

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 11 December 2017.

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, **December 11, 2017** 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
Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

Also Present: David E. Hollod, Business Administrator
John Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk
Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Righetti.

Council President La Ronde requested a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

The Council 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 November 28, 2016. 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 November 29, 2016, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* on December 1, 2016 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nicholas Martinez, 2 Carol Court, Lincoln Park, New Jersey, introduced himself as a partner in CarTopia, LLC, and explained that their motor vehicle sales license would be considered that evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **State Contract Vendors** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that the Borough may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any state contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury.
2. **Closeout – Vermeule Generator** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod advised that this resolution approves the final payment and change order to Innovative Electrical Contracting for the Community Center Generator Improvements project.
3. **Closeout – Dahlia Terrace Sewer** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the final payment and change order to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. for the Dahlia Terrace Sanitary Sewer Improvements project.
4. **Extended New Year’s Opening Hours** – L.L.R. The Council President advised that this resolution authorizes The Bridge and International Club and Sports Bar to sell alcoholic beverages until last call at 2:00 a.m. with non-alcoholic sales permitted until 3:00 a.m.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Merrill reported on the recent Board of Education meeting which included a 5-0-1 vote for non-renewal of Dr. McLaughlin’s contract. The Superintendent of Schools was placed on paid leave of absence until his contract expires in June 2018. A group of parents plans to file ethics violations against the Board. He further noted that the Board had been fined \$35,000.00 for a civil rights violation of a paraprofessional out on medical leave after surgery.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President