

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 18 November 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, **November 18, 2019** at 7:40 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
 David 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 Council President Stabile.

Council President Stabile 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 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:

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, commented on the Historic District Ordinance, specifically his disappointment that the Washington Park Historic District was not asked for their input. He further expressed concerns that the revisions would weaken the protections in the district.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Church Resolutions** – K.R.M. Announcing that the Agape House Worship Center and the Kingdom Life Covenant Embassy had opened their doors this past year, Ms. Miller proposed resolutions recognizing same.
2. **Ordinance Adding County Roads to “Temporary No Parking for Snow Removal” Regulations** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod advised that this amendment would include certain county roads. Responding to Mr. La Ronde, he assured this would make it easier to ticket those vehicles parked on county roadways during snowfall.
3. **Extended New Year’s Opening Hours** – F.S.S. The Council President advised that this resolution authorizes The Bridge and International Club and Sports Bar to sell alcoholic beverages until last call at 2:00 a.m. with non-alcoholic sales permitted until 3:00 a.m.
4. **2020 Council Meeting Calendar** – F.S.S. The Council President explained that this resolution sets the Council meeting dates for 2020.
5. **Resolution Approving Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, Professional Services Agreements for 2020** – D.E.H.
 - a. **Municipal Engineering Services**
 - b. **Public Works Management/Zoning Officer**
 - c. **Year 2019 Stormwater Reporting, Outfall Inspections and Ordinance Update**
 Mr. Hollod explained that these are renewal resolutions. He noted a ten percent reduction in their hourly rate for the Public Works Management/Zoning Officer.
6. **Resolution Approving Jo-Med Contracting Corp.’s Final Payment, Change Order 1, Release of Retainage and Closeout of Harmony Street Sanitary/Storm Sewer Improvements Project** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution allows for a change order and authorizes final payment to Jo-Med Contracting Corp. for the Harmony Street Sanitary/Storm Sewer Improvements Project.
7. **Resolution Approving Mott MacDonald General Engineering Services for 2019-2020** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the continuation of the agreement with Mott MacDonald for General Engineering Services through June 30, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Bicycle Ordinance** – W.S. and L.L.R. Mr. La Ronde reported that after review of the existing ordinance, both he and Ms. Schaefer favored removal of same. Ms. Miller proposed amending the ordinance to include traffic safety restrictions. Agreeing with the consideration of safety restrictions, Mr. La Ronde noted that state legislation covers same.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Merrill reported on the Board of Education air quality reports for Somerset School and the Middle School which demonstrated high levels of mercury. Gym teachers have been tested and new air conditioning units would be installed to alleviate the stagnant air. The councilman reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee would offer Veterans flags to honor service members from the Borough.

Ms. Corzo reported that the Planning Board approved the construction of three new houses on Maple Avenue.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. La Ronde, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President