

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY**  
**OCTOBER 24, 2011**  
**6:30 P.M.**

1. Council President Brown called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Baker, Cox, Mione, Rachlin, Saliga, Scaturro, Steinman, Wenson Maier, Brown

The City Clerk, Jean D. Kuc, announced the meeting had been advertised and posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Rev. Allen Thompson of the Friendship Missionary Church delivered the invocation.

3. **ORDINANCES – Second Reading**

- O-26-11** Council President Brown: The following Ordinance was adopted on first reading, advertised according to law, and is now before you for a public hearing and final adoption:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
RAHWAY AMENDING THE LOWER MAIN STREET URBAN  
RENEWAL PLAN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway that the Lower Main Street Urban Renewal Plan adopted on May 9, 1961, last amended on August 13, 2001, pursuant to Ordinance O-38-01, is hereby amended as follows:

1. The Land Use Plan on Page 2 is amended to delete Section C.2. in its entirety and to replace the same with “Mixed-Use Requirements as stated in Section 195-21, M-X/Mixed Use Zone of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rahway, except that mid-rise apartments shall be a permitted use on Block 305, Lot 5.04 in accordance with the following requirements:

Minimum lot area: thirty thousand (30,000) square feet

Minimum lot width: seventy-five (75) feet

Minimum lot depth: two hundred (200) feet

Minimum building and parking setbacks: none required

Maximum residential density: one hundred forty-three (143) units per acre

Maximum building height: five (5) stories, including one (1) parking level/eighty (80) feet

Maximum building coverage: one hundred (100) percent

Minimum number of parking spaces: one (1) per dwelling unit

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the amendments to the Lower Main Street Urban Renewal Plan are being adopted in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after publication in accordance with applicable law.

Council President Brown opened the Public Hearing on this matter and asked if any citizen wished to be heard, to approach the rail, give his/her name and address and be heard.

With no one appearing, Council President Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Roll Call for O-26-11:

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Cox, Mione, Rachlin, Saliga, Scaturro, Steinman, Brown

NO: Councilmember Wenson Maier

Council President Brown: This Ordinance having been read on two separate days and having achieved the vote required by law is declared adopted. The City Clerk is directed to deliver same to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS - Hearing of Citizens**

With no one appearing, Council President Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Citing a conflict of interest, Council President Brown stepped down from the dais and turned the meeting over to Council Vice President Cox.

#### **5. DISCUSSION ON THE RAHWAY COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION, PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS**

Council Vice President Cox opened discussion on this matter and asked if any citizen wished to be heard, to approach the rail, give his/her name and address and be heard.

Elizabeth Crudup	RCAO Program Director
Jezelda Parker	RCAO Executive Assistant
Willis Welder	JFK Center volunteer
Molly Brown	
Eddie B. Smith	1280 Clark St.

Rev. Allen Thompson      Friendship Missionary Church  
Wanita Rochelle            RCAO Art Director  
Katherine Pollard  
June Jones  
Allen Jules  
Shirley Palmer              1650 Columbus Place  
Joanne Young                290 E. Lake Ave.  
James Young                 365 E. Grand Ave.

Councilmember Steinman made a motion to request that Chris Ditkas from the law firm of Ditkas Schandler Gillen Morejon, P.C. and Dieter Lerch from Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP research ways to fund the RCAO and to report back to the Mayor and Council until such time the Mayor's possible conflict is decided on by the Local Finance Board.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scaturro.

Roll call:

YES:                    Councilmembers Baker, Cox, Mione, Rachlin, Saliga, Scaturro, Steinman,  
                                  Wenson Maier

ABSTAIN:      Councilmember Brown

Council Vice President Cox declared the motion carried.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by Councilmember Scaturro and seconded by Councilmember Baker:

YES:                    Councilmembers Baker, Cox, Mione, Rachlin, Saliga, Scaturro, Steinman,  
                                  Wenson Maier, Brown

Council Vice President Cox declared the motion carried.