

# CITY OF RAHWAY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

## AGENDA

Regular Meeting

June 13, 2022

Immediately following conclusion of the City Council Regular Meeting

### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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### OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

*This meeting has been advertised and posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.*

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the following meeting(s) shall be moved, seconded, and then adopted by voice vote:  
May 9, 2022

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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – Elton Armady

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### TREASURER'S REPORT – Frank Ruggiero

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### RESOLUTIONS

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### CORRESPONDENCE

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### OLD BUSINESS

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### NEW BUSINESS

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### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Any member of the public who wishes to provide comments shall do so at this time (5-minute limit per person).

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### ADJOURNMENT:

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Regular Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2022

*Immediately Following the Conclusion of the Regular City Council Meeting*

## **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Newbury called the Meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. and had SID Secretary Jeff Jotz read the Roll Call.

**PRESENT:** Jeffrey Brooks, David Brown, Michael Cox, Joseph D. Gibilisco, Joanna Miles, Jeremy E. Mojica, Vannie Deloris Parson, Danielle "Danni" Newbury

**ABSENT:** Rodney Farrar

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## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Newbury led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Ms. Miles and seconded by Mr. Brooks to accept and approve the following minutes without objection on a voice vote:

April 11, 2022

Chairperson Newbury declared the motion carried.

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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT** – Elton Armady

Mr. Armady delivered his report

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Frank Ruggiero

Frank Ruggiero delivered his report.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairperson Newbury noted there was no correspondence this evening.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Chairperson Newbury indicated that there was no old business.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairperson Newbury indicated that there was no new business.

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**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Any member of the public who wishes to provide comments shall do so at this time (five minute limit per person).

With no one appearing, Chairperson Newbury closed the public hearing.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Parson. The meeting was officially adjourned without objection on a voice vote.



# Rahway Special Improvement District Economic Development Officer's Report Monday, June 13, 2022

- I. **SID Business Improvement Program** – Upcoming SID initiative that aims to provide funding for new and existing businesses in the following areas:
  - Interior Improvements
  - Signage
  - Marketing
  - Facade Improvements (Exterior)
  - Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Veteran Owned Business (VOB), Disabled Veteran Owned Business (DVOB), LGBTQ
    - Expected to be released by September 2022
  
- II. **Rahway Nominated for Best Small Town Arts Scene** – The City of Rahway has been nominated for the 2022 10Best Readers' Choice Travel Award for Best Small Town Art Scene. Voting ends Monday, July 4th and the winners will be announced on 10Best on Friday, July 15th at 12:00pm EDT. The city and SID are getting the word out to encourage the public to vote and make Rahway #1. Voting is online at <https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-small-town-art-scene/rahway-new-jersey/>. (See attached graphic).
  
- III. **Vacant Commercial Properties** – List of 37 vacant commercial properties is now available on the City of Rahway website under the Division of Land Use for prospective new businesses. The list will also be posted on the Rahway is Happening website.
  
- IV. **SID Constant Contact Emails** – Individuals that sign up for email alerts on the Rahway is Happening website are now receiving emails with updates regarding SID events bi-weekly. There are currently 1900 individuals that have signed up.
  
- V. **ServSafe Food Handler & Manager Training** – SID is sponsoring ServSafe trainings for restaurant food handlers. \$50 will be paid per person and the SID will pay \$50 per person. Training will be offered by the Rahway Department of Health. English training will be 6/15 from 9AM-3PM and Spanish class will be 6/15 from 9AM-3PM. Both classes will be located at the Rahway Recreation Center Room 110.
  
- VI. **SID Mural Program** – The SID's Ad Hoc Arts & Culture Committee met on May 16<sup>th</sup> to begin discussions on the selection of sites for art and mural projects to help enhance the city.
  - First proposed mural will likely be on the back of the Blue Sapphire Storage facility building, which is visible from the train, located at 2255 Elizabeth Avenue.
  
- VII. **Rahway's Own & Rising Stars 2022 Class** – Nominations for both closed on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Rising Stars – 7 students were nominated by their teachers, principals and administrators from a total of seven schools, which includes Rahway High School, Madison Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Grover Cleveland Elementary, Rahway 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, and St John Vianney.

- Students will be honored with a poster reveal at the Sheila E Concert at 7PM on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Rahway's Own – A total of 18 nominations were made by the public, some duplicates.
  - The Rahway's Own Selection Committee includes Council President Joanna Miles, Councilman Jeremy Mojica, Councilman Jeff Brooks, Patricia Vollino, Daniel Garraay and Al Shipley.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> selection meeting is Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

#### **VIII. Beautification**

- Train Station Plaza Improvements - The SID is coordinating with Engineering and Recreation to determine a suitable timeframe for completing the project without interfering with events. Talks have resumed with the contractor.

#### **IX. Previous Events**

- Coffee with the Mayor at Flynn's – Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-12PM
- Cherry Street Festival – Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Hot Rods & Harleys – Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **X. Upcoming Events**

- Music Events Curated by Nick Rosal – April – October
- SID Meeting with Non-Restaurant Owners – Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in Municipal Court/Council Chambers
- LGBTQ+ Professionals Mixer w/ Union County Commissioners & Union County Office of LGBTQ Affairs – Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9PM at Watt Hotel Lounge
- Cherry Street Soiree – Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>
- Arts Fest – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2-6PM
- Christmas Tree Lighting – Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>
- Small Business Saturday – November 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **XI. New Businesses**

- The SID welcomed ES Builders to Rahway with an official ribbon cutting on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. They are a New York construction company that moved their headquarters to Rahway and are located at 177 Lafayette Street.
- The SID also welcomed Gigi's Latin Bistro to Rahway with an official ribbon cutting on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. They are a new restaurant that features Puerto Rican cuisine and are located at 1524 Irving Street.
  - Mayor Giacobbe was on hand for both events and pictures can be found on the SID's Facebook and Instagram pages Rahway Is Happening.



# VOTE FOR RAHWAY!

**Rahway has been nominated in the 2022  
10 Best Readers' Choice Travel Awards for  
Best Small Town Art Scene!**

**You can vote once a day for the run of the contest:**  
[www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-small-town-art-scene/rahway-new-jersey](http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-small-town-art-scene/rahway-new-jersey)

**Let's go, Voters!!**

**Help us make  
Rahway #1!**

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and the winners will be  
announced on 10Best on  
Friday, July 15th at 12:00pm EDT.**

**10 USA TODAY  
10 Best  
READERS'  
CHOICE  
2022**

City of Rahway  
 Special Improvement District  
 Bank Reconciliation  
 Operating Fund  
 RSI Bank 90000 08058  
 CY 2022

	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022
Beginning Balance	363,824.57	357,962.02	341,084.71	279,375.63	264,822.75
Cash Receipts	-	-	-	8,175.00	-
Subtotal	363,824.57	357,962.02	341,084.71	287,550.63	264,822.75
Cash Disbursements	5,862.55	16,877.31	61,709.08	22,727.88	18,419.98
Ending Balance	357,962.02	341,084.71	279,375.63	264,822.75	246,402.77

**CITY OF RAHWAY**  
**Check Register Summarized**  
**For Period: 5 In: 2022 - VP & VR**

Date: 6/10/2022  
 Time: 1:22:52 PM  
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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Year	Per.	Cd.	Fund	Bank Code	Check Date	Check Number	Trans. Amount
502	RRA PAYROLL FUND	2022	5	VP	40	40	5/13/2022	4022003	5,222.08
502	RRA PAYROLL FUND	2022	5	VP	40	40	5/27/2022	4022004	5,231.10
<b>Total for Fund:</b>									<b>10,453.18</b>
<b>Total Number of VP Checks Printed:</b>						<b>2</b>	<b>Total VP Amount Credited:</b>		<b>10,453.18</b>
7095	ACP ARTS INK	2022	5	VR	40	40	5/02/2022	0131751	550.00
7336	GIGI'S CITY KITCHEN	2022	5	VR	40	40	5/02/2022	0131759	225.00
6400	IL FORNO A LEGNA LLC	2022	5	VR	40	40	5/02/2022	0131761	505.00
2589	KENNEDY LANDSCAPING INC	2022	5	VR	40	40	5/02/2022	0131763	770.00
7357	COPACABANA COFFEE LLC	2022	5	VR	40	40	5/02/2022	0131785	415.84
7250	ORTEGAS BBQ, LLC	2022	5	VR	40	40	5/02/2022	0131810	480.00
7295	CONSTANT CONTACT, INC.	2022	5	VR	40	40	5/11/2022	0131966	798.00
7258	KEVIN SIMMONS	2022	5	VR	40	40	5/11/2022	0131973	4,000.00
6881	THE COFFEE BOX LLC	2022	5	VR	40	40	5/12/2022	0131995	222.96
<b>Total for Fund:</b>									<b>7,966.80</b>

18,419.98