

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD  
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008**  
**TIME: 8:00 P.M.**  
**PLACE: MUNICIPAL COURT-COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**325 WATCHUNG AVENUE**

AT THE REGULAR MEETING, A SEGMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING, WHICH APPEARS ON THIS EVENING'S AGENDA PRIOR TO CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON ANY ITEM THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY.

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT**  
**AND**  
**COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**  
*Honorable Harold Gibson*

**COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS**  
*Honorable Rashid Burney*

**CHAIR, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**AND**  
**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS**  
*Honorable Linda Carter*

**COUNCILMAN, THIRD WARD**  
*Honorable Don Davis*

**COUNCILMAN FIRST WARD**  
*Honorable William Reid*

**COUNCILMAN, FOURTH WARD**  
*Honorable Elliott Simmons*

**COUNCILMAN, SECOND WARD**  
*Honorable Cory Storch*

**MUNICIPAL CLERK**  
*Honorable Laddie Wyatt, RMC/CMC/MMCA*  
*Clerk of the Council*

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**MAYOR**  
*Honorable Sharon M. Robinson-Briggs*

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**  
*Marc D. Dashield*



**CORPORATION COUNSEL**  
*Daniel A. Williamson, Esq.*

**FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL (908) 753-3223.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL

*THE HONORABLE HAROLD GIBSON, PRESIDING*

1. **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESIDENT TO ANNOUNCE:**

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT PROVIDED FOR THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW" HAS BEEN SATISFIED. NOTICE WAS PROPERLY GIVEN, SAID NOTICE HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE COURIER-NEWS AND THE STAR-LEDGER ON *MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008* AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

3. **INVOCATION:**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

NONE

**4A. CEREMONIAL MATTERS:**

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS:

NONE.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

- ❖ THE HONORABLE SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS, MAYOR, CITY OF PLAINFIELD, HAS ADVISED THE CITY CLERK THROUGH WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED APRIL 11, 2008 THAT MR. MARTIN HELLWIG IS APPOINTED AS ACTING POLICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. THIS APPOINTMENT SHALL REMAIN EFFECTIVE UNTIL IT SHALL BE FILLED PERMANENTLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 2:7-13D(a) and (b) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD OR AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW.
- ❖ CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR DATED APRIL 14, 2008, ADDRESSED TO THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: FRANK JOHNSON**, 1284 EAST SECOND STREET, SUCCEEDING SALLY HUGHES FOR AN UNEXPIRED FOUR (4) YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/2011. SAID APPOINTMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF OATH OF OFFICE.

6. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

SUBMITTED FOR THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING BODY: COPIES OF CHECK REGISTER; REVENUE REPORT; AND BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2008 SUBMITTED BY THE ACTING CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER, SANDRA CUMMINGS. **(PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED)**

7. **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

NONE

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

NONE

9. **CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE:**

**MC 2008 - 08** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 11, PERSONNEL, ARTICLE 5, COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION, PERMANENT STATUS, TO CREATE A NEW SECTION WHICH SHALL BE ENTITLED SECTION 7 – REQUIRED CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK OF EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD – **PERSONNEL DIVISION.**

9(A). **PUBLIC COMMENTS, LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS, AND ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

10. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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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 REQUESTS, 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 205-08; R 210-08 THRU R 215-08; R 217-08 AND R 218-08** ARE LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA SEGMENT WITH AN ASTERISK\* TO BE APPROVED AND THAT EACH SPECIFIC ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS INDICATED.

11. **RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:**  
**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LEGISLATIVE BODY**

**\*R 205-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING PLAINFIELD'S DONALD VAN BLAKE IN HIS INDUCTION TO THE EASTERN TENNIS HALL OF FAME – **CITY CLERK.**

**ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

- R 206-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **FRANK JOHNSON** TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE **PLAINFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** FOR AN UNEXPIRED FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/2011 – **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**.  
NON-CONSENT
- R 207-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **DOUGLAS PECK** AS DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR A TERM CONCURRENT WITH THE MAYOR – **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**.  
NON-CONSENT

**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

- R 208-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES TO ISSUE A CHECK IN SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE MATTER OF **NELLIE VASQUEZ V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD, WORKER'S COMPENSATION NO. C.P. 2007-6616, INSERVCO CLAIM NO. 1940001808 - \$17,100.00**.  
NON-CONSENT

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

- R 209-08** RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN VERIZON AND THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD TO PROVIDE I/T CONNECTIVITY SERVICES – **DIRECTORS OFFICE**.  
NON-CONSENT
- \*R 210-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF **DAVID SPAULDING** AS THE CITY'S PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM ENDING 4/30/2009 – **PERSONNEL DIVISION (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED)**.
- \*R 211-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF **MARC D. DASHIELD** AS FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE NEW JERSEY SELF INSURANCE JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND **DOUGLAS PECK** AS ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009 – **PERSONNEL DIVISION (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED)**.
- \*R 212-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SIX (6) REFUNDS DUE TO OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A – **\$5,693.56 – TAX COLLECTOR (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED)**.
- \*R 213-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REFUND DUE TO OVER PAYMENT OF TAXES DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE B – **\$103.92 – TAX COLLECTOR (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED)**.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY**

NONE

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

- \*R 214-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR CHANGE ORDERS # 1 & 2 AN AMENDATORY CONTRACT TO OVETER'S CONSTRUCTION INC., P.O. BOX 2686, 734 MONROE AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, NJ FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 212-26 WEST FRONT STREET AND 520-22 SOUTH AVENUE - \$16,816.57- **DIRECTOR'S OFFICE (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**
- \*R 215-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-2(6) AND THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, 15-33 HALSTED STREET, EAST ORANGE, NJ 07018 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH SECOND STREET PHASE III (BETWEEN MORRIS STREET AND SPOONER AVE) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,415.00- **DIRECTOR'S OFFICE (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**
- R 216-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, 15-33 HALSTED STREET, EAST ORANGE, NJ 07018 FOR THE 2006 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PHASE I, II & III) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$220,450.00 - **DIRECTOR'S OFFICE (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**  
NON CONSENT
- \*R 217-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE EAST NINTH STREET AND PARK AVENUE PENINSULA PROJECT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION BUREAU OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WITH FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,100 - **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**
- \*R 218-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE PLAINFIELD SID MANAGEMENT CORPORATION AND THE TAX ASSESSOR'S PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR MAY 5, 2008 AT 8 O'CLOCK PM. - **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**

**12. NEW ITEM(S):**

NONE

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

**MC 2008 - 09** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD LOCATED AT 530 WEST FIFTH STREET, BLOCK 772, LOT 25 TO SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF PLAINFIELD, A NON PROFIT CORPORATION - **CORPORATION COUNSEL.**

**14. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

ANY RESIDENT OR TAXPAYER OF PLAINFIELD IS WELCOME TO COMMENT ON ANY GOVERNMENTAL ITEM OF CONCERN TO THEM DURING THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS SEGMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S MEETING. CITIZENS MUST CLEARLY STATE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS TO THE CLERK ONCE THE SPEAKER IS RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER TO SPEAK. A TOTAL OF THIRTY (30) MINUTES HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BE PRESENTED. LARGE GROUPS ARE URGED TO SELECT A SPOKESPERSON TO REPRESENT THEM. EACH PERSON IS ALLOCATED THREE (3) MINUTES TO SPEAK. THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR A MAJORITY ON THE COUNCIL MAY EXTEND THE LENGTH OF TIME ALLOCATED CUMULATIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY.

NO SPEAKER SHALL ENGAGE IN ANY PERSONALLY OFFENSIVE, DEROGATORY OR ABUSIVE REMARKS. THE PRESIDENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY CALL TO ORDER ANY SPEAKER WHO VIOLATES THIS PROVISION. AN OFFICER FROM THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DIVISION MAY REMOVE ANY DISRUPTIVE PERSON AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER. PUBLIC COMMENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS – BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE.

IT IS NOT A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. NEITHER THE PRESIDING OFFICER NOR COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ENGAGE IN A BACK AND FORTH EXCHANGE SO SPEAKERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRESENT ALL THEIR VIEWS. THE PRESIDING OFFICER AS WELL AS ANY COUNCIL MEMBER MAY RESPOND TO ANY COMMENT AFTER SUCH SPEAKER IS FINISHED. THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY REFER THE SPEAKER TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR AN APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND ANY COUNCIL MEMBER MAY CHOOSE TO RESPOND IN WRITING TO INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TOTAL RESOLUTIONS = 14**  
**TOTAL ORDINANCES = 2**