

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, April 9, 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, Councilman Madden, Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Kapner, Councilman Gennaro, Councilman Robinson

Entered After Roll Call: None

Absent: None

Also Present: Administrator Marvin, Borough 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.

### **APPOINTMENTS OATH OF OFFICE:**

1. Police Chaplain – Ian Rankine

Mayor Morgan announced the appointment of Ian Rankine as Police Chaplain. Councilman Madden moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Council President Muñoz, and unanimously approved. Mayor Morgan administered the oath of office.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 26, 2018

Councilman Gennaro asked that the approval of the minutes be tabled to the next meeting as the web-site was experiencing technical difficulties over the weekend and he was not able to review the minutes. Council concurred.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Union County Freeholders, March 22, 2018. Re: Ordinance 793-2018, Amending Administrative Code. No action required.
2. Applied Service Corp., March 26, 2018. Re: NP Atlas Oil, LLC, Response Action Outcome Revised. No action required.

3. City of Summit, April 2, 2018. Re: Ordinance 18-3157, Development Regulations Ordinance. No action required.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Community Activities:** Councilman Madden, Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Robinson

1. Resolution 2018-099            Resolution Appointing Stacey Kinum As Part-Time Program Coordinator For The Community Activities Department For The Borough Of New Providence

Councilman Madden presented Resolution 2018-099 appointing Stacey Kinum to the Community Activity Department

**Finance:** Councilman Gennaro, Councilwoman Geoffroy

1. Resolution 2018-100            Resolution Authorizing Payment Of The Attached Bills Payable Lists, In The Amount Of \$ 2,133,569.46

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-100 authorizing payment of the bills payable list. He indicated that the largest non-recurring items included a payment to the BOE, Stavola for 2017 Paving and Bleachers.

**New Providence Business and Professional Association:** Councilman Kapner

1. Resolution 2018-101            Resolution Approving Request Of The New Providence Business Community To Sponsor Community Events During The Calendar Year 2018

Councilman Kapner presented Resolution 2018-010 which approves the community events sponsored by the Business Community. Councilman Kapner reiterated that all community events require council approval.

**Planning & Development:** Councilman Madden, Council President Muñoz

1. Resolution 2018-102            Resolution Accepting The Proposal Of Maser Consulting, P.A. For Professional Engineering Services Regarding Livingston Avenue Roadway Improvements

Councilman Madden presented Resolution 2018-102 for Maser Consulting approving a proposal for Engineering services for the Livingston Avenue Roadway Improvement. He indicated that \$310,000 was received from the NJ DOT for milling and paving of Livingston Avenue.

2. Resolution 2018-103            Resolution Accepting The Proposal Of Maser Consulting, P.A. For Professional Engineering And Construction Administration Services Regarding Elkwood Avenue (Section 2) Roadway Improvements

Councilman Madden presented Resolution 2018-102 for Maser Consulting approving a proposal for Engineering services for the Elkwood Avenue Roadway Improvement project.

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

1. Resolution 2018-104      Resolution Awarding Contract To The Rodgers Group, LLC, P.O. Box 831, Island Heights, New Jersey 08732 For Police Accreditation Maintenance Consulting Services

Mayor Morgan presented Resolution 2018-104 for the Rogers Group for Police Department Accreditation Services.

2. Resolution 2018-105      Resolution Of The Borough Council, Borough Of New Providence Acknowledging Grant Award For Pedestrian Safety From The Street Smart NJ Program.

Mayor Morgan presented Resolution 2018-105 acknowledging the grant \$10,000 award for the Pedestrian Safety project from Street Smart NJ.

**Public Works:** Councilman Kapner, Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Robinson

1. Resolution 2018-106      Resolution Authorizing The Application For 2018 Recycling Enhancement Grant For The Borough Of New Providence

Councilman Kapner presented Resolution 2018-106 authorizing a grant application for recycling containers

2. Resolution 2018-107      Resolution Awarding Contract GF Jager Inc., For Wastewater Treatment Facility Replacement Equipment

Councilman Kapner presented Resolution 2018-107 for the purchase of a new channel monster for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilman Kapner explained that this is a grinder that grinds all material entering the plant.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Resolution 2018-108      Resolution Of The Borough Council Of The Borough Of New Providence Adopting Rules And Order Of Business Of The Borough Council For The Year 2018.

Councilman Munoz presented Resolution 2018-108 and explained that he has not had an opportunity to make the associated council assignments. Councilman Gennaro suggested that this resolution be tabled until the next meeting when the assignments can be made. Unanimously agreed.

2. Councilman Robinson - Meeting with the new Union County Manager, Freeholder Director as well as the Mayor, Council President, Councilman Robinson and Administrator Marvin to discuss various topics of interest or concern to Union County and New Providence.

Councilman Robinson suggested a meeting with Union County Officials as outlined above. Councilman Robinson suggested several topics, including grants, taxes, representation of western town, consolidation of UC Police and UC Sheriff, possible reimbursement of leaf collection and snow plowing if services are done by New Providence workforce. Councilmembers were invited to offer other suggestions through the Borough Administrator.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

### **Mayor Morgan reported on the following:**

- 1) held monthly "Chat with the Mayor" last week.
- 2) Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt and the Police Department's "Egg your House" event which raised \$2500 for CSA.
- 3) Life-long borough resident Carmella Bernardo was presented with a proclamation for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 4) Attended a Troop meeting of troop 63.

### **Councilman Robinson reported on the following:**

- 1) Board of Health adopted an ordinance regulating acceptable levels of heat in apartments and obligations when there is no heat. He indicated there was a discussion about food trucks as well as a presentation of Alpaca's by a resident. The resident was advised to seek advice from the Board of Adjustment as to zoning issues.
- 2) The public art sculptures in Centennial Park and near the Murray Hill Inn are at the end of their lease and the Public Art Committee is search for new pieces. He reminded everyone that the Public Art Committee is funded through donations and they do incredible work for the borough.

### **Council President Muñoz reported on the following:**

- 1) Reminded everyone that the Biker's for Brooke Motorcycle event is coming up on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Councilman Gennaro reported on the following:**

- 1) Thanked the business community for their community events and reminded everyone of their valuable contributions to the community.
- 2) The budget presentation will be made at the 4/23 Council Meeting. Discussed briefly the budget impact for the school security.

### **Councilman Kapner reported on the following:**

- 1) Echoed Councilman Gennaro's sentiment about the business community.
- 2) The Communication Committee has met on several occasions and is finalizing a council policy to address borough communications.

### **Councilwoman Geoffroy reported on the following:**

- 1) Several Municipal Alliance events, including DARE graduations as well as a college readiness class being presented on April 24<sup>th</sup> at NPHS. Upcoming High School presentations include "After the Fire" and "Save a Life" and a prom program

highlighting the importance of promoting “no alcohol – 21 means 21”. Middle School event at Sky Zone upcoming.

- 2) At the prompting of Councilman Robinson Councilperson Geoffroy discussed a recent League of Woman’s Voters program discussing the election where women from New Providence., Berkeley Heights and Summit were elected.

**Councilman Madden reported on the following:**

- 1) Spoke about the Oakwood Park project and the value to the community.
- 2) Spoke about the Communication Committee’s meetings and upcoming policy.

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT.**

**Borough Administrator Marvin reported on the following:**

- 1) Council Chamber renovation and was hopeful that the next meeting will be in the new space.
- 2) Passaic Street Bridge replacement advising that the project is expected to go to bid in the spring and that an exact time of the closure is not currently known. The bridge will be closed for 6-9 months.
- 3) Update on the paving of Elkwood Avenue.
- 4) Health Fair at the DeCorso Community Center will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 AM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Kurt Thraen – 225 Mountain Avenue – Spoke about the safety enhancements for Mountain Avenue and questioned the reduction of the speed limit. Mayor Morgan and Administrator Marvin reported that traffic counts were anticipated next week and that a reduction of the speed limit could occur at the next council meeting.

Arpad Szechenyi – 184 Mountain Avenue. Also spoke about the Mountain Avenue safety issues.

**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)

Councilman Madden moved items 1-9 of the consent agenda, and to table item #10 seconded by Councilperson Geoffroy and on Roll Call: Council President Munoz, Councilman Madden, Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Kapner, Councilman Gennaro, and Councilman Robinson voted “aye”. Carried on Roll Call.

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Removed from Agenda

## **ADJOURNMENT.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas R. Marvin  
Deputy Borough Clerk

These minutes have not yet been officially approved.

*Minutes approved at the May 21, 2018 meeting of the Borough Council, with corrections.*