

DRAFT MINUTES

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 28 November 2016.*

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MINUTES of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **November 28, 2016** at 7:35 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Everett Merrill (absent – excused)
Keiona R. Miller (absent – excused)
Frank Righetti
Wendy Schaefer
Douglas M. Singleterry
Frank “Skip” Stabile
Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
David E. Hollod, Business Administrator
Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Righetti.

Council President La Ronde requested a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

The Council President read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This is an Agenda Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, scheduled by resolution of the Council adopted on December 14, 2015. Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.* by transmitting said notice to the *Courier News*, *The Star-Ledger*, *The Alternative Press* and *WKMB* Radio on December 15, 2015, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 17, 2015 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Henry Long, Somerset Square Co-owner, voiced his concerns with the illegal incidents committed by various patrons of the International Club, including public intoxication, public urination, drug activity, prostitution, trespassing and destruction on his property. Mr. Long stressed the severity of the incidents and pleaded for the Council to take action in the matter.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, commented on the Borough telephone alert system, requesting alert of criminal activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Extended Opening Hours** – L.L.R. Council President La Ronde explained that both the Bridge Tavern and the International Club and Sports Bar had requested permission to close at later hours on Sunday, January 1, 2017. Both bars may sell alcoholic beverages until last call at 2:00 a.m. with non-alcoholic sales permitted until 3:00 a.m. closing.

2. **2015 Capital Road Improvement Projects – Authorization of Project Closeout and Release of Retainage to S. Brothers, Inc.** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod advised that this resolution authorizes the final payment to S. Brothers, Inc. for the 2015 Capital Road Improvements on various roads throughout town.

3. **Authorization of Grotto Engineering Associates Professional Services Proposal for Design and Construction Services – Norwood Avenue Road Improvements (2016 NJDOT Grant Award)** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes a professional services proposal from Grotto Engineering for the design documents for pavement, sidewalk, curb and drainage improvements to Norwood Avenue from Mountain Avenue to Brook Avenue.

4. **Authorization of Grotto Engineering Associates Professional Services Proposal to assist the Borough with Stormwater General Permit Requirements for the year 2016** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod reported that this authorizes Grotto Engineering to provide assistance in the preparation of the Borough's Annual Report and Certification on its Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

5. **Release of Performance Bond/Reserve Fund for Mount Phoenix Inc. for the construction of Kiddie Academy at 325 North Drive** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the acceptance of certain improvements and the release of the performance guarantees posted by the developer.

6. **Amending the Existing Professional Services Agreement with Mott MacDonald to reflect their new corporate name** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod noted that this resolution acknowledges the new corporate name of Mott MacDonald and amends the existing agreement to reflect same.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Master Plan Ordinances** – D.M.S. Mr. Singleterry voiced his hope that the ordinance be introduced in early 2017.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Stabile reported on a recent Economic Development Committee meeting which included discussions on the various changes along Route 22. Referring to the upcoming craft fair to be held at the community center, Mr. Stabile spoke in favor of making it a part of the Mayor’s Special Events Advisory Committee.

Council President La Ronde reported on the annual Santa Comes to Town and Tree Lighting which was well received by all in attendance.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Stabile, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President