

# ***DRAFT MINUTES***

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 15 November 2021.*

*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 Council'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 15, 2021** at 7:38 p.m. at the North Plainfield Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

**PRESENT:**

Council Members: Aimee Corzo  
Suzette Given  
Steven McIntyre  
Everett Merrill, Council Vice President  
Keiona R. Miller  
Wendy Schaefer  
Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor  
David Hollod, Business Administrator  
Phil LaPorte, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney  
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk  
Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This virtual meeting is being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by transmitting notice to the official newspapers of the Borough, The Courier News, WKMB Radio, WJLP-TV, the Alternative Press and also to the Star Ledger on November 12, 2021 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and the Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor La Ronde.

All then joined in a moment of silence for the Men and Women serving in our Armed Forces.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Mott MacDonald, LLC for Additional Services Related to the Somerset Streetscape Improvements Project – D.E.H.** Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution will authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Mott MacDonald, LLC for additional services related to the Somerset Streetscape Improvements Project. Additional services were required for contract administration and construction observation services which will necessitate a budget amendment of nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$19,500.00).
2. **Resolutions Authorizing Renewals of Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority Solid Waste Collection Contracts – D.E.H.** Mr. Hollod explained that these resolutions authorize the continuation of the agreements with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority for the disposal of all three types of solid waste. Addressing the possibility of a change in ownership, we would hope that the new owners would honor these contracts. Mayor La Ronde indicated his intent to speak with Mayor Mapp for clarification regarding a possible dissolving of the PMUA.
3. **Ordinance re: Vacant Property Registration – W.S.** Ms. Schaefer explained that a minor revision to the definition of vacant property is addressed within this ordinance.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:**

Mr. McIntyre announced that the Cannabis Regulatory Commission will begin accepting applications for personal use (recreational) cannabis on December 15. Application acceptance for Class 5 Retailers will begin on March 15, 2022.

Mr. Merrill reported that three of the four vacancies on the Board of Education had been filled. As Somerset County continues to count the write-ins, we anticipate results by the end of the week so as to fill the fourth vacancy.

Ms. Schaefer reported on the library's discontinuation of fees for late items. She proposed a look into how the library would recover those monies.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President