

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Brian Heun 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; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

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

ORDINANCES

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. Council Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 3 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 3. Larry Lhulier 1300 Woodlynne Boulevard, Linwood – Mr. Lhulier questioned the amount of \$650,000 in the Bond Ordinance for Memorial Field. Councilman Levinson advised that the money is not just for Memorial Park, but for all parks for the next five years. A priority project is the renovations of the existing soccer building at Memorial Park. Mr. Lhulier questioned the \$540,000 in the Ordinance for Library Improvements. Mayor Matik explained that the City is seeking half of that amount from the Library Construction Bond Act Grant and that the improvements are needed even if the City is not awarded the grant. Councilman Ford explained that the full amount had to be certified in order to apply for the grant. Mr. Lhulier asked if there is an itemized list of the Library improvements. Councilman Ford explained that the City's Engineer did prepare a list and cost estimate for each item. That will be forwarded to Mr. Lhulier along with a copy of the guidelines for the Library Construction Bond Act. Seeing and hearing no other 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.

4 OF 2020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, INC. AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HERewith.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Ordinance No. 4. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion approved.

- 5 OF 2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 277 ZONING, ARTICLE X USES AND SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.
(PULLED)
- 6 OF 2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41 LAND USE PROCEDURES, ARTICLE IV APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.
(PULLED)

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.

- 80-2020** A Resolution authorizing a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0114-33-002-002 from Hwy 9 Entertainment, LLC to Linwood CC License, LLC
- 81-2020** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Kupex Exteriors, LLC for the Roof Restoration of the Leedsville Schoolhouse
- 82-2020** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Maureen DeGaetano as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 83-2020** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Rental Registration Fee to Dawn Ritter
- 84-2020** A Resolution of the City of Linwood, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey supporting landing the F-35 in NJ and urging the United States Air Force to base F-35 Fighter Jets at the 177th Fighter Wing in Atlantic County, New Jersey
- 85-2020** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2020-21, to Auxiliary to the Betty Bacharach Rehabilitation Hospital
- 86-2020** A Resolution amending Resolution No. 47 of 2020 authorizing the hiring of Pierce Shaud as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class II, for the City of Linwood
- 87-2020** A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Global Document Services, LLC for document management services
- 88-2020** A Resolution authorizing execution of an Amended Interlocal Services Agreement with the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Utilities Authority
- 89-2020** A resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Phoenix Advisors, LLC for Financial Services

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 80-89 of 2020. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,380,676.15

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, 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.

Larry Lhulier, 1300 Woodlynne Boulevard, Linwood – Mr. Lhulier thanked Captain Hamilton, the Mayor and anyone else responsible for the new speed control devices in the City.

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

Mayor Matik – The Mayor discussed how hard City Council works to watch every penny. The amount of work they put into anything they do that requires spending money is commendable. They do a great job.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun appreciates everyone's hard work on the Bond Ordinance indicating that this puts the City in a good position for the next five years.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson explained that Council worked very hard preparing the Bond Ordinance for the best of the residents. Many of the projects have to be completed for the betterment of the community.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis announced the 2020 Patcong Creek Clean Up on May 17. A community shredding day will take place at the end of April.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford discussed the amount of work that Council puts in to preparing the Bond Ordinance and everything they do. They pull things apart and talk it over again and again putting a lot of thought into everything.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked everyone for their efforts and welcomed the community feedback.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone missed the last few meetings because of coaching commitments but had many questions for certain items on the agenda. Council met with Department Heads to answer everyone's questions. Council did a great job structuring the needs of the City over the next five years.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk