



**City of Plainfield
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FIXING SESSION
FEBRUARY 4, 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***

**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 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008 AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- ❖ CORRESPONDENCE FROM MADAME MAYOR CALLING FOR A SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008 TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

II. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENT:

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

- ♦ MS. ELENA RUTHERFORD, SUPERVISOR, OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IS REQUESTING PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO HANG A BANNER ACROSS THE CITY STREETS AND ROADWAYS TO ADVERTISE THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:
 - ☑ PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION: BANNER TO BE HUNG AT WATCHUNG AVENUE AND EAST FRONT STREET FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING FEBRUARY 28, 2008 THRU MARCH 20, 2008 (22 DAYS INCLUSIVE) (COPY OF BANNER HEREIN ATTACHED).

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MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD: BANNER TO BE HUNG AT WATCHUNG AVENUE AND EAST FRONT STREET FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING FEBRUARY 28, 2008 THRU APRIL 7, 2008 (39 DAYS INCLUSIVE) (COPY OF BANNER HEREIN ATTACHED).

◆ MS. CLAUDINE HOFFMAN, CDI HEAD START, IS REQUESTING PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO HANG A BANNER ACROSS THE CITY STREETS AND ROADWAYS TO ADVERTISE THE FOLLOWING EVENT:

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 – 5: BANNER TO BE HUNG AT EAST SIXTH STREET AND PARK AVENUE FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING MARCH 3, 2008 THRU MARCH 31, 2008 (29 DAYS INCLUSIVE).

III. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

- ◆ FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
- ◆ RESUME BUDGET DISCUSSION(S)
- ◆ BUDGET ADOPTION SCHEDULE

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ✓ REVIEW AND DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008.

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

MC 2008 - 01 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 (ELECTRICAL SUB-CODE OFFICIAL AND PLUMBING SUB-CODE OFFICIAL) – PERSONNEL DIVISION.

MC 2008 - 02 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE TITLE OF ASSISTANT HEALTH OFFICER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 11 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, 1971 – PERSONNEL DIVISION.

MC 2008 - 03 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) (PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION – PMMA) – PERSONNEL DIVISION. (PUBLISHED ONLY IN COURIER-NEWS; NOT PUBLISHED IN STAR LEDGER)

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

NONE

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VII. LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NONE

VIII. RESOLUTIONS: **NEW BUSINESS:**

LEGISLATIVE BODY

- A. COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION APPROVING ADOPTION OF AMENDED ANNUAL REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2008 – CITY CLERK
- B. COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING *KENNETH SCOTT*, 21 WOODBINE AVENUE, SUCCEEDING SELF AS COMMISSIONER TO THE PLAINFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM ENDING 07/01/2012. – CITY CLERK.

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- C. AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS (ASCAP) FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND NEW JERSEY MUSICAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE CITY THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES TO USE AND PERFORM COPYRIGHTED MUSIC WITHIN THE ASCAP LIBRARY – CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

- D. AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO ISSUE REFUNDS OF DUPLICATE PAID TAXES ON TWENTY-THREE (23) PROPERTIES LISTED HEREIN ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A – \$40,580.88 – TAX COLLECTOR.
- E. AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO ISSUE A REFUND OF OVER BILLED TAXES ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS 508-14 GRANT AVENUE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 553, LOT 9 – \$385.07 – TAX COLLECTOR.

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- F.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO ISSUE REFUNDS OF OVERPAID TAXES ON SIX (6) PROPERTIES LISTED HEREIN ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A – **\$5,414.00** – TAX COLLECTOR.
- G.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO ISSUE REFUNDS OF ERRONEOUSLY PAID TAXES ON TWO (2) PROPERTIES LISTED HEREIN ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE B – **\$2,101.23** – TAX COLLECTOR.
- H.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF PLANNING TO PROVIDE EDUCATION SERVICES TO THE PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY – **\$37,509.00** (CITY TO PROVIDE 25% IN MATCHING FUNDS TOTALING \$9,377.25; AND IN-KIND MATCH OF \$28,132.00) – HEALTH DIVISION/MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- I.** AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT AREA REMEDIATION AND REUSE PLAN (NETHERWOOD) – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- J.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT AREA REMEDIATION AND REUSE PLAN (RICHMOND AND EAST THIRD STREET) – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- K.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2008 OPERATING BUDGET FOR PLAINFIELD SID MANAGEMENT CORPORATION AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE – **\$147,300.00** – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- L.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS AND CASH DEPOSITS HELD TO BERTO CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT PHASE I – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- M.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT FINANCING FOR CONTINUED SERVICES OF FOUR SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS IN THE PLAINFIELD UEZ - **\$75,000.00** – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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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.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

TOTAL # OF RESOLUTIONS – 13

TOTAL # OF ORDINANCES – 3

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

2008 COUNCIL MEMBERS (02/04/2008)	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			



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.*