

# ***DRAFT MINUTES***

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Tuesday, 14 February 2017.*

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**MINUTES** of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Tuesday, **February 14, 2017** at 7:34 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

## **PRESENT:**

Council Members: Everett Merrill (absent – excused)  
Keiona R. Miller  
Frank Righetti (absent – excused)  
Wendy Schaefer (absent – excused)  
Douglas M. Singleterry  
Frank “Skip” Stabile  
Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor  
Dominic DiYanni, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney  
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President La Ronde.

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:**

Michael Weber, representing the International Club and Sports Bar, 403 Somerset Street, commented on the allegations made by Henry Long, the owner of Somerset Square, against the International Club and Sports Bar. Mr. Weber specifically addressed Mr. Long's claim that the Somerset Square parking lot carjacking and shooting which occurred in June of 2016 was "probably something to do with the International Club and Sports Bar." Explaining that the carjacking and attempted murder in question occurred at 3:14 a.m. on a Friday, the speaker noted that the bar had already been closed for approximately two hours. Mr. Weber then denied Mr. Long's claim that drug dealing and prostitution occur during peak hours of business, noting that no arrests had ever been made on their property for either offense.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Canvassing Ordinance** – M.G. Mayor Giordano explained the need to adjust the canvassing times according to New Jersey case law. Council President La Ronde requested the fee schedule be set by resolution, Mr. Stabile agreed. Mayor Giordano called for a re-write of the ordinance with introduction at the March 13 meeting.
2. **Do Not Knock Ordinance** – M.G. Mayor Giordano advised that this ordinance would afford residents the opportunity to add their addresses to a no soliciting list. Upon doing so, they would receive a placard for their door indicating same.
3. **Leash Law for Cats** – F.S.S. Mr. Stabile commented that he had spoken with the Plainfield Area Humane Society and the Health Officer regarding a possible leash law for outdoor cats. Advising that cats don't lend themselves to leashing, the Councilman noted there are more efficient ways of dealing with cat colonies. He offered to research it further and continue the discussion at a later date.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Master Plan Ordinances** – D.M.S. Mr. Singleterry advised that the ordinance is ready for introduction. Council President La Ronde reminded that the ordinance would need to go before the Planning Board prior to the certified mailing.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:** None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President