



**City of Plainfield**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FIXING SESSION**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2008**  
 City Hall Library – Mayor’s Complex – 515 Watchung Avenue  
 (908) 753-3222

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT**  
**AND**  
**COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**  
*Honorable Harold Gibson*

**COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS**  
*Honorable Rashid Burney*

**CHAIR, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**AND**  
**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS**  
*Honorable Linda Carter*

**COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD**  
*Honorable Donald Davis*

**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. Dashiield*

**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:**

NONE SUBMITTED

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

STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENT:

reference: Section 13:6-1 Encroachment Forbidden without consent of Council

- MR. JOSEPH H. FRANKLIN, PRESIDENT FIREMEN’S MUTUAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION # 7 IS REQUESTING PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO HANG A BANNER ACROSS THE CITY STREETS AND ROADWAYS AT WATCHUNG AVENUE AND EAST FRONT STREET FROM OCTOBER 31, 2008 THRU NOVEMBER 24, 2008 TO PROMOTE THE OPERATION SAFE STREETS GUN SURRENDERING PROGRAM COMMENCING DECEMBER 13, 2008 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

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- MS. LISA COHEN, PRESIDENT, SID MANAGEMENT CORPORATION HAS PETITIONED THE GOVERNING BODY TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/SID TO CELEBRATE AND PROMOTE ITS 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY HORSE AND WAGON RIDES. THEY PLAN TO SPONSOR TWO SEPARATE WAGON RIDES THROUGH DOWNTOWN AND ALONG SOUTH AVENUE DURING THE AFTERNOON ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008. AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR PERMISSION TO DISPLAY 110 HOLIDAY WREATHS THROUGHOUT THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND SOUTH AVENUE. SID’S FINAL REQUEST IS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF DAILY POLICE WALKING PATROL THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON COMMENCING FRIDAY 11/29/08 THRU FRIDAY 1/2/2009.
- DR. STEVE GALLON III RECENTLY APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS BEEN INVITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY THIS EVENING TO SHARE HIS VIEWS ON WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS; PROGRESS IN OUR PLAINFIELD SCHOOLS; AND HIS OVERALL IMPRESSION OF OUR QUEEN CITY.

### III. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

NONE REPORTED

### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

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

**MC 2008 - 14** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VARIOUS CITY OWNED PROPERTIES LESS THAN THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE TO THE CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNERS WHO SUBMITS THE HIGHEST BID, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 et. seq. – TAX ASSESSOR

### VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

NONE

### VII. LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NONE

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**VIII. RESOLUTIONS:  
NEW BUSINESS:**

**LEGISLATIVE BODY**

- A.** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAMELA DUNN-HALE SUCCEEDING VERONICA TAYLOR-HILL AS COMMISSIONER TO THE PLAINFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM ENDING 7/1/2013. -CITY CLERK
- B.** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING HATTIE WILLIAMS SUCCEEDING SELF AS COMMISSIONER TO THE PLAINFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM ENDING 7/1/2013. -CITY CLERK

**ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

NONE

**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

NONE

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

- C.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE VARIOUS GRANTS IDENTIFIED UNDER THE COLUMNS ENTITLED GRANTS RECEIVABLE AND GRANTS APPROPRIATIONS AS CITED HEREIN THIS RESOLUTION. -DIRECTOR
- D.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TWO (2) REFUNDS DUE TO DUPLICATE PAYMENTS APPLIED TO BLOCK 624 LOT 4 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 610 EAST SIXTH STREET AND BLOCK 924 LOT 2.02 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1222-124 OXFORD AVE - \$3,357.14 -TAX COLLECTOR (WITH ACCOMPANIED SCHEDULE A)
- E.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A REFUND DUE TO OVERPAID TAXES APPLIED TO BLOCK 458 LOT 53.03 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1459-61 COLUMBIA AVE -- \$1,578.98 - TAX COLLECTOR (WITH ACCOMPANIED SCHEDULE B)

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- F.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL FOR THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DIVISION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPLY FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT CALLED “MAKING STREETS BETTER” –DIRECTOR

**PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

- G.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00 AND A BROWNFIELD CLEAN UP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00. –DIRECTOR
- H.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO AWARD A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS INC. PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.8 FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BROWNFIELDS HAZARDOUS ASSESSMENT GRANT. – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. –DIRECTOR
- I.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO AWARD A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS INC. FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BROWNFIELDS PETROLEUM ASSESSMENT GRANT. – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. –DIRECTOR
- J.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT FREE PARKING WITHIN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 THROUGH FRIDAY JANUARY 2, 2009 TO PROMOTE SHOPPING IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. –DIRECTOR
- K.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL FOR THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND CASH DEPOSITS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT AT THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 510 EAST FRONT STREET, SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP AS BLOCK 326, LOT 1. – PLANNING DIVISION
- L.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND CASH DEPOSIT ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT AT THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 733 SOUTH SECOND STREET SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP BLOCK 113 LOT 4. –PLANNING DIVISION
- M.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 OPERATING BUDGET AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE PLAINFIELD SID MANAGEMENT CORPORATION F \$234,054. – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### PUBLIC OFFICER

- N. APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIEN PLACEMENT FOR CLEAN UP OF BLOCK 114, LOT 03 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 737-39 W. THIRD STREET - \$688.51- INSPECTIONS DIVISION
- O. APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIEN PLACEMENT FOR CLEAN UP OF BLOCK 012, LOT 014 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1408-12 MARLBOROUGH AVENUE -\$471.84- INSPECTIONS DIVISION
- P. APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIEN PLACEMENT FOR CLEAN UP BLOCK 110, LOT 05 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 218-20 MUHLENBERG PLACE -\$1,172.21- INSPECTIONS DIVISION
- Q. APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIEN PLACEMENT FOR CLEAN UP OF BLOCK 118, LOT 18 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 952-54 W. THIRD STREET -\$723.00- INSPECTIONS DIVISION
- R. APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIEN PLACEMENT FOR THE CLEAN UP BLOCK 119, LOT 10 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 926 W. THIRD STREET -\$554.75- INSPECTIONS DIVISION
- S. APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIEN PLACEMENT FOR THE CLEAN UP BLOCK 635, LOT 07 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 822 WEBSTER PLACE -\$435.86- INSPECTIONS DIVISION
- T. APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIEN PLACEMENT FOR CLEAN UP OF BLOCK 022, LOT 04 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1456-58 VIVIAN STREET -\$2,043.27 - INSPECTIONS DIVISION
- U. APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIEN PLACEMENT FOR CLEAN UP OF BLOCK 758, LOT 12 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 942-44 KENYON AVENUE -\$778.43 - INSPECTIONS DIVISION

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

**MC 2008 - 15** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND WAGES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 11 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD NEW JERSEY 1971 (SALARY AMENDMENT NO. 2009) -PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (P.M.E.A.)

**MC 2008 - 16** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND WAGES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 11 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD NEW JERSEY 1971 (SALARY AMENDMENT NO. 2009) -UNITED SERVICE WORKER UNION LOCAL 255 PLAINFIELD PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

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### **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.

### **X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TOTAL # OF RESOLUTIONS – 21**

**TOTAL # OF ORDINANCES – 3**

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

2008 COUNCIL MEMBERS (11/10/2008)	PRESENT	ABSENT	ARRIVAL TIME
BURNEY, RASHID			
CARTER, LINDA CHAIR, COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE			
DAVIS, DONALD			
REID, WILLIAM			
SIMMONS, ELLIOTT			
STORCH, CORY			
GIBSON, HAROLD COUNCIL PRESIDENT			
WYATT, LADDIE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL			



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# 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.*