THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017, AT 7:00 PM, IN THE CITY HALL, 525 HIGH STREET, BURLINGTON, NJ, PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk advised the public of the location of the two fire exits; one on the left after exiting the Council Chamber and the other being the entrance to the building.

Members present: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala (7:10), Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (7) Absent: (0)

Also present: Mayor Conaway, Municipal Attorney- George Saponaro, Chief Financial Officer-Ken Mac Millan, Administrator- David Ballard, Officer Perro.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

There will be a Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Burlington held on March 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM, prevailing time at the City Hall Building, 525 High Street, Burlington, N.J. 08016.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC Municipal Clerk

#### **INVOCATION**

Rev. Moses Jarta Flomo of St. Mary Street United Methodist Church

### **SALUTE TO FLAG**

# PUBLIC COMMENTS - RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Danny Kiple, 843 Woodland Avenue- spoke of Resolution No. 182-2017; suggested that the residents of Ward 3 should have an opportunity to see NJDOT's plans before they are rejected or accepted.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilwoman Lollar, moved that all Consent Agenda items be approved. It was seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri. All were in favor.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS\*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

# **CORRESPONDENCE FOR FEBRUARY 2017**

NOTICES, AGENDAS, MINUTES, REPORTS, ETC. RECEIVED

# Reports from various departments received:

Monies collected by the Municipal Clerk's Office for the month of January 2017 \$1,420.

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#### AGENDAS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS BOARDS

02 -01 Land Use Board for February 22, 2017

# **PETITIONS OF APPEALS:**

- 02 -30 block 29 lot 11
- 02 -31 block 206 lot 3
- 02-32 block 174 lot 11
- 02-33 block 62 lot 5
- 02-34 block 209 lot 25

# COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

02-300 Alamo Group, dated February 6, 2017, re: Engineer's Status Report

#### CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM BURLINGTON COUNTY

02-500 Greater Burlington Chamber of Commerce, re: Meeting February 22, 2017 at Quaker Meeting House, Burlington Community Showcase

02-501 Board of Chosen Freeholders, dated February 9, 2017, re: CDBG, program year 2017 reorganization of General Advisory Committee

### CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

02-700 Brian R. Hackett NJ State Director, State Affairs -The Humane Society of the United States dated February 16, 2017, re: Ordinance Banning Sale of Dog and Cat Bred In Inhumane Conditions

02-701 NJ State- Center for Government Services, re: Elected Official program April 1, 2017

02-702 State of New Jersey, dated February 14, 2017, Tier A - Tier B Discharge Elimination System Draft

### MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

- 02-800 Endeavor Emergency Squad, Inc, January 2017 monthly statistics
- 02-801 Endeavor Emergency Squad, Inc. dated February 24, 2017, re: Endeavor Promotion
- 02-802 Burlington County, Call to Action on Hunger "Food that's in when school is out"
- 02-803 Barbara Rogers, re: Handout at February 21, 2017 Council meeting, alley on Wood Street
- 02-804 Rudy Smith, re: Handout at February 21, 2017 Council meeting, Collingswood rehab properties
- 02-805 Elaine McClammy, dated February 7, 2017, re: parking on front lawns
- 02-806 Elaine McClammy, dated February 13, 2017, re: equal enforcement
- 02-807 Elaine McClammy, dated February 21, 2017, re: Police enforcing issues parking on lawns

02-808 Anika Riley, RCBC Foundation Executive Director from Rowan College, re: Thank you Rebecca "Becky" Scott Scholarship.

### APPROVAL OF INVOICES\*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES\*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

# ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, CHAPTER 162. FIRE PREVENTION

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri, the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Ms. Hatala. (1).

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, CHAPTER 195. HOUSING STANDARDS, CHAPTER 146. FEE SCHEDULE, CHAPTER 217, LITTERING, CHAPTER 265 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, CHAPTER 133 CURFEW, CHAPTER 238 UNLAWFUL ACTS

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri, the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Ms. Hatala. (1).

#### ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING & FINAL DISPOSITION

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 01-2017 AMENDING AND RESTATING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 01-2016 AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF STORM WATER PUMPS IN AND FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,450,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,450,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("City"), has duly and finally adopted bond ordinance 1-2016 ("Ordinance"), authorizing the replacement of two storm water pumps at the Burlington City Waste Water Treatment Plant (collectively, the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, due to an increased cost estimate, it is necessary for the City to amend and restate the Ordinance to increase the amount appropriated and authorized to finance the Improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the City.

# <u>Section 2.</u> It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the City from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$1,450,000; and
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$1,450,000.
- <u>Section 3.</u> The sum of \$1,450,000, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").
- Section 4. The issuance of negotiable bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$1,450,000 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law. All or a portion of the bonds authorized to be issued hereunder may evidence one or more loans from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and/or the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, under an Application for Financial Assistance submitted by the City to said entities.
- Section 5. In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the City in an amount not to exceed \$1,450,000 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.
- Section 6. The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting,

engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, shall not exceed the sum of \$300,000.

The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said Section 7. obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

	Purpose/Improvement	Estimated Total Cost	Down <u>Payment</u>	Amount of Obligations	Period of Usefulness
A.	Replacement of Two (2) Storm Water Pumps located at the Burlington City Wastewater	\$1,450,000	\$0	\$1,450,000	40 years
	Treatment Plant, together with the acquisition				

Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be Section 8. applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto

The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Section 9. Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$1,450,000 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

The full faith and credit of the City are irrevocably pledged to the punctual Section 10. payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the City shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

The applicable Capital Budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with Section 11. the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended applicable Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

Section 12. The City hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the City prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

# <u>Section 13.</u> The City hereby covenants as follows:

- (a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;
- (b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;
- © it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;
- (d) it shall timely file with the Ogden, Utah Service Center of the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and
- (e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.
- Section 14. All ordinances or other proceedings making appropriations or authorizing the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes for the improvements or purposes described in Section 7 of this Bond Ordinance, particularly, the improvements previously authorized by Ordinance 1-2016, are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and to the extent, if any, that they authorize the issuance hereafter of bonds or bond anticipation notes for the purpose of financing such improvements or purposes, or that they make appropriations for such improvements or purposes in excess of the amounts herein stated as the appropriations therefor. Any such bonds or bond anticipation notes heretofore issued and now outstanding pursuant to these ordinances, any moneys expended and any expenses incurred pursuant to appropriations made by these ordinances or other proceedings shall be accounted and deemed to have been issued, expended or incurred pursuant to this Bond Ordinance.
- <u>Section 15.</u> The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the City may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

Section 16. In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri, the foregoing ordinance was introduced.

### **Public Comments**

None.

#### **Council Comments**

Councilwoman Hatala spoke of the increase in prices.

This ordinance was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

## **RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS\***

Resolution No. 77-2017

AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) FY2017 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Phase 2 Flood Control and Levee Improvements along the Assiscunk Creek

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington received a 2017 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (Grant#2017-02292-0241-00) in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the Pubic Facilities Project: Phase 2 Flood Control and Levee Improvements along the Assiscunk Creek; and

WHEREAS, professional services are required in association with this grant funded project, for grant administration including preparation of the design and bidding specification package, application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for various permits for Soil Erosion, Freshwater Wetlands, and Waterfront Development/Flood Hazard Area permits, and contract administration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington did award a Special Projects Engineering Contract #17-014 to Pennoni Associates, Inc. per Resolution No. 15-2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington received a proposal dated February 16, 2017 in the amount of \$165,000.00 for said professional services from the City Sewer Engineer, Pennoni Associates, Inc. and payment of these services in the amount of \$165,000.00 is included in the grant budget that has been approved to be funded \$136,750.00 from grant proceeds and \$28,250.00 from the City's required 10% matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has executed a Certification of Funds for this contract, which is attached hereto, and that sufficient funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, with Pennoni Associates, Inc. for professional services in connection with the implementation of the 2017 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (Grant #2017-02292-0241-00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice stating the service and the amount of this contract shall be published and this Resolution shall be maintained on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Hatala, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

# Resolution No. 78-2017

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2017 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KEITH A. BONCHI, ESQ TO FORECLOSE ON A CITY TAX TITLE LIEN

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has acquired Tax Title Lien Certificate# 15-00074 through an assignment from US Bank Custodian, PC6 LLC Sterling; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is pursuing acquisition of the property through an IN REM or IN PERSONAM foreclosure, if necessary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, authorizes Keith A. Bonchi, Esquire as counsel to pursue foreclosure proceedings IN REM or IN PERSONAM, on the Tax Sale Certificate listed below, as described by N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 to N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.71, and pursuant to the rules governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey.

Tax Sale Certificate No.	Block	Lot	Property Location
15-00074	133	24	309 Stacy Street

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

### Resolution No. 79-2017\*

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby authorizes Mitchell Fire Company No. 3 to conduct a "Pass the Boot" fundraiser at 300 East Federal Street, they having filed the necessary

papers on the following dates pending the proper permits from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, State Highway Occupancy Department:

May 27, 2017	9:00am - 3:00pm
June 11, 2017	9:00am - 3:00pm
July 16, 2017	9:00am - 3:00pm
October 7, 2017	9:00am - 3:00pm

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

#### Resolution No. 80-2017

Municipal Budget of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, for the Fiscal Year 2017;

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2017;

Be It Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Burlington County Times in the issue of March 22, 2017.

The Governing Body of the City of Burlington does hereby approve the following as the Budget of the year 2017.

Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes - \$8,195,925.44.

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, on March 7, 2017.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at City Hall, 525 High Street on April 4, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2017 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

### Resolution No. 81-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLVED: That WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to paying salaries and wages for various City employees and various other expenses necessary to provide essential services to the residents of the City of Burlington prior to the final adoption of the budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2017 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.40A: 4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2017 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A: 4-20) including this resolution total \$150,000.00 for Current Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-20:

- 1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for the purposes found on attachment "A" attached.
- 2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2017 budget under the titles listed above.
- 3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

# Resolution No. 82-2017

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2017 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON REJECTING NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PLAN ON ROUTE 130 AND COLUMBUS ROAD

WHEREAS, in October of 2012, the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") met with City officials to discuss and evaluate the need for improvements at the Route 130 and Columbus Road intersection and vicinity; and

WHEREAS, at the time, in October of 2012, the then-members of the Common Council of the City of Burlington elected to support those proposed improvements; and

WHEREAS, for various reasons, NJDOT was unable to proceed with construction of that plan; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of Burlington thereafter met with representatives of the NJDOT in February of 2017 where the NJDOT again presented a plan to be effectuated in construction which requires significant additional usage and traffic on McNeal Street, a residential neighborhood, in the City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of Burlington was receptive and concerned with the traffic and safety issues which have regularly plagued the Route 130 and it's vicinity, but does not believe that extending additional traffic onto McNeal Street would be beneficial to the City of Burlington and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of Burlington does not wish the NJDOT to move forward with the proposed Route 130 and Columbus Road construction plan and currently offered by the NJDOT; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of Burlington, having discussed such alternate plans with the NJDOT and wishing them to explore additional options prior to construction, does desire the project to renovate and relieve or control traffic in the aforesaid area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Burlington as follows:

- 1. The Common Council of the City of Burlington does not support the present plan offered by NJDOT in February of 2017 to enhance certain portions of the route 130 corridor near Columbus Road to include the direction of additional traffic down McNeal Street.
- 1. The Common Council of the City of Burlington does desire and does <u>not</u> reject the proposed project to renovate the Route 130 and Columbus Road and vicinity and wishes to work with the NJDOT to come up with a construction plan which meets both the needs of the NJDOT and the City of Burlington and its citizens.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Eric Burrow, 449 High Street - spoke of the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Billy Bastion in July; spoke of his previous request to name the roundabout after Billy Bastion; hopes to have a favorable decision at that time to honor the boy scout.

Zena Bucci, President of Art Council- spoke of starting a Mural Arts Program; gave handouts; spoke of many ideas.

Scott Carlbon, 418 High Street- spoke of the Mayor and Council participating in events, happy to see; spoke in support of the Mural Arts Program; spoke of Riverline passengers having no where to go to the bathroom; complemented Chief Snow and his department.

Danny Kiple, 843 Woodland Avenue- congratulated the Burlington City High School basketball team, they won the South Jersey Championships; spoke of roads in need of repair; encourage Council to consider not raising taxes this year.

Phil Augustyn, 307 High Street- thanked Ms. Bucci for her presentation; thanked Council for the direction the City is going in; spoke of many new restaurants and stores.

# INFRASTRUCTURE COMMENTS

Councilman Swan spoke of traffic at High & Broad streets at noon time and 5pm, speeding; spoke of a gas leak near the bridge that PSE&G is taking care of (250 West Broad).

Councilwoman Lollar spoke of an abandoned vehicle at 14 W. Third Street; it needs to be moved off the street, has been there for about 1 month.

# **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Mr. Ballard Mr. Ballard spoke of grants that the City has received, the Governor froze all of the funding; hope to start working on these projects again soon; gave an update on the alley on Wood Street and 309 Stacy Street.

Vice President Babula suggested putting a tarp over the roof at 309 Stacy.

Mr. Ballard spoke of a safety issue getting it up there.

# **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Chachis thanked Mr. Ballard for his efforts with regard to 309 Stacy.

Councilwoman Mercuri announced High School events.

Councilwoman Lollar announced upcoming events at the Lyceum and the Keegan Center; spoke of the free tax service by the AARP at the Keegan Center.

Councilwoman Hatala asked if the Fire Department use their ladder truck to put the tarp on the roof of 309 Stacy; thanked the Police Department stopping the speeders on Route 130.

Mayor Conaway thanked everyone for expressing their concerns; spoke of the High School Robotics Team, a competition in Westchester Pa.

#### **CONFERENCES**

- Endeavor Emergency, Squad, Inc. Annual Report- Dave Ekelburg, Chief Operating Officer
- Proposed Ordinance Amendments Chapter 162, Fire Prevention REMOVED

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri, this meeting of March 7, 2016 was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC Municipal Clerk