

MINUTES of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **April 22, 2024** at 7:38 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
Wendy Schaefer
Frank “Skip” Stabile, Council President

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor
David Hollod, Borough Administrator
Patrick DeBlasio, Chief Financial Officer
Kitty Intravartolo, Treasurer
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Michele Irby-Garry, 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, the Alternative Press and also to the Star Ledger on December 11, 2023 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 Council President Stabile.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Robertson, 676 Denninger Road, North Plainfield, thanked the Borough for welcoming the North Plainfield Middle School Student Council members into the council chambers to learn the local government process.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Library Vestibule Repairs** – L.L. Mr. Hollod briefly detailed the CTS Architects proposal for the repairs to the library vestibule. Unfortunately, the parapet was not built to specs which lead to water infiltration over the years. A full reconstruction of the vestibule area would now be required. Mayor La Ronde added that structural damage from the earthquake was discovered which may require more extensive repair work. Council President Stabile requested the addition of an elevator as well as automatic push door openers.

2. **Discussion of the Master Plan (Planner will be present)** – L.L. Paul Grygiel of Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, Leheny & Hughes, LLC was present to answer questions. Mr. Grygiel explained that the Master Plan addresses what the community would look like going forward and provides a road map of how to get there. As per State law, the Planning Board prepares and adopts the Master Plan, while the governing body holds the power to implement the recommendations. Indicating that the Master Plan is largely outdated at this point, Mr. Hollod spoke in favor of an update. Mr. Grygiel reminded that COAH obligations would need to be implemented separately. Ms. Corzo noted that a rewrite of the Master Plan would necessitate more consistent Planning Board meetings, specifically for public input. Mr. Grygiel suggested a sub-committee to study the Master Plan over the next year or two.


OLD BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Acting Borough Clerk



Council President