

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**February 14, 2018**

Council President Paolone 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.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Elliot Beinfest; and Councilman Darren Matik.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2018 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with two abstentions from Councilmen Ford and Heun. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the annual Aerial Mosquito Control Contract with Atlantic County.
2. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a Resolution on the agenda extending the Shared Services Agreement with the ACUA for solid waste collection.
3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis reported that the Budget Committee met to begin working on the budget. Things look good. Councilwoman DeDomenicis, Councilman Beinfest, Mr. Strazzeri, Mr. Costello, and Mr. Fleishman also met with representatives from Linwood Schools to roll over the bonds as they are no longer a Type I district.

4. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing refunds of escrow/engineering fees for Street Opening Permits.
2. Councilman Ford discussed a request by Athletes Arbor for temporary signage at Memorial Park. The Board of Recreation approved the use of the fields for a Sunday flag football league. Athletes Arbor wants to sell A frame banner signs to line the fields with the day of use. Council agreed to allow the signage as long as they are removed each day after use and not left on the fields.

5. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 257 for Licensed Towing Operators.
2. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda approving the certification of qualified volunteers for LOSAP.

6. Councilman Matik

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed the Salary Ordinance on the agenda for final reading.
2. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed the final reading of the Bond Ordinance.
3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution on the agenda to use the average percentage of collection in calculating the reserve for uncollected taxes.

7. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund to Faces 4 Autism with regard to a Raffle License fee.
2. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund to Tara & Joseph Mazza with regard to a Dog License fee.
3. Council President Paolone discussed an item listed on Councilman Ford's agenda, Rehabilitation Area. There has been discussion to designate the Linwood Country Club as a Rehabilitation Area. Council President Paolone read the definition of a Rehabilitation Area and the process on how to designate an area as provided for in NJSA 40A:12A-3 and 40A:12A-14. The process requires City Council to refer the matter to the Planning Board for review. Council President Paolone believes it is a good idea. He wants that site to be successful. The Mayor asked where the idea came from. Council President Paolone advised that Council had some discussions on the idea. He wants to make sure no conflicts of interest exist relating to this matter. He asked that Councilmen Ford and Matik not be involved in discussions on this matter as they are both members of the Country Club. The Mayor asked if it is a goal to make it a Redevelopment Area. Council President Paolone responded in the negative explaining the difference between a Redevelopment Area and a Rehabilitation Area. He explained that it is a tool used to help empower City Council to work with improvements. Councilman Gordon advised that some communities have their entire community designated as such. The goal is to spur investment and keep the tax rate stable. Council President Paolone advised that it is zoned for golf/recreation and he wants to keep it that way. Mr. Polistina discussed the process after the matter gets referred to the Planning Board and the creation of a plan. The Planning Board is having a hearing on the Master Plan Reexamination on February 26, 2018 and this could be discussed then. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to refer the designation of the Linwood Country Club as a Rehabilitation Area to the Planning Board. All present members were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Ford. Motion was approved.

8. Mr. Youngblood

1. Mr. Youngblood discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing payment of \$2,500 into a Special Escrow Account for payment of Special Master and Professional Fees related to the Mount Laurel Litigation. This was pursuant to an Order by Judge Johnson.

At 6:23 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk