

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the Borough Council of North Plainfield, New Jersey held on Monday, 9 November 2015.

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, **November 9, 2015** at 7:31 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Everett Merrill
 Keiona R. Miller
 Frank Righetti
 Wendy Schaefer
 Douglas M. Singleterry
 Frank "Skip" Stabile
 Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
 David E. Hollod, Business Administrator
 Eric Bernstein, Esq., Borough Attorney
 Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Merrill.

Council President La Ronde requested a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

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 December 8, 2014. 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* and *WKMB* Radio on December 10, 2014, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 12, 2014 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, proposed that the Council use their investigative authority regarding the construction of two new houses at 40-42 Washington Avenue as the owners never applied for a certificate of appropriateness for same.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution Endorsing the 2015 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan** – D.E.H. Mr. Bernstein reported on the continuing New Jersey Supreme Court case with Mt. Laurel. Explaining that the Borough had filed for immunity, the Counselor noted that the Governing Body is being asked to endorse a revised plan tonight necessary to file for extended immunity.
2. **Resolution Awarding Garbage Truck Bid** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this Resolution authorizes the contract for the manufacture and purchase of the 2016 Garbage Truck with Cambria Automotive Co., Inc.
3. **Resolution Awarding Geraud Avenue Sewer Project Bid** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained the need to upgrade the electricity and pumps at the Geraud Avenue Pump Station. He further noted that this Resolution authorizes the contract with Fred Devens Construction in accordance with the bid proposal.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Master Plan** – D.M.S. Mr. La Ronde requested the topic be carried to the next meeting. Mr. Bernstein added that a draft ordinance is forthcoming.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Merrill reported that the Board of Education is in the process of refurbishing their website. The boys' soccer team made it to the conference semi-finals and won their division in the Mid-State Conference. Mr. La Ronde added that the marching band placed eighth nationally.

Ms. Miller thanked the Somerset County Freeholders for continuing their funding of the Youth Services Commission.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Stabile, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President