

Borough Council Minutes
New Providence, New Jersey
September 24, 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 Tuesday, September 11, 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: Borough Clerk Barry, 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.

Mayor Morgan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Ron Opperthausen who passed away this week. Mayor Morgan noted Ron served as a police officer for the Borough of New Providence and President of the Library Board of Trustees.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Morgan's family and friends presented a birthday cake in celebration of his birthday.

1. Proclamation - Congratulating Stephanie and James Slater

Mayor Morgan read and presented a proclamation congratulating Stephanie and James Slater on winning bronze medals at the 2018 NJ Special Olympics in bocce.

2. Proclamation - Congratulating New Providence Baseball Team

Mayor Morgan read and presented a proclamation congratulating the New Providence 2018 Cooperstown Baseball Team for their outstanding achievements.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Peggy Brodeur Diversity Committee

Mayor Morgan announced the appointment of Peggy Brodeur to the Diversity Committee. Councilwoman Geoffroy moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment. Seconded by Council President Muñoz and unanimously approved.

2. Michele Matsikoudis Economic Development

Mayor Morgan announced the appointment of Michele Matsikoudis to the Economic Development Committee. Council President Muñoz moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment. Seconded by Councilwoman Geoffroy and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilwoman Geoffroy moved the minutes of the July 16, 2018 Borough Council meeting be approved as submitted. Seconded by Councilman Robinson and unanimously approved. Council President Muñoz and Councilman Gennaro abstained as they were not present at the July 16, 2018 Borough Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Union County Department of Economic Development, September 10, 2018. Re: CDBG Year 45 Application Process. No action required.
2. Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, September 13, 2018. Re: Ordinance 795-2018 Bond Ordinance. No action required.
3. Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, September 13, 2018. Re: Ordinance 796-2018 Solid Waste Management Plan. No action required.
4. Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, September 13, 2018. Re: Ordinance 797-2018 Amending Administrative Code. No action required.
5. New Providence Fire Department, September 19, 2018. Re: Membership Tunney. Council welcomed Mr. Tunney to the Fire Department.
6. New Providence Fire Department, September 19, 2018. Re: Membership Resignation Tesoro. Council thanked Mr. Tesoro for his service.
7. NJ Transit, September 20, 2018. Re: Press Release Schedule Changes. No action required.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Community Activities: Councilman Madden, Councilwoman Geoffroy

1. Resolution 2018-250 Resolution Approving Partial Payment # 1 For Tri-Plex Industries, Inc., In The Amount Of \$27,374.25 For The Project Commonly Known As “DeCorso Kitchen Renovation”

Councilwoman Geoffroy presented Resolution 2018-250 approving a partial payment for the work completed on the DeCorso Center Kitchen Renovation Project.

2. Resolution 2018-251 Salary Resolution

Councilwoman Geoffroy presented Resolution 2018-251 approving salaries of instructors for Community Activities programs.

Diversity Committee: Council President Muñoz, Councilwoman Geoffroy

1. Resolution 2018-252 Resolution Approving Request Of The New Providence Diversity Committee To Sponsor Community Events

Council President Muñoz presented Resolution 2018-252 which approves events currently being planned by the Diversity Committee for the remainder of this year and the first quarter of 2019. Council President Munoz suggest Council approve only the Columbus Day event and defer the others until program details are available.

Finance: Councilman Gennaro, Councilwoman Geoffroy

1. Resolution 2018-253 Resolution Refunding Or Applying Overpayment Of Taxes To Certain Property Owners

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-253 which approves the payment of a Tax Court Judgement related to Martindale-Hubbell property at 121 Chanlon road.

2. Resolution 2018-254 Resolution Authorizing Payment Of The Attached Bills Payable Lists, In The Amount Of \$ 545,445.55

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-254 approving the bills payable list which includes payments for the following notable items: \$134,286 – Amerihealth, \$ 85,875 - Martindale Hubbell tax court judgement and \$ 50,130 - Aaron and Company A/C purchase.

Planning & Development: Councilman Madden, Council President Muñoz

1. Resolution 2018-255 Resolution Refunding Partial Cost Of Construction Permit Number 18-30305

Council President Muñoz presented Resolution 2018-254 approving a partial refund of \$743.00 for a construction permit that was incorrectly calculated.

2. Resolution 2018-256 Resolution Authorizing Release Of Cash Guarantee In The Amount Of \$30,000.00 To Anne Fournier And Charles Ruiz, 25 Oakwood Drive

Councilman Muñoz presented Resolution 2018-256 approving the refund of a \$30,076.18 cash bond which was required to assure that violations associated with construction were rectified. Council President Muñoz advised the Director of the Planning and Development Department inspected the site and found it to be in compliance.

3. Resolution 2018-257 Resolution Approving Requisition Number 1801917 For Spatial Data Logic, Inc., In An Amount Not To Exceed \$11,200.00, For Computer Software

Council President Muñoz presented Resolution 2018-257 approving a requisition for the purchase of the necessary licenses for Spatial Data Logic, the software program used by the Department of Planning and Development and Department of Public Works.

4. Resolution 2018-258 Resolution Authorizing The Release Of Cash Performance Guarantee To DRS Home Improvement For 85 Pearl Street Block 194 Lot 8.02

Council President Muñoz presented Resolution 2018-258 authorizing the release of a cash performance guarantee in the amount of \$5,418.99 for the property located at 85 Pearl Street as the project has been completed.

Public Works: Councilman Kapner, Councilwoman Geoffroy

1. Resolution 2018-259 Resolution Of The Borough Of New Providence, County Of Union, State Of New Jersey Rejecting All Bids For Project Know As Recycling Collection And Marketing

Councilman Kapner presented Resolution 2018-259 which rejects the bids received for recycling collection and marketing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Planning Board – Proposed Zoning Changes

Councilman Robinson requested this discussion be held until Keith Lynch, Zoning Official can be present when Council considers the proposed zoning changes.

Mayor Morgan explained the Board of Adjustment meets with the Planning Board every year and recommends zoning updates for consideration.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Councilwoman Geoffroy reported on the following:

- 1) Attended the Moms Helping Moms Diaper Drive event
- 2) Superintendent's forum will be held on September 25th and Board of Education Meeting will be September 27th.
- 3) Recreation programs are still available and basketball registration will be open soon.
- 4) PAL tryout registration is open until September 30th.
- 5) Recommend everyone read e-mail "What's Happening in New Providence" which provides a lot of information.
- 6) NP Education Foundation Fundraiser – Dueling Pianos will be held on October 13th.

Councilman Kapner reported on the following:

- 1) Sustainability Committee hosting Free Cycle event on September 29th.
- 2) Borough Website is best place to find all the information about what is going on in New Providence.

Councilman Gennaro reported on the following:

- 1) Will begin negotiations with Borough unions in the month of October.

Councilman Muñoz reported on the following:

- 1) Diversity Committee meeting September 27th.

Councilman Robinson reported on the following:

- 1) Borough Newsletter – complimented Cindy Reis, Information Officer, for putting together a great newsletter which it is full of useful information.

Mayor Morgan reported on the following:

- 1) Busy weekend of events:
 - a) Diaper Drive
 - b) Library Open House
 - c) Historical Society Book Fair with local authors
 - d) American Legion annual clam bake
 - e) Luminous Carrot Cake Bake Off

- 2) PBA will be hosting their car show on October 6th and the Trunk-or-Treat on October 21st
- 3) PBA & Lions Club ask permission for Council approval to host pumpkin carving event on October 27th. Council approved.

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 comments.

Richard Claps – Lantern Hill. Advised Council he has a problem with the frequency of the train whistles noting he has contacted NJ Transit but did not get a response. Mr. Claps asked Council if they had any other similar complaints.

There being no one else wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed.

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)

Councilwoman Geoffroy moved approval of items 1 – 10 of the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilman Muñoz and on Roll Call: Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Kapner, Councilman Gennaro, Council President Kapner and Councilman Robinson voted “aye”. Carried on Roll Call.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Resolution 2018-8a Resolution Establishing September 24, 2018 As The Date, And 7:36 Pm As The Time, And The Municipal Center As The Place, For The Holding Of A Special Meeting Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of New Providence, To Discuss Negotiation Matters Involving Affordable Housing At Which Time The Public Will Be Excluded

Title was read in full by the Borough Clerk.

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On motion by Councilwoman Geoffroy, seconded by Council President Muñoz the meeting was re-opened.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi B. Barry
Borough Clerk

These minutes have not yet been officially approved.

Minutes approved at the October 22, 2018 meeting of the Borough Council, as submitted.