

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
January 22, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; and Council President Ralph Paolone  
Absent: Councilman Eric Ford.  
Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2020 Reorganization meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Paolone announced that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, the Linwood Republican Committee submitted a list of three candidates to City Council for consideration to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Darren Matik. Council President Paolone opened the floor for nominations of those three candidates. Councilman Heun nominated Matthew B. Levinson. With no other nominations heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor for nominations.

**46-2020** A Resolution to fill the Vacancy on Linwood City Council created by the resignation of Darren Matik

The Clerk read Resolution No. 46 of 2020 by title only appointing Matthew B. Levinson to fill the vacancy on Linwood City Council. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Resolution No. 46. A roll call vote was heard with five members in the affirmative and Councilman Ford absent. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under item, **Consent** Agenda, are considered to be routine by City Council, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds and any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

- 33-2020** A Resolution authorizing a Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Historic Trust
- 34-2020** A Resolution authorizing the cancellation of taxes and refund of a tax overpayment for Block 1 Lot 45.22 located at 4 Falling Water Drive in the City of Linwood
- 35-2020** A Resolution appointing Angela L. Marshall to the position of Zoning Officer for the City of Linwood
- 36-2020** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Linwood to execute an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation associated with a traffic control device at the intersection of Route 9 and Monroe Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 37-2020** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Kathryn Wunderlich Egan as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 38-2020** A Resolution authorizing a refund to Flanagan Graphics with regard to a Mercantile License Renewal Fee

- 39-2020** A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Daniel Alsofrom as Shared Municipal Prosecutor for the Cities of Linwood and Northfield
- 40-2020** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2020-04, to Muckdogs Inc.
- 41-2020** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2020-10, to Muckdogs Inc.
- 42-2020** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2020-11, to Muckdogs Inc.
- 43-2020** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2020-12, to Muckdogs Inc.
- 44-2020** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2020-13, to AtlantiCare Foundation
- 45-2020** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2020-05, to Muckdogs Inc.

Council President Paolone advised that Resolution No. 47, 2020 to hire Pierce Shaud as a Special Class II Officer was added in the Caucus meeting. Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Resolutions No. 33-45, and 47 of 2020. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$3,586,015.82**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, and Councilman Ford absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun welcomed the return of Matt Levinson to City Council. He thanked the Mayor, Police Department and court employees on getting court up and running.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon echoed the comments of Councilman Heun. He also congratulated Mr. Levinson noting that the list of candidates from the Republican Committee was very impressive. The City is lucky to have candidates of that caliber wanting to serve on City Council.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes reiterated what Councilman Gordon stated regarding the candidates for City Council. She is happy they want to be involved.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone also welcomed Matt Levinson back on City Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 6:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk