

DRAFT MINUTES

***These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, April 24, 2017.
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MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **April 24, 2017** at 8:03 p.m. at the North Plainfield Borough Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
 David E. Hollod, Business Administrator
 John Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
 Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk
 Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, Deputy Clerk

The Council President read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This is a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, scheduled by resolution of the Council adopted on November 28, 2016. 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 November 29, 2016, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* on December 1, 2016 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2017.

Council President La Ronde called for a Roll Call on the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2017: All in favor.

Mr. Singleterry presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-17-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, that the approved 2017 Municipal Budget of the Borough of North Plainfield be read by its title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the determination of the Council that a complete copy of the approved budget, as aforesaid, has been made available for public inspection at the North Plainfield Memorial Library and the Somerset County Library at least one week prior to today's date, and that a copy of said budget has been made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during this public hearing.

Seconded by Mr. Stabile and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

The Clerk read the Budget by its title.

HEARING:

MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD,
COUNTY OF SOMERSET, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Mr. Stabile, seconded by Ms. Miller and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

Ms. Schaefer presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-17-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

\$19,065,347.34 (Nineteen Million, Sixty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents) item 2 below, for municipal purposes. I so move.

Seconded by Mr. Merrill and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

HEARING:

PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL
CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1814-33-004-004
BY TOSON FOOD AND BEVERAGE, LLC
D/B/A AROOGA'S GRILLE AND SPORTS BAR
TO NEW LOCATION

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Mr. Stabile, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

Mayor Giordano welcomed Mr. Toson and wished him success.

Ms. Miller presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-17-03 WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment are widespread crimes that impact our communities; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that one in five women and one in 71 men will be victims to sexual assault at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month recognizes the need to educate our communities about sexual violence prevention, support survivors of these crimes and speak out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication and encouragement, we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in New Jersey through increased education, awareness and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield strongly supports the efforts of national, state and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence and create a safer environment for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield hereby proclaims:

APRIL
as
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President La Ronde stated that all matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Mr. Stabile presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-17-04 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

04-24-17-04a, b, c, d, e and f

having been placed on the Consent Agenda and there having been no objection thereto, the same are hereby approved.

Seconded by Mr. Singleterry and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-17-04a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1814-33-004-004 BY TOSON FOOD AND BEVERAGE, LLC TO A NEW LOCATION AT 1250 U.S. HIGHWAY 22 EAST WITHIN THE BOROUGH

WHEREAS, Toson Food and Beverage, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the “Owner”) with its principal place of business located at 330 Mounts Corner Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, is the holder of a Plenary Retail Consumption License 1814-33-004-004 (hereinafter referred to as the “License”) in the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the Owner seeks to transfer the license from its current location to the premises located at 1250, U.S. Highway 22 East, North Plainfield, New Jersey to be known as Arooga’s Grille House and Sports Bar (hereinafter referred to as the “Licensed Premises”), where the Owner intends to conduct business with use of the License; and,

WHEREAS, the Owner of the License has submitted and amended its License application for a place-to-place transfer, in due and complete form, and has caused the due and required notices to be published; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of North Plainfield conducted a hearing for the place-to-place transfer of the License on April 24, 2017 at the regular meeting of the Borough Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Council considered the application submitted by the Owner and the Borough Police Department’s investigation reports in this matter; and,

WHEREAS, upon all due consideration and evaluation of the application, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield has determined that the proposed location for the place-to-place transfer and activation of the License is acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Plenary Liquor Consumption License No. 1814-33-004-004 be and is hereby APPROVED FOR TRANSFER from place-to-place, to 1250 U.S. Highway 22 East, North Plainfield, New Jersey, to a location to be known as Arooga’s Grille House and Sports Bar upon condition of approval of the transfer by the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, as

well as the duly required publication of this action by the Owner and a presentation of the same to the Borough Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-17-04b SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Whereas, the Borough of North Plainfield does accept funding of \$90,000 with a match of \$386,301 for an approximate project total cost of \$476,301 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Neighborhoods Grant Program, Subaward number: P-7006-17, with a subaward award period of March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018, and

Whereas, the North Plainfield Borough Council is accepting the grant funding for assisting with paying the base salary of police officers, and

Whereas, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of North Plainfield for the purpose described in the application;

Therefore, be it resolved by the North Plainfield Borough Council that

1. As a matter of public policy, the Borough of North Plainfield wishes to accept grant funding to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
2. The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
3. The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the application for said funds.
4. The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-17-04c BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following:

Refund of Road Opening Bonds:

Kathleen Mancini-Modugno	\$ 1500.00
420 Milton Avenue	
Middlesex, NJ 07757	

Work site: 576 Warfield Road

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-17-04d WHEREAS, José H. Hernandez has filed an application for a coin-operated amusement devices license for calendar year 2017 for premises known as Mi Mundo Latino LLC, 375 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, and has submitted the required fee; and

WHEREAS, review of the application with accompanying sketch and investigation of the site by appropriate Borough officials disclose that the granting of the application would be in order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a coin-operated amusement devices license be granted to said applicant for calendar year 2017 in accordance with the filed application, subject to all conditions and requirements set forth in N.P.R.G.O. 4-2.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-17-04e BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to create duplicate tax sale certificates as follows:

Block 203.06 Lot 43	320 Judges Lane	Cert. # 11-00213 issued 09/20/11
Block 70.01 Lot 1	368 Harold Street	Cert. # 07-00055 issued 12/18/07 Cert. # 10-00063 issued 08/25/10

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-17-04f BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the attached bills of the accounts named and for the amounts stated, having been duly audited and found to be correct as of this 24th day of April, 2017 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Somerset County Office of Public Information Somerville, NJ	Various Communications, Advisories and News Releases
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC – Borough Clerk & Chief Operator, WPQJ970 – 1630-AM Radio	Calendar Updates and Advisories; Time-Sensitive Radio Scripts
Tri-County Chamber of Commerce South Plainfield, NJ	Newsletters and Advisories
NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters and Advisories
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton, NJ	Various Newsletters and Advisories
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority Middlesex, NJ	Agenda and minutes

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, requested that an effort be made to display American flags in Memorial Park for the May 29 Memorial Day ceremonies.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Confirming that American flags would be displayed in Memorial Park, Mayor Giordano reported that flags would also be displayed from West End School to Borough Hall.

Mr. Hollod thanked the Council for their support of the budget.

Mr. Merrill applauded Ms. Schaefer for taking on quality of life issues.

Ms. Miller thanked the Council for their support of the Sexual Assault Awareness resolution.

Mr. Stabile stated his regret after voting against Ordinance No. 17-01 which allows for the professional overlay of Watchung Avenue from the city line to Summit Avenue.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President