

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 14, 2014
7 P.M.

1. Council President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier, Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

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 October 14, 2014 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, 2014 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.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In the absence of a Member of the Clergy, Council President Brown offered an invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 2, 2014	6:45 p.m.	Special Meeting
September 2, 2014	7 p.m.	Pre-Meeting Conference
September 8, 2014	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Councilmember Wenson Maier and seconded by Councilmember Farrar and approve the above listed minutes.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier, Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND LIST OF PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

6. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

7. HEARING OF CITIZENS Items on Agenda, Except Ordinances on Second Reading

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Giacobbe, seconded by Councilmember Baker to adopt the Consent Agenda, and was adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier, Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

9. ORDINANCES - First Reading

10. RESOLUTIONS

***AR-196-14** Council President Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO AMEND THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015 - 2017.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrar.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier, Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

***AR-197-14** Councilmember Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO BERTO CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE REPAIR OF THE LIBRARY STEPS AND RAMP.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Giacobbe.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier, Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

***AR-198-14** Councilmember Wenson Maier presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED BY ST. GEORGES CENTER ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR 1112 ST. GEORGES AVENUE, BLOCK 140, LOT 2.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Saliga.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier,
Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

***AR-199-14** Councilmember Saliga presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONEY DUE TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Baker.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier,
Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

***AR-200-14** Councilmember Farrar presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR THE 2010 FISCAL YEAR AND THE 2012 & 2014 CALENDAR YEARS.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Giacobbe.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier,
Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

***AR-201-14** Councilmember Wenson Maier presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF SENIOR SERVICES FEES.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrar.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier,
Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

***AR-202-14** Council President Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER “PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE CITY OF RAHWAY.

The motion was seconded by the Entire Council.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier,
Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

***AR-203-14** Councilmember Giacobbe presented and moved A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 10, 2014 AS “PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY” IN THE CITY OF RAHWAY.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Saliga.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier,
Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

- *AR-204-14** Councilmember Baker presented and moved A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE RAHWAY TEEN MURAL LAB.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrar.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier, Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

- *AR-205-14** Councilmember Saliga presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PARKS & RECREATION FEES.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Giacobbe.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier, Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

- *AR-206-14** Councilmember Saliga presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF POLICE ESCROW FEES.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wenson Maier.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier, Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.

11. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

O-36-14 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 401 OF THE CODE OF THE
CITY OF RAHWAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) - HANDICAPPED
PARKING**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, THE FOLLOWING CHAPTER BE
AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

401-79 Schedule XXI: Handicapped Parking

Add:

In front of 234 Williams St

**North Side – From the easterly curb line of New Brunswick Ave east 341’
extending to a point 22 feet East thereof.**

**ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY
REPEALED.**

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON FINAL PASSAGE
AND PUBLICATION AS PROVIDED BY 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-36-14:

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier,
Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

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.

***12. MISCELLANEOUS**

13. COMMUNICATIONS - Hearing of Citizens

Shirley J. Palmer 1621 Columbus Place
Invited everyone to the NAACP Candidates Night Oct. 20 @ 6 p.m. in Rahway Library.

Shirley Claggett 115 Driftway
Asked that stop sign be installed on New Brunswick Ave. @ Driftway due to traffic. Said that there is a problem with cats and rodents in her neighborhood. Asked for demolition of vacant homes on New Brunswick Ave.

Alex Jacob 1166 New Brunswick Ave. # 401
Spoke about vacant property at 1182 New Brunswick Ave. Requested that the City contact the property owner to make repairs.

Dorothy Capers 1166 New Brunswick Ave.
Asked for update on raccoons in neighborhood. Brought photos of catch basins. Asked to speak with Councilmember Brown.

Renee Bridges Thrash 1616 Lawrence St.
Said she is a candidate for Mayor. Asked City Engineer if any environmental issues were addressed when planning redevelopment projects, especially related to the animal problems in the 4th Ward.

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

14. COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Baker: Reminded citizens to vote in the General Election on Nov. 4.

Councilmember Giacobbe: Reminded citizens to vote in the General Election on Nov. 4.

Council President Brown: Praised Council colleagues; encouraged everyone to vote on Nov. 4.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Wenson Maier:

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Farrar, Giacobbe, Saliga, Wenson Maier, Brown

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bresenhan, Cox, Mione

Council President Brown declared the motion carried.