

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 17 December 2018.

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, **December 17, 2018** at 7:48 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

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

Council President (Acting) Stabile 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 27, 2017. 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 28, 2017 by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 1, 2017 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:

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, shared his concerns over North Plainfield's highest tax rate in Somerset County. He reported that two properties were recently sold after the garages were demolished and asked which employee would be responsible for correcting these violations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Presentation by Peter Primavera of Primavera Associates on the Washington Park Historic District Intensive Level Survey – W.S.** (Peter Primavera of Primavera Associates to be present). Mr. Primavera was introduced. He noted that his firm along with Barton Ross completed the Washington Park Historic District Intensive Level Survey. He advised that the report is available on the Borough website and requested that it be included in the Master Plan. Acknowledging Frank D'Amore as a valuable source of historical information, he stressed the importance of preserving, protecting, and promoting the district. Ms. Schaefer thanked Mr. Primavera for his continued support and guidance.
2. **Resolution Authorizing Mott MacDonald to provide Sanitary Sewer Engineering Services through 6/30/19 – D.E.H.** Mr. Hollod advised that this resolution authorizes the continuation of the existing agreement with Mott MacDonald for Sanitary Sewer Engineering Services through June 30, 2019.
3. **Resolution Authorizing Partial Payment and Approval of a Zero-Cost Change Order for North American Pipeline Services, LLC for work on the West End Avenue Sewer Project – D.E.H.** Mr. Hollod explained that this began as a sewer cleaning project. It was determined that replacement was needed and this resolution authorizes same.
4. **Resolution Authorizing Project Acceptance, and Release of Performance Guarantee, Bonds and Escrow for the Metro Storage Land Development Project – D.E.H.** Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the acceptance of the project and the release of the performance bond as recommended by the Engineer.
5. **Resolution Awarding Bid to Messercola Excavating, Inc. to Provide On-Call Services for Emergency Repairs for 2019-2020 – D.E.H.** Mr. Hollod indicated that this resolution authorizes Messercola Excavating, Inc. to provide the Borough with On-Call Services for Emergency Repairs for the years 2019 and 2020.
6. **Resolution Awarding Bid to Rich Tree Service for Tree Maintenance and Removal Services for 2019-2020 – D.E.H.** Mr. Hollod advised that this resolution authorizes Rich Tree Service to perform tree maintenance and removal services for the Borough for the years 2019 and 2020.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Ms. Miller reported that the Somerset County Youth Services will host a program for teens on sexual assault.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council Vice President