

Borough Council Minutes  
New Providence, New Jersey  
November 5, 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, November 5, 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 Robinson

Entered After Roll Call: Councilman Gennaro

Absent: Councilman Madden

Also Present: Administrator Marvin, Borough Clerk Barry, Attorney  
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**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

October 9, 2018

Councilwoman Geoffroy approved the minutes of the October 9, 2018 council meeting be approved as submitted, seconded by Council President Muñoz and unanimously approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Glenn S. Pantel, October 22, 2018. Re: Erickson/Lantern Hill – Pilot Agreement. Mayor Morgan stated they would set up a meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss.
2. State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, October 22, 2018. Re: NJDOT Fiscal Year 2019 Local Freight Impact Fund Grant. No action required.
3. Union County, Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust fund, October 5, 2018. Re: Kids Recreation Trust Fund 2018 Award. Mayor Morgan stated the Borough received a grant for \$54,000 to be used for Harmony Park.

4. Union County, Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund, October 5, 2018. Re: Greening Union County 2018 Award. Mayor Morgan stated the Borough received a grant for \$2,500 to be used for purchasing trees.
5. Township of Chatham, October 29, 2018. Re: Municipal Land Use Ordinance. No action required.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

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

1. Resolution 2018-278      Salary Resolution

Councilwoman Geoffroy presented Resolution 2018-278 approving salaries for basketball staff.

**Personnel:** Councilman Robinson, Councilman Gennaro

1. Resolution 2018-286      Resolution Accepting Written Employment Resignation From Robert Carroll As Special Police Officer In The Police Department Of The Borough Of New

Councilman Robinson presented Resolution 2018-286 accepting written employment resignation from Robert Carroll as special police officer in the Police Department of the Borough of New Providence. He stated they recently hired Special Officer Carroll but unfortunately the schedule did not work out for him

During above discussion Councilman Gennaro entered and took his place.

**Finance:** Councilman Gennaro, Councilwoman Geoffroy

1. Resolution 2018-279      Resolution Approving Filing Of CY2018/SFY2019 Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-279 approving filing of CY2018-SFY2019 Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire. He stated they have to fill out this questionnaire annually with the Department of Community Affairs. He stated this year they expanded the list of questions greatly and they scored 90% correctly.

2. Resolution 2018-280      Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The 2018 Budget Pursuant Of N.J.S. 40a:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948, Federal Bullet Proof Vest Program

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-280 providing for the insertion of any special item of revenue in the 2018 budget pursuant of N.J.S. 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948, Federal Bullet Proof Vest Program. He stated this relates to a federal grant in the amount of \$885 for bullet proof vests.

3. Resolution 2018-281 Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The 2018 Budget Pursuant Of N.J.S. 40a:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948, Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-281 providing for the insertion of any special item of revenue in the 2018 budget pursuant of N.J.S. 40a:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948, Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund. He stated this relates to a grant from NJ Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$6,012.25.

4. Resolution 2018-282 Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The 2018 Budget Pursuant Of N.J.S. 40a:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 – Union County Sponsorship Community Events

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-282 providing for the insertion of any special item of revenue in the 2018 budget pursuant of N.J.S. 40a:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 – Union County Sponsorship Community Events. He stated this relates to a \$3,000 grant from Union County to be used for community events.

5. Resolution 2018-283 Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The 2018 Budget Pursuant Of N.J.S. 40a:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948, NJ Division Of Highway Traffic Safety, Pedestrian Safety, Education And Enforcement

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-283 providing for the insertion of any special item of revenue in the 2018 budget pursuant of N.J.S. 40a:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - NJ Division Of Highway Traffic Safety, Pedestrian Safety, Education And Enforcement. He stated this is related to a \$10,000 grant from the NJ Division of Highway and Traffic Safety.

6. Resolution 2018-284 Transfer Resolution

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-284 "Transfer Resolution". He stated this transfers funds between line items to pay bills.

7. Resolution 2018-285 Resolution Authorizing Payment Of The Attached Bills Payable Lists, In The Amount Of \$ 9,931,301.43

Councilman Gennaro presented Resolution 2018-285 authorizing payment of the bills payable list. He stated the largest items are payment to the Board of Education for approximately \$6 million and Bond Anticipation Notes for approximately \$3 million.

**Public Safety:** Mayor Morgan, Councilman Kapner

1. Introduction of Ordinance 2018-10                      An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 257 Of The Code Of The Borough Of New Providence Entitled 'Vehicles And Traffic

Mayor Morgan presented the introduction of Ordinance 2018-10. He stated this reduces the speed limit on Mountain Avenue from 45 mph to 40 mph between Diamond Hill Road and Glenside Avenue.

2. Raffle Requests:                              NP Education Foundation RA1086  
NP Education Foundation RA1087

Mayor Morgan presented raffle requests RA1086 and RA1087 from the NP Education Foundation.

3. Resolution 2018-287                      Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between The Borough Of New Providence And The Township Of Union Regarding Police Firearms Training Facility

Mayor Morgan presented Resolution 2018-287 authorizing agreement between the Borough of New Providence and the Township of Union regarding use of police firearms training facility.

4. Resolution 2018-288                      Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between The Borough Of New Providence And Howard Builders, 573 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901

Mayor Morgan presented Resolution 2018-288 authorizing agreement between the Borough of New Providence and Howard Builders, 573 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901.

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

1. Resolution 2018-289                      Resolution Approving Change Order #1 For American Asphalt & Milling Services, With No Change To The Contract Amount, For The Livingston Avenue Roadway Improvements Project

Councilman Kapner presented Resolution 2018-289 approving change order #1 for American Asphalt & Milling Services with no change to the contract amount, for the Livingston Avenue Roadway Improvements Project. He stated the project is being moved to the spring since the current weather is not conducive to paving.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **Councilman Robinson – discussed the following items:**

- 1) Asked to add “Department Reports” to the agenda for the second meeting of the month for Planning & Development and Police monthly reports.
- 2) Sewer treatment for odor control – asked what the status of that project was that they spoke about several months ago. Administrator Marvin stated it was going to be done together with Summit however Summit has not decided to start the project yet. He stated Summit has to install tanks first before they can begin the project.

### **Councilman Gennaro – discussed the following items:**

- 1) Floor Area Ratio – thanked Planning Board for revisiting
- 2) Grant listing – thanked Administrator Marvin for getting Council the list. He summarized the list and the amounts received from the federal government, state grants, and county grants. He stated New Providence received approximately \$1 million worth of grants and thanked the employees for applying for these grants.

### **Councilwoman Geoffroy – discussed the following items:**

- 1) Citizen Traffic Safety Committee - She stated she attended the South Street residents’ safety meeting and also spoke with a resident with Springfield Avenue who is concerned about traffic/pedestrian safety. She suggested starting a committee in 2019 that would be called the Citizen Traffic Safety Committee. Council suggested speaking with the Public Safety Committee and the Police Department about starting a citizen advisory committee.

### **Mary Housel – 354 South Street**

Ms. Housel stated she spoke with Sergeant Drown and Captain Gazaway and Joe Graziano from Union County. She stated they would be meeting with Sergeant Drown on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Morgan stated he would also like to attend the meeting. She stated she would email the mayor the walkability study that she sent to the police department.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

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

- 1) Pumpkin Carving Contest
- 2) Marching Band won the national championship – won the last few years
- 3) Salt Brook school 3<sup>rd</sup> graders visited the Salt Box Museum – organized by Byron Tracey and the Board of Education
- 4) Veteran’s Day event at the American Legion on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am

**Councilman Robinson – operations normal; nothing to report.**

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

- 1) Shared dispatch meeting to be held November 6<sup>th</sup>

**Councilman Gennaro – operations normal; nothing to report.**

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

- 1) Diversity Committee - Diwali Event on November 10<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm at the DeCorso Center
- 2) October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting – Discussed 2019 upcoming events. They are currently looking to have 10 events in 2019 with some new events added over previous years.

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT.**

**Administrator Marvin reported on the following:**

- 1) Sidewalks to be completed on Floral Avenue week of November 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Missing sidewalks to be installed during weeks of November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> on Central Avenue
- 3) Oakwood Park overflow parking lot paved and basketball court repaved
- 4) Holiday Festival - Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 5pm-7pm - Santa to arrive via parade and fireworks at 7pm

**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.

**Mary Housel – 354 South Street**

Ms. Housel summarized the points that would be discussed with regard to traffic and pedestrian safety on South Street during upcoming meeting with Sergeant Drown on November 6<sup>th</sup>. She also thanked Council for having sidewalks installed on Floral Avenue and suggested a crosswalk and a speed limit sign on Spring Street. Administrator Marvin stated there would be a crosswalk installed.

**Kurt Thraen – 225 Mountain Avenue**

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)

Councilman Kapner moved items 1-15 of the consent agenda, seconded by Council President Muñoz and on Roll Call: Council President Muñoz, Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman Kapner, Councilman Gennaro, and Councilman Robinson voted “aye”. Carried on Roll Call.

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15. Raffle Request: NP Education Foundation RA1087

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, on motion by Councilwoman Geoffroy, 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 December 17, 2018 meeting of the Borough Council, as submitted.*