

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

**DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013
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 FOURTH WARD
*Honorable Bridget Rivers***

**CHAIR, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AND
COUNCILMAN FIRST WARD
*Honorable William Reid***

**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE
*Honorable Tracey Brown***

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

**COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD
*Honorable Adrian O. Mapp***

**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
*Eric Berry***

**CORPORATION COUNSEL
*David L. Minchello, Esq.***



FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL (908) 753-3222.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL
THE HONORABLE BRIDGET RIVERS, 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 **MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013** AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

3. **INVOCATION:**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 11, 2013

4A. CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

NONE.

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 THE LIFE OF MRS. PRISCILLA SCOTT.
- IN TRIBUTE OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOREES AT THE PLAINFIELD NAACP'S 13TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION.
- IN APPRECIATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AFRICAN AMERICAN SPECIAL EMPHASIS PROGRAM.
- IN CELEBRATION OF YOUTH ART MONTH 2013.



CORRESPONDENCE DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2013 FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR, SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS REQUESTING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOAN ROBINSON GROSS, ESQ. AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING MARCH 2, 2016.

6. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

NONE.

7. **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

NONE SUBMITTED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ❖ COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRIDGET RIVERS HAS ALLOCATED TIME FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE AGENDA FIXING SESSION OF MARCH 4, 2013.

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

NONE.

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

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 061-13; R 062-13 AND R 075-13 THRU R 082-13 AND R 084-13; R 085-13 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 061-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION FOR A STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENTS TO ST. MARY'S R.C. CHURCH TO HOLD PROCESSIONS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2013 FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 6:45 P.M. AND ON FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2013 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. -CITY CLERK.
- *R 062-13** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH (INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRIDGET RIVERS) -CITY CLERK.

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- R 063-13** RESOLUTION GRANTING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF
NON-CONSENT **JOAN ROBINSON GROSS ESQ.**, AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. -MAYOR.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

R 064-13
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT PURSUANT TO PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2:10-18 TO **KOLOGI SIMITZ** AS LITIGATION DEFENSE COUNSEL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$5,000.00**. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 065-13
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT PURSUANT TO PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2:10-18 TO **PALUMBO AND RENAUD** AS LITIGATION DEFENSE COUNSEL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$5,000.00**. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 066-13
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT PURSUANT TO PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2:10-18 TO **JAMES JUDE PLAIA, ESQ.**, AS WORKER'S COMPENSATION COUNSEL AS ADMINISTERED AND COMPENSATED THROUGH THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 067-13
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT PURSUANT TO PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2:10-18 TO **SHABAZZ & ASSOCIATES** AS WORKER'S COMPENSATION COUNSEL AS ADMINISTERED AND COMPENSATED THROUGH THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 068-13
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT PURSUANT TO PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2:10-18 TO **BIANCAMANO & DISTEFANO, P.C.** AS WORKER'S COMPENSATION COUNSEL AS ADMINISTERED AND COMPENSATED THROUGH THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 069-13
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT PURSUANT TO PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2:10-18 TO **ERIC M. BERNSTEIN, LLC.** AS WORKER'S COMPENSATION COUNSEL AS ADMINISTERED AND COMPENSATED THROUGH THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 070-13
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT PURSUANT TO PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2:10-18 TO **CALCAGNO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.** AS WORKER'S COMPENSATION COUNSEL AS ADMINISTERED AND COMPENSATED THROUGH THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 071-13
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2:10-18 TO **ANTONELLI MINCHELLO P.C.** IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$35,000.00**. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 072-13
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$35,000.00** PURSUANT TO PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2:10-18 FOR **WISNIEWSKI AND ASSOCIATES, LLC.** FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX APPEALS, IN REM, IN PERSONAM TAX FORECLOSURES, PROPERTY ABANDONMENT ACTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

R 073-13
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF CURRENT FUND TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2013 PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE CY 2013 BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19.1. -DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE.

- R 074-13** RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY, CPA AS A QUALIFIED VENDOR AND SERVICE PROVIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2:10-8 OF THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL AUDITOR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$131,900.00. -DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE.
- *R 075-13** RESOLUTION REJECTING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CUSHING ROAD RETENTION BASIN AND ROBINSON PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. -PURCHASING AGENT.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY

- *R 076-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO APPLY AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GRANT FUNDS FOR GENERAL EDUCATION/AWARENESS - SMOKE ALARM CAMPAIGN AND FIRE/ARSON INVESTIGATION PROJECT. -DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY.
- *R 077-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF SURPLUS CITY OWNED PROPERTY. -DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY.
- *R 078-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED OR UNCLAIMED MOTOR VEHICLES. -DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY.
- *R 079-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION TO PROVIDE NIGHT WATCH SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE UNION COUNTY NIGHT WATCH PROGRAM. -DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY.
- *R 080-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEM FROM THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR. -DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- *R 081-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AND ACCEPT A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2013 YOUTH CORPS URBAN GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. -DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
- *R 082-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND AND RELEASE OF THE RETAINAGE FROM P&A CONSTRUCTION, P.O. BOX 28, COLONIA, NJ FOR THE FY 2011 AND FY 2012 NJDOT RESURFACING OF WATCHUNG AVE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,419.28. -DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
- R 083-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A FIFTEEN PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR THE DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION FROM FLEMINGTON CHEVY BUICK GMC CADILLAC, LLC., 211 ROUTES 202 & 31 SOUTH, FLEMINGTON, NJ 08822 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,058.00. -DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

- *R 084-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO ISSUE TWO (2) ESCROW PAYMENTS AS PER THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE "A" IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000.00. – INSPECTIONS DIVISION.
- *R 085-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO ISSUE AN ESCROW PAYMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 19 LOT 11 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00. –INSPECTIONS DIVISION.

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 THIRTY (30) 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 = 25

TOTAL ORDINANCES = 0

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE AN AGENDA FIXING SESSION HELD ON APRIL 1, 2013 AT 325 WATCHUNG AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, NJ, AT THE MUNICIPAL COURT/COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT 7:30 P.M.