

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: MUNICIPAL COURT-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
325 WATCHUNG AVENUE**

AT THE REGULAR MEETING, A SEGMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING, WHICH APPEARS ON THIS EVENING'S AGENDA PRIOR TO CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON ANY ITEM THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT
AND
COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE
*Honorable Annie C. McWilliams***

**CHAIR, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AND
COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD
*Honorable Adrian O. Mapp***

**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS
*Honorable Vera Greaves***

**COUNCILMAN FIRST WARD
*Honorable William Reid***

**COUNCILWOMAN FOURTH WARD
*Honorable Bridget Rivers***

**COUNCILMAN SECOND WARD
*Honorable Cory Storch***

**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS
*Honorable Rebecca Williams***

**MUNICIPAL CLERK
*Honorable Abubakar Jalloh, RMC
Clerk of the Council***

**MAYOR
*Honorable Sharon M. Robinson-Briggs***

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR
*VACANT***



**CORPORATION COUNSEL
*Daniel A. Williamson, Esq.***

FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL (908) 753-3223.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL
THE HONORABLE ANNIE C. MCWILLIAMS, PRESIDING

1. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESIDENT TO ANNOUNCE:

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT PROVIDED FOR THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW" HAS BEEN SATISFIED. NOTICE WAS PROPERLY GIVEN, SAID NOTICE HAVING BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE COURIER-NEWS AND THE STAR-LEDGER ON *FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011* AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

3. **INVOCATION:**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

AGENDA FIXING SESSION, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

4A. CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

*CHAIRMAN ADRIAN O MAPP WILL PRESENT SENATORIAL CITATIONS ON BEHALF OF
NEW JERSEY STATE SENATOR, NICHOLAS SCUTARI, OF THE 22ND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
ISSUED TO
DR. INEZ DURHAM AND JOYLETTE MILLS-RANSOME*

5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

❖ FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEMORIALIZATION, HER HONOR, THE MAYOR, SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS HAS SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATIONS:

- IN CELEBRATION OF YOUTH ART MONTH 2011
- IN CELEBRATION OF THE MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD
- IN CELEBRATION OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
- IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
- IN CELEBRATION OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP 80877

❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR,** CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 30, 2011 ADDRESSED TO CITY CLERK, ABUBAKAR JALLOH, APPOINTING HER HONOR, SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS, AS ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

❖ **FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR,** CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 29, 2011 ADDRESSED TO THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES TO SERVE AS CONSTABLES: **SHELDON GREEN, 1033 GRANT AVENUE; FRANK ROKINS, 852 ADAMS CIRCLE; TOMMIE INGRAM, 628 EAST 7TH STREET.** SAID TERMS ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF OATH OF OFFICE.

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6. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- ❖ LETTER OF CONDOLENCE ON BEHALF OF CHAIRMAN ADRIAN O. MAPP AND THE ENTIRE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL EXPRESSING SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF D'RAVIOUS DAWKINS.

7. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

NONE RECEIVED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE.

9. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING:

MC 2011 - 02 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION: ARTICLE 7, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY: SECTION 19, ADOPTION OF FIRE PREVENTION CODE; AND TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND TO DESIGNATE THE PLAINFIELD FIRE DIVISION AS THE LOCAL ENFORCING AGENCY. – **POLICE DIRECTOR**

MC 2011 - 03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE 1, LICENSING AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 5, FEES, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, 1971.(**LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT FEE INCREASE**) –**CITY CLERK**

MC 2011 - 04 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, LICENSES, PERMITS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES, ARTICLE 17, SCHEDULE OF LICENSES AND PERMIT FEES OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, 1971 (**TAXI OWNER/DRIVER FEE INCREASE**) – **CITY CLERK**

9(A). PUBLIC COMMENTS, LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS, AND ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING:

NEW BUSINESS

10. CONSENT AGENDA:

- * ALL MATTERS LISTED WITH AN (*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILMEMBER OR CITIZEN SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY UNDER NEW BUSINESS IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE LATER ON THE AGENDA.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NUMBERS **R 110-11 THRU R 116 -11; R 130-11 AND R 131-11** ARE LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA SEGMENT WITH AN ASTERISK* TO BE APPROVED AND THAT EACH SPECIFIC ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS INDICATED.

11. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:
NEW BUSINESS:

LEGISLATIVE BODY

- *R 110-11** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CARDINALS BASKETBALL TEAM. **(INTRODUCED BY THE UNANIMOUS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL) – CITY CLERK.**
- *R 111-11** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF STEFANIE MINATEE. **(INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNIE C. MCWILLIAMS AND THE UNANIMOUS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.) –CITY CLERK.**
- *R 112-11** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT RONALD LATTIMORE **(INTRODUCED BY THE UNANIMOUS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.) –CITY CLERK.**
- *R 113-11** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION HONOURING IMAM ABDUL-WALI MUHAMMAD FOR HIS THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF PLAINFIELD AND HIS MUSLIM COMMUNITY **(INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN BRIDGET RIVERS AND THE UNANIMOUS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL). –CITY CLERK.**
- *R 114-11** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENTS TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR AT LIBRARY PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011 (RAIN DATE – SEPTEMBER 17, 2011). **–CITY CLERK.**
- *R 115-11** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE PLAINFIELD SID MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENTS TO CONDUCT ITS THIRD ANNUAL DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2011 FROM 11:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. **–CITY CLERK.**

- *R 116-11** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENTS TO GENESIS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH TO HOLD A PROCESSION IN COMMEMORATION OF "COMMUNITY GUEST DAY". -CITY CLERK.
- R 117-11** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION APPOINTING NOMINEES TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE FY 2012 CITIZENS' BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE. -CITY CLERK.
NON-CONSENT

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- R 118-11** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES TO SERVE AS CONSTABLES FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD; **SHELDON GREEN, 1033 GRANT AVENUE; FRANK ROKINS, 852 ADAMS CIRCLE; TOMMIE INGRAM, 628 EAST 7TH STREET.** SAID TERMS ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF OATH OF OFFICE. -MAYOR.
NON-CONSENT
- R 119-11** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE PLAINFIELD CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION: **ALBERT D. PITTIUS; TERESA CHOATE; WILLIAM TERRY; MICHAEL DAVID GARY; LAUREN LAWSON; LOUISE COLODNE; FRANCISCO ORTIZ; NANCY PIWOWAR.** SAID TERMS ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF OATH OF OFFICE. -MAYOR.
NON-CONSENT

CORPORATION COUNSEL

- R 120-11** RESOLUTION APPOINTING RAMON E. RIVERA, ESQ. AS INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL INQUIRY ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL IN REGARDS TO THE INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN AFFAIRS OF THE CITY REGARDING PAYMENTS MADE IN JULY, 2010, TO WBL5, AN FM RADIO STATION, AND AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
NON-CONSENT
- R 121-11** RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE APPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE R. DRAKEFORD, ESQ. AS INDEPENDENT COUNSEL PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION R 401-10 APPROVED NOVEMBER 22, 2010. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
NON-CONSENT
- R 122-11** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES TO ISSUE A CHECK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,156.00 IN SATISFACTION OF THE COURT APPROVED SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF RODERIC CARSON V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD, WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM PETITION NO. 2009-11570 INSERVCO CLAIM NO. 1940002062. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
NON-CONSENT
- R 123-11** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES TO ISSUE A CHECK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,800.00 IN SATISFACTION OF THE COURT APPROVED SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF DAVID THOMAS V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD, WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM PETITION NO. 2007-18092. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
NON-CONSENT
- R 124-11** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES TO ISSUE A CHECK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,914.75 IN SATISFACTION OF THE COURT APPROVED SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF DAVID THOMAS V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD, WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM PETITION NO. 2009-8556 INSERVCO CLAIM NO. 194000226. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
NON-CONSENT

**R 125-11
NON-CONSENT**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES TO ISSUE A CHECK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,748.00 IN SATISFACTION OF THE COURT APPROVED SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF **DAVID THOMAS V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD**, WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM PETITION NO. 2007-8716 INSERVCO CLAIM NO. 1940001544. - **CORPORATION COUNSEL.**

**R 126-11
NON-CONSENT**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES TO ISSUE A CHECK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,557.95 IN SATISFACTION OF THE COURT APPROVED SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF **SHAWN FALLIGAN V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD**, WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM PETITION NO. 2009-15468 INSERVCO CLAIM NO. 1940002199. - **CORPORATION COUNSEL.**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

**R 127-11
NON-CONSENT**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION DIVISION OF AGING DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SAFE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,666.00. -**DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**

**R 128-11
NON-CONSENT**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED FULL FUNDING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM. -**DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**

**R 129-11
NON-CONSENT**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD AND THE COUNTY OF UNION TO ALLOW THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE UNION COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM. -**PURCHASING. (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY

***R 130-11**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY AND THE DIRECTOR OF INSPECTIONS TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR CERTAIN CITY OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES. -**DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**

***R 131-11**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR ABANDONED OR UNCLAIMED VEHICLES. -**DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**R 132-11
NON-CONSENT**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 441-10 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE UEZA FOR PROJECT FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,043.00 FOR CONTINUED SERVICES OF FOUR SEASONED POLICE OFFICERS DEPLOYABLE TO THE URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE. -**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**

R 133-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT FINANCING FOR A PHASE FOUR UEZ POLICE PROGRAM TO EMPLOY FOUR SEASONED POLICE OFFICERS DEPLOYABLE TO THE URBAN ENTERPRISE AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,043.00. -ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).

R 134-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR A CHANGE ORDER AND INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH ELEMENT ARCHITECTURAL GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00. -ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).

R 135-11
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE MILLING AND SURFACING OF THE JEFFERSON AVENUE ROADWAY BETWEEN THE MUNICIPAL LINE AT THE GREEN BROOK AND WEST SEVENTH STREET. -ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).

R 136-11
NON-CONSENT

AUTHORIZE APPROVAL ADVISING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD'S REQUEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR TRANSIT VILLAGE DESIGNATION. -PLANNING DIVISION (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).

12. NEW ITEM(S):

NONE.

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

NONE.

14. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ANY RESIDENT OR TAXPAYER OF PLAINFIELD IS WELCOME TO COMMENT ON ANY GOVERNMENTAL ITEM OF CONCERN TO THEM DURING THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS SEGMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S MEETING. CITIZENS MUST CLEARLY STATE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS TO THE CLERK ONCE THE SPEAKER IS RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER TO SPEAK. A TOTAL OF SIXTY (60) MINUTES HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BE PRESENTED. LARGE GROUPS ARE URGED TO SELECT A SPOKESPERSON TO REPRESENT THEM. EACH PERSON IS ALLOCATED FIVE (5) MINUTES TO SPEAK. THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR A MAJORITY ON THE COUNCIL MAY EXTEND THE LENGTH OF TIME ALLOCATED CUMULATIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY.

NO SPEAKER SHALL ENGAGE IN ANY PERSONALLY OFFENSIVE, DEROGATORY OR ABUSIVE REMARKS. THE PRESIDENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY CALL TO ORDER ANY SPEAKER WHO VIOLATES THIS PROVISION. AN OFFICER FROM THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DIVISION MAY REMOVE ANY DISRUPTIVE PERSON AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER. PUBLIC COMMENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS – BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE.

IT IS NOT A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. NEITHER THE PRESIDING OFFICER NOR COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ENGAGE IN A BACK AND FORTH EXCHANGE SO SPEAKERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRESENT ALL THEIR VIEWS. THE PRESIDING OFFICER AS WELL AS ANY COUNCIL MEMBER MAY RESPOND TO ANY COMMENT AFTER SUCH SPEAKER IS FINISHED. THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY REFER THE SPEAKER TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR AN APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND ANY COUNCIL MEMBER MAY CHOOSE TO RESPOND IN WRITING TO INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

TOTAL RESOLUTIONS = 26

TOTAL ORDINANCES = 3