

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD  
IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 2008 at Eleven O'Clock in the Morning**

**MUNICIPAL COURT-COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**325 WATCHUNG AVENUE**

**I. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:** *READ BY LADDIE WYATT,  
PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CLERK*  
**OATHS OF OFFICE RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2007 RESULTING IN THE RE-ELECTION OF LINDA CARTER, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM ENDING 01/01/2012; AND CORY S. STORCH, COUNCILMAN, SECOND WARD FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM, ENDING 01/01/2012.**

**OATH OF OFFICE:** *The Honorable Joan Robinson-Gross, PJMC will swear in Councilwoman Linda Carter.*

*Holding the Bible for Councilwoman Linda Carter will be her mother, Adele Carter.*

**COMMENTS:**

**COUNCILWOMAN LINDA CARTER**

**OATH OF OFFICE:** *The Honorable Joan Robinson-Gross, PJMC will swear in Councilman Cory S. Storch.*

*Holding the Bible for Councilman Cory S. Storch will be his wife Lois, and their children Alexa and Matthew.*

**COMMENTS:**

**COUNCILMAN CORY S. STORCH**

**COMMENCE ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**I. WELCOME**

WELCOME TO THE 2008 ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HOPE YOU FIND THE MEETING INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE. WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ATTEND. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS AND ALL MEETINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ARE OPEN TO THE MEDIA AND PUBLIC, CONSISTENT WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (CH. 231 LAWS OF 1975), AND THE ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED THEREIN HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

**1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE FIRST MEETING:  
ROLL CALL:**

**2. ELECTION OF 2008 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

**3. PRESENTATION OF THE GAVEL AND  
INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT:**

**4. STATEMENT ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:**

**5. REMARKS BY THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT:**

**6. INVOCATION: LED BY: REVEREND DR. SHIRLEY B. CATHIE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD**

**7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**8. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

**9. STATE OF THE CITY HONORABLE SHARON M. ROBINSON-BRIGGS  
ADDRESS: MAYOR, CITY OF PLAINFIELD**

**10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

- ❖ THE HONORABLE SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS HAS SUBMITTED CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL UNDER DATE OF DECEMBER 24, 2007 REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF CHARLES D. CRAIG, JR., ESQ., NOMINEE TO SERVE AS A TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008. SAID NOMINEE TO SERVE ON A PART-TIME BASIS AS SCHEDULED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT,

11:00 A.M.

*SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE ASSIGNMENT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.*

*ACCOMPANYING LETTER UNDER DATE OF NOVEMBER 28, 2007 ADDRESSED TO THE HONORABLE WALTER R. BARISONEK, (A.J.S.C.) SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AFOREMENTONED APPOINTMENT ACCOMPANIED WITH JUDGE BARISONEK'S CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT.*

- ❖ *THE HONORABLE SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS HAS SUBMITTED CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL UNDER DATE OF DECEMBER 24, 2007 REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF ANDREW M. BARON, ESQ., NOMINEE TO SERVE AS A TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008. SAID NOMINEE TO SERVE ON A PART-TIME BASIS AS SCHEDULED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE ASSIGNMENT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.*

*ACCOMPANYING LETTER UNDER DATE OF NOVEMBER 28, 2007 ADDRESSED TO THE HONORABLE WALTER R. BARISONEK, (A.J.S.C.) SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AFOREMENTONED APPOINTMENT ACCOMPANIED WITH JUDGE BARISONEK'S CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT.*

## **11. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

- ❖ *CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO THE GOVERNING BODY FROM MUNICIPAL CLERK, LADDIE WYATT, DATED DECEMBER 28, 2007 REQUESTING A MAJORITY VOTE FOR PUBLICATION OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS REQUIRED BY THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT IN ORDER TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS ON DATES AS INDICATED (SUBMITTED TO COUNCILMEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION ONLY).*
- ❖ *CORRESPONDENCE DATED DECEMBER 24, 2007 FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL DANIEL A. WILLIAMSON, ESQ., ADDRESSED TO THE HONORABLE SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS, MAYOR REQUESTING APPROVAL TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SHEILA D. ELLINGTON, ESQ., AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008.*
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**12. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

*NONE.*

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*REVIEW AND AMEND CITY OF PLAINFIELD CELLULAR TELEPHONE POLICY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008 LISTED ON AGENDA AS R 018-08.*

**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS, LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING:**

*MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SPEAK ONCE, DURING THIS SEGMENT OF THE MEETING ON ANY ITEMS APPEARING UNDER RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS. THE TIME ALLOTMENT ON EACH ITEM IS NON-CUMULATIVE. EXTENSION OF **THE THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT** WILL BE GRANTED AT COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DISCRETION OR UPON A **MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

**15. CONSENT AGENDA:**

\* *ALL MATTERS LISTED WITH AN (\*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILMEMBER OR CITIZEN SO REQUEST, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY UNDER NEW BUSINESS IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE LATER ON THE AGENDA.*

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*RESOLUTION NUMBERS **R 002-08** THRU **R 011-08** ARE LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA SEGMENT WITH AN ASTERISK\* TO BE APPROVED. IT IS REQUESTED THAT EACH SPECIFIC ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS INDICATED.*

16. **RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:**  
**RESOLUTIONS:**

**LEGISLATIVE BODY**

- R 001-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2008 – CITY CLERK. (DEFERRED TO NEXT AGENDA FIXING SESSION TO BE SCHEDULED FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING ON JANUARY 14, 2008).  
**NON-CONSENT**
- \*R 002-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (CHAPTER 231 LAWS OF 1975) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008 – CITY CLERK.
- \*R 003-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION DESIGNATING "THE COURIER-NEWS" AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD – CITY CLERK.
- \*R 004-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION DESIGNATING "THE STAR LEDGER" AS THE SECOND NEWSPAPER TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 231, 1975 – CITY CLERK.
- \*R 005-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STANDING RULES OF ORDER FOR THE 2008 PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – CITY CLERK.
- \*R 006-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO DESIGNATE AND ASSIGN SEATING OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED SEATING ARRANGEMENTS – CITY CLERK.
- \*R 007-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES DURING THE "GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS" SEGMENT AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS – CITY CLERK.
- \*R 008-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES GOVERNING PUBLIC COMMENTS PRIOR TO NEW BUSINESS SEGMENT AT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER – CITY CLERK.
- \*R 009-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION SETTING GUIDELINES FOR THE TIMELY CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS MATTERS AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY – CITY CLERK.
- \*R 010-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR USE OF "CONSENT AGENDA" – CITY CLERK.
- \*R 011-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES GOVERNING PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING THE "CONSENT AGENDA" SEGMENT AT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER – CITY CLERK.

- R 012-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS ASSIGNED (MAYOR) – CITY CLERK.  
NON-CONSENT
- R 013-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS ASSIGNED FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY (CITY ADMINISTRATOR) – CITY CLERK.  
NON-CONSENT
- R 014-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS ASSIGNED FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY (DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY) – CITY CLERK.  
NON-CONSENT
- R 015-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS ASSIGNED FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY (SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS) – CITY CLERK.  
NON-CONSENT
- R 016-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS ASSIGNED FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY (FIRE CHIEF) - CITY CLERK.  
NON-CONSENT
- R 017-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS ASSIGNED FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY (POLICE CHIEF) - CITY CLERK.  
NON-CONSENT
- R 018-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ADOPTING CITY OF PLAINFIELD CELLULAR PHONE POLICY - 2008 - CITY CLERK.  
NON-CONSENT

### ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- R 019-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES D. CRAIG JR., ESQ., AS ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008 (01/01/08 – 12/31/08), EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF OATH OF OFFICE.  
NON-CONSENT
- R 020-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW M. BARON, ESQ., AS 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008 (01/01/08 – 12/31/08), EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF OATH OF OFFICE.  
NON-CONSENT

### CORPORATION COUNSEL

- R 021-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SHEILA D. ELLINGTON, ESQ., AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.  
NON-CONSENT
- R 022-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF TANGERLA MITCHELL THOMAS, ESQ., AS A MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.  
NON-CONSENT

**R 023-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT G. WILSON, ESQ., AS A MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.  
NON-CONSENT

**R 024-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOY SPRIGGS, ESQ., AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.  
NON-CONSENT

**R 025-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN BRISTER, ESQ., AS A MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.  
NON-CONSENT

**R 026-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CLARENCE W. BAUKNIGHT, AS A MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.  
NON-CONSENT

**R 027-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LYSANDER UZZELL, ESQ., AS SUBSTITUTE MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.  
NON-CONSENT

### **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

**R 028-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2008 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008 WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS: PNC BANK; BANK OF AMERICA; CITY NATIONAL BANK (NEWARK); INVESTOR'S SAVINGS BANK; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK; COMMERCE BANK; STATE OF NEW JERSEY-CASH MANAGEMENT FUND AND NEW JERSEY ARM FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008 - CITY COMPTROLLER.  
NON-CONSENT

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY**

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### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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#### **17. NEW ITEM(S):**

COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY AS CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE VARIOUS AGENCIES BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

**18. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

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**19. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**20. ADJOURNMENT:**