



**City of Plainfield**  
**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL AGENDA FIXING**  
**SESSION**  
**DECEMBER 8, 2008**  
 City Hall Library – Mayor’s Complex – 515 Watchung Avenue  
 (908) 753-3222

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS**

*Honorable Rashid Burney*

**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS**

*Honorable Linda Carter*

**CHAIR, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
 AND**

**COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD**

*Honorable Donald Davis*

**COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

*Honorable Harold Gibson*

**COUNCILMAN FIRST WARD**

*Honorable William Reid*

**COUNCILMAN FOURTH WARD**

*Honorable Elliott Simmons*

**COUNCILMAN SECOND WARD**

*Honorable Cory Storch*

**MUNICIPAL CLERK,**

*Honorable Laddie Wyatt, RMC/CMC/MMCA*

*Clerk for the Council*

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**MAYOR**

*HONORABLE SHARON M. ROBINSON-BRIGGS*

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

*Marc D. Dashield*

**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

*Daniel A. Williamson, Esq.*



**FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL (908) 753-3223**

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**NOTE: CELLULAR PHONES ARE TO BE TURNED OFF DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER  
PRESENTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON.**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL LIBRARY - MAYOR'S COMPLEX – 515 WATCHUNG AVENUE, PLAINFIELD,  
NEW JERSEY

ROLL CALL:

ANNOUNCEMENT: COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW

NOTICE: THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

CITY CLERK'S BULLETIN BOARD, CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR  
PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT  
PLAINFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER  
COMCAST CABLE TV

### **PRESIDENT TO ANNOUNCE:**

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT PROVIDED FOR THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW" HAS BEEN SATISFIED. NOTICE WAS PROPERLY GIVEN, SAID NOTICE HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE COURIER-NEWS AND STAR-LEDGER ON MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008 AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

### **I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

### **II. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

### **III. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE:**

### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**AGENDA**

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**V. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:** CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING:

NONE

**VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- MS. LINDA CARTER, COUNCILWOMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> WARDS-AT-LARGE, WILL INTRODUCE MR. CHRIS SWINGLE REPRESENTING SCSi CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ABOUT THE ENGINEERING FIRM.

**VII. LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- COPY OF SUGGESTED CALENDAR DATES AND LOCATIONS PRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN RASHID BURNEY FOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION.
- REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE ALSO SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION (ITEM A)

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**  
**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LEGISLATIVE BODY**

- A.** **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2009 – CITY CLERK
- B.** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (CHAPTER 231 LAWS OF 1975) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009 – CITY CLERK.
- C.** DESIGNATE THE “*COURIER-NEWS*” AS THE CITY’S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. THE GOVERNING BODY SHOULD REVIEW RESOLUTION LANGUAGE - CITY CLERK.
- D.** DESIGNATE THE “*STAR-LEDGER*” AS THE CITY’S SECOND NEWSPAPER TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 231, 1975. THE GOVERNING BODY SHOULD REVIEW RESOLUTION LANGUAGE – CITY CLERK.
- E.** **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** ESTABLISHING STANDING RULES OF ORDER FOR THE 2009 PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – CITY CLERK.

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- F. **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO DESIGNATE AND ASSIGN SEATING OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR THE 2009 YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEATING ARRANGEMENTS ADOPTED APRIL 19, 2006 – CITY CLERK.
- G. **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES DURING THE “GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS” SEGMENT AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS – CITY CLERK.
- H. **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES GOVERNING PUBLIC COMMENTS PRIOR TO “NEW BUSINESS” SEGMENT AT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER – CITY CLERK.
- I. **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR USE OF CONSENT AGENDA – CITY CLERK.
- J. **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES GOVERNING PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING THE “CONSENT AGENDA” SEGMENT AT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER – CITY CLERK.
- K. **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS *WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION* (MAYOR) – CITY CLERK.
- L. **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS *WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION* (DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY) – CITY CLERK.
- M. **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS ASSIGNED *FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY* (SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS) – CITY CLERK.
- N. **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS ASSIGNED *FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY* (FIRE CHIEF) – CITY CLERK.
- O. **COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS ASSIGNED *FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY* (CITY ADMINISTRATOR) – CITY CLERK.

### ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

NONE

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**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

NONE

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

- P.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORIES INCORPORATING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2009 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2009 AT THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS: PNC BANK; BANK OF AMERICA; CITY NATIONAL BANK (NEWARK, NJ); INVESTOR’S SAVINGS BANK; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK; COMMERCE BANK; AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY – CASH MANAGEMENT – CITY COMPTROLLER/DIRECTOR AFHS.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY**

NONE

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

NONE

**IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

NONE

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

CITIZENS ARE WELCOME TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY GOVERNMENTAL ITEM OF CONCERN TO THEM, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA ABOVE.

DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA, A TOTAL OF THIRTY (30) MINUTES HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR **ALL** PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BE PRESENTED. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO THE CLERK FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. LARGE GROUPS ARE URGED TO SELECT SOMEONE TO REPRESENT THEM.

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#### X. ADJOURNMENT:

TOTAL # OF RESOLUTIONS – 16

TOTAL # OF ORDINANCES – 0

#### ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY AGENDA FIXING SESSION

2007 COUNCIL MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	ARRIVAL TIME
BURNEY, RASHID			
CARTER, LINDA			
DAVIS, DONALD CHAIR, COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE			
GIBSON, HAROLD			
REID, WILLIAM			
SIMMONS, ELLIOTT			
STORCH, CORY			
WYATT, LADDIE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL			



# THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL

**SHARON M. ROBINSON-BRIGGS**  
*Mayor*

**MARC D. DASHIELD**  
*City Administrator*

**DANIEL A. WILLIAMSON**  
*Corporation Counsel*



**HAROLD GIBSON**  
*Council President*

*The City Council welcomes your attendance and citizen participation at this meeting. In fairness to others, we respectfully ask your observance of the following:*

- 1. Please state your name and home address for the record.*
- 2. Groups or organizations wishing to make a presentation are asked to designate one spokesperson in the interest of time and to avoid repetition.*
- 3. When more than one citizen is heard on any matter, please avoid repetition in your comments. Careful attention to the previous speaker's remarks will be helpful in this regard.*
- 4. Your City Council carefully considers all the facts before a decision is made. Brief statements, therefore, are most helpful in reaching a decision based on sound judgment.*

## CITY OF PLAINFIELD VISION STATEMENT

*A vibrant, affordable, and diverse city of opportunity  
in which all citizens enjoy their neighborhoods, feel safe, and know they will be heard.*