

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

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: MUNICIPAL COURT-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
325 WATCHUNG AVENUE**

I. WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE 2011 ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HOPE YOU FIND THE MEETINGS 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 THAT THE ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED THEREIN HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

II. CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010 RESULTING IN THE ELECTION OF WILLIAM REID, COUNCILMAN FIRST WARD FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM AND REBECCA WILLIAMS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE SECOND AND THIRD WARDS FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011.

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY: THE HONORABLE JOAN ROBINSON GROSS
PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Honorable Adrian O. Mapp
Councilman, Third Ward

Honorable Annie C. McWilliams
Councilwoman-At-Large

Honorable William Reid
Councilman, First Ward

Honorable Bridget Rivers
Councilwoman, Fourth Ward

Honorable Cory Storch
Councilman, Second Ward

Honorable Rebecca Williams
Councilwoman-At-Large, Second and Third Wards

VACANT
Councilman-At-Large, First and Fourth Wards

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ORGANIZATION MEETING

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

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** LED BY: PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ARMY ROTC

3. **INVOCATION:** LED BY: REV. GERALD LAMONT THOMAS, PH.D.
PASTOR, SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

4. **ELECTION OF 2011 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

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

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW" HAVE BEEN SATISFIED BY NOTIFICATION DATED DECEMBER 9, 2010 TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS AND THE NEWS MEDIA, AS WELL AS NOTICE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

6. **REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT:**

7. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

8. **MAYOR'S MESSAGE -** HONORABLE SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS, MAYOR
STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- ❖ THE HONORABLE SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS HAS SUBMITTED CORRESPONDENCE UNDER DATE OF DECEMBER 3, 2010 ADDRESSED TO THE HONORABLE KAREN CASSIDY,(A.J.S.C.) SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF **TRACEY S. COSBY, ESQ.**, TO SERVE AS A TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011, ACCOMPANIED WITH JUDGE CASSIDY'S CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT. SAID NOMINEE TO SERVE 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.
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- ❖ CORRESPONDENCE DATED DECEMBER 17, 2010 ADDRESSED TO CITY CLERK LADDIE WYATT FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS APPOINTING DANIEL WILLIAMSON AS ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND JACQUES HOWARD AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

11. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- ❖ CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2010 SIGNED BY THE HONORABLE JUNE S. FISCHER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS AND THE HONORABLE JOANNE RAJOPPI, COUNTY CLERK ANNOUNCING DETERMINATION AND RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010.
- ❖ CORRESPONDENCE DATED DECEMBER 23, 2010 FROM THE HONORABLE LINDA CARTER SUBMITTING HER LETTER OF RESIGNATION AS COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, 1st AND 4th WARDS, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 27, 2010, DUE TO HER ELECTION AS UNION COUNTY FREEHOLDER.
- ❖ CORRESPONDENCE DATED DECEMBER 13, 2010 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, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011.
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12. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

NONE REPORTED AT THIS TIME.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE.

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 MINUTES 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 BY 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 LATER ON THE AGENDA.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

EACH SPECIFIC ACTION APPEARING ON THIS EVENING'S CONSENT AGENDA SEGMENT LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL AS FOLLOWS: RESOLUTION NUMBERS: **R 001-11** THRU **R 010-11.**

16. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:
RESOLUTIONS:

LEGISLATIVE BODY

- *R 001-11 *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2011 – **CITY CLERK**
- *R 002-11 *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (CHAPTER 231 LAWS OF 1975) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011 – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 003-11 *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* DESIGNATING THE “*COURIER-NEWS*” AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. - **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 004-11 *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* DESIGNATING THE “*STAR-LEDGER*” AS THE CITY'S SECOND NEWSPAPER TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 231, 1975. – **CITY CLERK.**

- *R 005-11** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* ESTABLISHING STANDING RULES OF ORDER FOR THE 2011 PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 006-11** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES DURING THE “*GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS*” SEGMENT AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 007-11** *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 008-11** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR USE OF CONSENT AGENDA – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 009-11** *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 010-11** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* SETTING GUIDELINES FOR THE *TIMELY CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS* MATTERS AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY – **CITY CLERK.**
- R 011-11**
NON-CONSENT *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR’S USE OF AN UNMARKED CITY-OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011 – **CITY CLERK.**
- R 012-11**
NON-CONSENT *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY/POLICE DIRECTOR’S USE OF AN UNMARKED CITY-OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011 – **CITY CLERK.**
- R 013-11**
NON-CONSENT *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR USE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF AN IDENTIFIED OR MARKED CITY-OWNED VEHICLE FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011 – **CITY CLERK.**
- R 014-11**
NON-CONSENT *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FIRE CHIEF’S USE OF AN IDENTIFIED OR MARKED CITY OWNED-VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011 – **CITY CLERK.**
- R 015-11**
NON-CONSENT *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* CONVEYING THANKS AND SINCERE BEST WISHES TO OUR COLLEAGUE, MS. LINDA CARTER COMMENCING HER TERM AS PLAINFIELD’S UNION COUNTY FREEHOLDER. –**CITY CLERK.**
- R 016-11**
NON-CONSENT *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* IN RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY HON. RASHID BURNEY AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. –**CITY CLERK**

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

R 017-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **TRACEY S. COSBY, ESQ.**, TO SERVE AS A TEMPORARY **MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011 (01/01/11 – 12/31/11), EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF OATH OF OFFICE.

R 018-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **ANDREW M. BARON, ESQ.**, TO SERVE AS SECOND ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011 (01/01/11 – 12/31/11), EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF OATH OF OFFICE.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

R 019-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **SHEILA D. ELLINGTON, ESQ.**, AS **CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD** FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-YEAR EFFECTIVE 01/01/2011 TO 12/31/2011.

R 020-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **ROBERT G. WILSON, ESQ.**, AS A **MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD** FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-YEAR EFFECTIVE 01/01/2011 TO 12/31/2011.

R 021-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **TANGERLA MITCHELL THOMAS, ESQ.**, AS A **MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD** FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-YEAR EFFECTIVE 01/01/2011 TO 12/31/2011.

R 022-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **JOY R. SPRIGGS, ESQ.**, AS **CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD** FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-YEAR EFFECTIVE 01/01/2011 TO 12/31/2011.

R 023-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **STEVEN BRISTER, ESQ.**, AS A **MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD** FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-YEAR EFFECTIVE 01/01/2011 TO 12/31/2011.

R 024-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **CLARENCE BAUKNIGHT, ESQ.**, AS A **MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD** FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-YEAR EFFECTIVE 01/01/2011 TO 12/31/2011.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

NONE.

17. NEW ITEM(S):

NONE SUBMITTED.

18. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

NONE SUBMITTED.

19. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

20. ADJOURNMENT: