

MINUTES of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **July 10, 2023** at 7:37 p.m. at North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor
David E. Hollod, Business Administrator
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Michele Irby-Garry, CMR, Acting Borough Clerk

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This 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 December 12, 2022 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 Flag Salute was led by Assistant Recreation Director, Joe Irovando.

Mayor La Ronde presented the 2023 Fourth of July Parade Winners Awards as follows:

Mayor’s Trophy	Latin Music Family and Friends
Judge’s Trophy	NPHS Marching Canucks
Best Youth Group	North Plainfield Girl Scouts
Best Theme	North Plainfield Summer Camp
Best Marching	North Plainfield ROTC

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christopher Medrano, 29 Vine Street, North Plainfield, voiced his concerns with the kids playing soccer at Somerset School during after-school hours. The soccer balls have damaged neighborhood houses, vehicles, and lamp posts, he reported. Mayor La Ronde interjected that the Board of Education had been advised and the gates would be locked going forward.

Jessica Pratt, 108 Farragut Road, North Plainfield, announced that the Girl Scouts would conduct a town-wide school supply drive for the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Canvassing Ordinance** – L.L. and K.M. Mayor La Ronde indicated that prior discussions had been held and the ordinance was ready for introduction.
2. **Begging/Soliciting Ordinance** – F.S.S. and D.E.H. Council President Stabile advised that this ordinance had been requested by the Police Department after the recent reports of individuals selling food illegally. Mr. George explained that the ordinance would prohibit soliciting or begging within ten feet of any entrance or exit of a commercial premise. Discussion ensued with the council requesting further changes prior to introduction.
3. **Closeout Resolution for the Jefferson Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution would approve the final payment to Messercola Excavating Co., Inc. and release the retainage for the 2020 Jefferson Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS:

Ms. Corzo reported that the Planning Board had not approved the Yeshiva application.

Ms. Given reported that National Night Out will be held August 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot across from Borough Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Given and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President