

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 12 August 2019. 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 Council'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, **August 12, 2019** at 7:35 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: David Hollod, Business Administrator
 John Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
 Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk
 Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

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

Council President Stabile requested a moment of silence for former Councilman Frank Righetti who had recently passed away.

Council President 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 19, 2018. 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 20, 2018 by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of November 24, 2018 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: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Medical Marijuana** – F.S.S. Council President Stabile reported that the marijuana ordinance had been tabled as they await State legislation regarding same. Mr. Singleterry noted the possibility of a voter referendum in 2020. Mr. Merrill asked if there had been inquiries about opening a marijuana dispensary. Reporting that the Zoning Officer had received such an inquiry, Mr. Hollod recalled the passage of State legislation allowing for medical marijuana dispensaries contingent upon municipal consent. Ms. Miller recalled the positive turnout regarding medicinal marijuana and spoke in favor of looking into the costs associated with the licensing process. All Council members voiced their opposition to prohibiting medicinal marijuana.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Merrill reported on the success of the Recreation Department’s summer camp and the Mayor’s outdoor concert series. He announced that this Saturday’s movie night would include a showing of Bohemian Rhapsody.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President