

Minutes
CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 3, 2023, 7 p.m.

*"Each person addressing the Council shall first give their name and address to the Clerk.
 All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof and, shall not exceed five (5) minutes in duration."
 (Chapter 5-63 (C) Rules of Order No. 3)*

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Jeffrey J. Jotz called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and called the roll:

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

The City Clerk 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 January 3, 2023 included in a list of meetings notice sent to the *Home News Tribune* and the *Union County Local Source*, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building 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 & INVOCATION

City Clerk Jotz led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Brown offered an Invocation.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

City Clerk Jotz stated that the first order of business was the election of the Council President and Vice President for the year 2022 and asked for nominations.

Councilmember Brown nominated Councilmember Cox as Council President for the year 2023. The nomination was seconded by Councilmember Brooks

The City Clerk asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed.

Roll Call on the Nomination of Councilmember Cox for Council President:

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

The City Clerk declared that Councilmember Cox has been duly elected Council President for the year 2023.

Councilmember Newbury nominated Councilmember Parson as Council Vice President for the year 2023. The nomination was seconded by Councilmember Brooks.

The City Clerk asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed.

Roll Call on the Nomination of Councilmember Parson for Council Vice President:

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

The City Clerk declared that Councilmember Parson has been duly elected Council Vice President for the year 2023.

Council President Cox stated that Resolutions AR-3-23, AR-4-23 and AR-6-23 have been removed from the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

AR-01-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL NEWSPAPERS

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

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-02-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES FOR PUBLIC MONIES

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

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-05-23 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COUNTY OF UNION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE

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

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-07-23 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK C. RUGGIERO TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

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

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-08-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR CY 2023

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, Mojica, Newbury, Parker, Parson, Cox

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-09-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF 2023 GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES

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

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-10-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO LERCH, VINCI & BLISS TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL AUDITING SERVICES

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

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-11-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR 2023 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

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

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-12-23 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANK C. RUGGIERO AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-96 AND N.J.A.C. 5:32-4.1 ET SEQ.

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

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-13-23 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS N. RAINONE AS DIRECTOR OF LAW

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

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-14-23 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR RAYMOND GIACOBBE'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHNATHAN PARHAM AS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF RAHWAY FOR A TERM ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2023 OR UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED

Motion to adopt the above titled Resolution was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by the Entire Council and adopted by the following vote:

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

AR-15-23 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

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

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

Council President Cox asked for a mover and second to adopt the above resolutions as one motion as a Consent Agenda. Motion made by Councilmember Parson and seconded by Councilmember Gibilisco to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was adopted by the following vote.

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

Council President Cox declared the motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS (Unfinished Business)


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

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

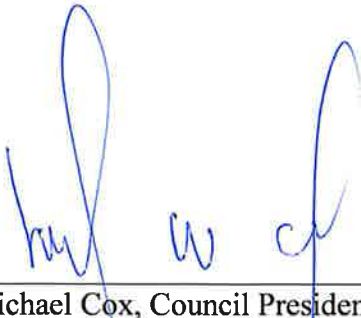
ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Brooks and seconded by Councilmember Parson. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:17 p.m. without objection on a voice vote.

Approved:



Jeffrey J. Jotz, City Clerk



Michael Cox, Council President