross Month 2018

Mayor Morgan presented proclamation for American Red Cross Month. No one from the Red Cross was in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. New Jersey American Water Company, February 20, 2018. Re: Petition for Approval of Distribution System Improvement Charge. No action required.
2. State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, February 21, 2018. Re: NJDOT 2018 Municipal Aid Grant Award. Mayor Morgan stated the Borough received a \$310,000 grant to be used for road paving.
3. Township of Chatham, February 23, 2018. Re: Ordinance 2018-05 Amending Zoning Ordinance. No action required.

4. Township of Chatham, February 23, 2018. Re: Ordinance 2018-07 Amending Zoning Ordinance. No action required.
5. City of Linden, February 26, 2018. Re: Resolution 2018-141 Supporting Legislation Decriminalizing the possession of Marijuana. No action required.
6. Bryon Linnehan, February 26, 2018. Re: School Safety. Mr. Linnehan was in attendance and discussed his correspondence later in public comment.
7. Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, February 27, 2018. Re: 2018 Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant. Grant received for road paving.
8. Nokia of North America Corporation, February 28, 2018. Re: Remedial Action and Technical Impracticability Determination Report. No action required.
9. Sproutlings Educational Childcare Center, March 2, 2018. Re: Planning Board Public Hearing, 755 Central Avenue. No action required.
10. New Providence Board of Education, March 6, 2018. Re: Town Hall Meeting Regarding School Safety. Mayor Morgan stated he met with members of council, members of the Board of Education, and the police chief with regard to school safety. He stated they have scheduled a "Town Hall Meeting" at the high school on March 20th at 7pm.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Community Activities: Councilman Madden, Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Robinson

1. Resolution 2018-074 Salary Resolution

Councilwoman Geoffroy presented Resolution 2018-074 approving salaries for part-time baseball staff in the Community Activities Department.

Finance: Councilman Gennaro, Councilwoman Geoffroy

1. Resolution 2018-075 Resolution Authorizing Emergency, Temporary Appropriation

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-075 authorizing emergency, temporary appropriation. He stated this is a common occurrence prior to budget adoption.

2. Resolution 2018-076 Resolution Authorizing Payment Of The Attached Bills Payable Lists, In The Amount Of \$ 3,145,253.10

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-076 authorizing payment of the bills payable list. He stated the largest items are payment to the Board of Education for \$1,187,182, pension payments to PERS and PFRS for over \$1 million, and a bond payment for \$636,700.

Legal and Regulatory: Council President Muñoz, Councilman Gennaro, Councilman Kapner

1. Resolution 2018-077 Resolution Of The Borough Of New Providence, County Of Union, State Of New Jersey Authorizing Sale Of Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses

Councilman Muñoz presented Resolution 2018-077 authorizing sale of Plenary Retail Consumption License. He stated Council discussed the sale of the 4th license at the special goal setting meeting that was held on March 3rd. He stated they would be using the historical method of sale and the deadline for applications has been set for June 14th at 10am. He also added that any questions regarding the license should be directed to the Borough Administrator.

Planning & Development: Councilman Madden, Council President Muñoz

1. Resolution 2018-078 “Resolution Accepting The Proposal Of Maser Consulting, P.A. For Professional Engineering Services Regarding Sidewalk Improvements – Safe Routes To School Grant”

Councilman Muñoz presented Resolution 2018-078 accepting the proposal of Maser Consulting, P.A. for professional engineering services regarding Sidewalk Improvements – Safe Routes To School Grant Project. He stated this authorizes Maser to coordinate the requirements of the DOT to secure the grant funding.

2. Resolution 2018-079 Resolution Approving Purchase Order For Howard Technology Solutions, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$36,000.00, State Contract No. NJ NCPA Contract #01-45

Councilman Muñoz presented Resolution 2018-079 approving purchase order for Howard Technology Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 State Contract No. NJ NCPA contract #01-45. He stated this authorizes work associated with the Council Chambers upgrades, including acquisition and installation of ADA hearing impaired support, re-installation of speakers and microphones as well as cameras for recording or live-broadcasting as well TV monitors and associated hardware.

Public Safety: Mayor Morgan, Councilman Kapner, Council President Muñoz

1. Limousine License: Royal Executive Service – Munir
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Mayor Morgan presented limousine license requests for Royal Executive Service.

2. Raffle License: Our Lady of Peace Church RA1092
Our Lady of Peace Church RA1093
Our Lady of Peace Church RA1094
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Our Lady of Peace Church RA1096
Our Lady of Peace Church RA1097

Mayor Morgan presented Raffle License requests from Our Lady of Peace Church.

3. Introduction of Ordinance 2018-01 An Ordinance Creating The Position Of Police Chaplain For New Providence Police Department

Mayor Morgan presented the introduction of Ordinance 2018-01 “An Ordinance Creating The Position of Police Chaplain for New Providence Police Department”. He stated this was requested by Chief Buccelli.

Public Works: Councilman Kapner, Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Robinson

1. Request to Bid Recycling Collection Contract

Councilman Kapner presented the request to bid a recycling collection contract. He stated they are currently on a month to month agreement. He also stated they added \$50,000 to the 2018 proposed budget to cover this expense.

2. Resolution 2018-080 Resolution Approving Requisition Number 1800385 For Ben Shaffer & Assoc. Inc., In An Amount Not To Exceed \$19,817.00, State Contract No. T0103

Councilman Kapner presented Resolution 2018-080 approving requisition number 1800385 for Ben Shaffer & Assoc. Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$19,817.00, State Contract No. T0103. He stated this is for the purchase of garbage and recycling cans for Borough properties including Oakwood Park.

3. Resolution 2018-081 Resolution Supporting Application Submission To The Union County Infrastructure And Municipal Aid Grant Program For 2018

Councilman Kapner presented Resolution 2018-081 supporting application submission to the Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant program for 2018. He stated this is for sidewalks per discussion at the March 3rd meeting.

4. Resolution 2018-082 Resolution Accepting The Proposal Of Maser Consulting, P.A. For Professional Engineering Services Regarding Storm Sewer Outfall & Stormwater Facility Inspections

Councilman Kapner presented Resolution 2018-081 accepting the proposal of Maser Consulting, P.A. for professional engineering services regarding storm sewer outfall & storm water facility inspections. He stated this authorizes Maser to perform inspections as required by the DEP.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Morgan discussed the recent Nor'easter and gave an update on power restoration. He stated at that time there were only 10 people left without power. He discussed having a special branch pickup and stated they would put more information on the Borough website and send a code red message when they had all the details in place. He stated the regular curbside brush collection would begin the first week of April. Councilman Gennaro also commented about the reserve for snow removal stating they continue to add funds to this line item every year in anticipation of these storms.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mayor Morgan – reported on the following:

- 1) Boy Scout Dinner – honored Community Service Association
- 2) Fireman Dinner Dance - Larry Armstrong received Firefighter of the Year Award

Councilman Robinson – reported on the following:

- 1) DID meeting – discussed grant opportunities – Holiday Sponsorship and July 3rd
- 2) NP Shelter – spent time volunteering at the shelter/warming station – thanked Chief Buccelli and the Office of Emergency Management for all their hard work.

Council President Muñoz – reported on the following:

- 1) Thanked Jessica Short for her work with the shelter and thanked Councilman Robinson for volunteering his time.
- 2) Boy Scout Dinner – thanked Don Burkitt and all involved

Councilman Gennaro – reported on the following:

- 1) Budget – will present municipal budget intro at the next council meeting March 26th
- 2) School Safety Meeting – Stated the Board of Education has invested a lot of money into school safety measures which cannot always be shared with the public. He encouraged residents to attend the meeting and ask questions.

Councilman Kapner – reported on the following:

- 1) Thanked Department of Public Works for storm cleanup, Chief Buccelli and Jessica Short, and all volunteers and businesses who donated food to the shelter.
- 2) Poor wifi signal in gym and police wing – asked Administrator Marvin to look into
- 3) Planning Board – Countryside application continued to the next meeting.
- 4) Suburban Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner - Skin Deep receiving business of the year award and Brooke Healey Foundation receiving organization of the year award.

Councilwoman Geoffroy – reported on the following:

- 1) Thanked Nicole Sarna, Al Morgan, and other Borough staff for helping her family in a time of need during the storm.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT.

Administrator Marvin reported on the following:

- 1) Court Room Renovation – moving along well, hopes to be completed in May
- 2) Reminded residents to call JCP&L regarding power restoration and not to call the dispatch center. He reported the shared dispatch center for New Providence, Summit and Millburn received 1131 emergency calls and 6700 non-emergency calls over a 72 hour period.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

This is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues that are not separate topics, scheduled for public hearings tonight. To help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to three (3) minutes, and may only speak once on any one topic.

Mayor Morgan opened the meeting for public comment.

Ira Krauss – Board of Education

- 1) All snow days have been used up. Any more days will be taken from spring break in April.
- 2) High School play postponed to the following weekend because of the Nor'Easter.
- 3) Governor would be giving a talk about school aid
- 4) Next Monday (April 2nd) the Board of Education would be discussing the school budget

Bryon Linnehan – 5 Surrey Lane

- 1) School Safety - commented on the school safety meeting that was held on March 20th and asked for two officers to be present at each school. He also thanked Chief Buccelli for his phone call.
- 2) Soliciting – asked about fines for soliciting without a permit and encouraged Council to have a “Do Not Knock List”.

FORMAL ACTION.

CONSENT AGENDA (routine items that may be passed by a single roll call vote; any Council member may call for a separate discussion or vote on any item)

Council President Muñoz moved items 1-12 of the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Geoffroy and on Roll Call: Council President Muñoz, Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Kapner, Councilman Gennaro, and Councilman Robinson voted “aye”. Carried on Roll Call.

Councilman Kapner moved item 13 of the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Geoffroy and on Roll Call: Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Kapner, and Councilman Robinson voted “aye”. Council President Muñoz and Councilman Gennaro abstained. Carried on Roll Call.

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ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on motion by Councilman Kapner, seconded by Council President Muñoz, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi B. Barry
Borough Clerk

These minutes have not yet been officially approved.

Minutes approved at the April 26, 2018 meeting of the Borough Council, as submitted.