

CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE MINUTES
May 2, 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 7:00 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 May 2, 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 monthly Special Improvement District (SID) report.

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 May 8, 2023:

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

- O-24-23** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF ENTRY-LEVEL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHOUT AN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT (Cox, Entire Council)
- O-25-23** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) - HANDICAPPED PARKING (1703 IRVING ST.) (Parker, Brown)
- O-26-23** ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) (Newbury, Parson)
- O-27-23** ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ACQUIRE BY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 151, LOTS 20, 21, 22, AND 23 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (Cox, Gibilisco)
- O-28-23** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTERBROOK SENIOR CITIZEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,660,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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 (Brooks, Mojica)

RESOLUTIONS

Department of Administration

- *AR-114-23** A RESOLUTION DEDICATING A SECTION OF HAMILTON STREET TO DANIEL L. MARTIN (Cox, Entire Council)
- *AR-115-23** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND APPROVING A SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL NO. 469 (Miles, Parker)
- *AR-117-23** RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ASHOKKUMAR PATEL AND JAYSHREE PATEL, AND THE CITY OF RAHWAY FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF A CERTAIN SITE (1588 IRVING STREET) (Brown, Newbury)

- *AR-119-23** RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ROBERT B. MARKEY AND THE CITY OF RAHWAY FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF A CERTAIN SITE (208 CENTRAL AVENUE) (Cox, Entire Council)
- *AR-121-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FOR CERTAIN ARTS BASED EVENTS OFFERED BY THE CITY OF RAHWAY (Brooks, Gibilisco)
- *AR-122-23** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GLENDENNING HOMES PHASE I PROJECT (Newbury, Brown)

Department of Engineering & Land Use

- *AR-123-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE “2022 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT” TO DLS CONTRACTING INC. (Mojica, Miles)
- *AR-124-23** A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED “NJDOT FY2023 BROAD STREET, MAURICE AVENUE & LUDLOW STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT” FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO DLS CONTRACTING INC. (Gibilisco, Cox)
- *AR-125-23** A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR THE PROJECT TITLED “2023 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT” FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO AA BERMS LLC (Brown, Parker)
- *AR-126-23** RESOLUTION RATIFYING PAYMENT TO SHAUGER PROPERTY SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS AT 2301 KNAPP DRIVE, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-6 (Newbury, Brown)
- *AR-127-23** RESOLUTION RATIFYING PAYMENT TO B&W CONSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER AND SINKHOLE REPAIRS AT MAPLE AVENUE & BRYANT STREET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-6 (Parson, Gibilisco)
- *AR-128-23** RESOLUTION RATIFYING PAYMENT TO SHAUGER PROPERTY SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS ON UNION STREET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-6 (Miles, Brooks)
- *AR-129-23** RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC. FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SOFTWARE (Gibilisco, Parker)

Department of Police

- *AR-130-23 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO JOBS4BLUE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF POLICE EXTRA-DUTY ASSIGNMENTS (Brown, Newbury)

Department of Public Works

- *AR-131-23 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK (Cox, Entire Council)

Department of Revenue & Finance

- *AR-132-23 A RESOLUTION CREATING A TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET (Gibilisco, Brooks)
- *AR-133-23 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE CY 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (Cox, Entire Council)

Department of Engineering & Land Use

- *AR-134-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAHWAY AND CME ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NJDOT FY 2023 BROAD STREET, MAURICE AVENUE & LUDLOW STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (Parson, Cox)
- *AR-135-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAHWAY AND CME ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2023 SIDEWALK PROJECT (Parson, Cox)
- *AR-136-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL SUPPORT AND PREFERENCE FOR RETAIL CANNABIS APPLICANT 2022-01 TO RECEIVE A CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAIL LICENSE FROM THE NEW JERSEY CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION TO OPERATE WITHIN THE CITY OF RAHWAY (Parson, Cox)

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In public, Council President Cox stated that the Council had a need to enter Executive Session to discuss matters of attorney-client privilege and that no official action would be taken.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miles and seconded by Councilmember Newbury to adopt Resolution AR-137-23 to enter into Executive Closed Session at 7:13 p.m. The Resolution was adopted as follows:

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

Council President Cox concluded the Executive Closed Session and returned the meeting to the normal order of business at 8:01 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call:

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. was made by Councilmember Newbury and seconded by Councilmember Brooks. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:02 p.m. without objection on a voice vote.

Approved:



Jeffrey J. Jotz, City Clerk



Vannie D. Parson, Council President

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
MAY 2, 2023

Council President Cox called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

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

Also present were City Clerk Jeffrey Jotz, City Attorney Louis Rainone, Attorney Aaron Rainone, Business Administrator Jonathan Parham, Police Director Nicholas Breiner, Police Officer James Guinta and CFO Frank Ruggiero.

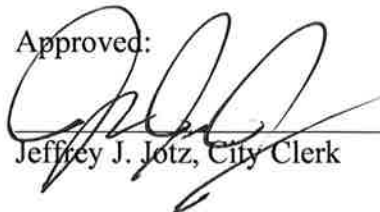
Mr. Breiner briefed the council about an incident involving the Rahway Police at the Rahway Motor Vehicle Commission property on April 29, 2023.

Motion was made by Council President Cox, seconded by Councilmember Newbury to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

Approved:



Jeffrey J. Jotz, City Clerk



Vannie D. Parson, Council President