

# **DRAFT MINUTES**

***These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, December 16, 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 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 16, 2019** at 7:38 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  
Douglas M. Singleterry (absent – excused)  
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 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.”

Mayor Giordano administered the following Oaths of Office:

Captain Thomas P. McDonald, Jr.  
Lieutenant Ryan J. Valentino  
Firefighter/EMT John Schulz  
Uniformed EMT Michael A. Lessard, Jr.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, voiced his concerns with the format of Ordinance No. 19-09, noting that it did not demonstrate changes made to the existing ordinance. Mr. Bernstein advised of no legal requirement for the drafting of an ordinance in that format. Mr. D'Amore then reported that the owners of 34 Rockview Avenue obtained a construction permit to install solar panels on the garage without first obtaining a certificate of appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission. The owners of 8 Orchard Avenue have also installed solar panels without a certificate of appropriateness. He called for stronger enforcement throughout the Borough.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance for Extraneous Employment of Off Duty Police Personnel** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this ordinance would allow a private entity to manage the extraneous employment of off-duty police personnel.
2. **Resolution for Grotto Engineering to Provide Professional Design and Construction Engineering Services for Summit Avenue Roadway Improvements** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution would authorize a professional services agreement with Grotto Engineering for design documents and services relative to bid support and construction observation and administration for the Summit Avenue Roadway Improvements project. He announced that the Borough had been awarded \$350,000 of New Jersey Department of Transportation funding for the project.
3. **Resolution to Accept the Goodwill Retail Store Land Development Project and Release the Cash Guarantee and Escrow Fees** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution permits the Borough to accept certain improvements and to release performance guarantees, bonds and/or escrow posted by the developer of Block 158, Lot 1, 955 Rt. 22 West, c/o Gelmore Management, doing business as Goodwill Retail Store.
4. **Resolution to Accept the Wawa Food Market and Fueling Station Land Development Project and Release the Performance Guarantees and Escrow Fees** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution permits the Borough to accept certain improvements and to release performance guarantees, bonds and/or escrow posted by the developer of Block 157, Lots 2, 3, and 4, Plainfield 22 Developer's, LLC, doing business as Wawa Food Market & Fueling Station. Mr. La Ronde expressed concerns with the traffic congestion at the Wawa exit at Wilson Avenue. The Mayor and Administrator agreed to address these concerns at their next meeting with the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

5. **Resolution to Continue Municipal Court Shared Services Agreement with Watchung** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the continuation of the Municipal Court shared services agreement with Watchung.

6. **Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement the Borough Code Chapter III, Police Regulations. Most Notably Section 3-5, titled “Bicycle Regulations and the Bicycle Safety Board”** – F.S.S. Council President Stabile deferred to Mr. La Ronde who indicated that the ordinance before them simplifies the ordinance while maintaining bicycle safety requirements.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:** None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President