

CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE MINUTES
February 7, 2023, 7 p.m.

*"Each person addressing the Council shall first give their name and address to the Clerk.
All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof and, shall not exceed five (5) minutes in duration."
(Chapter 5-63 (C) Rules of Order No. 3)*

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 and Council Vice President Brown offered an Invocation.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

City Clerk Jeffrey J. Jotz announced the meeting had been advertised and posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

This meeting of February 7, 2023 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to the *Star-Ledger*, *Home News Tribune* and the *Union County Local Source*, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were scheduled.

COMMUNICATIONS: MAYOR, REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND BILL PAYMENT

Council accepted the bill payment list.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No reports from council committees were offered.

The members of Council discussed the following items to be placed on the Agenda and Consent Agenda and voted on at the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023:

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

O-4-23 AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING CHAPTER 401-83, "SCHEDULE XXIV PARKING METER ZONES" AND REPLACING IT WITH CHAPTER 401-83 "SCHEDULE XXIV PAID PARKING ZONES" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (Brooks, Brown)

O-5-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF ENTRY-LEVEL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHOUT AN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT (Gibilisco, Miles)

- O-6-23** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 89 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH POSITIONS AND PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY (Miles, Mojica)
- O-7-23** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR RECREATION AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,600,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS (Newbury, Parker)
- O-8-23** ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ACQUIRE, BY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT OR EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON 2223 ST. GEORGES AVENUE ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 255 LOT 31 AND LOT 32 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (Cox, Entire Council)
- O-9-23** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401-80 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) - HANDICAPPED PARKING (757 PIERPONT ST.) (Parson, Brooks)
- O-10-23** ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ACQUIRE, BY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT OR EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE "ALLEN STREET CULVERT RETAINING WALLS" PROJECT KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PORTIONS OF TAX BLOCK 266, LOTS 4 AND 5 AND TAX BLOCK 269 LOTS 9 AND 10 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (Brown, Gibilisco)
- O-11-23** ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ACQUIRE, BY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT OR EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE "WITHERSPOON STREET OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS" PROJECT KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PORTIONS OF TAX BLOCK 343, LOTS 2.01 AND TAX BLOCK 344 LOT 1 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (Miles, Mojica)

RESOLUTIONS

Department of Public Safety

- AR-41-23** A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT WITH GOLD TYPE BUSINESS MACHINES INC. (GTBM) FOR INFO-COP DEVICE LICENSES (Newbury, Parker)
- AR-42-23** A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO LEXIPOL INC. FOR POLICE POLICY MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE POLICIES REQUIRED (Parson, Cox)
- AR-43-23** A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO LEXIPOL FOR A POLICE OFFICER WELLNESS APPLICATION (Cox, Entire Council)
- AR-44-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO TRIANGLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASED AND ASSOCIATED LABOR COSTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT TO OUTFIT THREE POLICE VEHICLES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT (Brooks, Cox)

Department of Recreation

- AR-45-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO APPLY FOR THE UNION COUNTY EVENT SPONSORSHIP FUND AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT THERETO (Cox, Entire Council)
- AR-46-23** A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNDER THE LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (Brown, Gibilisco)

Department of Health

- AR-47-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SOCIAL SOLUTIONS GLOBAL (SSG) FOR SOCIAL WORKER CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE (Mojica, Miles)
- AR-48-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ELIZABETH TO PROVIDE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE (STD) CLINIC SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE STANDARDS (Newbury, Parker)

Department of Revenue & Finance

- AR-49-23** A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE CITY OF RAHWAY CY 2023 SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET (Parker, Parson)

- AR-50-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONEY DUE TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR 2022 TAX LIENS (Newbury, Parker)
- AR-51-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF PAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO THE GRANTING OF A SENIOR DEDUCTION FOR THE C/Y 2022 (Brown, Brooks)
- AR-52-23** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION (EDWARD PEART) (Miles, Mojica)

Department of Engineering & Land Use

- AR-53-23** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN AWARD OF \$22,000 & ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE NJ DEP COMMUNITY BASED ART GRANT PROGRAM 2023 (Parson, Newbury)
- AR-54-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE BOND FEE TO EBENEZER ADEYINKA FOR PERMIT #08-21-052 DATED 08/10/2021 FOR BLOCK 46, LOT 4 (231 DUKES ROAD) (Parker, Gibilisco)
- AR-55-23** A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL PERMIT AND BUREAU OF WATER SYSTEM ENGINEERING PERMIT APPLICATION ENDORSEMENTS, AS REQUIRED (Brown, Cox)
- AR-56-23** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO T.O. NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEMS ENGINEER SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY (Gibilisco, Parson)
- AR-57-23** A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE RAHWAY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO HOLD A “TASTE OF SPRING” 2023 (Cox, Entire Council)
- AR-58-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAHWAY AND ENGENUITY INFRASTRUCTURE, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – TEST PIT PROGRAM PHASE 1 (Mojica, Parker)
- AR-59-23** A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED “LSLRP – TEST PIT PROGRAM – PHASE 1” FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO VALVETEK UTILITY SERVICES, INC. AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH UNION COUNTY FOR ROAD OPENING (Parson, Brooks)

Department of Administration

- AR-60-23** A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO HOLD THE 2023 ANNUAL HOT RODS AND HARLEYS EVENT (Cox, Entire Council)
- AR-61-23** A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 365-1 THROUGH 365-3 (SIDEWALK ENCUMBRANCES) AND CHAPTERS 365-50 THROUGH 365-51 (CLOSING OF STREETS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (HOT RODS & HARLEYS 2023) (Cox, Entire Council)
- AR-62-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONWIDE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH PHARMACY CHAINS CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART, AND DRUG MAKERS TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS AND ALLERGAN TO RESOLVE CLAIMS INVOLVING THEIR ROLES IN THE COUNTRY'S OPIOID CRISIS (Cox, Entire Council)
- AR-63-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO DRAWN TO GOOD, LLC FOR ARTISTIC CONSULTING SERVICES (Newbury, Brooks)
- AR-64-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO WIZDOM MEDIA FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN AND CREATIVE SERVICES (Gibilisco, Mojica)
- AR-65-23** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE AUBREY GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT WRITING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY (Parker, Cox)
- AR-66-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO NAJMEE TECHNOLOGIES FOR LOCAL AREA NETWORK (LAN) MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT (Parson, Gibilisco)
- AR-67-23** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (WILLIAM TOMKIEWICZ) (Brooks, Newbury)
- AR-68-23** RESOLUTION TO AWARD A SERVICE CONTRACT TO COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL NUTRITION SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CONSULTING SERVICES (Newbury, Parson)
- AR-70-23** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL S. SIMITZ AS PUBLIC DEFENDER (Mojica, Brown)

Department of Public Works

AR-71-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 2023 JOHN DEERE BACKHOE THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR THE RAHWAY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mojica, Cox)

AR-72-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 2023 BRUSH BANDIT CHIPPER THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR THE RAHWAY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Brown, Parson)

AR-73-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 2023 CRANE CARRIER REFUSE TRUCK THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR THE RAHWAY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Newbury, Cox)

Department of Engineering & Land Use

AR-74-23 A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED "CDBG YR 48 WINFIELD STREET, HEATON PLACE, BEACON STREET AND HENRY STREET PROJECT" FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO DLS CONTRACTING INC. (Parson, Brooks)

MISCELLANEOUS (Unfinished Business)

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.

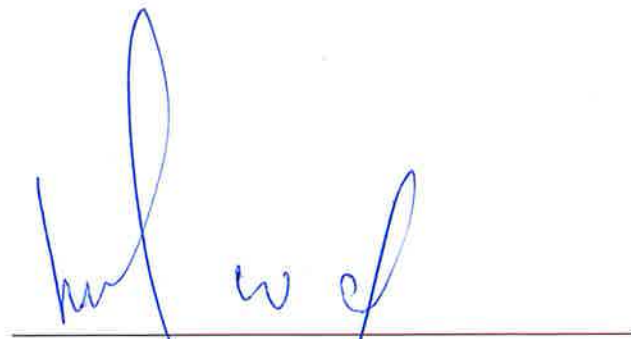
ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. was made by Councilmember Miles and seconded by Councilmember Brooks. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:25 p.m. without objection on a voice vote.

Approved:



Jeffrey J. Jotz, City Clerk



Michael Cox, Council President