

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

**DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014
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.

MAYOR

Honorable Adrian O. Mapp

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 SECOND WARD

Honorable Cory Storch

COUNCILWOMAN THIRD WARD

Honorable Gloria Taylor

COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS

Honorable Rebecca Williams

MUNICIPAL CLERK

Abubakar Jalloh, R.M.C.

Clerk of the Council

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Rick Smiley



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 8, 2014** AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

3. **INVOCATION:**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

SPECIAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 26, 2013
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2013
SPECIAL MEETING – DECEMBER 30, 2013

4A. CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

NONE.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

❖ **FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 10, 2014 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF **JEANETTE M. EDGHILL, 824 CENTRAL AVENUE**, TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE **PLAINFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY** SUCCEEDING RICKEY WILLIAMS FOR THE UNEXPIRED 5 YEAR TERM, ENDING JULY 1, 2016.

❖ **FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 10, 2014 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF **HORACE BALDWIN, CLASS IV, 1015 KENYON AVENUE**, TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE **PLAINFIELD PLANNING BOARD** SUCCEEDING SELF, FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

❖ **FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**, CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 10, 2014 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF **WENDELL CRAIG WOODS, 1542 MYRTLE AVENUE**, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE **PLAINFIELD CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION** SUCCEEDING JAMES E. ROWLAND FOR A TWO YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

6. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

NONE.

7. **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

REVIEW OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS ASSIGNED BY THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR THE YEAR 2014.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

NONE.

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

NONE.

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 033-14; AND R 044-14 THRU R 047-14 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 032-14 COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES 2014 CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM MARCH 8, 2014 THRU MARCH 12, 2014. -CITY CLERK.
NON-CONSENT

***R 033-14** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION FOR A STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENT TO THE QUEEN CITY 5K WALK/RUN COMMITTEE FOR THEIR ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014. -CITY CLERK.

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- R 034-14**
NON-CONSENT
RESOLUTION GRANTING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JEANETTE M. EDGHILL, 824 CENTRAL AVENUE, TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE PLAINFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY SUCCEEDING RICKEY WILLIAMS FOR THE UNEXPIRED 5 YEAR TERM, ENDING JULY 1, 2016. -MAYOR.
- R 035-14**
NON-CONSENT
RESOLUTION GRANTING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF HORACE BALDWIN, CLASS IV, 1015 KENYON AVENUE, TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE PLAINFIELD PLANNING BOARD SUCCEEDING SELF, FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017. -MAYOR.
- R 036-14**
NON-CONSENT
RESOLUTION GRANTING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF WENDELL CRAIG WOODS, 1542 MYRTLE AVENUE, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PLAINFIELD CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION SUCCEEDING JAMES E. ROWLAND FOR A TWO YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015. -MAYOR.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

- R 037-14**
NON-CONSENT
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES TO ISSUE PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$17,044.63** IN SATISFACTION OF COURT APPROVED SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF GEOFFREY PLUMMER V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD, WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM PETITION NO. 2012-5863 INSERVCO CLAIM NO. 1940002905 INCLUSIVE OF COST. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
- R 038-14**
NON-CONSENT
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE MATTER OF CRESTAR CAPITAL, LLC V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD, DOCKET NO. UNN-L-1590-12 IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND 84/100 (**\$4,407.84**) -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
- R 039-14**
NON-CONSENT
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE MATTER OF PRO CAPITAL I FUND, LLC VS. CITY OF PLAINFIELD, DOCKET NO. UNN-L-3106-12 IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS AND 21/100 (**\$6,294.21**) -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
- R 040-14**
NON-CONSENT
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE MATTER OF REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN FUND, LLC II V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD, DOCKET NO. UNN-L-1861-12 IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS AND 48/100 (**\$209.48**) -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
- R 041-14**
NON-CONSENT
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$40,000.00** FOR WISNIEWSKI AND ASSOCIATES, LLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX APPEALS, IN REM, IN PERSONAM TAX FORECLOSURES, PROPERTY ABANDONMENT ACTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
- R 042-14**
NON-CONSENT
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD AND DAVID L. MINCHELLO, ESQ. OF ANTONELLI MINCHELLO, PC. TO PERFORM LEGAL SERVICES AS CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$108,000.00**. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

- R 043-14** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE CY 2014 APPROPRIATION RESERVES OF THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. – **AUDIT & CONTROL.**
NON-CONSENT
- *R 044-14** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF SMALL CREDITS AND/OR BALANCES ON VARIOUS TAX ACCOUNTS. –**TAX COLLECTOR.**
- *R 045-14** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID MARSHALL, CTC AS THE OFFICIAL TAX SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 54:5-11. –**TAX COLLECTOR.**
- *R 046-14** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF OVERPAID TAXES TOTALING **\$177,683.13** ON ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN (117) PROPERTIES AS PER THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A. –**TAX COLLECTOR.**
- *R 047-14** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENTS ON TWO (2) TAX ACCOUNTS DUE TO STATE TAX APPEALS TOTALING **\$7,150.32** IN TAX REDUCTIONS AS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE B. –**TAX COLLECTOR.**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY

NONE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

NONE.

12. NEW ITEM(S):

NONE.

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, GENERAL PROVISION, SECTION 1:1-15, AUTHORIZING CHARGES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS AND FEES AND FOR OTHER SERVICES OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY PLAINFIELD, NJ 1971.

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 = 16

TOTAL ORDINANCES = 1

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE AN AGENDA FIXING SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2014 AT 325 WATCHUNG AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, NJ, AT THE MUNICIPAL COURT/COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT 7:30 P.M.