

**COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES**

**JUNE 24, 2008
CITY HALL – 5:00 PM**

A Conference Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton, New Jersey, was held on the above date at 5:11 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Council President Paul M. Pintella. Council President announced that adequate public notice had been provided to the public specifying the time and place for this meeting in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. FY 2007-2008 annual notice was mailed to the Times and the Trentonian Newspapers, posted on the first floor bulletin board in City Hall, and filed in the City Clerk's Office on June 21, 2007 by Resolution No. 07-316. The agenda for this meeting was mailed, posted and filed on June 23, 2008.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Messrs. Bethea, Coston (arrived at 5:45), Ms. Lartigue,
Messrs. Melone (arrived at 5:13), Segura, Ms. Staton (arrived at 5:20),
Mr. Pintella – 7.

ABSENT: NONE.

APPEARANCE:

Mrs. Kimberly Bray, Director of Trenton Public Library

Council President Pintella welcomed Mrs. Hayling and Mrs. Kimberly Bray to Council and asked Ms. Hayling to introduce Mrs. Bray.

Mrs. Hayling thanked Council for inviting them to Council and giving her the opportunity to introduce Mrs. Bray.

Mrs. Bray thanked Council for giving her the chance to introduce herself. Mrs. Bray stated that she moved here from Salt Lake City, Utah and gave a brief summary of her work background. She said that she loves Trenton and her family is happy to be here.

A question and answer period followed.

Council members welcomed Mrs. Bray to the City of Trenton.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolution was **WITHDRAWN** by Administration.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A \$20,000 GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM (ROID), FOR AN ADAPTIVE AQUATICS AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

Motion was made by Mrs. Lartigue, seconded by Ms. Staton, to adopt the following resolutions by a consent vote of City Council:

Ayes: Mr. Bethea, Ms. Lartigue, Messrs. Melone and Segura, Ms. Staton and Mr. Pintella
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Coston

1. RESOLUTION NO. 08-350 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 ET. SEQ. TO HALEY STUART, LLC, 75 CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD, MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY 07645 TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY PARALEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TRENTON'S LAW DEPARTMENT. (not to exceed \$10,000) *(Sponsored by Ms. Staton)*
2. RESOLUTION NO. 08-351 - RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO THE RESCUE MISSION OF TRENTON, 98 CARROLL STREET, P.O. BOX 790, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08605-0790 TO PROVIDE A HOMELESS SHELTER FOR SINGLE MEN AND WOMEN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICES, UNIT OF ADULT AND FAMILY SERVICES. (not to exceed \$35,000) *(Sponsored by Mr. Bethea)*
3. RESOLUTION NO. 08-352 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS TO BE MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE FY 2008 APPROPRIATIONS *(Sponsored by Mr. Melone)*
4. RESOLUTION NO. 08-353 - RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF TRENTON 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 06-306. *(Sponsored by Mr. Segura)*

Motion was made by Mr. Pintella, seconded by Mrs. Lartigue, to **WITHDRAWN** the following resolutions, which motion was carried by the unanimous vote of those Council members present.

- 5ir RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR BLUE ENTERPRISES T/A BLU-NOTE ENTERPRISES FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Blue Note Enterprises, 90 Pennington Avenue)
- 5jr RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR NEW HOME LIQUORS, CORP., T/A SAME FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (New Home Liquors, Corp., 810 Stuyvesant Avenue)
- 5kr RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR TORRES & JIMENEZ, INC. T/A CARTER LIQUOR STORE FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Torres & Jimenez, Inc., 199 Oakland Street)
- 5wr RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR MSOC, LLC T/A FLAMINGO BAR FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (MSOC, LLC, 905 Anderson Street)

Motion was made by Mr. Pintella, seconded by Mr. Coston, to adopt the following resolutions by a consent vote of City Council:

Ayes: Messrs. Bethea, Mr. Coston, Ms. Lartigue, Messrs. Melone and Segura, Ms. Staton and Mr. Pintella
Nays: None

- 5 RESOLUTION NO. 08-354 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR JOHNSON RESTAURANT SERVICES, INC., T/A MYSTIC FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Johnson Restaurant Services, Inc., 1218 S. Clinton Avenue) *(Sponsored by Mr. Segura)*
- 6. RESOLUTION NO. 08-355 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR OLDEN AVE CLUBHOUSE, LTD., T/A PERRY'S CLUBHOUSE FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Olden Ave Clubhouse, LTD, 914 N. Olden Avenue) *(Sponsored by Mr. Bethea)*
- 7. RESOLUTION NO. 08-356 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR ROSSI ALFRED MICHAEL & L KAY T/A ROSSI'S TAVERN FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Rossi Alfred Michael & L Kay, 501 Morris Avenue) *(Sponsored by Mr. Melone)*

8. RESOLUTION NO. 08-357 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR DISTINCT PROPERTY, INC., T/A ANCHOR BAR & GRILL FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Distinct Property, Inc., 931-933 New York Avenue) *(Sponsored by Mr. Bethea)*
9. RESOLUTION NO. 08-358 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR DEE DEE'S LOUNGE, INC., T/A SAME FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Dee Dee's Lounge, Inc., 549-551 Brunswick Avenue) *(Sponsored by Mr. Bethea)*
10. RESOLUTION NO. 08-359 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR PEAR, INC., T/A ROCK'S PLACE FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Pear, Inc., 406-408 N. Clinton Avenue) *(Sponsored by Mr. Bethea)*
11. RESOLUTION NO. 08-360 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR RANSOME GROUP, LLC T/A CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS BAR & GRILL/LIQUORS FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Ransome Group, LLC, 931 Chambers Street) *(Sponsored by Mr. Melone)*
12. RESOLUTION NO. 08-361 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR NOB & NOB, INC., T/A ECONOMY LIQUORS FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Nob & Nob, Inc., 1202-1204 E. State Street) *(Sponsored by Mr. Melone)*
13. RESOLUTION NO. 08-362 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR ROSEL, INC., T/A GLENDALE LIQUOR STORE FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Rosel, Inc., 909-919 Pennington Avenue) *(Sponsored by Mrs. Lartigue)*
14. RESOLUTION NO. 08-363 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR MENDEZ, EDWARD T/A LAS EXTRELLAS BAR FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Mendez, Edward, 1299 E. State Street) *(Sponsored by Mr. Melone)*
15. RESOLUTION NO. 08-364 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR ZAMBRANO, LLC T/A CASA BELLA FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Zambrano, 419 Hudson Street) *(Sponsored by Mr. Melone & Mr. Segura)*
16. RESOLUTION NO. 08-365 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR PUERTO BARRIOS RESTAURANTE, LLC T/A SAME FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Puerto Barrios Restaurante, LLC, 845 Chambers Street) *(Sponsored by Mr. Melone)*

17. RESOLUTION NO. 08-366 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR DINSHA BAR & GRILL, INC., T/A SAME FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Dinsha Bar & Grill, Inc., 900-902 Chestnut Avenue) *(Sponsored by Mr. Coston)*
18. RESOLUTION NO. 08-367 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR SBZ, INC. T/A RISO RESTAURANT/BAR/NIGHT CLUB FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (SBZ, Inc., 346 Emory Avenue) *(Sponsored by Mr. Coston)*
19. RESOLUTION NO. 08-368 - RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR CARIDAD'S LLC FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSING PERIOD (Caridad's LLC, 725-727-729 S. Broad Street) *(Sponsored by Mr. Coston)*

Council President Pintella announced that the City had \$157,800.00 in the "buy back" account for ABC Licenses.

FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES:

Council President Pintella stated that this subject is one that they have discussed for a while and it has to be taken care of. He felt that City Council should wait until the new legislation being worked on becomes State Law before they act on it.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137 (SALE OF SCRAP METALS / JUNKYARDS AND RECYCLE CENTERS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON.

Councilman Melone made a motion to withdraw the above Ordinance and revisit on the first public meeting in October, 2008, seconded by Councilwoman Lartigue, which motion passed with the following vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bethea, Mr. Coston, Ms. Lartigue, Mr. Melone, Mr. Segura, Ms. Staton and Mr. Pintella
 Nays: None

Mrs. Lartigue introduced, presented and authorized publication of an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-65 (B) (1) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL JUDGES. POWERS AND DUTIES". The motion was seconded by Ms. Staton.

Ayes: Mr. Bethea, Mr. Coston, Ms. Lartigue, Mr. Melone, Mr. Segura, Ms. Staton and Mr. Pintella
 Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Harris, 137 Centre Street – Spoke about the Trenton Public Library; he felt that it would be a waste of money to bring the State Police here stated we don't need more police we have 300 officers for a 7.2 mile City; Council should stand together and support each other; let's get the business of the people done.

Patricia Stewart, 679 Lamberton Street – She believes that the City has a need for State Police; police can't be everywhere and they can't stop every crime; if we can't have the State Police maybe the police should go out and do their job; Share Services is a good idea

Allan Willinger, - 610 Concord Avenue – Civil Liberty Group spoke regarding the resolution they presented to Council in September, 2007.

Zachary Chester, 1405 Stuyvesant Avenue – Spoke regarding the Community Block Grant money and wanted to know how much money was going to home repairs and when would it be available.

Dion Clark, 323 Walnut Avenue – Stated that there was another tragedy in the Wilbur Section doing the weekend; we need the State Police; we need law and order for this City to prosper; thanked Gino Melone for standing up for the Wilbur Section.

Edward Hill, 537 Rutherford Avenue – Representing the Rutherford Heights Revitalization Group submitted a letter addressing all of their concerns regarding the liquor and corner stores in the neighborhood.

Rebecca Prilo, 941 Edgewood Avenue – Spoke on providing activities for the kids in the City; they are not able to use the West Ward Center any longer; spoke on drums being stolen from the building that they were given permission to store them in.

Joe Harrison, 15 Swan Street – Thanked Public Works for cleaning the Champale Site; spoke on an article he read where Director Santiago stated that they could not do anything about the drug dealers on Stuyvesant Avenue and Walnut Avenue.

Monroe Laremore, 1446 Stuyvesant Avenue – Stated that the meeting was a very good meeting; you should have a neighborhood crime watch program where you can call in ABC establishment complaints; what we need is police accountability; scrap yards should keep records on the metal being sold; complained about health care for seniors and the money being spent on the war.

Bai Davit, 1226 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. – Complained about resident's cars being ticketed for parking on the street. The no parking sign there should be removed.

Irene Upshire, 1224 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. – Spoke in support of Mr. Davit.

CIVIC MATTERS:

Councilman Segura – 1. Spoke on the confusion going on in this City with regards to the crimes and State Police patrolling the City, we need more Police Officers. 2. He was notified that the K-9 Unit is no longer active.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

PAUL M. PINTELLA
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JUANITA M. JOYNER
ACTING CITY CLERK