

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **April 22, 2024** at 8:36 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 Council President noted that an Executive Session would be held at the close of regular business of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

The Council President called for a roll call on the Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting minutes of April 8, 2024:

Aye: Corzo, McIntyre, Merrill, Miller, Schaefer, Stabile
Abstain: Given

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-06 CALENDAR YEAR 2024 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

The Acting Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on roll call carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Given presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 24-06 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on roll call carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntyre presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, that the approved 2024 Municipal Budget of the Borough of North Plainfield be read by its title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the determination of the Council that a complete copy of the approved budget, as aforesaid, has been made available for public inspection at the North Plainfield Memorial Library and the Somerset County Library at least one week prior to today's date, and that a copy of said budget has been made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during this public hearing.

Seconded by Mr. Merrill and on roll call carried unanimously.

HEARING:

MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD,
COUNTY OF SOMERSET, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. McIntyre and on roll call carried unanimously.

Ms. Miller presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-03 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council Members of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

\$24,247,812.25 (Twenty-Four Million, Two Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Twelve Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents) Item Two below for municipal purposes, I so move.

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre and on roll call carried unanimously.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-07 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE I OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE CODE”, MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 2-6, ENTITLED “DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION,” AND MORE PARTICULARLY § 2-6.5, ENTITLED “ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE,”

The Acting Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Given and on roll call carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Corzo presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-04 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 24-07 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Mr. Merrill and on roll call carried unanimously.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-08 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 7A OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC SCHEDULES”, MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 7A-2, ENTITLED “SCHEDULE II, NO PARKING.”

The Acting Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on roll call carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:

Mr. Merrill presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-05 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 24-08 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on roll call carried unanimously.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-09 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 7 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY § 7-3, ENTITLED “PROHIBITED PARKING”, AND MORE PARTICULARLY § 7-3.8, ENTITLED “PARKING OF VEHICLES ON FRONT YARDS”.

The Acting Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Schaefer, seconded by Ms. Given and on roll call carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Given presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-06 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 24-09 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Corzo and on roll call carried unanimously.

Ms. Miller presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-07 BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 24-10 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing May 6, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, as the time and the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey or Zoom as the place for hearing and final adoption.

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on roll call carried unanimously.

The Acting Clerk read the ordinance by its title:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-10 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE I OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD BE AMENDED, REVISED AND SUPPLEMENTED AS

TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," MORE SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE III ENTITLED "DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES," AND MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 2-29, ENTITLED "SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE."

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council President stated that all matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Mr. George requested that item "i" be amended to read ten years, not six years.

Ms. Schaefer presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-08 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

04-22-24-08 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i

having been placed on the Consent Agenda and there having been no objection thereto, the same are hereby approved.

Seconded by Ms. Miller and on roll call carried unanimously.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-08a BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., it does hereby authorize the issuance of license for the owner/operation of a limousine to the following for one year in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Jackson Luna
66 Meadowbrook Road
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-08b BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., it does hereby authorize the issuance of license for the owner/operation of a limousine to the following for one year in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Muhammad Chaudhry
1100 Route 22
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-08c WHEREAS, the following applicant has filed application for an Renewal of Outdoor Sidewalk Café license for the period ending December 31, 2024:

El Rincon Latino Restaurant
109 Somerset Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

WHEREAS, review of the application and investigations of the site by appropriate Borough Officials discloses that the granting of said application would be in order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an Outdoor Sidewalk Café license be issued to the applicant in accordance with the filed application, subject to all requirements set forth in N.P.R.G.O. 14-10 and the following conditions:

1. Restaurant management shall keep the outdoor dining area clear of litter, food scraps and soiled dishes and utensils at all times.
2. Trash receptacles shall be provided in outdoor dining areas used for consuming take-out items unless public trash receptacles are located nearby.
3. At the end of each business day, the establishment is to clean and sweep the entire sidewalk in and around the outdoor dining area.
4. No debris shall be swept, washed, or blown into the sidewalk, gutter or street.
5. Trash receptacles shall be emptied daily.
6. If awnings or umbrellas are used, they shall be washed whenever they become dirty.
7. Applicant must not block adjacent doorway with any tables, chairs or planters, and must maintain six (6) feet of clear space between tables/planters and curb and/or structures to ensure A.D.A. compliance.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-08d WHEREAS, the following applicant has filed application for a Renewal Outdoor Sidewalk Café license for the period ending December 31, 2024:

La Fonda De La Tia Rosa Restaurant
115 Somerset Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

WHEREAS, review of the application and investigations of the site by appropriate Borough Officials discloses that the granting of said application would be in order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an Outdoor Sidewalk Café license be issued to the applicant in accordance with the filed application, subject to all requirements set forth in N.P.R.G.O. 14-10 and the following conditions:

1. Restaurant management shall keep the outdoor dining area clear of litter, food scraps and soiled dishes and utensils at all times.
2. Trash receptacles shall be provided in outdoor dining areas used for consuming

- take-out items unless public trash receptacles are located nearby.
3. At the end of each business day, the establishment is to clean and sweep the entire sidewalk in and around the outdoor dining area.
 4. No debris shall be swept, washed, or blown into the sidewalk, gutter or street.
 5. Trash receptacles shall be emptied daily.
 6. If awnings or umbrellas are used, they shall be washed whenever they become dirty.
 7. Applicant must not block adjacent doorway with any tables, chairs or planters, and must maintain six (6) feet of clear space between tables/planters and curb and/or structures to ensure A.D.A. compliance.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-08e RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET FOR A CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL TO SIGN ANNUAL RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has duly enacted a recycling plan for all recyclable materials as designated by the Somerset County Solid Waste Management Plan and amendments thereto codified in the Borough Code under section 14-7, "Recycling Program" and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Recycling Enhancement Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-96.2 et seq., the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of a Certified Recycling Professional to approve and sign a mandatory Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset, a body politic having its offices located at 20 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), has a Certified Recycling Professional on staff; and,

WHEREAS, while it is understood that the responsibility for the accuracy of all tonnage and materials reported lies with the Borough of North Plainfield, the Borough is desirous of retaining the services of the County's Certified Recycling Professional for the signing of said Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at a rate of Forty Five Dollars and Twenty-seven Cents (\$45.27) per hour as needed, not to exceed an annual amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into said contract with the County of Somerset, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, for the services of the County's Certified Recycling Professional to sign the Borough's Annual Recycling Tonnage Reports at a rate of Forty Five Dollars and Twenty-seven Cents (\$45.27) per hour as needed, not to exceed an annual amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents on behalf of the Borough to effectuate this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the execution of this Contract shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this contract to Somerset County, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.14, is an exception to the bidding requirements as set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2).

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-08f RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ACTING BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CTS GROUP ARCHITECTURE/PLANNING, PA FOR ENTRANCE VESTIBULE REDESIGN FOR THE NORTH PLAINFIELD MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of certain renovations and improvements to the entrance vestibule for the North Plainfield Memorial Public Library (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, CTS Group Architecture/Planning PA, whose principal place of business is located at 17 Commerce Street, Chatham, New Jersey 07928, is in the business of providing architectural and interior design services and previously submitted a proposal for the Project to the Borough of North Plainfield, dated April 11, 2024, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Acting Borough Clerk and made a part hereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Proposal") for concept design services including:

1. Meeting with officials of the Borough and the North Plainfield Memorial Public Library to discuss design objectives for the new vestibule;
2. Preparing up to two (2) concept design approaches;
3. Providing one (1) digital 3D rendering based on recommended concept design drawing; and,

WHEREAS, CTS Group Architecture/Planning, PA proposed to perform all of the work for the Project for a total amount not to exceed Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$6,200.00); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the services of CTS Group Architecture/Planning, PA to perform all of those services contemplated in the afore-referenced Proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and the Acting Municipal Clerk to sign and/or execute a

Professional Services Agreement with CTS Group Architecture/Planning, PA, 17 Commerce Street, Chatham, New Jersey 07928, under the terms of the Proposal for the above services and for a lump sum not to exceed Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$6,200.00) without the need for any further action of the Borough Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this Contract shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-08g A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL AND REFUND TAXES

WHEREAS, the owner of 180 Ridge Avenue, also known as Block 114 Lot 8 was deemed a 100% Disabled Veteran effective June 16, 2022 and is now exempt from property taxes per the Assessor and;

WHEREAS, the property taxes were billed and paid on the aforementioned parcel for 2022 3rd & 4th quarters as well as 2023 1st and 2nd.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield of Somerset County, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes and refund overpayments on this parcel:

Refund Overpayments to:

Venancio S. Duque	\$10,599.27
180 Ridge Avenue	
North Plainfield, NJ 07060	

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-08h BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the attached bills of the accounts named and for the amounts stated, having been duly audited and found to be correct as of this 22nd day of April 2024 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-08i RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PHILLIPS, PREISS, GRYGIEL, LEHENY & HUGHES, L.L.C., FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 2024 MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION.

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield (the "Borough") is required, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28 and Borough Code § 22-35 to provide for a general re-examination of the Master Plan and the Borough Code regarding development by the North Plainfield Planning Board (the "Planning Board"); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board is required to prepare a report on the findings of the re-examination for the Borough Council (“Council”); and,

WHEREAS, the statutory ten (10) year period for the preparation of a re-examination of such plan and development regulations is approaching; and,

WHEREAS, the preparation of a Master Plan Re-Examination Report requires the examination and assessment of technical planning and zoning aspects in and about the Borough, including, but not limited to, major problems and objectives relating to land development in the Borough, if any; the extent to which such problems and objectives have been reduced or have increased subsequent to such date; the extent to which there have been significant changes in the assumptions, policies and/or objectives forming the basis for such plan or regulations as last revised, with particular regard to the density and distribution of population and land uses, housing conditions, circulation, conservation of natural resources and changes in State, County and Borough policies and objectives; the specific changes recommended for such plan or regulations, if any, including underlying objectives, policies and standards or whether a new plan or regulations should be prepared, all of which require the services of professionals to assist the Borough and the Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Real Estate Consulting Firm of Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, Leheny & Hughes, L.L.C., has submitted a proposal for all professional services for the preparation and presentation of the Borough’s Master Plan Re-Evaluation, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28 and Borough Code § 22-35, a copy of said proposal being maintained in the office of the Acting Municipal Clerk and the contents of which are incorporated herein, with a scope of work to include:

1. Reviewing the current Master Plan documents and existing Zoning Ordinance regulations;
2. Meeting with municipal representatives to discuss issues and areas of concern related to planning, zoning and development;
3. Attending one (1) Planning Board meeting to discuss planning, zoning and development issues and opportunities to be considered in the Reexamination;
4. Preparing a Reexamination of the Master Plan for submission to the Planning Board;
5. Attending one (1) Planning Board meeting to present the reexamination to the Board and public;
6. Working with the Planning Board to determine changes recommended for the Master Plan and development regulations, as well as any other relevant recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated budget for the scope of work to be performed for the Master Plan Re-Evaluation is estimated not to exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$12,000.00), and the following hourly rates in accordance with the hourly rates of the Consultant as set forth in its March 12, 2024 proposal, which is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, Director of Law/Borough Attorney Eric M. Bernstein, Esquire and the offices of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C., as well as David Hollod, the Borough Administrator, have reviewed the proposal and recommend the award of a contract for the Master Plan Re-Evaluation and related professional services to Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, Leheny & Hughes, L.L.C., whose main offices are located at 70 Hudson Street, Suite 5B, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council hereby awards a contract for the preparation of the Borough Master Plan Re-Evaluation and report to Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, Leheny & Hughes, L.L.C., according to the scope of work set forth in the March 12, 2024 proposal, and in an amount Not to Exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$12,000.00); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Acting Municipal Clerk to sign and/or execute a contract and all other necessary documents to engage the services of Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, Leheny & Hughes, L.L.C., whose main offices are located at 70 Hudson Street, Suite 5B, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this contract shall be subject to the certification of the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award and the contract and its performance shall be consistent with all applicable laws, including but not limited to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28 and Borough Code § 22-35.

Mr. George announced that the executive session would commence after the public comment.

Ms. Given presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-09 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that prior to the adjournment of this meeting it shall convene in executive session from which the public will be excluded for the purpose of discussion on:

Attorney/Client Privilege – PBA MOA & Contractual Agreement – Parking Enforcement

Exclusion of the public for this purpose is specifically permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. The contents of this discussion will not be disclosed until such time as the disclosure of same will not adversely affect the public interest and upon resolution of the Council. Formal action may be taken following end of executive session.

Seconded by Ms. Miller and on roll call carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJDEP Office of Local Government Service Assistance	Weekly Newsletter
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REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor La Ronde recognized Earth Day. Commenting on the success of the Motor Vehicle Commission trailers at Vermeule, he reported that both dates were successfully booked. Clean Community Day will be held Saturday, May 4, he concluded.

Mr. Hollod thanked the council for their support of the Budget.

Ms. Miller announced that in recognition of Arbor Day, the Somerset County Park Commission would host two Native-Tree Giveaway events on Friday, April 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Environmental Education Center (EEC), and on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Colonial Park Arboretum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Council President Stabile reconvened the meeting at 10:25 p.m. with all seven council members present.

Mr. George indicated that all seven council members were present as well as the Mayor, Administrator, Acting Borough Clerk, and Assistant Borough Attorney. Discussion was held relative to negotiations between the Borough and PBA as well as discussion of parking enforcement.

Ms. Corzo presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-24-10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ACTING BOROUGH CLERK OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH, A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH BOTH PBA LOCAL 85 AND PBASO LOCAL 85

WHEREAS, the Borough and the PBA Local 85, as well as the Borough and PBASO Local 85, have been engaged in negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement with each, since both agreements expired on December 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, both unions have reached tentative agreements with the Borough for new collective bargaining agreements, through the creation of Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs), which have been executed by both unions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Acting Borough Clerk to execute both MOAs (one with PBA Local 85 and one with PBASO Local 85) on behalf of the Borough (copies of each are attached to this Resolution); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Acting Borough Clerk are further authorized to execute, on the Borough's behalf, collective bargaining agreements with PBA Local 85 and PBASO Local 85 without further Council action so long as the collective bargaining agreements have been approved by the Borough's Director of Law and executed by PBA Local 85 and PBASO Local 85 prior to Borough execution.

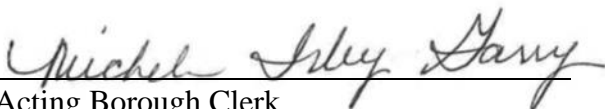
Seconded by Ms. Miller and on roll call carried unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Council President



Acting Borough Clerk