



City of Plainfield
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FIXING SESSION
DECEMBER 3, 2007
 City Hall Library – Mayor’s Complex – 515 Watchung Avenue (908) 753-3222

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCILMAN FIRST WARD

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 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:

THIS IS AN AGENDA MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, SCHEDULED BY RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ADOPTED ON JANUARY 8, 2007. ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET. SEQ., BY TRANSMITTING SAID NOTICE TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY, THE COURIER-NEWS AND THE STAR LEDGER ON JANUARY 10, 2007 AND BY POSTING A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING RESERVED FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE RECEIVED

II. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- ❖ CORRESPONDENCE FROM MARC D. DASHIELD, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, DATED NOVEMBER 27, 2007 ADVISING SANDRA CUMMINGS, ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER, OF HER APPOINTMENT FROM HER HONOR, MAYOR SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS AS ACTING COMPTROLLER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 20, 2007. (COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ONLY).

III. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

NONE RECEIVED

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2008 INTRODUCED BUDGET IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007 COMMENCING AT 7 O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE CITY HALL LIBRARY.

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

MC 2007 - 17 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 (PBA SUPERIOR OFFICERS) (SALARY AMENDMENT NO. 07-08-09) – PERSONNEL DIVISION.

MC 2007 - 18 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 (PBA RANK AND FILE) (SALARY AMENDMENT NO. 07-08-09) – PERSONNEL DIVISION.

MC 2007 - 19 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 (ESTABLISHING THE TITLES OF COMPUTER SERVICE TECHNICIAN AND SENIOR COMPUTER SERVICE TECHNICIAN) – PERSONNEL DIVISION.

MC 2007 - 20 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE 10, BUS STOPS, SCHEDULE XII, BY ELIMINATING A CERTAIN BUS STOP AT REEVE TERRACE, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF PLAINFIELD, 1971 – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM(S):

NONE

VII. LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

MR. JACQUES HOWARD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HAS SUBMITTED A COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO MS. WENSON-MAIER REGARDING A COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE BROWNFIELDS DEVELOPMENT AREA STEERING COMMITTEE. SAID CORRESPONDENCE IS SUBMITTED FOR PLACEMENT ON AGENDA FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION AT AGENDA FIXING SESSION (12/3/07).

THE CONGREGATION OF ST. MARY’S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS PROPOSED A SPECIAL PROCESSION PLANNED TO COMMENCE ON SUNDAY, THE 9TH OF DECEMBER TO CONTINUE THROUGH WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH OF DECEMBER (CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED).

CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY CODE SECTION 13:6-9, THIS ACTIVITY REQUIRES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BODY BEFORE IT CAN GO FORWARD.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT AN ACTIVITY OF THIS MAGNITUDE WILL CALL FOR CROWD CONTROL AND POLICE SECURITY THROUGHOUT AND PARTICULARLY AT SENSITIVE INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY BY PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL.



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ACCORDINGLY, THIS MATTER IS PLACE BEFORE YOU FOR DISCUSSION AND YOUR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THE CHIEF OF POLICE, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN INVITED TO ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS THE GOVERNING BODY MAY WISH TO ASK.

BE FURTHER REMINDED THAT THE ROUTE OF THE PROCESSION APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT THE GROUP WILL TRAVEL INTO THE NEIGHBORING BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD; THUS, THERE IS THE EXPECTATION THAT THEY SHALL BE EXPECTED TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATE CLEARANCE FOR THEIR MARCH FROM THAT MUNICIPALITY AS WELL.

AS USUAL, THE \$1,000,000 INSURANCE REQUIREMENT NAMING THE CITY AS CO-INSURED IS REQUIRED BY CITY LAW.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:
NEW BUSINESS:

LEGISLATIVE BODY

- A.** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AMENDING A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER TO ***PUEBLO VIEJO CORP.***, A NEW JERSEY CORPORATION, T/A PUEBLO VIEJO FOR PREMISES AT 311-317 WEST FRONT STREET, PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 2012-33-031-003 HERETOFORE ISSUED TO LUIGI TERRAGLIA – CITY CLERK.

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- B.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD AND THE PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 26:3A-2-1 ET SEQ. AND N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 DT SEQ. PERMITTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SHARE EXISTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PERSONNEL TO COMPLETE THE CITY’S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

- C.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL FOR THE ADOPTION OF GENERAL FUND EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE FY 2008 BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 40A:4-20 FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2008 – **\$4,860,929.06** – COMPTROLLER.
- D.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS/INTENSIVE SUPERVISING PROGRAM (ISP) TO PROVIDE HALFWAY HOUSE SERVICES FOR THE ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,500.00 – DIRECTOR, PROJECT ALERT/DUDLEY HOUSE.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- E.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPORT REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF THE GERAUD AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE GREEN BROOK IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD AND THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD – DIRECTOR’S OFFICE.
- F.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND AND DEPOSITS ASSOCIATED WITH ROAD OPENING REPAIRS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD BY COMCAST OF PLAINFIELD, LLC FOR THE DOWNTOWN BUILD-OUT PROJECT – DIRECTOR’S OFFICE.
- G.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO CLARIFY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE AREA GENERALLY KNOWN AS THE NORTH AVENUE EXPANSION IS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT – PLANNING DIVISION.
- H.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS THE NORTH AVENUE EXPANSION AREA, AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND DIRECT THE PLANNING BOARD TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BOTH THE AREA PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS THE NORTH AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND THE NORTH AVENUE EXPANSION AREA – PLANNING DIVISION.
- I.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND CASH DEPOSITS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT AT THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 174-188 TERRILL ROAD, SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD AS BLOCK 450, LOT 12 – PLANNING DIVISION.
- J.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD TO COMMIT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SITE LOCATED AT 141-157 EAST SECOND STREET, BLOCK 316, LOTS 22 AND 24, A REQUIREMENT FOR GRANTING HDSRF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY – PLANNING DIVISION.
- K.** AUTHORIZE APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF A PROJECT FINANCING APPLICATION AMENDMENT TO THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND STREETScape CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – \$60,000.00 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

NONE

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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 – 11

TOTAL # OF ORDINANCES – 4

ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY AGENDA FIXING SESSION

2007 COUNCIL (12/3/2007) MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	ARRIVAL TIME
BURNEY, RASHID			
CARTER, LINDA			
DAVIS, DONALD CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE			
GIBSON, HAROLD			
SIMMONS, ELLIOTT			
STORCH, CORY			
WYATT, LADDIE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL			

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2007, AT 8 O’CLOCK P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 325 WATCHUNG AVENUE.

THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL

SHARON M. ROBINSON-BRIGGS
Mayor

MARC D. DASHIELD
City Administrator

DANIEL A. WILLIAMSON
Corporation Counsel



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.*