

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
January 22, 2020

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; and Council President Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Eric Ford.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the December 26, 2019 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. Mayor Matik reported that today was the first time court was held in Linwood since 2012 and everything went well.

4. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the execution of a Grant Agreement with the NJ Historic Trust for the roof replacement project at the Historical Society building.

5. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution appointing Angela Marshall to the position of Zoning Officer.

6. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Agreement with the NJ Department of Transportation for the installation of two flashing pedestrian beacons at the intersection of Route 9 and Monroe Avenue. Councilman Heun discussed the need for these lights.

7. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the hiring of Kathryn Egan as a Substitute Crossing Guard.

2. Councilman Heun motioned to add Resolution No. 47 to the agenda authorizing the hiring of Pierce Shaud as a Special Class II Officer for the City of Linwood. This position is to cover the court days. Councilwoman DeDomenicis seconded the motion. All present members of Council were in favor of addition the Resolution to the agenda.

8. Council

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution authorizing the cancellation of taxes and a refund of an overpayment of taxes for 4 Falling Water Drive due to 100% permanently disabled veteran status.

9. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution authorizing a refund to Flanagan Graphics with regard to a Mercantile License fee
2. Council President Paolone discussed a Resolution authorizing a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Daniel Alsofrom as a Shared Municipal Prosecutor for outstanding 2019 issues.
3. Council President Paolone advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing Bingo & Raffle Licenses to AtlantiCare Foundation and Muckdogs.
4. Council President Paolone reported that three names were submitted to City Council by the Republican Committee. City Council is in favor of appointing Matt Levinson who previously served on City Council. Council President Paolone explained that Mr. Levinson will take over Mayor Matik's Council committee assignments, Chairing Revenue & Finance, and being a member of Neighborhood Services and Public Works. Council President Paolone will be a member of the Public Safety Committee now.
5. Council President Paolone asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to go into closed session at 6:14 P.M. All members of Council were in favor. The motion was approved. The meeting reconvened at 6:33 P.M.

At 6:34 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk