

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
February 23, 2022

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting via Zoom are posted on the City's website.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael (via zoom); and Council President Ralph Paolone

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Lieutenant Chet Brown, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilwoman Albright reported that the Planning Board discussed Ordinance No. 3, 2022, amending the Redevelopment Plan for the Bloom site and determined that the amendment is consistent with the Master Plan. The Board requested to see the final site plan once it has been prepared.

4. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract to Liberty Parks & Playgrounds for the purchase of playground equipment for an outdoor story time area at the Library. The City was awarded grant money from the State for this project.
2. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract to Liberty Parks & Playgrounds for the purchase of playground equipment at the Library. This playground will be much different than the one at Memorial Park. It is designed for younger children with an educational theme.
3. Councilwoman Byrnes attended the Recreation Board meeting last night. The Board members and Park Director Tim Donovan are doing a great job.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution awarding a Contract to Offshore Carpet Cleaning, LLC for Janitorial Services.
2. Council President Paolone advised that the current Public Works Contract expires at the end of this year and asked for volunteers for negotiations to let him know. The Mayor volunteered.

6. Councilman Ford

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing refunds of Rental Registration Fees.

7. Councilman Levinson
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments made by Corelogic Mortgage.
 - B. Councilman Levinson advised of an honorary Resolution on the agenda for the Linwood Panthers Varsity Football Team. They had an undefeated season and won the championship.
8. Council President Paolone
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Paolone advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing a Bingo and Raffle License to Our Lady of Sorrows Church.
 2. Council President Paolone advised of the need for a Closed Session meeting at the end of tonight's meeting to discuss PBA contract negotiations. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, add Resolution No. 62, 2022 to the agenda closing the February 23, 2022 Council meeting to discuss same. All members of Council were in favor. Motion to add Resolution No. 62 was approved.

At 6:05 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk