

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

**DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013
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
COUNCILWOMAN FOURTH WARD
*Honorable Bridget Rivers***

**CHAIR, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AND
COUNCILMAN FIRST WARD
*Honorable William Reid***

**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE
*Honorable Tracey Brown***

**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS
*Honorable Vera Greaves***

**COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD
*Honorable Adrian O. Mapp***

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

**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS
*Honorable Rebecca Williams***

**MUNICIPAL CLERK
*Honorable Abubakar Jalloh, RMC
Clerk of the Council***

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

**ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR
*Al Restaino***



**CORPORATION COUNSEL
*David L. Minchello, Esq.***

FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL (908) 753-3222.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL
THE HONORABLE BRIDGET RIVERS, 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 TRANSMITTED TO THE COURIER-NEWS AND THE STAR-LEDGER ON **MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013** AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

3. **INVOCATION:**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2013
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2013

4A. CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

NONE.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2013 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **MALCOLM DUNN, 1038 CENTRAL AVENUE**, TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY.

❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2013 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **CECIL H. SANDERS, 1066 ALLENWOOD DRIVE** TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY.

❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2013 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **BARBARA JAMES, 1 NETHERWOOD AVENUE** TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY.

❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2013 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **ALEX TOLIVER, 123 SUMNER AVENUE** TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY.

- ❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2013 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **CAROL ANN BROKAW, 1049 FIELD AVENUE** TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY.
- ❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2013 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **JEFFREY R. BURKE, 1339 WATCHUNG AVENUE** TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER OF THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY.
- ❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2013 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF **THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION**: **CARMINE LOUISE, 745 SOUTH AVENUE; JOHN LOUISE, 745 SOUTH AVENUE; KIM MONTFORD 1345 EAST SECOND STREET.**
- ❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2013 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF **THE PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**: **WILLIAM UNGER; VERA GREAVES, PETER BRIGGS, NEVILLE GREAVES, MARIE PASE, ESTHER DUES, DANYELLA COFFEY, ABENAA BEY.**
- ❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2013 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF **THE PLAINFIELD AFRICAN CARIBBEAN COMMISSION**: **CHARLES UGO EKE; CLIFF SIMON; PHILLIP N. AMAECHI; MARION FORNAH; RICHARD CIMA; OLIVER NKWONTA; IYABO OLABISI SANYA; LOUIS O. IBEKWE..**

6. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE.

7. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

NONE.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE.

9. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING:

MC 2013 -13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS ZONING REGULATIONS IN CHAPTER 17 – LAND USE IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. (**OFF-TRACT IMPROVEMENTS, CLOTHING RECEPTACLE, OUTDOOR STORAGE, PORCHES & SIGNS**) –**PLANNING DIVISION.**

MC 2013 -14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS ZONING REGULATIONS IN CHAPTER 17 – LAND USE IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. (**AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINES, BUFFERING AND SCREENING, MIXED USE STRUCTURES, NONCONFORMING USES, SHADE TREES, SIDEWALK, SIGNS, AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**) –**PLANNING DIVISION.**

MC 2013 -15

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE BLOCK 202, LOTS 1.01 AND 1.02 (1701-1821 WEST FRONT STREET; 100-114 ROCK AVENUE) TO THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE IN THE CITY LAND USE ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 17) AND THE CITY ZONING MAP AS RECOMMENDED IN THE 2009 CITY MASTER PLAN. –**PLANNING DIVISION.**

MC 2013 -16

AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT AN OMISSION OF BLOCK 625, LOT 22 (1400 SOUTH AVENUE) FROM THE LAND USE ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 17) AND THE CITY ZONING MAP CREATED THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF MC 2013-01 ESTABLISHING THE R-8 ZONE. –**PLANNING DIVISION.**

MC 2013 -18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND WAGES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 11 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, 1971. (**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SALARY BAND**)

MC 2013 -19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE 3 MAYOR, TO ADD SECTION 6, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, 1971.

MC 2013 -20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND WAGES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 11 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, 1971. (**CHIEF OF STAFF SALARY BAND**)

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

10. 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 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 393-13 THRU R 397-13 AND R 407-13 THRU R 410-13** 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 393-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION(S) BASED ON THE FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES APPROVED BY THE POLICE DIRECTOR (*ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH*).
-CITY CLERK.
- *R 394-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENT TO ST. MARY'S R.C. TO CONDUCT A RELIGIOUS PROCESSION ON DECEMBER 8, 2013 AND DECEMBER 11, 2013 FROM 12:00 P.M. THRU 1:30 P.M. -CITY CLERK.
- *R 395-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENT TO PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL TO HANG A BANNER ACROSS THE CITY SIDEWALKS AND ROADWAYS TO PROMOTE A WINTERFEST EVENT. -CITY CLERK.
- *R 396-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENT TO PLAINFIELD MAYOR ELECT, ADRIAN O. MAPP FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING "THE PEOPLE'S INAUGURAL CELEBRATION" SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 1, 2014. -CITY CLERK.
- *R 397-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION SALUTING SUBURBAN JEWELERS FOR DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY. -CITY CLERK.
- R 398-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ISSUING A DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. -CITY CLERK
NON-CONSENT
- R 399-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PMUA TO PROVIDE A SEWER CONNECTION TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 14 LOT 40.01 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 965 LEWIS AVENUE SOUTH PLAINFIELD. -CITY CLERK.
NON-CONSENT
- R 400-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION APPOINTING **DOLLIE HAMLIN** AS COMMISSIONER TO THE PLAINFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED 5-YEAR TERM ENDING JULY 1, 2016. -CITY CLERK.
NON-CONSENT
- R 401-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION APPOINTING **JOYLETTE MILLS-RANSOME** AS COMMISSIONER TO THE PLAINFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A 5-YEAR TERM ENDING JULY 1, 2018. -CITY CLERK.
NON-CONSENT

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

NONE.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

- R 402-13**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE RETENTION AND CO-INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY RESIDUAL CLAIMS FUND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY (MEL RCF) IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$53,105.80** IN THE MATTER OF SERGEANT CRAIG VENSON V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD, CASE NO. 2:11-CV-07008-SDW-MCA, MEL FILE NO. 010-2012-X17037. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
- R 403-13**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRUST AND AN INDEMNITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD AND THE PUBLIC ENTITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PROPERTY, LIABILITY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGE. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

- R 404-13**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO AMEND THE CY 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY INSERTING SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 -TREASURER.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY

NONE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- R 405-13**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TWO YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND AND RELEASE OF THE RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$35,688.75** FROM TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., 22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876 FOR THE 2012 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, CONTRACT 2. -DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
- R 406-13**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND CASH DEPOSITS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT AT THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 111-115 CRESCENT AVENUE, SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD AS BLOCK 832 LOT 15. -PLANNING DIVISION.
- *R 407-13** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING STREET LIGHTING WITHIN THE SHILOH COURT RIGHT-OF-WAY MAJOR SUBDIVISION. -PLANNING DIVISION.
- *R 408-13** RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION FOR FREE PARKING IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2014. -PUBLIC WORKS.
- *R 409-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIEN PLACEMENTS FOR THE CLEAN-UP OF BLOCK 322 LOT 32 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1-5 NORWOOD AVENUE. -DIVISION OF INSPECTIONS.
- *R 410-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESCROW REFUNDS FOR TWO (2) PAYEES AS PER THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE "A". -DIVISION OF INSPECTIONS.

12. NEW ITEM(S):

R 411-13 COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF DAWUD HICKS JR. (INTRODUCED
NON-CONSENT BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRIDGET RIVERS) –CITY CLERK.

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

NONE.

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 FIVE (5) 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

**TOTAL RESOLUTIONS = 19
TOTAL ORDINANCES = 7**

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE AN AGENDA FIXING SESSION HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2013 AT 325 WATCHUNG AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, NJ, AT THE MUNICIPAL COURT/COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT 7:30 P.M.