

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

DATE: MARCH 9, 2026
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: 325 WATCHUNG AVENUE
MUNICIPAL COURT – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**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
COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS**

Honorable Julianne Cherry

**VICE PRESIDENT
AND
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Honorable Steve Hockaday, Esq.

COUNCILMAN FIRST WARD

Honorable Robert Graham

COUNCILWOMAN SECOND WARD

Honorable Darcella Sessomes

COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD

Honorable Charles McRae

COUNCILWOMAN FOURTH WARD

Honorable Terri Briggs-Jones

COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS

Honorable Richard Wyatt

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 JULIENNE CHERRY, 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 *THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026* AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

LED BY: *RAYNA WYATT*

3. **INVOCATION:**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2026

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **MOMENT OF SILENCE – *CONNOR OLDFIELD***
- **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ESSAY - *TAYLOR LEVERETT***

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE:

MC 2026 -03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AN AMENDED HOMEOWNERSHIP SMALL LOTS REDEVELOPMENT PLAN DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2026.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE BODY

- R 125-26** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION CONVEYING HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONNOR OLDFIELD (INTRODUCED BY THE UNANIMOUS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL) -CITY CLERK.
- R 126-26** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROSETTA NORWOOD LATTIMORE (INTRODUCED BY THE UNANIMOUS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL) -CITY CLERK.
- R 127-26** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILLIAM NELSON JR., "BILLY BASS," ESTEEMED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT-FUNKADELIC, FOR HIS MUSICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND LASTING IMPACT ON THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD AND BEYOND (INTRODUCED BY THE UNANIMOUS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL) -CITY CLERK.
- R 128-26** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH (INTRODUCED BY THE UNANIMOUS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL) -CITY CLERK.
- R 129-26** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARILYN DENISE BARLOW (INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHERRY) -CITY CLERK.
- R 130-26** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ANNA SUTTON (INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN RICHARD WYATT) -CITY CLERK.
- R 131-26** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES TO NEW JERSEY INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA. -CITY CLERK.

MAYOR/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

- R 132-26** RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK 2026. -**MAYOR.**
- R 133-26** RECOGNIZING MARCH AS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S AWARENESS MONTH 2026. -**MAYOR.**
- R 134-26** RECOGNIZING AUTISM ACCEPTANCE AND AWARENESS MONTH AND A FLAG RAISING CEREMONY. -**MAYOR.**

CORPORATION COUNSEL

- R 135-26** AMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING QUALIFIED VENDORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE HIGHLIGHTED VENDORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ. (LEGAL SERVICES) FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026. -**CORPORATION COUNSEL.**
- R 136-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT TO WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, PA, AS BOND COUNSEL. -**CORPORATION COUNSEL.**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

- R 137-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF CURRENT FUND TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$64,381,654.72, PARKING UTILITY TOTALING \$638,089.00, SOLID WASTE UTILITY TOTALING \$8,129,738.00 AND SEWER UTILITY TOTALING \$4,852,849.00 FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY – JUNE 2026 PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE CY 2026 BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20. -**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.**
- R 138-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MERCURY PUBLIC AFFAIRS, LLC AND THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00. -**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.**
- R 139-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO CANCEL TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,114.00 DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTIONS. -**TAX COLLECTOR.**
- R 140-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS ON PROPERTIES PER THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A TOTALING \$32,119.79. -**TAX COLLECTOR.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- R 141-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO APPLY AND ACCEPT THE NJ DIVISION OF HIGHWAY AND SAFETY (DHTS) DISTRACTED DRIVING STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN GRANT FY 2026. -**POLICE DIRECTOR.**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- R 142-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARDED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY(NJEDA) FOR HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SITE REMEDIATION FUND (HDSRF) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$560,106.68 TO BE UTILIZED FOR MADISON AVENUE SKATE PARK OUTDOOR FITNESS AREAS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, AT 301-23 WEST 2ND STREET, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060. **-DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- R 143-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 (FINAL), INCREASING THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$26,907.18, ACCEPTING THE TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND, RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND, RETAINAGE OF \$8,218.89, AND FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,126.07 FOR THE 2025 SPEED HUMPS INSTALLATION PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO FISCHER CONTRACTING, INC., 10 SHORT HILLS LANE, SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ 07076. **-DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- R 144-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PORTOFINO BUILDERS, 69 IRWIN STREET, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081, FOR THE THIRD PLACE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$248,932.85. -DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- R 145-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE PROPERTY AT 768-900 NORTH AVENUE BLOCK 344 LOT 3 AND BLOCK 341 LOT 2 (APP # 2022-06). **-DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**
- R 146-26** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO CONDUCT AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT INVESTIGATION OF BLOCK 642, LOT 5 (930 PUTNAM AVENUE) TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPERTY SATISFIES THE REDEVELOPMENT LAW CRITERIA TO BE DECLARED IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, AND IF SO, COMMENCE WITH PREPARATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN. **-DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**
- R 147-26** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD TO REVIEW THE PLAINFIELD AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL AS TO REDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVISIONS. **-DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**
- R 148-26** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD DESIGNATING BH 611 WEST FRONT-URBAN RENEWAL LLC AS REDEVELOPER FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 233, LOTS 2 (611-19 W FRONT ST), 3 (605-609 W FRONT ST), 7 (118-20 PLAINFIELD AVE) AND 12 (115-33 WAYNEWOOD PARK) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. **-DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

R 149-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION ACT, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ. FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD TO PROVIDE THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON WITH THE SERVICES OF A HEALTH OFFICER FROM MARCH 10, 2026 TO MARCH 10, 2027. -**DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES.**

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

MC 2026 -04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY GRANTING A TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA BOND FINANCING LAW WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE CITY'S TAX MAP AS BLOCK 233, LOTS 2 (611-19 W FRONT ST), 3 (605-609 W FRONT ST), 7 (118-20 PLAINFIELD AVE) AND 12 (115-33 WAYNEWOOD PARK), PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH BH 611 WEST FRONT-URBAN RENEWAL LLC AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

MC 2026 -05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE 14TH AMENDMENT TO THE 197 SCATTERED SITES REDEVELOPMENT PLAN DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2026.

8. 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 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 THREE (3) 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 = 3

THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

Shep Brown
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Director of Economic Development

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Director of Communications & Technology

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.*

