

PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014



Plainfield City Council

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

ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
950 PARK AVENUE**

WELCOME!

WELCOME TO THE 2014 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.

**MAYOR
HONORABLE ADRIAN O. MAPP**

MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**HONORABLE TRACEY BROWN
COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE**

**HONORABLE VERA GREAVES
COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS**

**HONORABLE WILLIAM REID
COUNCILMAN, FIRST WARD**

**HONORABLE BRIDGET RIVERS
COUNCILWOMAN, FOURTH WARD**

**HONORABLE GLORIA TAYLOR
COUNCILWOMAN, THIRD WARD**

**HONORABLE CORY STORCH
COUNCILMAN, SECOND WARD**

**HONORABLE REBECCA WILLIAMS
COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS**

**HONORABLE ABUBAKAR JALLOH, R.M.C.
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

1. OATH OF OFFICE:

FOUR YEAR TERM:

**HONORABLE ADRIAN O. MAPP
MAYOR**

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY:

***HONORABLE CARL MARSHALL
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE***

FOUR YEAR TERM:

**HONORABLE BRIDGET RIVERS
COUNCILWOMAN FOURTH WARD**

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY:

***HONORABLE GERALD B. GREEN
ASSEMBLYMAN 22ND DISTRICT &
UNION COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN***

**APPOINTED TILL NEXT
GENERAL ELECTION TO FILL THIRD
WARD VACANCY:**

**HONORABLE GLORIA TAYLOR
COUNCILWOMAN, THIRD WARD**

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY:

***HONORABLE JOAN ROBINSON GROSS
PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE***

NOTE: A SEGMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS, WHICH APPEAR ON THIS AGENDA PRIOR TO CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON ANY ITEM THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL.

**2. CALL TO ORDER OF MEETING:
ROLL CALL**

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

PLAINFIELD P.B.A. LOCAL # 19 HONOR GUARD

4. INVOCATION:

REV. GARY KIRKWOOD

5. ELECTION OF 2014 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

6. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT:

7. STATEMENT ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

8. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

**9. MAYOR'S MESSAGE - HONORABLE ADRIAN O. MAPP, MAYOR
2014 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS.**

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- ❖ CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 1, 2014 FROM THE HONORABLE MAYOR ADRIAN O. MAPP NOTIFYING THE CITY CLERK OF THE ACTING APPOINTMENTS OF RICK SMILEY AS ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CARL RILEY AS ACTING POLICE DIRECTOR.

11. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- ❖ CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION FROM THE HONORABLE JUNE S. FISCHER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS AND ATTESTED BY THE HONORABLE JOANNE RAJOPPI, COUNTY CLERK PRESENTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL 2013 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES WITHIN THE PLAINFIELD JURISDICTION.
- ❖ CONSUL GENERAL OF BARBADOS, HONORABLE LENOX PRICE, BRINGS GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BARBADOS.

12. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

NONE REPORTED.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS APPEARING UNDER NEW BUSINESS ENTITLED: RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

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 ONLY UPON A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT.**

NEW BUSINESS

15. CONSENT AGENDA:

- * ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH AN (*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OF A ROUTINE AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL NATURE NOT REQUIRING FURTHER DISCUSSION 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 GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE 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 001-14 THROUGH R 013-14 AND R 027-14

16. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS: RESOLUTIONS:

LEGISLATIVE BODY

- *R 001-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2014 – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 002-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (CHAPTER 231 LAWS OF 1975) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 003-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* DESIGNATING THE “**COURIER-NEWS**” AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 231, 1975. - **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 004-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* DESIGNATING THE “**STAR LEDGER**” AS THE SECOND NEWSPAPER TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 231, 1975. - **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 005-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR USE OF CONSENT AGENDA – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 006-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES DURING *PUBLIC COMMENTS* AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 007-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* SETTING GUIDELINES FOR THE *TIMELY CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS* MATTERS AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 008-14** *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 2014 – **CITY CLERK.**

- *R 009-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S USE OF AN UNMARKED CITY-OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 010-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY'S USE OF AN UNMARKED CITY-OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 011-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE POLICE DIRECTOR'S USE OF AN UNMARKED CITY-OWNED VEHICLE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 012-14** *COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION* APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR USE BY THE FIRE CHIEF OF AN IDENTIFIED OR MARKED CITY-OWNED VEHICLE FOR CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 – **CITY CLERK.**
- *R 013-14** *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 2014 – **CITY CLERK.**

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- R 014-14**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **RICK SMILEY AS CITY ADMINISTRATOR** FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. –**MAYOR.**
- R 015-14**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **RON WEST AS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES** FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD –**MAYOR.**
- R 016-14**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF **ERIC JACKSON AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT** FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. –**MAYOR.**
- R 017-14**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF **DAVID L. MINCHELLO AS CORPORATION COUNSEL** FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. –**MAYOR.**
- R 018-14**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF **ABUBAKAR JALLOH AS CITY CLERK** FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. –**MAYOR.**
- R 019-14**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF **DIANE SHERRY AS TREASURER** FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. –**MAYOR.**
- R 020-14**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **CARL L. MARSHALL, ESQ. AS AN ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014. –**MAYOR.**
- R 021-14**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **PATRICIA WESTON RIVERA, ESQ., AS AN ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 –**MAYOR.**

CORPORATION COUNSEL

R 022-14
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF VERNITA E. SIAS-HILL, ESQ. AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-YEAR EFFECTIVE 01/01/2014 TO 12/31/2014.

R 023-14
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 01/01/2014 TO 12/31/2014.

R 024-14
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SUZETTE CAVADAS, ESQ., AS A MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-YEAR EFFECTIVE 01/01/2014 TO 12/31/2014.

R 025-14
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 01/01/2014 TO 12/31/2014.

R 026-14
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 01/01/2014 TO 12/31/2014.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

***R 027-13**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN O. DABNEY AS FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE NEW JERSEY SELF INSURANCE JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND TO A TERM OF OFFICE ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014. – PERSONNEL.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY

NONE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

NONE.

15. NEW ITEM(S):

R 028-14
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **SIDDEEQ EL-AMIN AS DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY** FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.

R 029-14
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **CARL N. RILEY AS POLICE DIRECTOR** FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.

R 030-14
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **CARLOS SANCHEZ AS DEPUTY CITY ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.

R 031-14
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 01/01/2014 TO 12/31/2014.

16. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

NONE SUBMITTED.

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

18. ADJOURNMENT:

THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL

*Adrian O. Mapp
Mayor*

*RICK SMILEY
Acting City Administrator*

*David L. Minchello, Esq.
Corporation Counsel*

The City Council welcomes your attendance and citizen participation at this meeting. In fairness to others, we respectfully ask your observance of the following:

- 1. Please state your name and home address for the record.*
- 2. Groups or organizations wishing to make a presentation are asked to designate one spokesperson in the interest of time and to avoid repetition.*
- 3. When more than one citizen is heard on any matter, please avoid repetition in your comments. Careful attention to the previous speaker's remarks will be helpful in this regard.*
- 4. Your City Council carefully considers all the facts before a decision is made. Brief statements, therefore, are most helpful in reaching a decision based on sound judgment.*



CITY OF PLAINFIELD VISION STATEMENT

*A vibrant, affordable, and diverse city of opportunity
in which all citizens enjoy their neighborhoods, feel safe, and know they will be heard.*