

PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015



Plainfield City Council

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF UNION**

ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT-COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 325 WATCHUNG AVENUE**

WELCOME!

WELCOME TO THE 2015 RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HOPE YOU FIND THE MEETINGS INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE. WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ATTEND. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS AND ALL MEETINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ARE OPEN TO THE MEDIA AND PUBLIC, CONSISTENT WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (CH. 231 LAWS OF 1975), AND THAT THE ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED THEREIN HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

**MAYOR
HONORABLE ADRIAN O. MAPP**

MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**HONORABLE TRACEY BROWN
COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE**

**HONORABLE VERA GREAVES
COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS**

**HONORABLE BRIDGET RIVERS
COUNCILWOMAN, FOURTH WARD**

**HONORABLE DIANE TOLIVER
COUNCILWOMAN, FIRST WARD**

**HONORABLE GLORIA TAYLOR
COUNCILWOMAN, THIRD WARD**

**HONORABLE CORY STORCH
COUNCILMAN, SECOND WARD**

**HONORABLE REBECCA WILLIAMS
COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS**

**HONORABLE ABUBAKAR JALLOH, R.M.C.
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

1. OATH OF OFFICE:

COUNCILWOMAN, FIRST WARD:

**HONORABLE DIANE TOLIVER
4 YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/2018**

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY:

***HONORABLE GERALD B. GREEN
ASSEMBLYMAN 22ND DISTRICT &
UNION COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN***

**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND
AND THIRD WARDS:**

**HONORABLE REBECCA L. WILLIAMS
4 YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/2018**

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY:

***HONORABLE ADRIAN O. MAPP
MAYOR, CITY OF PLAINFIELD***

COUNCILWOMAN, THIRD WARD:

**HONORABLE GLORIA TAYLOR
UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING 12/31/2016**

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY:

***HONORABLE JOAN ROBINSON GROSS
PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE***

NOTE: A SEGMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS WHICH APPEAR ON THIS AGENDA PRIOR TO CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON ANY ITEM THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL.

**2. CALL TO ORDER OF MEETING:
ROLL CALL**

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

PLAINFIELD P.B.A. LOCAL # 19 HONOR GUARD

4. INVOCATION:

REV. JAMES M. ROBINSON JR., COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

5. ELECTION OF 2015 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

6. REMARKS BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

7. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

**8. MAYOR'S MESSAGE - HONORABLE ADRIAN O. MAPP, MAYOR
2015 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS.**

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

❖ THE HONORABLE ADRIAN O. MAPP HAS SUBMITTED CORRESPONDENCE UNDER DATE OF DECEMBER 10, 2014 ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REQUESTING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CARL L. MARSHALL, ESQ., TO SERVE AS TEMPORARY/ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.

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10. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

❖ CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION FROM THE HONORABLE JUNE S. FISCHER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS AND ATTESTED BY THE HONORABLE JOANNE RAJOPPI, COUNTY CLERK PRESENTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL 2014 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES WITHIN THE PLAINFIELD JURISDICTION.

❖ CORRESPONDENCE DATED DECEMBER 10, 2014 FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL VERNITA E. SIAS-HILL ADDRESSED TO THE HONORABLE ADRIAN O. MAPP, MAYOR REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DWAYNE D. WARREN, ESQ., AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.

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11. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

NONE.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS APPEARING UNDER NEW BUSINESS ENTITLED: RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SPEAK ONCE, DURING THIS SEGMENT OF THE MEETING ON ANY ITEMS APPEARING UNDER RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS. THE TIME ALLOTMENT ON EACH ITEM IS NON-CUMULATIVE. EXTENSION OF **THE THREE MINUTES TIME LIMIT WILL BE GRANTED ONLY** UPON A **MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT.**

NEW BUSINESS

14. CONSENT AGENDA:

- * ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH AN (*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OF A ROUTINE AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL NATURE NOT REQUIRING FURTHER DISCUSSION 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 REQUEST, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

EACH SPECIFIC ACTION APPEARING ON THIS EVENING'S CONSENT AGENDA SEGMENT LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL AS FOLLOWS: RESOLUTION NUMBERS; **R 001-15 THROUGH R 008-15.**

15. **RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:**
RESOLUTIONS:

LEGISLATIVE BODY

- *R 001-15** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION SALUTING **WILLIAM REID** IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND HIS CAREER AS A PUBLIC SERVANT. (INTRODUCED BY THE UNANIMOUS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL) –**CITY CLERK.**
- *R 002-15** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2015 –**CITY CLERK.**
- *R 003-15** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (CHAPTER 231 LAWS OF 1975) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 –**CITY CLERK.**
- *R 004-15** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE “COURIER-NEWS” AS THE CITY’S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 231, 1975. –**CITY CLERK.**
- *R 005-15** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE “STAR LEDGER” AS THE SECOND NEWSPAPER TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 231, 1975. –**CITY CLERK.**
- *R 006-15** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR USE OF CONSENT AGENDA. –**CITY CLERK.**
- *R 007-15** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. –**CITY CLERK.**
- *R 008-15** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION SETTING GUIDELINES FOR THE TIMELY CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS MATTERS AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY. –**CITY CLERK.**

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- R 009-15**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION GRANTING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **CARL L. MARSHALL, ESQ.** TO SERVE AS TEMPORARY/ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. –**MAYOR.**
- R 010-15**
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION GRANTING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **PATRICIA WESTON RIVERA, ESQ.** TO SERVE AS TEMPORARY/ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. –**MAYOR.**

CORPORATION COUNSEL

R 011-15
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF **DWAYNE D. WARREN, ESQ., AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR** TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 012-15
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF **SUZETTE CAVADAS, ESQ., AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR** TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 013-15
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF **ROBERT G. WILSON, ESQ., AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR** TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 014-15
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF **JOY R. SPRIGGS, ESQ., AS CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER** TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 015-15
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF **STEVEN BRISTER, ESQ., AS PUBLIC DEFENDER** TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

R 016-15
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF **CLARENCE W. BAUKNIGHT, ESQ., AS PUBLIC DEFENDER** TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

NONE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY

NONE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

NONE.

15. NEW ITEM(S):

R 017-15
NON-CONSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF CURRENT FUND TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY – MARCH 2015 PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF CY2015 BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19.1

16. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

NONE.

17. GENEREAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

18. ADJOURNMENT:

THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL

*Adrian O. Mapp
Mayor*

*RICK SMILEY
City Administrator*

*Vernita E. Sias-Hillo, Esq.
Corporation Counsel*



The City Council welcomes your attendance and citizen participation at this meeting. In fairness to others, we respectfully ask your observance of the following:

- 1. Please state your name and home address for the record.*
- 2. Groups or organizations wishing to make a presentation are asked to designate one spokesperson in the interest of time and to avoid repetition.*
- 3. When more than one citizen is heard on any matter, please avoid repetition in your comments. Careful attention to the previous speaker's remarks will be helpful in this regard.*
- 4. Your City Council carefully considers all the facts before a decision is made. Brief statements, therefore, are most helpful in reaching a decision based on sound judgment.*

CITY OF PLAINFIELD VISION STATEMENT

*A vibrant, affordable, and diverse city of opportunity
in which all citizens enjoy their neighborhoods, feel safe, and know they will be heard.*