

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
MARCH 22, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Pres. David Trovato at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street Pres. Trovato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Dr. Carla Romarate-Knipel of Central Baptist Church followed by a Moment of Silence for the victims of the Brussels attacks. President Trovato introduced Pastor Jimmy Lindsay, newly appointed Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Open Public Meeting Statement

The City Clerk stated that due notice had been given to both the public and the press by posting and publication of Resolution #16-05 adopted at the 2016 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 5, 2016.

Roll Call:

Present: Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Carter, President Trovato

Absent: Councilman Reddin and Mayor Volk

Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter the minutes of the regular meeting and Closed Session of March 8 were approved as submitted. Councilman Swanson abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

#2245-16 - Calendar Year 2016 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Fleming the ordinance was introduced, ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for public hearing and final adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 12, 2016. A roll call vote was taken on first reading:

Ayes	8	Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Carter, Trovato
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Reddin

#16-65 - Resolution Introducing Budget

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Fleming and the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote. The public hearing and vote for final adoption of the Budget will be held on April 26, 2016.

#16-66 - Resolution to Adopt Emergency Temporary Appropriations for Year 2016

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.
The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Fleming the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#16-67 - Resolution Canceling the Authorized But Not Issued Portion of Bond Ordinance 1917-01

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.
The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Fleming the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Councilman Swanson gave the Tax & Utility Collector's report of cash receipts for the month of February: Taxes \$4,281,114.83; Water & Sewer \$716,814.24.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and unanimously approved, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

Other Committee Reports:

Councilman Johnson stated the Parks & Rec Committee met with City Administrator, Mike Theokas regarding our parks and recreational programs. The Concession Stand project at Laverty Field will be re-designed and re-bid as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Floyd advised that the Economic Development Committee's Creative Team met March 16. The various groups (WORC, Chamber of Commerce, Merchants & Professionals Assoc, Boys & Girls Club, etc) are collaborating on upcoming events. Their next meeting will be April 11. Also, she attended a Board of Education meeting where they discussed placing solar panels on their buildings.

Councilwoman Tierney announced the Green Team will next meet on April 11th, the Shred Event is scheduled for April 9th, and Arbor Day Events are underway at the Wing-Dickerson Park on April 29th.

Report of the City Clerk

Roy Duffield advised that the deadline to file nominating petitions for June primary is April 8, and government officials' Financial Disclosure Statements are due by April 30.

Department Heads' Announcements:

Public Works Manager Rich Leidy stated DPW is getting their equipment ready for spring time clean-up.

Administrator Mike Theokas thanked Council for approving the Budget Introduction. It will be up for adoption on April 26. He also reminded everyone that a Special Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm to discuss the possible long term lease or sale of our Water and Sewer Utility. He also referred to the roadway construction that is going on at Cooper St. and Evergreen Avenue in relation to the Burris project, and possible traffic detours as a result.

CFO Bob Law advised that the Public Hearing for the Budget will be April 26, 2016; due notice will be provided in the newspaper and on the City's web site. Copies of the Budget are available on website, Library and City Hall.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for any items.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place clarified Councilwoman Floyd's remarks by stating the School Board intends to lease solar panels and not buy them.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Fleming seconded by Tierney and unanimously approved the public hearing was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Fleming and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD

City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Mike Theokas

Chief Financial Officer: Bob Law

City Clerk: Roy A Duffield

City Engineer: Paul Breier

Public Works Manager: Richard Leidy

Public Works Supervisor: Mike McCaughey

Police: Captain Jeff Pitzo

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.