

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 26 June 2017. Every attempt has been made to make these as comprehensive and conclusive as possible. However, as it is a draft document, it is not to be construed as a formal depiction of the official conduct of business and is subject to revision up to and following the Governing Body's actual approval of same. If changes are necessary, revised minutes will be posted to the website.

MINUTES of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **June 26, 2017** at 7:33 p.m. at the North Plainfield 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
Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk
Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ms. Miller.

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 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."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeffrey Morton, President, Shake A Paw, 2195 US Highway 22, Green Brook and Union, NJ, spoke against Ordinance No. 17-11. Indicating that state statute prohibits pet stores from purchasing puppy mill puppies, he favored the continuance of consumer choice.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, commended the Borough for the success of the Street Smart Campaign. Advising of numerous illegal pedestrian crossings on Green Brook Road near West End School and Grove Street near Stony Brook School, he requested the implementation of the program in those areas.

Brian Hackett, New Jersey Director, Humane Society of the United States, voiced his support of Ordinance No. 17-11. Advising of the continued decline of pets sold for profit in retail stores, the speaker assured that responsible breeders do not sell to pet stores.

Kate Lasala, 413 Tappan Avenue, North Plainfield, spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 17-11. Advising of her work as a dog trainer, the speaker detailed the numerous behavioral issues with puppies from puppy mills.

Ellie Campolei, 1158 Woodmere Place, Plainfield, NJ, detailed her work as a veterinary technician, noting that she had seen numerous cases of animal abuse and neglect. She urged the Council to pass the ordinance.

Susan Gordon, 111 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ, thanked the Council for their consideration of the ordinance and voiced her support of animal shelters.

PRESENTATION:

Donna Allison, Executive Director RideWise TMA, explained that North Plainfield was one of three Somerset County municipalities to receive the silver award for the Safe Routes to School program.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Detailing the success of Project Graduation, Mr. Merrill thanked the Car Nutz Club, Miss Kim's Dance School, and the Recreation Department for their generous donations as well as those that volunteered their time to chaperone the event.

Mr. Singleterry announced details of the upcoming Fourth of July parade and the July 8 Community Day and fireworks.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President