

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 27, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Eric Ford led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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 Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilwoman DeDomenicis. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

4 OF 2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 221 SEWERS, ARTICLE II, SEWER USE AND RATES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4 of 2019 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 4 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 4. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

5 OF 2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VI TRAFFIC CONTROL STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD REPAIRS, SECTION 263-34, REQUESTS AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OF POLICE TRAFFIC DIRECTORS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 5 of 2019 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 5 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 5. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

6 OF 2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 241 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ARTICLE IV DUMPSTERS AND OTHER RECEPTACLES FOR DEBRIS COLLECTION, SECTION 241-21, PERMIT REQUIRED OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 6 of 2019 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Ordinance No. 6. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion 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.

- 58-2019** A Resolution awarding Non-Competitive Contracts for Professional Services to Michael Bernardin and Joseph Junod for Property Appraisal Services in the City of Linwood
- 59-2019** A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Westfield Architects and Preservation Consultants for Architectural Services for the Leedsville Schoolhouse Preservation Project in the City of Linwood
- 60-2019** A Resolution authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments made by CoreLogic
- 61-2019** A Resolution authorizing entering into an Agreement with Atlantic County for Municipal Aerial Mosquito Control Spraying
- 62-2019** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2019-17, to Auxiliary to the Betty Bacharach Rehabilitation Hospital
- 63-2019** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2019-18, to AtlantiCare Foundation
- 64-2019** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2019-06, to AtlantiCare Foundation
- 65-2019** A Resolution declaring New Linwood Office Park, LLC in default as the Redeveloper of the Bloom Tract, Block 1, Lots 26.01 and 26.02 and terminating the Redevelopment Agreement between New Linwood Office Park, LLC and the City of Linwood
- 66-2019** A Resolution designating Charter Tech Annex, LLC as the Redeveloper of the Bloom Tract, Block 1, Lots 26.01 and 26.02 in the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 58-66 of 2019. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,410,393.87

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Daniel Cinquegrani, 11 E. Patcong Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Cinquegrani discussed two dumpsters on a property next to him and how it has been a mess with debris blowing onto Mr. Cinquegrani's property. He requested copies of the permits for the dumpsters and was advised that no dumpster permits existed. He is frustrated with the condition of the property and the lack of enforcement to clean it up. He also asked about the enforcement of code violations on weekends. He appreciates the call from Captain Hamilton explaining to him about the discrepancy in the City Code regarding dumpsters on private property and hopes it will all be enforced once adopted. Council President Paolone advised that moving Code Enforcement under the Police Department does provide for extra days for enforcement as police patrols are seven days a week. He is confident the matters will be addressed.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford advised Mr. Cinquegrani that he looked into the property he was referring to and found an old construction permit from 2016. He understands those issues can be very frustrating, but reminded him to notify the code enforcement division of the Police Department when necessary.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik discussed the city budget reporting that the introduction of the budget will take place at the next meeting. It looks like a zero percent tax increase for the municipal tax. City Council and the employees worked hard to put the City in this position. He suggested that everyone attend the Linwood Board of Education meetings. They are looking at a possible eight cent tax increase. He indicated that it is a shame the board is now elected rather than appointed. When the board was appointed, City Council had some control over their spending.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He is Chair of the Public Safety Committee and work with the Police Department closely. He believes the residents will see changes with code enforcement and knows the department will take the issues seriously.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked the residents for attending. It is great when residents improve their properties, but advised of the importance that it is done the correct way.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked the residents for attending.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked everyone for attending. The Police Department will take care of the concerns. She also advised everyone to attend the school board meetings.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone also discussed the proposed tax increase for the schools and noted that City Council no longer has a vote on their spending now that the board is elected.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk