

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 26, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Councilwoman June Byrnes called the meeting to order at 6:25 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Matt Levinson led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; and Councilman Matt Levinson.

Absent: Council President Ralph Paolone.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

1 OF 2020 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 1 of 2020 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson to approve Ordinance No. 1 for final reading. Councilwoman Byrnes opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 1. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Byrnes closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Council President Paolone absent. Motion was approved.

2 OF 2020 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD FROM VST CAPITAL, LLC AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 2 for final reading. Councilwoman Byrnes opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 2. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Byrnes closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Council President Paolone absent. Motion was approved.

3 OF 2020 A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,778,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,539,100) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Ordinance No. 3. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Council President Paolone absent. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

- 70-2020** A Resolution approving a request for a hardship exception from road opening moratorium for Block 56, Lot 6 located at 1 Morris Avenue in the City of Linwood

Councilman Ford explained that a hardship exception from a Road Opening Moratorium was received from the property owner at 1 Morris Avenue. The property owner noticed all neighboring property owners as required by City Ordinance and provided a hearing date of the February 12, 2020 City Council meeting. The item was not listed on the agenda. However, no objections were received. Councilwoman Byrnes opened the floor to the public for anyone wishing to be heard on the application. Jennie Thomas of 1 Morris Avenue explained that she is the applicant seeking the exception so that she can have a gas line installed to her property to replace her antiquated heating system that has been causing health concerns for her family. Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Byrnes closed the floor. The Clerk read Resolution No. 70, 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Resolution No. 70 of 2020. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Gordon, 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.

- 68-2020** A Resolution authorizing a refund of an overpayment of the 2016 1st quarter taxes for Block 42, Lot 11 located at 1603 Grant Avenue in the taxing district of the City of Linwood
- 69-2020** A Resolution authorizing a Contract with the Tree Man for tree removal services with regard to the Brighton Drive Development Area
- 71-2020** A Resolution authorization the execution of a Contract on behalf of the City of Linwood with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #4370
- 72-2020** A Resolution canceling a credit balance for a City owned property for Block 1, Lot 49 C5 located at 1201 New Road in the City of Linwood
- 73-2020** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Lease of a Fire Truck on behalf of the City of Linwood with the City of Somers Point
- 74-2020** A Resolution to rescind Resolution No. 67 of 2020 pertaining to an extension of the term of a Contract with TriCare Medical Transportation for Shared Emergency medical Services in the City of Linwood and the City of Northfield
- 75-2020** A Resolution extending the term of a Contract with TriCare Medical Transportation for Shared Emergency medical Services in the City of Linwood and the City of Northfield
- 76-2020** A Resolution authorizing execution of an Amended Agreement for Shared Municipal Services
- 77-2020** A Resolution rejecting the bid received from ACB Services, Inc. for Janitorial Services for the City of Linwood
- 78-2020** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Offshore Carpet Cleaning, LLC for Janitorial Services for the City of Linwood
- 79-2020** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Whitney MacClemmy Rodriguez as an Administrative Assistant in the Construction Office for the City of Linwood

Councilwoman June Byrnes asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolutions No. 68-69, 71-79 of 2020. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,113,853.63

Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, 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.

Adam Hood 1 Robert Best Road, Egg Harbor Township

Mr. Hood is a member of the 2A Sanctuary and he and other members spoke at the last City Council meeting asking them to adopt a Resolution in reference to the proposed gun laws. He and his group are law abiding gun owners and they feel their rights are being infringed upon.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked Mr. Hood for the information.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes also thanked Mr. Hood for attending the meeting.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun informed Mr. Hood that City Council does have the information his group presented at the last meeting and it has been circulated amongst Council and is being discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk