

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD  
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY  
COMBINED AGENDA SESSION**

**DATE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: VIDEO CONFERENCE:**  
<https://zoom.us/j/99101955881>

**PRIOR TO OFFICIAL ACTION A SEGMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING.**

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT  
AND  
COUNCILMAN FOURTH WARD**  
*Honorable Steve Hockaday, Esq.*

**VICE PRESIDENT  
AND  
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**  
*Honorable Elton Armady*

**COUNCILWOMAN FIRST WARD**  
*Honorable Ashley Davis*

**COUNCILMAN SECOND WARD**  
*Honorable Sean McKenna*

**COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD**  
*Honorable Charles McRae*

**COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS**  
*Honorable Barry Goode*

**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS**  
*Honorable Joylette Mills-Ransome*

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**MAYOR**

*Honorable Adrian O. Mapp*

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**  
*Abby Levenson*



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

**MUNICIPAL CLERK**  
*Abubakar T. Jalloh, RMC/CMR*  
*Clerk of the Council*

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
THE HONORABLE STEVE HOCKADAY, ESQ., 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 ON **FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020** AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**



CORRESPONDENCE DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, ADRIAN O. MAPP ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY, REQUESTING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ABBY LEVENSON TO SERVE AS THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD.

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- ☒ VIRTUAL PROJECT OVERVIEW/PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PLAN, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT OF SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT FIVE PLAINFIELD INTERSECTIONS.

**CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE:**

**MC 2020-18**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH 803 SOUTH URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, AND GRANTING A TAX EXEMPTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE CITY'S TAX MAP AS BLOCK 645, LOT 12 AND IDENTIFIED IN THE CITY TAX RECORDS AS 757-819 SOUTH AVENUE.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS, LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS, AND  
ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING:**

3. **RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:**  
**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LEGISLATIVE BODY**

- R 249-20** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 "9-11" (INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEVE HOCKADAY). -CITY CLERK.
- R 250-20** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH (INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ASHLEY DAVIS). -CITY CLERK.
- R 251-20** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ASHLEY DAVIS). -CITY CLERK.
- R 252-20** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION CONVEYING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF PATRICIA BROOKS. (INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ASHLEY DAVIS). -CITY CLERK.
- R 253-20** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION CERTIFYING REVIEW OF THE CY 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT COUPLED WITH THE REQUIRED GROUP AFFIDAVIT. -CITY CLERK

**MAYOR/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

- R 254-20** RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF **ABBY LEVENSON** AS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. -MAYOR.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

- R 255-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAIMS RESOLUTION CORPORATION, INC. TO ISSUE A CHECK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$119,897.00, INCLUSIVE OF FEES AND EXPENSES IN THE SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE MATTER OF **MICHAEL BULLOCK V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD**, WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM PETITION NO. 2015-3297, CRC CLAIM NO. CRC00308-0005809. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.
- R 256-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE MATTER OF **MILAN & MITEN, INC. AND DAVID ANTHONY ORENTA V. CITY OF PLAINFIELD**, DOCKET NO. UNN-L-4462-19, CRC CLAIM NO. CRC 00308-0006783. -CORPORATION COUNSEL.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

- R 257-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO AMEND CY 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY INSERTING SEVEN (7) ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 TOTALING **\$635,498.65. –CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.**
- R 258-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE IN TITLE, TEXT, OR AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,374.44. **–CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.**
- R 259-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND DUE TO A STATE TAX APPEAL TOTALING **\$19,927.49. –TAX COLLECTOR.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- R 260-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH AXON INTERNATIONAL INC., FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$505,730.00. –POLICE DIRECTOR.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- R 261-20** RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEMA TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND TO PROVIDE RESCUE TRAINING IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$415,847.82. –FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

- R 262-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. **–DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- R 263-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL, REDUCING THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY **\$136,492.26**, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE THE TWO YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND, AND RELEASE OF THE RETAINAGE AND FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,045.31 FOR THE WOODLAND AVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., 22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876. **–ENGINEERING.**
- R 264-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTING **\$100,000.00**, ACCEPT THE GRANT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECT, AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE 2020 KIDS RECREATION TRUST FUND GRANT. **–ENGINEERING.**
- R 265-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, LINCOLN BUILDING, SUITE 600, 101 ROUTE 130, CINNAMINSON, NJ 08077 FOR THE RUSHMORE PLAYGROUND BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$22,475.00. –ENGINEERING.**

- R 266-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO INTEGRITY ROOFING, INC., 1385 WHITHERSPOON STREET, RAHWAY, NJ 07065 FOR THE CITY HALL CUPOLA AND ROOF REPAIRS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$188,548.00. –ENGINEERING.**
- R 267-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPT THE GRANT AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNION COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PLANNING, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2020 PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMS IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$10,610.00. –RECREATION.**
- R 268-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW 2020 ALTEC LS87 TELESCOPIC AERIAL BUCKET TRUCK THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL CO-OP, CONTRACT #012418-ALT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$248,614.00. –SIGNAL DIVISION.**
- R 269-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIEN PLACEMENT PROPERTY CLEAN UP- FOR FIVE (5) PROPERTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$4,282.58. –INSPECTIONS.**
- R 270-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH UNION COUNTY DIVISION ON AGING AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICE CENTER FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 FOR THE INITIAL AMOUNT OF **\$14,562.00. –SENIOR SERVICES.**

## **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- R 271-20** RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO REPLENISH EXISTING UEZ SIGN & FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM ACCOUNT FOR PLAINFIELD'S UEZ BUSINESS TO ASSIST IN THE BEAUTIFICATION AND GROWTH OF LOCAL BUSINESSES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$200,000.00. –DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**
- R 272-20** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) PROGRAM DISASTER RESILIENCE RESEARCH GRANT (DRRG) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (NJIT). **–DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**
- R 273-20** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING 187-191 NORTH AVENUE URBAN RENEWAL LLC AS REDEVELOPER FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 313, LOT 11 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE CITY AND IDENTIFIED IN THE CITY TAX RECORDS AS 187-191 NORTH AVENUE, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AND LAND DISPOSITION AGREEMENT AND THE TRANSFER OF 187-191 NORTH AVENUE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. **–DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

## **4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

NONE.



**5. 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.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**TOTAL RESOLUTIONS = 25  
TOTAL ORDINANCES = 1**

# *THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL*

## *DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS*

*Ron West  
Director of Finance*

*Oren K. Dabney, Sr.  
Director of Public Works*

*Lisa Burgess  
Police Director*

*Kenneth Childress  
Fire Director*

*Valerie Jackson  
Director of Economic Development*

*Jazz Clayton-Hunt  
Director of Communications & Technology*

*Shep Brown  
Director of Health & Social Service*

*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.*

