

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
March 11, 2020

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vincent Polistina, City Engineer; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor attended the County Mayors Association Meeting and they are asking for municipalities to pass Resolutions supporting landing the F-35 in New Jersey and urging the United States Air Force to base F-35 Fighter Jets at the 177th Fighter Wing in Atlantic County.

4. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract to Kupex Exteriors, LLC for the Roof Restoration of the Leedsville Schoolhouse. This project is being funding by a NJ Historic Trust Grant.
2. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for first reading authorizing a twenty-year Lease Agreement with the Linwood Library. Council President Paolone had several questions with regard to the language and the annual payment from the Library to the City in the amount of \$24,000. Council reviewed and discussed the terms of the Agreement.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that the City will be hosting a community shredding day as part of the City's Sustainable Jersey program. The date of the event will be at the end of April.
2. Councilwoman DeDomenicis reported that Public Works have trimmed the grapes at the Krumm Vineyard and replaced all broken fencing.

6. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund of a Rental Registration Fee to Dawn Ritter. The fee was paid twice.
2. Councilman Ford reported that the Ordinance with regard to the Master Plan revisions has been pulled. The committee met and still has questions. They will meet again and report back at a future date.

7. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the hiring of Maureen DeGaetano as a Substitute Crossing Guard.

2. Councilman Heun discussed a Resolution on the agenda amending Resolution No. 47 of 2020 authorizing the hiring of Pierce Shaud as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class II to change from a one year appointment to a four month appointment.
8. Councilman Levinson
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Levinson discussed the Bond Ordinance on the agenda for final reading. This was discussed in length at first reading. Council has spent a lot of time discussing the items included in the Ordinance. Councilman Ford credited the efforts of the Finance Committee putting together the Ordinance and answering Council members questions. The Mayor indicated that this Bond Ordinance is long term and will fund needed projects over the next five years.
 2. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Contract with Global Document Services, LLC for document management services to continue scanning records.
 3. Councilman Levinson reviewed a Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Phoenix Advisors for Financial Services with regard to a Bond Sale.
9. Mr. Youngblood
 - A. Mr. Youngblood discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing execution of an amended Interlocal Services Agreement with the EHT Municipal Utilities Authority. This just extends the Agreement for an additional year to be in line with their Agreement with the ACUA.

At 6:35 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk