BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 (following Agenda Conference)

North Plainfield Community Center 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ

ROLL CALL:

Council Members:

Aimee Corzo Suezette Given Steven McIntyre Everett Merrill Keiona R. Miller Wendy Schaefer

Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President

Statement of Compliance as to Notice of Meeting

WILLIAM KELLY

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Board of Health, Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of April 25, 2022

Roll Call

One-year term

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:

SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASS II

SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CLASS III

DARIN MARASCO One-year term
HUBERT HENDERSON One-year term
ROGER TERRY One-year term
JASON HAMILTON One-year term

HEARING: 05-09-22-01 ORDINANCE NO. 22-03 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 7A OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC SCHEDULES," MOST NOTABLY: SECTION 7A-25, ENTITLED "SECTION 7A-25 SCHEDULE XXV: ON-STREET PARKING RESERVED FOR POLICE VEHICLES"

Reading of the title by the Clerk

MOTION: Close public hearing

Roll Call

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Corzo:

05-09-22-01 Adoption and advertising of Ordinance No. 22-03

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

Statement by Council President

Ms. Miller:

05-09-22-02 Approving Consent Agenda

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

a. Declaring "Bag Up New Jersey" Month

b. Appointing Special Law Enforcement Officers

c. Approving the Consolidated Bill List of April 25, 2022

d. Supporting Application of August Tenth Capital Investments, L.L.C.

REPORTS:

2022

March 2022 Monthly Police Report

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJ League of Municipalities Various Newsletters and

Trenton, NJ Communications
Somerset County Bd. of Commissioners Various Newsletters and

Somerville Communications

Plainfield Area Humane Society Invoice and Reports

Plainfield, NJ

NJ American Water Co., Voorhees, NJ
Betsy G. Ramos, Esq.
Capehart & Scatchard, Esqs., Mt. Laurel

Newsdrop Newsletter
NJ Public Entity
Law Monthly

Edward Zimmerman, Somerset County Green Brook Flood Control meeting notice

Governing Officials, Somerville Monthly Meeting, Governing Officials

Maureen Coxwell, Deputy County Clerk Mail-In Ballot Specimens Somerville

William Parenti, Chief of Police March Police Report
North Plainfield QuickChek Reports

NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Weekly Newsletters

Trenton Weekly Newsletters

North Plainfield Bd. of Education Signed Budget Statement

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

General public comments shall be limited to five minutes for each individual. (Rule 29 of the Borough Council's Rules of Order)

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

May 9, 2022

RESOLUTION NOS. 05-09-22-02 a through d

RESOLUTION NO. 05-09-22-02

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

05-09-22-02 a, b, c, d

having been placed on the Consent Agenda and there having been no objection thereto, the same are hereby approved.

Council President
 Council Member

Introduced:

May 9, 2022

Adopted:

May 9, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 05-09-22-02a

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, P.L.202, c.117, signed into law on November 4, 2020 is the most progressive disposable bag law in the country, with the goal of phasing out single-use plastic and paper bags and encouraging the use of reusable bags throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is working to reduce reliance on single-use products to ensure that future generations have a clean and healthy environment to live, work, and recreate in; and

WHEREAS, banning or limiting the use of single-use plastic and paper carryout bags is a significant step in this effort; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Department of State, policymakers, environmental and business groups, as well as other stakeholders are working together to educate consumers, businesses, and communities about the new law and encouraging residents to "Bag Up" before the ban on single-use plastic bags goes into effect on May 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive "Bag Up NJ" campaign will include educational programs, public and media engagement and reusable bag distribution programs throughout the state, with an emphasis on underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, this statewide public education campaign will provide residents, businesses and visitors with information about the types of reusable and sustainable bags and containers that they may use and where to access these products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of North Plainfield, that it is critical to begin educating the public about this new law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one way to gain important recognition is to deem the month of May each year as "Bag Up NJ" month in the Borough of North Plainfield, as a further reminder that all residents should bring their own reusable bags to the store; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the NJ Clean Communities Council, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Adopted;

	: 	Council President
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ntroduced:	May 9, 2022	
Adopted;	May 9, 2022	

RESOLUTION NO. 05-09-22-02b

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING WILLIAM KELLY AS A CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND DARRIN MARASCO, HUBERT HENDERSON, ROGER TERRY AND JASON HAMILTON AS CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR COMMENCING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023.

WHEREAS, North Plainfield Chief of Police William Parenti finds it necessary to nominate for appointment Special Law Enforcement Officers to assist in the enforcement of the laws, regulations and ordinances of the Borough of North Plainfield for the safety and benefit of the residents of the Borough of North Plainfield; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Code §2-21 authorizes the appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers upon the nomination of the Chief of Police to the Mayor, who shall recommend their appointment to the Borough Council for approval; and,

WHEREAS, North Plainfield Chief of Police William Parenti has nominated William Kelly to serve as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer for a term of one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, North Plainfield Chief of Police William Parenti has nominated Darin Marasco, Hubert Henderson, Roger Terry and Jason Hamilton to serve as Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers for a term of one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended to the Borough Council the appointment of these Class II and Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers to the Borough Council to the North Plainfield Police Department appointment upon such terms:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council hereby appoints William Kelly as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer for a term of one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023l and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council hereby appoints Darin Marasco, Hubert Henderson, Roger Terry and Jason Hamilton to serve as Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers for a term of one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded to the Mayor, Chief of Police, Police Captain, Borough Administrator, Personnel files, Payroll Department, William Kelly, Darin Marasco, Hubert Henderson, Roger Terry and Jason Hamilton.

	Ву:	By:	Frank A. "Skip" Stabile Council President	_
roduced:	May 9, 2022		Council Member	-

Introduced: May 9, 2022 Adopted: May 9, 2022

CERTIFICATION

I, Richard K. Phoenix, Borough Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the North Plainfield Borough Council at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on May 9, 2022.

	BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
By:	Richard K. Phoenix, R.M.C. Borough Clerk

Date signed: 10 May 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 05-09-22-02e

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that
the attached bills of the accounts named and for the amounts stated, having been duly
audited and found to be correct as of this 9th day of May, 2022 the same be paid; and that the
Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the
same.

Council President
Council Member

Introduced:

May 9, 2022

Adopted:

May 9, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 05-09-22-02d

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF AUGUST TENTH CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, L.L.C., FOR CANNABIS CLASS 1 CULTIVATION AND CANNABIS CLASS 2 MANUFACTURE AT PREMISES LOCATED AT 942 ROUTE 22, LOT 157, BLOCK 16 IN THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD.

WHEREAS, in 2020, New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called "cannabis" for adults at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and,

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law <u>P.L.</u> 2021, <u>c.</u> 16, known as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act" (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults twenty-one (21) years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational adult use cannabis operations, use and possession; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield has adopted a new section of the Borough Code of the Borough of North Plainfield, § 22-115.33, entitled "Commercial Recreational Adult Use Cannabis Operations," to amend the Borough of North Plainfield's zoning regulations to permit certain adult recreational cannabis-related uses to be licensed within the geographic boundaries of Borough of North Plainfield, including but not limited to Cannabis Class 1 cultivation and Cannabis Class 2 Manufacturing without limit in the B-3 Business and Commercial Zone; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has considered that the proposed cannabis business to be located at premises at 942 Route 22, Block 157, Lot 16 conforms to B-3 Business and Commercial municipal zoning requirements based on the nature of the Applicant's primary business operations pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 17:30-5.1(f)(1); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield Zoning Officer has certified that the property located at 942 U.S. Route 22, also known as Block 157, Lot 16, in the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, is located in the B-3 Commercial and Business District wherein Cannabis Cultivation Class 1 and Cannabis Manufacture Class 2 Businesses are a permitted use under North Plainfield Borough Ordinance 22-115.33(a-b); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for activities related to the operations of the proposed Cannabis Class 1 and Cannabis Class 2 businesses because they are located in commercial and business zones, not residential zones, and in commercial buildings suited to re-purposing in

accordance with odor, security and other strict regulations of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission and other State regulatory agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield wishes to insure that such licensed recreational adult use cannabis operations provide the maximum local opportunity for enterprises to all residents as well as minority and other businesses as provided for in the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the proposed location of a Cannabis Class 1 Cultivation business and a Cannabis Class 2 Manufacturing business at 942 Route 22, Block 157, Lot 16 conforms to municipal zoning requirements allowing for activities related to the operations of the proposed cannabis business to be conducted at the location, that no limit has been established for the same in the B-3 Zone, that no variances appear to be required concerning the operation of a cannabis business, subject to final application for occupation and/or site plan approval under *N.J.A.C.* 17:30-5.1(f), and that the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield hereby states its support and evidence of municipal preference for a Cannabis Class 1 Cultivation business and a Cannabis Class 2 Manufacturing business at the proposed location by August Tenth Capital Investments, L.L.C.

		By:	Frank A. "Skip" Stabile Council President	
Introduced: Adopted:	May 9, 2022 May 9, 2022		Council Member	

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Date signed: May 9, 2022