



**CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY**  
**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 8, 2023, 7 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and INVOCATION**

Council Vice President Parson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Brown offered an Invocation.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

Notice of this meeting has been sent to the official newspapers and adequate and electronic notice has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act as required by law.

**MINUTES**

April 4, 2023 Pre-Meeting Conference  
April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Brooks and seconded by Councilmember Gibilisco to accept and approve the above listed minutes.

**YES:** Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation honoring Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month  
Proclamation honoring Rahway High School Seal of Biliteracy  
Traffic Safety Presentation – Rahway Police

**COMMUNICATIONS: MAYOR, REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND BILL PAYMENT**

The City Clerk commented on communication provided to the Council.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

No reports from council committees were offered.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS: ITEMS ON AGENDA** Except ordinances on Second Reading (five minutes per speaker)

Council Vice President Parson opened the floor for hearing of citizens.

Andrew Garcia Philips      1470 Campbell St.      AR-117,119,120-23

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

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**O-24-23** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF ENTRY-LEVEL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHOUT AN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT

Motion to introduce the above titled Ordinance was made by Council Vice President Parson, seconded by the Entire Council and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**O-25-23** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) - HANDICAPPED PARKING (1703 IRVING ST.)

Motion to introduce the above titled Ordinance was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Brown and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**O-26-23** ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Motion to introduce the above titled Ordinance was made by Councilmember Newbury, seconded by Council Vice President Parson and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**O-27-23** ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ACQUIRE BY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 151, LOTS 20, 21, 22, AND 23 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY

Motion to introduce the above titled Ordinance was made by Council Vice President Parson, seconded by Councilmember Gibilisco and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**O-28-23**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTERBROOK SENIOR CITIZEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,660,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS**

Motion to introduce the above titled Ordinance was made by Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Mojica and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

Council Vice President Parson: these Ordinances are 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. These Ordinances will come up for Public Hearing and further action at a Council Meeting on June 12 at 7 p.m. or at any time and place to which the meeting for the further consideration of the ordinances shall be adjourned.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Mojica requested that AR-136-23 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

All items marked with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council Member or citizen requests. Any item not included on the Consent Agenda will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Newbury and seconded by Councilmember Miles to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was adopted by the following vote.

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

## RESOLUTIONS

### Department of Administration

**\*AR-114-23** A RESOLUTION DEDICATING A SECTION OF HAMILTON STREET TO DANIEL L. MARTIN

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council Vice President Parson, seconded by the Entire Council and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-115-23** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND APPROVING A SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL NO. 469

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Miles, seconded by Councilmember Parker and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-117-23** RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ASHOKKUMAR PATEL AND JAYSHREE PATEL, AND THE CITY OF RAHWAY FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF A CERTAIN SITE (1588 IRVING STREET)

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Newbury and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-119-23** RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ROBERT B. MARKEY AND THE CITY OF RAHWAY FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF A CERTAIN SITE (208 CENTRAL AVENUE)

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council Vice President Parson, seconded by the Entire Council and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-120-23** RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN IP CE SS RAHWAY LLC, 2225 ELIZABETH AVE RAHWAY LLC, AND THE CITY OF RAHWAY FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF A CERTAIN SITE (2225 ELIZABETH AVENUE)

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council Vice President Parson, seconded by the Councilmember Newbury and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-121-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FOR CERTAIN ARTS BASED EVENTS OFFERED BY THE CITY OF RAHWAY

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brooks, seconded by the Councilmember Gibilisco and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-122-23** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GLENDENNING HOMES PHASE I PROJECT

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Newbury, seconded by the Councilmember Brown and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**Department of Engineering & Land Use**

**\*AR-123-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE “2022 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT” TO DLS CONTRACTING INC.

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Mojica, seconded by Councilmember Miles and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-124-23** A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED “NJDOT FY2023 BROAD STREET, MAURICE AVENUE & LUDLOW STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT” FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO DLS CONTRACTING INC.

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Gibilisco, seconded by Council Vice President Parson and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-125-23** A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR THE PROJECT TITLED “2023 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT” FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO AA BERMS LLC

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Parker and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-126-23** RESOLUTION RATIFYING PAYMENT TO SHAUGER PROPERTY SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS AT 2301 KNAPP DRIVE, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-6

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Newbury, seconded by Councilmember Brown and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-127-23** RESOLUTION RATIFYING PAYMENT TO B&W CONSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER AND SINKHOLE REPAIRS AT MAPLE AVENUE & BRYANT STREET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-6

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council Vice President Parson, seconded by Councilmember Gibilisco and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-128-23** RESOLUTION RATIFYING PAYMENT TO SHAUGER PROPERTY SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS ON UNION STREET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-6

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Miles, seconded by Councilmember Brooks and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-129-23** RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC. FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SOFTWARE

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Gibilisco, seconded by Councilmember Parker and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

### **Department of Police**

**\*AR-130-23** A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO JOBS4BLUE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF POLICE EXTRA-DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Newbury and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

### **Department of Public Works**

**\*AR-131-23** A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council Vice President Parson, seconded by the Entire Council and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

### **Department of Revenue & Finance**

**\*AR-132-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Gibilisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-133-23** A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE CY 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council Vice President Parson, seconded by the Entire Council and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.



**Department of Engineering & Land Use**

**\*AR-134-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAHWAY AND CME ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NJDOT FY 2023 BROAD STREET, MAURICE AVENUE & LUDLOW STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Council Vice President Parson, seconded by Councilmember Brown and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**\*AR-135-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAHWAY AND CME ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2023 SIDEWALK PROJECT

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Council Vice President Parson and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**AR-136-23** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL SUPPORT AND PREFERENCE FOR RETAIL CANNABIS APPLICANT 2022-01 TO RECEIVE A CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAIL LICENSE FROM THE NEW JERSEY CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION TO OPERATE WITHIN THE CITY OF RAHWAY

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Brown and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Newbury, Parker, Parson

NO: Councilmember Mojica

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**ORDINANCES – FINAL ADOPTION / SECOND READING**

**O-19-23** AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 283 OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY CODE ENTITLED “NATIVE VEGETATION” PROMOTING THE USAGE OF NATIVE PLANTS WITHIN THE CITY

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

Motion to adopt the above titled Ordinance O-19-23 was made by Council Vice President Parson, seconded by Councilmember Newbury and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**O-20-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 344 "SIDEWALK CAFES"**

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

Motion to adopt the above titled Ordinance O-20-23 on second reading was made by Councilmember Mojica, seconded by Council Vice President Parson and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**O-21-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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

Motion to adopt the above titled Ordinance O-21-23 on second reading was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Miles and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**O-23-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 373 "SWIMMING POOLS, PUBLIC" BY AMENDING THE TITLE TO "SWIMMING POOLS AND PUBLIC RECREATIONAL BATHING FACILITIES" AND AMENDING THE ORDINANCE TO SET LICENSING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

Council Vice President Parson opened the Public Hearing on this matter and asked if any citizen wished to be heard and give his/her name and address:

Motion to adopt the above titled Ordinance O-23-23 on second reading was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Vice President Parson and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

Council Vice President Parson: These Ordinances 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.

**MISCELLANEOUS (Unfinished Business)**

Block party – BP-23-01 Fatimah Rahaman; Cottage & Newton Sts.; Event Date 05-27-23

Motion to adopt the above Block Party was made by Councilmember Mojica seconded by Councilmember Brooks and adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Brooks, Brown, Gibilisco, Miles, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson

Council Vice President Parson declared the motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS: HEARING OF CITIZENS ON ANY ITEM (Five minutes per speaker)**

Council Vice President Parson opened the floor for hearing of citizens.

Bernice Young 200 E. Milton Ave.  
Patrick Cassio 1971 Barnett St.  
Edward Henderson 76 Princeton Ave.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS (Three minutes per member)**

The Councilmembers offered their comments.

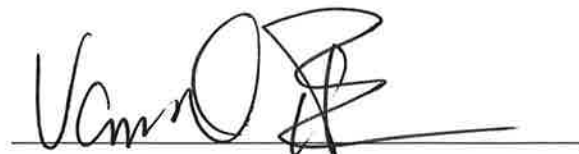
**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm was made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Councilmember Miles. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:53 pm without objection on a voice vote.

Approved:



Jeffrey J. Jotz, City Clerk



Vannie Deloris Parson, Council Vice President