LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES January 25, 2023

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call Present: Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Councilman Todd Michael.
 Absent: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilman Eric Ford; and Councilman Adam Walcoff. Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.
- Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.
- 3. Councilwoman Albright
 - A. Planning, Engineering, & Development
 - 1. Councilwoman Albright advised that at the last Planning Board Meeting the Board voted to approve Contracts with Eric Goldstein as Planning Board Solicitor and Vincent Polistina as Planning Board Engineer. Resolutions confirming those appointments are on the agenda.
 - 2. Councilwoman Albright advised of Resolutions on the agenda requesting Atlantic Electric to install a streetlight on the dead end of West Avenue near Mary Jane Lane and one on the dead end of W. Morris Avenue. These lights were requested by residents. Police Chief Cunningham and the Engineering Committee agreed that both locations are justified. She also reported that the light requested on Vernon Avenue has recently been installed.
 - 3. Councilwoman Albright discussed Resolutions on the agenda in support of DOT's midblock crosswalk pedestrian interim and final improvement projects. City representatives met with DOT representatives to discuss the projects. The interim improvements will be to correct one mid-block crosswalk on Route 9 between Cornerstone Commerce Center and Mainland High School. That crosswalk will be shifted over and a pedestrian beacon and signage will be installed. Another crosswalk just further north will be lined and signage will be installed. These items will be completed by the DOT sometime in the near future. The final improvements include the installation of sidewalks in front of Cornerstone as part of a much larger DOT project, which may be completed in 2027.
- 4. Councilwoman Byrnes
 - A. Neighborhood Services
 - 1. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of a Resolution on the agenda supporting a Stigma Free Atlantic Initiative.
 - 2. Councilwoman Byrnes reviewed Resolutions authorizing the submission of the Alliance Grants.
 - 3. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed an Ordinance amending Chapter 140 Fees to include the Recreation Board fees.
 - 4. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed an issue on Edna Avenue during flag football season. The residents that live on Edna Avenue were overwhelmed with people viewing the games indicating that were blocking the street and trespassing on the residents' property.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

- 1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that each year, PEOSHA inspects public buildings for safety compliance. The Public Works Garage was recently inspected upon invitation from Mr. Jones and all findings have been satisfactorily completed.
- 6. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

- 1. Councilman Levinson advised that the Salary Ordinance is on the agenda for final reading.
- 2. Councilman Levinson reviewed a Resolution authorizing refunds of taxes for 550 Central Avenue, B5 and 361 W. Poplar Avenue due to disable veteran status.

7. Councilman Michael

- A. Public Safety
 - 1. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing the Police Department to participate in the Defense Logistic Agency Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program.
 - 2. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Network Connectivity, Inc for Information Technology Network & Support
- 8. Council President Ford
 - A. Administration
 - 1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License to Mainland Crew.

At 6:14 P.M., Councilwoman DeDomenicis called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC Municipal Clerk