

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 9, 2015
7 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmembers Farrar, Cox

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 9, 2015 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, 2015 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.

Councilmember Farrar arrived at 7:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 5, 2015	7 p.m.	Reorganization Meeting/ Pre-Meeting Conference
January 12, 2015	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Councilmember Wenson Maier and seconded by Councilmember Miles to accept and approve the above listed minutes.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS

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

6. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilmember Mojica moved to place AR-55-15, AR-56-15 on the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Miles.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

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

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

Councilmember Baker asked to remove AR-48-15 from the Consent Agenda.

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, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

9. ORDINANCES - First Reading

O-2-15 City Clerk Jotz read A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW INTERCONNECTION PIPELINE, BY AND IN THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$19,785,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$19,785,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

Motion to introduce the above Ordinance on first reading was made by Councilmember Farrar, seconded by Councilmember Wenson Maier and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan: This Ordinance is declared adopted on first reading and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said notice of its introduction and passage according to law. This Ordinance will come up for Public Hearing and further action at a Council Meeting at Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 6:45 p.m.

O-3-15 City Clerk Jotz read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 389 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (TOW TRUCKS; WRECKERS).

Motion to introduce the above Ordinance on first reading was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Giacobbe and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan: This Ordinance is declared adopted on first reading and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said notice of its introduction and passage according to law. This Ordinance will come up for Public Hearing and further action at a Council Meeting at Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7 p.m.

10. RESOLUTIONS

***AR-35-15** Councilmember Miles presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS, INC. FOR THE EXHIBITION OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF RAHWAY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mojica.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

- *AR-36-15** Councilmember Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT WITH GOLD TYPE BUSINESS MACHINES INC. (GTBM) FOR INFO-COP DEVICE LICENSES.

The motion was seconded by Council President Bresenhan.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

- *AR-37-15** Councilmember Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT WITH LAW SOFT INC. FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF LAWSOFT CAD/RMS SOFTWARE.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Giacobbe.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

- *AR-38-15** Councilmember Miles presented and moved A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO BLUE DIAMOND SOLUTIONS INC. FOR LOCAL AREA NETWORK (LAN) MANAGEMENT.

The motion was seconded by Council President Bresenhan.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-39-15** Councilmember Wenson Maier presented and moved A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO JOHNSTON COMMUNICATIONS FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SENTINEL PATRIOT 911 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-40-15** Councilmember Giacobbe presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Miles.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-41-15** Councilmember Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR THE 2014 CALENDAR YEAR.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrar.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-42-15** Council President Bresenhan presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONEY DUE TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mojica.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-43-15** Councilmember Giacobbe presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO SETTLE CERTAIN TAX APPEALS.

The motion was seconded by Council President Bresenhan.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-44-15** Council President Bresenhan presented and moved A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE RAHWAY CENTER PARTNERSHIP TO HOLD THE 13TH ANNUAL HOT RODS AND HARLEYS EVENT.

The motion was seconded by the Entire Council.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-45-15** Council President Bresenhan presented and moved A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING PROVISIONS OF 365-1 THROUGH 365-3 (SIDEWALK ENCUMBRANCES) AND 365-50 THROUGH 365-51 (CLOSING OF STREETS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (HOT RODS & HARLEYS).

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wenson Maier.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-46-15** Councilmember Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING PROVISIONS OF 365-1 THROUGH 365-3 (SIDEWALK ENCUMBRANCES) AND 365-50 THROUGH 365-51 (CLOSING OF STREETS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (MARCH MADNESS).

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Giacobbe.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-47-15** Councilmember Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING PROVISIONS OF 365-1 THROUGH 365-3 (SIDEWALK ENCUMBRANCES) AND 365-50 THROUGH 365-51 (CLOSING OF STREETS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (MADISON SCHOOL FIELD DAY).

The motion was seconded by Council President Bresenhan.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

AR-48-15 Councilmember Giacobbe presented and moved A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(E), N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(A), N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(C) AND N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7 AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$23,571,300 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, CONSISTING OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015A AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015B OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrar.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-49-15** Councilmember Miles presented and moved A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A SERVICE CONTRACT FOR WATER SERVICE RELOCATION OUT OF THE ALLEN STREET BROOK CULVERT.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mojica.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-50-15** Councilmember Wenson Maier presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE “2013 ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT” TO BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-51-15** Council President Bresenhan presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET.

The motion was seconded by the Entire Council.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-52-15** Council President Bresenhan presented and moved A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AJANAE THOMPSON.

The motion was seconded by the Entire Council.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

- *AR-53-15** Councilmember Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION HONORING ERNEST OLRECH AS THE OUTSTANDING RAHWAY SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2014.

The motion was seconded by the Entire Council.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica,
Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

- *AR-54-15** Councilmember Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE AUBREY GROUP LLC FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrar.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica,
Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

- *AR-55-15** Councilmember Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO JALLOH & JALLOH LLP TO PROVIDE PANEL COUNSEL SERVICES FOR CONFLICTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrar.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica,
Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

***AR-56-15** Councilmember Brown presented and moved A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIST OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR CONSULTING ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER SERVICES.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrar.

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.

11. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

O-1-15 Council President Bresenhan: 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 891 Main St.

East Side - beginning at a point 51 feet South of the intersection of E. Stearns St. extending to a point 22 feet South 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 Bresenhan 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 Bresenhan closed the Public Hearing.

Roll Call for O-1-15:

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan: 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

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

14. COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Wenson Maier: Congratulated Mayor Steinman and everyone involved with the State of the City address. Said that Council President Bresenhan has a bright future as an emcee.

Councilmember Brown: Spoke about upcoming essay contest and thanked Second Baptist and Progressive Baptist Churches for their support.

Councilmember Giacobbe: Thanked everyone involved with the State of the City address.

Councilmember Baker: Encouraged Rahway residents to recycle. Said that the City should set a minimum goal of \$50,000 savings if we can increase the recycling participation rate of 25%.

Councilmember Miles: Thanked Mayor Steinman for the State of the City address and praised the music and theatre programs at Rahway High School and the 7th & 8th Grade Academy. Said that the Friends of the Rahway Public Library will be hosting a murder mystery dinner fundraiser on March 4 and that tickets are available for sale at the library.

Councilmember Mojica: Thanked Mayor Steinman for the State of the City address.

Council President Bresenhan: Thanked everyone who attended the State of the City address. Encouraged residents to volunteer and to visit the City's new Web Site. Noted upcoming events: March Madness on March 21 and Taste of Spring on April 17.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Council President Bresenhan

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Mojica, Wenson
Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmember Cox

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.