

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Councilwoman June Byrnes called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman June Byrnes led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Councilman Todd Michael.
Absent: Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; and Council President Ralph Paolone.
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 Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2022 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

2 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HERewith.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 2 for final reading. Councilman Ford explained that letters were mailed out to residents regarding the amendment. He did receive comments from one property owner. Councilman Ford explained that the parking prohibition is needed in order for the DOT to properly stripe and sign the intersection for the safety of all motorists. Councilwoman Byrnes opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 2. Tia Bucci Donohoe, 409 W. Poplar Avenue, Linwood – Mrs. Donohoe understands why this is being done. It is dangerous for cars parked on the street with cars turning off Route 9. Her concern is for the tenant that lives next door. There is no driveway and the tenant is handicap. She asked Council to consider installing a curb cut for a driveway for that property or allowing the property owner to give ten feet of their property to her and she will widen her driveway to accommodate both properties. The Mayor advised Mrs. Donohoe that Councilman Ford spoke to the property owner and all questions were answered. Kathleen Spaeth, 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth indicated that at the last meeting there was discussion about a school bus stop in this location. She asked if anything has been done to address the stop. The Mayor advised that the City did reach out to St. Augustin Prep regarding the stop, and the school is very happy with the City's solution. Seeing and hearing no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Byrnes closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Council President Paolone absent. Motion was approved.

3 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20, 2004 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PRUDENTIAL AND BLOOM SITES IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THOSE AREAS, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES 2 AND 3, 2015 AND ORDINANCE 2, 2016, AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 7, 2019 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HERewith.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 3 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Council President Paolone absent. Motion was 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.

- 45-2022** A Resolution authorizing submission of a Grant Application for the Linwood Municipal Alliance Grant
- 46-2022** A Resolution establishing salaries for non-contractual employees of the City of Linwood for 2022
- 47-2022** A Resolution waiving the quarterly Linwood Library Reimbursement to the City of Linwood
- 48-2022** A Resolution awarding a Contract to SHI International through the Bergen County Cooperative CK04 Sub-Contract #19-34 for Municipal Management Software
- 49-2022** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-02, to the Margate Education Foundation
- 50-2022** A Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Network Connectivity, Inc. for Information Technology Network and Support for the Linwood Police Department
- 51-2022** A Resolution supporting the New Jersey Department of Transportation's recommendation for left turns prohibited along Route 9 and Oak Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 52-2022** A Resolution supporting the New Jersey Department of Transportation's striping and signage plan for the intersection of Route 9 and Poplar Avenue in the City of Linwood

Councilwoman June Byrnes asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolutions No. 45-52 of 2022. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$273,389.61

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Byrnes opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Byrnes closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor discussed the new bus route for St. Augustine Prep school. He reported that the City received a \$38,000 credit from the ACUA for yard waste due to the issues they have been having.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright commended the efforts of the Police and Public Works Departments with the last snow storm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to adjourn at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk