

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA MEETING**

***Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was also transmitted virtually via the Webex platform**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Anesh read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this remote hybrid meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website. Instructions for accessing the remote public meeting are found on the Borough's website next to the agendas. Documentation pertaining to the remote meeting can be found electronically on the Borough's website.

The roll call was administered by Amy Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Mott		X	
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Faustini			
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Mayor Anesh reviewed some basic rules for conducting this virtual hybrid meeting this evening. All lines will be muted until such time that the floor is open for public comment. Each phone call or virtual hand raise will be taken one at a time. To unmute the microphone, just click on the red microphone picture that has a line through it. It will then turn green indicating you have been unmuted and may begin to speak. Callers may dial 1-646-922-2010 followed by the access code of 126 663 1990 #. Using the *6 button will mute and unmute the voice feature for any phone callers.

Review of Agenda Items: Clerk Antonides reviewed all the items on the agenda amending the Payment of Bills total to \$1,823,594.33. Mayor Anesh asked the Council if they had any comments. Mr. Cullen asked to remove one item from the Executive Session labeled as "Legal-Affordable Housing/Durham Plaza LLC". There were no further comments.

**RESOLUTION 22-272
AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 and P.L. 2001, C. 404, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield wishes to go into a closed Executive Session and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist which should not be discussed in public, and

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Borough Council to discuss certain matter(s) in private, and in this case for the purpose of the Borough Council to discuss the below matters all of which requires attorney-client privilege:

- ~~Legal – Affordable Housing/Durham Plaza LLC~~
- Legal – Affordable Housing/Edgewood Properties
- Legal – Office of the State Comptroller Survey
- Legal – Middlesex County Joint Insurance Fund
- Contractual – 6000 Hadley Road

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it will go into an Executive Session for the purpose of Borough Council to discuss the aforementioned matters all of which requires attorney-client privilege in this regard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of such discussion may be revealed at such time as the matter(s) are resolved and/or a contract(s) is signed and/or the negotiations are formally settled. Interested parties may contact the Borough Clerk anytime during normal business hours for periodic updates as to the availability in this regard.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott						X	
Councilman Smith	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini		X	X				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

PUBLIC HEARING: Release of a Performance Bond posted by Carrols LLC for public improvements to Block 56, Lot 1. Mayor Anesh asked Clerk Antonides if all is in order. Clerk Antonides said yes. Mayor Anesh asked if a representative for Carrols LLC was present, but there was none. Mayor Anesh then opened the floor for public comment pertaining to this block and lot. A member of the public named Kevin from 121 Sprague Avenue complained that lights are shining in his living room window from this Burger King establishment. Their original plans called for a landscaping buffer which was installed however the landscaping has not been maintained and died. The lights are now shining in his windows. Ms. Silverstein of East Golf Avenue complained about parked idling trucks in the Burger King parking lot with fumes entering her house as a result, lovers lane in the parking lot, trash blowing into her yard, and issues with the lights. After a brief discussion, Mr. Miller said he will reach out to the engineer to contact the applicant to correct these matters. The release of the performance bond will be tabled until this matter is resolved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment reiterating the aforementioned directions for making remote public comments. There were no comments made from the public.

ADJOURN AGENDA MEETING: With no further comments, Mayor Anesh asked for a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting at 7:12 p.m., seconded by Council President Faustini and unanimously carried by an all-in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR