



CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COMBINED MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2023, 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council President Cox called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and INVOCATION

Council President Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Brown offered an Invocation.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

Notice of this meeting has been sent to the official newspapers and adequate and electronic notice has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act as required by law.

MINUTES

December 6, 2022 Pre-Meeting Conference

December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Gibilisco and seconded by Councilmember Brooks to accept and approve the above listed minutes.

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Parker, Parson, Cox

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Newbury

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS: MAYOR, REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND BILL PAYMENT

The Mayor delivered his report.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No reports from council committees were offered.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: ITEMS ON AGENDA Except ordinances on Second Reading (five minutes per speaker)

Council President Cox opened the floor for hearing of citizens and with no one appearing, Council President Cox closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

O-1-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAND USE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 421 (ZONING) TO MODIFY REGULATIONS FOR CLASS 5 CANNABIS LICENSED RETAIL BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF RAHWAY

Motion to introduce the above titled Ordinance was made by Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Gibilisco and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

O-2-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401-51 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING)

Motion to introduce the above titled Ordinance was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Brown and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

O-3-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401-75 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC – TIME LIMIT PARKING)

Motion to introduce the above titled Ordinance was made by Councilmember Mojica, seconded by Parker and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

Council President Cox: these Ordinances are declared adopted on first reading and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said notice of its introduction and passage according to law. These Ordinances will come up for Public Hearing and further action at a Council Meeting on February 13 at 7 p.m. or at any time and place to which the meeting for the further consideration of the ordinances shall be adjourned.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items marked with an asterisk (*) are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council Member or citizen requests. Any item not included on the Consent Agenda will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Motion made by Council President Cox and seconded by Councilmember Parson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was adopted by the following vote.

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Department of Public Safety

***AR-16-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAWSOFT CAD/RMS UPGRADES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Newbury, seconded by Councilmember Parson and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

Department of Health

***AR-18-23** A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING HEALTH AWARENESS RECOGNITIONS FOR 2023

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Miles and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

Department of Revenue & Finance

***AR-19-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CY 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Council President Cox and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-20-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONEY DUE TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR A 2021 TAX LIEN**

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Newbury, seconded by Councilmember Mojica and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-21-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONEY DUE TO REDEMPTIONS AFTER THE TAX LIEN SALE**

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Parson and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-22-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENTS OF TAXES FOR THE CY 2022**

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Gibilisco, seconded by Council President Parker and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

Department of Engineering & Land Use

***AR-23-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION AND CONSULTING SERVICES PROVIDER**

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council President Cox, seconded by Councilmember Brooks and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-24-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY**

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Parson, seconded by Councilmember Mojica and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-25-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO T&M ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY**

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Newbury and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-26-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEMS ENGINEER SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY**

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Mojica, seconded by Councilmember Parker and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-27-23** RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Parson and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-28-23** RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO H2M FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council President Cox, seconded by Councilmember Mojica and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-29-23** RESOLUTION APPOINTING CARLOS E. JIMINEZ, ESQ., NORMA M. MURGADO, ESQ. AND ROBERT J. CARROLL, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Brooks and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-30-23** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICES FOR EMPLOYEE DRUG TESTING SERVICES

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Mojica, seconded by Councilmember Newbury and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-31-23** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BUSINESS & GOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE AGENCY FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISOR/ BROKER SERVICES

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council President Cox, seconded by Councilmember Brown and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-32-23** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BUSINESS & GOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE AGENCY FOR RAHWAY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND RISK MANAGER SERVICES

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Miles, seconded by Councilmember Brooks and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-33-23** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO NW CAPITAL MARKETS INC. FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Gibilisco, seconded by Councilmember Mojica and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-34-23** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THA CONSULTING FOR PROFESSIONAL PARKING CONSULTANT SERVICES

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Newbury, seconded by Councilmember Brown and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-35-23** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MCNERNEY & ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL SERVICES

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Gibilisco and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-36-23** RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO JAMES P. NOLAN & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO TAX AND OTHER MATTERS FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Gibilisco and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-37-23** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ROGUT MCCARTHY, LLC TO PROVIDE BOND COUNSEL SERVICES

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Parson and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-38-23** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND PLANNING BOARD

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council President Cox, seconded by the Entire Council and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-39-23** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council President Cox, seconded by the Entire Council and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

***AR-40-23** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEES FOR THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Newbury, seconded by Councilmember Gibilisco and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCES – FINAL ADOPTION / SECOND READING

None.

MISCELLANEOUS (Unfinished Business)

No items were offered.

COMMUNICATIONS: HEARING OF CITIZENS ON ANY ITEM (Five minutes per speaker)

Council President Cox opened the floor for hearing of citizens

With no one appearing, Council President Cox closed the public hearing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS (Three minutes per member)

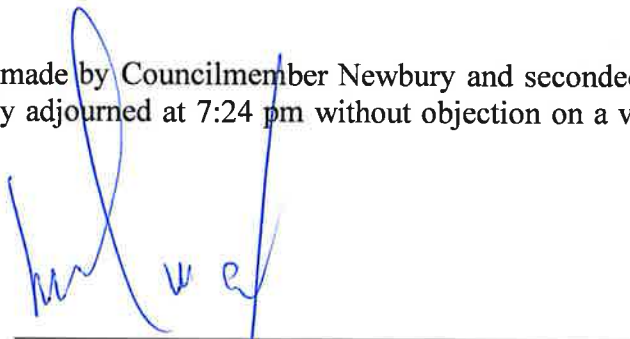
The Councilmembers offered their comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm was made by Councilmember Newbury and seconded by Councilmember Parson. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:24 pm without objection on a voice vote.

Approved:


Jeffrey J. Jotz, City Clerk


Michael Cox, Council President