

**MINUTES** of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **November 27, 2023** at 7:37 p.m. at North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

**PRESENT:**

Council Members: Aimee Corzo, Council Vice President  
Suzette Given  
Steven McIntyre  
Everett Merrill  
Keiona R. Miller (7:40 p.m.)  
Wendy Schaefer  
Frank “Skip” Stabile, Council President

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor  
David E. Hollod, Business Administrator  
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney  
Michele Irby-Garry, CMR, Acting Borough Clerk

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This meeting is being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by transmitting notice to the official newspapers of the Borough, The Courier News, WKMB Radio, WJLP-TV, the Alternative Press and also to the Star Ledger on December 12, 2022 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and the Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Flag Salute was led by Ms. Given followed by a moment of silence for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. Council President Stabile took a moment to offer his condolences to the friends and family of Bill Crosby who had recently passed away.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Daniel Battista, 34 Regent Street, North Plainfield, shared his displeasure with the lack of uniformity in the hometown hero banners on Somerset Street. Calling attention to the numerous street lamps out along Somerset Street, the speaker urged for resolution. Acknowledging his concerns, Mr. Hollod noted that PSE&G had been slow in their response to replace them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of Change Order/Final Payment/Project Closeout of Rockview Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project for Vortex Services, LLC – D.E.H.** Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution approves final payment to Vortex Services, LLC in the amount of \$12,454.75 and closes out the contract and the release of retainage for the Rockview Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

2. **New Year's Eve Hours for Establishments which serve Alcohol** – F.S.S. Council President Stabile explained that Mr. Penaloza requested permission to sell alcoholic beverages until 5:00 a.m. on New Year's Day. No council members favored this proposal.

3. **Snow Removal Policy & Incentives** – S. M. Mr. McIntyre shared his concerns with those residents and businesses that do not remove snow from their sidewalks after a storm. Referencing the existing ordinance, the councilman favored a review with consideration of more severe penalties for violators. Joining in, Mr. George advised of programs in which volunteers shovel sidewalks for those residents that are unable to do so themselves. It was agreed to further research the matter.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS:**

Ms. Given announced the upcoming craft show to be held at the North Plainfield High School on December 2 at 11:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Corzo, seconded by Ms. Miller and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President