

MINUTES
PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
MAY 5, 2015
7 P. M.

Council President Bresenhan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Brown, Cox, Farrar, Miles, Wenson Maier, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmembers Baker, Giacobbe, Mojica

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 5, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The members of Council discussed all the items to be placed on the Agenda and voted on at the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS - Hearing of Citizens

Thomas Bilodeau 685 River Road
Spoke on the condition of River Road between Church St. and St. Georges Ave. Asked the City if it is scheduled to be resurfaced.

Raffio Giacobbe 1034 Midwood Dr.
Stated that the City hasn't conducted a reevaluation since 1988 and that the assessed value of properties is now around 53% of true value.

CFO Frank Ruggiero answered the speaker's concerns.

Scott Caffee 756 W. Scott Ave.

Spoke in opposition to proposed 300% salary increase for the Mayor. Claimed that the Council stated that former Mayor Proctor didn't deserve his salary when it was reduced to \$20,000 and charged the Council for being hypocritical now that it plans to increase Mayor Steinman's salary. Said that Mayor Steinman has been unable to keep a job and that the proposed salary increase would raise his pay higher than the combined Mayor/Administrator salary in Linden. Said that the Council does what it is told and that it is ripping the City off. Requested an updated on curb work.

Bernice Young 200 E. Milton Ave.

Said that the Mayor's Summer Concert Series doesn't reflect Rahway and requested that this summer's concert series be made more inclusive. Distributed the 2013 concert lineup as an example.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. was made by Councilmember Cox and seconded by Councilmember Giacobbe:

YES: Councilmembers Baker, Brown, Cox, Farrar, Giacobbe, Miles, Bresenhan

ABSENT: Councilmembers Mojica, Wenson Maier

Council President Bresenhan declared the motion carried.