

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 12 September 2016.

Every attempt has been made to make these as comprehensive and conclusive as possible. However, as it is a draft document, it is not to be construed as a formal depiction of the official conduct of business and is subject to revision up to and following the Governing Body's actual approval of same. If changes are necessary, revised minutes will be posted to the website.

MINUTES of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **September 12, 2016** at 7:35 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Everett Merrill
Keiona R. Miller
Frank Righetti
Wendy Schaefer
Douglas M. Singleterry
Frank "Skip" Stabile (absent - excused)
Lawrence La Ronde, Council President (absent - excused)

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
David E. Hollod, Business Administrator
Steve Siegler, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

The Council Vice President read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This is an Agenda Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, scheduled by resolution of the Council adopted on December 14, 2015. Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.* by transmitting said notice to the *Courier News*, *The Star-Ledger*, *The Alternative Press* and *WKMB* Radio on December 15, 2015, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 17, 2015 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

Mayor Giordano administered the following Oath of Office:

Probationary Firefighter/EMT Michael Ceccato

Chief William Eaton then offered the evening's awards presentation, detailing the incidents that had led to the commendatory actions of the evening's award recipients.

SERVICE COMMENDATION AWARDS

Captain Bernard Pongratz
 Firefighter Jeffrey Holtz – ret.
 Firefighter Allen Michael Smith
 EMT Robyn Barb
 EMT Brian Pauli

Captain Robert Beattie
 Firefighter Shane Bell
 Firefighter Chad Makowski
 EMT Susan Connolly
 EMT Rebecca Burke

Council Vice President Singleterry offered his congratulations to all receiving their Service Commendation Awards and called for a 5-minute recess at 7:43 p.m.

The Council Vice President reconvened the meeting promptly at 7:47 p.m. with all five council members marked present at Roll Call still in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Person-to-Person/Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1814-33-004-003** – D.M.S. Mr. Phoenix explained that this resolution authorizes a person-to-person transfer of the plenary retail consumption license from 164 Somerset Street, L.L.C. to Toson Food & Beverages North Plainfield LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company d/b/a Arooga's Grille House and Sports Bar. The purchaser has applied to have the license transferred to it as a "pocket" license, he concluded.
2. **Award of Bid for Somerset/Pearl Street Parking Lot Project** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the award of the bid for construction of the Somerset and Pearl Street Parking Lot projects to Your Way Construction, Inc.
3. **Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Keane Construction, LLC for Renovations to the Upstairs Conference Room and Hallway** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod advised that this resolution authorizes the award of the bid for rehabilitation of the upstairs conference room and hallway to Keane Construction, LLC.
4. **Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Somerset County for the FY 2016-2017 Municipal Alliance Grant** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes an agreement with Somerset County for \$15,459.02 to the Borough of North Plainfield for municipal alliance activities in the prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse.
5. **Ordinance Reconfiguring Loading Zone on Harmony Street** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this ordinance amends the limits within the zone and preserves parking spaces.

6. **Ordinance Modifying Fire Prevention Fees** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod advised that these ordinances allow for an update of the fees within the Fire Department.

7. **Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Barnickel Engineering Corp. for Study of HVAC System at Borough Hall** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes Barnickel Engineering Corp. to provide certain professional engineering services associated with the Study and Report of existing HVAC systems within the firefighters’ living and sleeping quarters.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Reporting on the recent Board of Education meeting, Mr. Merrill noted that it included discussion of a joint meeting with the Borough Council.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Righetti and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President