

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the Borough Council of North Plainfield, New Jersey held on Monday, 11 January 2016.

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, **January 11, 2016** at 7:32 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. Singleterry.

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 14, 2015. 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*, *The Alternative Press* and *WKMB* Radio on December 15, 2015, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 17, 2015 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:

Francine Gargano, 57 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, commented on the recent increase of criminal activity in town and the lack of notification to the residents of same. She voiced her concerns with quality of life crimes which are not being enforced, specifically loud music, speeding, garbage companies driving backwards and residents parking vehicles on their lawns. She urged for the Council to address her concerns.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, commented on the recent court case involving an award of \$97,000 for legal fees to a Borough police officer. Mr. Bernstein advised that the case had since been appealed.

Thomas Zarro, 424 Warfield Road, North Plainfield, commented that his garbage company had received a summons for violating a Borough ordinance which calls for twice weekly garbage collection. Explaining that he is retired and on a fixed income, he voiced his displeasure with having to pay for an unnecessary second collection.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Closeout Resolution for the Public Works Garage Heating Improvements - Burlew Construction** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the closeout of the project as the heating equipment in the garage had been installed and is operational.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Animal Control Ordinance** – W.W.S. Ms. Schaefer advised that the ordinance would be introduced that evening.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Merrill announced that David Branan is the new Board of Education President and Linda Bond-Nelson is the Vice President.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President