

**MINUTES** of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **December 11, 2023** at 7:39 p.m. at North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

**PRESENT:**

Council Members: Aimee Corzo, Council Vice President  
Suzette Given  
Steven McIntyre  
Everett Merrill  
Keiona R. Miller  
Wendy Schaefer  
Frank “Skip” Stabile, Council President

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor  
David E. Hollod, Business Administrator  
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney  
Michele Irby-Garry, CMR, Acting Borough Clerk

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This meeting is being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by transmitting notice to the official newspapers of the Borough, The Courier News, WKMB Radio, WJLP-TV, the Alternative Press and also to the Star Ledger on December 12, 2022 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and the Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Flag Salute was led by Mayor La Ronde followed by a moment of silence for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kim Haspel, 2357 Audubon Avenue, South Plainfield, spoke about the ongoing nursing strike. Voicing her support of NJ Bills A4536 and S304, she explained this legislation would cap the number of patients assigned to each nurse dependent upon the needs of those patients. Mr. Merrill detailed his experience at Robert Wood Johnson, offering his sincere appreciation to the nursing staff.

Anna Boado, 530 West Broad Street, Westfield, voiced her support of the legislation and requested the governing body pass a resolution in support of same.

Juey-Hwa Hsu, 219 West Shirley Avenue, Edison, also spoke in favor of the legislation and urged for support from the North Plainfield Borough Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Agreement with Bound Brook Borough to Borrow/Lend Ambulances** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod stated that this resolution would authorize an agreement with the Borough of Bound Brook for the use of a New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Licensed Ambulance.
2. **Agreement with Somerset County to Provide Transportation Services** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution would authorize an agreement with the Somerset County Division of Transportation to provide ambulatory and accessible transportation services to our residents for the purpose of grocery shopping, chore services and recreation.
3. **Dupont Street Parking** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this parking ordinance would prohibit parking on the north side of Dupont Street on Mondays between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. and on the south side of Dupont Street on Fridays between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
4. **Green Acres Grants for Inclusive Playgrounds** – K.M. Councilwoman Miller announced that Green Acres funds available under the Jake’s Law Pilot would afford us the opportunity to build an inclusive playground. Mayor La Ronde confirmed they would research the program further.
5. **2024 Meeting Calendar for the Governing Body** – F.S.S. Council President Stabile explained that this resolution sets the Borough Council meeting schedule for the upcoming year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **New Year’s Hours for Establishments which serve Alcohol** – F.S.S. The Council President announced that this resolution would authorize the extension of the hours of operation at The Bridge, The Paradise Club and Mi Mundo Latino on Monday, January 1, 2024 until 3:00 a.m. Herb’s Liquors and Clinton Liquors would be allowed to remain open until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 24, 2023 and Sunday, December 31, 2023.

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

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Given and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President