

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014, 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. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (7) Absent: (0)

Also present: Mayor Fazzone, Municipal Attorney- George Saponaro, Chief Financial Officer- Ken Mac Millan, Chief Anthony Wallace, Acting Fire Chief Rusty Caruso.

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 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM, prevailing time at the City Hall Building, 525 High Street, Burlington, N.J. 08016.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

SALUTE TO FLAG

Swearing-In of Class I Officers

Kelly Branin	Cameron Lung	Richard Maerten
Tyler Chrupcala	Aaron Martinez	

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of K-9 Car Show Volunteers

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 84-2014

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby appoints the following Special Law Enforcement Officer, as per recommendation of the Administration for the year 2014:

Class II- Special Law Enforcement Officer

Eric Osterlind
21 Gaskin Drive
Burlington, N.J.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Hatala, seconded by Councilman Woodard, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

Councilwoman Hatala thanked the Officers for their service.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (7) NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Swearing-In of Class II Officer

Eric Osterlind - not present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilwoman Hatala asked for the status of the paving of Mitchell Avenue; there are many potholes.

Mr. Saponaro stated that the paving of Mitchell Avenue is in the Redeveloper's Agreement to be paved.

Vice President Doug Ghaul concurred with Councilwoman Hatala regarding the potholes; asked that Administration follow up with Ingerman on notification to the neighbors regarding the closure of Williams Street; they said they were going to notice the neighbors; asked why they didn't follow up on notifying the residents through an ad and signs.

Councilman Conaway asked about the "Special Enforcement Zone" signs located at Mitchell Avenue and High Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF INVOICES*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

Resolution No. 78-2014

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2014 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT AND THE USE OF RECAPTURED URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT (UDAG) REVOLVING FUNDS FOR A CONTRACT WITH OLIN FOR THE PREPARATION OF A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF THE RIVERFRONT INCLUDING THE STREET SCAPE ALONG RIVERBANK AT WOOD STREET TO PEARL BOULEVARD AT DILWYN STREET AND ITS URBAN AND WATERFRONT CONNECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has a need to acquire a conceptual design of the Riverfront including the STREET SCAPE along Riverbank at Wood Street to Pearl Boulevard at Dilwyn Street as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1-year, and may be extended if approved by this governing body; and

WHEREAS, OLIN Landscape Architecture/Urban Design/Planning, at Public Ledger Building, Suite 1123, 150 South Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA, 19106 has submitted a proposal dated February 24, 2014 indicating they will provide the services for a conceptual design plan for improvement of the approximately 15-acre Riverfront Park, including the STREET SCAPE along Riverbank at Wood Street to Pearl Boulevard at Dilwyn Street, and including its urban and waterfront connections for the amount not to exceed \$105,000.00; and

WHEREAS, OLIN has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that OLIN has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Burlington, NJ in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit OLIN from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Burlington has enacted an ordinance establishing an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) program and has established a revolving assistance fund (“Fund”) in connection therewith, said ordinance being codified at City of Burlington Municipal Code Chapter 37, Funds et seq.; and

WHEREAS, there are costs associated with the preparation of said conceptual design plan including meetings, site analysis, work sessions, development of designs, budgeting, and creation of final presentation materials; and

WHEREAS, City of Burlington Municipal Code Chapter 37 Article I, Urban Development Action Grant Assistance Fund, Section 37-4: Categories of Projects, B. Public Facility Projects; states that the fund will be available for public projects designed to stimulate economic development activities. Projects may include, for example “... (6) Municipally sponsored economic development initiatives”; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Burlington deem that it is in the best interests of the City of Burlington to utilize the Fund for the purpose of preparation of a conceptual design plan for improvement of the approximately 15-acre Riverfront Park, including the STREET SCAPE along Riverbank at Wood Street to Pearl Boulevard at Dilwyn Street, and including its urban and waterfront connections; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the objectives of the UDAG program, the City of Burlington intends to recapture any costs of this project, as appropriate, to be returned to the UDAG Fund in order that funds will be available for future eligible economic development activities; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified in writing that funds as described herein are available;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the documents required to enter into a contract with OLIN as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the use of recaptured UDAG Funds in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00 to award a contract to OLIN, for the purpose of preparation of a conceptual design plan for the Riverfront, and the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to undertake and perform such actions necessary to effectuate the terms and provisions of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value/Certification of Funds form be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of award must be published as the amount of the contract exceeds the bid threshold and the professional services bid exception is used.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each of the following:

- A. City Administrator
- B. City Chief Financial Officer

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Conaway, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Councilman Conaway, Councilman Swan and Councilwoman Woodard spoke in support of the project.

Councilwoman Hatala supports the plan, but does not support the way it is being funded; will vote no.

Vice President Ghaul asked how the money will be refunded.

Mr. Saponaro explained that any future redeveloper will be required to repay the UDAG Funds.

Councilwoman Lollar spoke in support of this project.

Councilwoman Hatala spoke of permits they would have to apply for; there will be engineering fees and legal fees, it's going to be costly.

President Babula spoke of Olin's time line and open meetings; there have already been open meetings; spoke of the return on investment; its been reported that the projects are going to be worth \$25 more per square foot; the City won't lose \$100,000 because it is being put into the agreement; spoke in favor of the project.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (6) Ms. Hatala. NAYS: (1); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 79-2014

RESOLUTION NO. 79-2014 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGIONAL PLANNING TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO AMEND THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR COMMERCE SQUARE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 04-125-R-131 of the Common Council of the City of Burlington declared Block Number 1, Lots 3, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 5, & 8 and Block Number 1.01, Lots 1, 1.01, & 1.02 in Commerce Square as an area in need of redevelopment; and

Whereas, the City of Burlington retained the services of Mark Remsa of the Burlington County Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning to prepare a Redevelopment Plan for Commerce Square; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Burlington did adopt, by Ordinance #6-2004 on May 4, 2004, the Redevelopment Plan for Commerce Square; and

WHEREAS, it has been ten years since the Commerce Square Redevelopment Plan was adopted and there is a need to review, update and amend as necessary the redevelopment plan for the Commerce Square Redevelopment Area, and

WHEREAS, Mark Remsa, Director of the Burlington County Bridge Commission Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning did offer the services of his Office for said purpose and at no cost to the City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires the Burlington County Bridge Commission Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning, under the direction of Mark Remsa, Director, to review and make recommendations to update and draft an amendment to the Commerce Square Redevelopment Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the Burlington County Bridge Commission Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning is hereby authorized to review, make recommendations and draft an amendment to the Commerce Square Redevelopment Plan at no cost to the City of Burlington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any City of Burlington staff members, and Boards are hereby requested to provide information and assistance to Mark Remsa, Director, for the purpose described herein.

Upon the motion of Councilman Ghaul , seconded by Councilwoman Lollar , the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Councilwoman Hatala made a motion to rewording the Resolution to say “review and make recommendations.” It was seconded by Councilwoman Woodard.

The resolution was then amended by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (7) NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

The resolution was then adopted as amended by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (7) NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 80-2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

WHEREAS, various 2013 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time of transfers between the 2013 Budget Appropriations in the last two months of 2013; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allows transfers to be made from unexpended balances to appropriation reserves which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the council of the City of Burlington that the transfers in the amount of \$200,000.00 be made between the 2013 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	
<u>Current Fund:</u>		
Police:		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 75,000.00
Municipal Court:		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 75,000.00
Electricity and Natural Gas:		
Other Expenses		\$ 50,000.00
Accumulated Leave Compensation		\$200,000.00

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilwoman Lollar, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms.

Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (7) NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 81-2014

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 2014 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 2014 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A: 4-20) including this resolution total \$ 4,613,876.00 for Current Fund, \$ 449,958.00 for Water Utility and \$ 505,000.00 for Sewer Utility;

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 2014 budget under the titles listed above.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

ATTACHMENT A

CURRENT FUND:

OTHER

EXPENSES

SALARIES

General Administration	41,000.00	10,000.00
Municipal Clerk	25,000.00	11,000.00
Mayor and Council	5,000.00	3,200.00
Financial Administration		34,000.00
Audit Services		
Assessment of Taxes	15,000.00	3,000.00
Collection of Taxes	21,000.00	

Legal Services & Costs			90,000.00
Engineering		15,000.00	
Economic Development		5,000.00	
Office of Program Coordinator		13,000.00	
Planning Board		6,000.00	
9,000.00			
Historic Preservation Commission			5,000.00
Building Inspections	2,500.00		32,000.00
Plumbing Inspections		4,000.00	
Electrical Inspections			
7,000.00			
Housing Inspections			
Rental Unit Inspections	29,000.00		
Workers Compensation Insurance		100,000.00	
Group Insurance Plan for Employees			750,000.00
Unemployment Insurance		20,000.00	
Police			1,125,000.00
114,000.00			
Emergency Management	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Fire Department	8,000.00	40,000.00	
Uniform Fire Safety Act		19,000.00	
Municipal Prosecutor			14,000.00
Public Buildings and Grounds			33,000.00
Public Works Road Repair & Maintenance	80,000.00	34,000.00	
Public Works Department		20,000.00	
Solid Waste Collection		70,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	35,000.00	18,000.00	
Board of Health	2,000.00		
Recreation Programs	27,000.00	12,000.00	
Operation of Boat Ramp		300.00	
Maintenance of Parks	15,000.00		
Accumulated Leave Compensation		20,000.00	
Celebration of Public Events		50,000.00	5,000.00
Municipal Court			
95,000.00			
Public Defender			4,000.00
Electricity and Natural Gas		138,000.00	
Telecommunications		12,000.00	
Petroleum Products		35,000.00	
Landfill/Solid Waste Disposal Costs		93,000.00	
Contingent		50.00	
Public Employees Retirement System		366,726.00	
Social Security System		80,000.00	
Police and Firemen's Retirement System			637,600.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Program		3,000.00	

Recycling Tax 2,500.00

WATER FUND:

OTHER

SALARIES

EXPENSES

Water 220,000.00 215,000.00

Water P.E.R.S.
2,958.00

Water O.A.S.I.
12,000.00

SEWER FUND:

OTHER

SALARIES

EXPENSES

Sewer 140,000.00
350,000.00

Sewer P.E.R.S.
5,000.00

Sewer O.A.S.I.
10,000.00

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

Resolution No. 82-2014

Whereas, the Herman T. Costello Lyceum Hall for Arts and Entertainment was established in 2009 to improved the cultural education and quality of life for all residents of the City of Burlington, N.J. and its neighbors, including young people and students; and

Whereas, the Lyceum Hall is open weekdays during business hours as well as by arrangement on week nights and weekends; and

Whereas, the Lyceum Hall offers a diverse and comprehensive range of art, music, theatrical, and other artistic and culturally enriching programs at reasonable rates; and

Whereas the Lyceum Hall is available for school-created programs to enrich the lives of residents and neighbors.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby cordially invites City of Burlington Schools and neighboring school systems to consider the Lyceum Hall as a prospective site for artistic and other culturally enriching educational programs for all students in the School District.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilwoman Hatala, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Councilwoman Hatala asked if anyone has been in touch with the school district; where did this resolution come from; spoke in support of this resolution.

President Babula spoke of Mr. Stipick's presentation on Lyceum Hall; it is developing a reputation internationally; we are trying to make it locally.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (7) NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 83-2014

Whereas, the City of Burlington was founded in 1677 by William Penn's Quakers, 10 years before his subsequent founding of Philadelphia; and

Whereas, the City of Burlington served as the Capital of West Jersey and the Capital of Burlington County in the original Colony of New Jersey under George II; and

Whereas, the City of Burlington was Station A on the Underground Railroad and a center of movement for the Abolition of Slavery, and

Whereas, Benjamin Franklin, Elias Boudinot, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Capt. James Lawrence, James Fenimore Cooper, and many other great Americans resided or visited the City of Burlington; and

Whereas, the City of Burlington has served as the hub of Culture, Politics, Transportation, Industry, and Trade through every period of American History and continually maintains many sites and artifacts in its downtown Historical District and other areas; and

Whereas, student historical tours of these sites contribute toward 5th and 8th Grade History Core

Curriculum requirements.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby recommends that City of Burlington Schools and neighboring school systems formally adopt school curricula to include student historic tours in annual lesson plans for all students in the School District.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Councilwoman Hatala agreed this should be part of the school curricula.

Mayor Fazzone said that some of the surrounding school districts bring their students through; spoke of the school curricula; the City will need more Docent.

President Babula said that if the children know how historical the town is they may hold a greater sense of pride.

Vice President Ghaul spoke of the Library Company of Burlington being 225 years old this year; it was the first library in the State.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (7) NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 85-2014

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby authorizes Neptune Hose Co. No. #5 to conduct a “Pass the Boot” fund-raiser on Columbus Road at Route 130, they having filed the necessary papers on the following dates pending the proper permits from the County of Burlington for the year 2014:

April 13, 2014	9:00am - 3:00pm
May 7, 2014	9:00am - 3:00pm
July 19, 2014	9:00am - 3:00pm
September 6, 2014	9:00am - 3:00pm

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

Resolution No. 86-2014*

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to issue a Mercantile License to Tayyaba Zakir, 2919 N. Constitution Road, Camden, N.J., to operate a business at 125 South Route 130 & Wood Street (Unit 5) t/a “Karachi Halaal Meats.”

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 87-2014*

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to issue a Mercantile License to Tayyaba Zakir, 2919 N. Constitution Road, Camden, N.J., to operate a business at 125 South Route 130 & Wood Street (Unit 6) t/a “Karachi Restaurant.”

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 88-2014

RESOLUTION NO. 88-2014 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY’S ADMINISTRATION TO PURSUE NECESSARY ACTIONS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY’S FERAL CAT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Burlington adopted Ordinance Number 09 – 2013 on December 12, 2013, authorizing the creation of a Trap-Neuter-Release Program (“Program”) within the City and prohibiting the feeding of feral cats outside of involvement with the Program;

WHEREAS, in order to fully enact a functioning program, Ordinance 09 – 2013 states that an animal welfare organization shall be selected as the lead sponsor of the Program and will be responsible for overseeing the activities of any secondary sponsors and community cat care givers;

WHEREAS, contact has been made with an interested sponsor who would oversee the City’s Program once funding has been secured;

WHEREAS, in the interim and until a sponsor and funding can be finalized, there remain several volunteers who wish to be considered for roles as community cat care givers and who are experienced in feeding, trapping, and participating in low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination clinics;

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds it appropriate to begin operations, recognize community cat care givers, and designate locations to establish community cat colonies until such time a sponsor is selected to provide full-time oversight of the Program and volunteer care givers;

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that the Administration for the City of Burlington is better suited to temporarily oversee the Program until such time as a sponsor is selected;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the Administration for the City of Burlington is authorized to pursue various actions regarding the initial implementation of the Program, including but not limited to: designating community cat care givers and providing care givers any necessary identification for police records, designating locations for community cat colonies to be fed, trapped, and returned, and finalizing funding through grants and/or charitable organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council is entitled to periodic updates as to the status of the Program and its volunteers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council retains the right to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding or pursue other agreements to formally select a sponsor to oversee and implement the Program on a full-time basis once funding is secured.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Heck, 116 E. Union Street- spoke in opposition of the Agenda format; there is no opportunity for the public to express their concerns before the resolutions are adopted.

Denise Hollingsworth, 321 E. Union Street- spoke in support of the resolution adopted awarding a contract to Olin; reiterated Mr. Heck's comments; the HYA is in support of Olin project; read a resolution adopted by HYA in support of the Olin Project.

Roseanne Harding, 102 E. Union Street- said that she feeds the feral cats; spoke in favor of the TNR Program; said she is concerned with the cats being relocated; each area should take care of their feral cats.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT

Police Department- Police Chief Wallace & Sgt. Comegno

Sgt. Comegno spoke of new hires; gave an update on the mobile vision camera system; spoke of police accreditation, a city wide surveillance system, the countywide VEST Program, the GREAT Program; talked about the use of social media when hiring crossing guards; the police do much communication through social media.

Fire Department- Acting Fire Chief Caruso & Battalion Chief Matt Field

Battalion Chief Field stated that Fire Chief Viereck has resigned; Deputy Fire Chief Caruso is acting in his place; the Fire Department is moving forward; the Department has had 143 calls for the year so far including a few major incidents: 2 residential structural collapses and the PSE&G fire.

Acting Fire Chief Caruso said the Department has had a total of 74 alarms, 891 man power hours and 40 hours of classes.

OEM- Frank Caruso

Mr. Caruso said that OEM has its own weather station; spoke of the CERT Team, the PSE&G fire and the house collapses; there were 16 incidents in 2013 and 8 for 2014; the City has received FEMA reimbursement from Hurricane Sandy; OEM is required to have 24 hours of training per year; plan is to bring in a few interns; spoke of the new OEM office.

Councilwoman Woodard said she would like to see the Class I & Class II Officers assist Code Enforcement; we need a PSD who is a professional; asked when we have residents that are displaced how long does Red Cross pay for their displacement?

Mr. Caruso said they get 3 nights lodging.

Councilwoman Woodard said we need to get ahead of these issues; we need Public Safety Officials on top.

Councilwoman Hatala spoke of 2 rooms that are outfitted for recording conversations in the Police Department; asked if the conversations are being taped without people knowing.

Chief Wallace said that they are aware; there are signs posted.

Councilwoman Hatala asked what happens if they object.

Chief Wallace said that they haven't had that situation yet; the recordings are very important for everyone involved.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Hatala spoke of grant opportunities in the Municipal Clerk's packet.

Vice President Ghaul requested a conference to bring back CoBRA; spoke of suggestions that he had submitted at the beginning of the year for the meeting agenda, asked if there is there any interested in pursuing his suggestions.

Councilman Swan supported Vice President Ghaul's comments; spoke of the recommended changes to the agenda procedure; said he is in favor of the improvements to the City.

Councilman Conaway asked for an update of the Ready Solutions Software through the County; spoke of open air gambling and the new ordinance that is now in place.

President Babula said that the public comments portion of the agenda is being taken under consideration; it is not to be an insult.

Sgt. Fine gave an explanation to Councilman Conaway regarding the "Special Enforcement Zone" signs; the areas are identified by the State as crime/drug areas; it adds an additional 6 months to a

persons sentence if they conduct a crime in this zone.

Councilman Conaway asked if the signs need to be there.

Sgt. Fine replied yes, because if there were no signs, they could say they were not aware.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilman Conaway, seconded by Councilwoman Lollar , this meeting of March 18, 2014 was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk