

MINUTES
PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
MARCH 5, 2013
7 P. M.

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

PRESENT: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Cox, Farrar, Mione, Saliga, Steinman

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Wenson Maier

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 March 5, 2013 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 on January 2, 2013 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In the absence of a member of the Clergy, Councilmember Brown offered an Invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

AR-66-13 Councilmember Steinman presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL at 7:14 p.m. to discuss litigation.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cox.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Cox, Farrar, Mione, Saliga, Steinman

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Wenson Maier

Council President Steinman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Steinman seconded by Councilmember Brown to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Cox, Farrar, Mione, Saliga,
Steinman

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Wenson Maier

Council President Steinman declared the motion carried.

Council President Steinman asked for a Roll Call to return from Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Cox, Farrar, Mione, Saliga,
Steinman

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Wenson Maier

The members of Council discussed all the items to be placed on the Agenda and voted on at the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS - Hearing of Citizens

Scott Caffee 756 W. Scott Ave.
Spoke on artist housing. Claimed that Councilmember Steinman was going to inform him when representatives from the housing project were going to speak at Council meeting and that he was never invited. Questioned PILOT for artist housing and called for project to be abandoned. Added that downtown is not vibrant and the only thriving business downtown was the brothel on Main Street. Stated that Council doesn't answer questions posed by public. Said that Hamilton Street is the worst street in Rahway and that the Hamilton Stage is social racism because it is placed in an African-American and Latino neighborhood.

CFO Frank Ruggiero spoke on the PILOT payment for the artist housing and said that it provides increased tax stability for the City.

Councilmember Baker: Clarified position at last meeting; that the new arts centers provide revenue for the City and provide opportunities for youth and jobs.

Councilmember Mione: Spoke in support of AR-57-13 and AR-67-13.

Councilmember Steinman: Stated that he announced several times that representatives from artist housing would be speaking at Council Meeting with Mr. Caffee in the audience. Asked CFO to send a copy of the PILOT ordinance to Mr. Caffee via certified mail.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. was made by Councilmember Steinman and seconded by Councilmember Brown:

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Cox, Farrar, Mione, Saliga, Steinman

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Wenson Maier

Council President Steinman declared the motion carried.