

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Darren Matik 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; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

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 Matik to approve Ordinance No. 6 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 6. 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.

7 OF 2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20, 2004 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PRUDENTIAL AND BLOOM SITES IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THOSE AREAS, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES 2 AND 3, 2015 AND ORDINANCE 2, 2016, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 7 of 2019 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Ordinance No. 7. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion approved.

8 OF 2019 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 8 of 2019 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 8. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

71-2019 A Resolution introducing the 2019 Municipal Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 71 of 2019 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 71. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion approved. Councilman Matik presented a Power Point presentation on the 2019 budget. (Attached as Exhibit B)

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.

- 57-2019** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Shore Solutions Mechanical Contracting, LLC for HVAC Repairs and Services for the City of Linwood
- 67-2019** A Resolution establishing salaries for Non-Contractual employees of the City of Linwood for 2019
- 68-2019** A Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Contract for Municipal Prosecutor with Daniel D. Alsofrom
- 69-2019** A Resolution approving an Amendment to the Contract with the City of Linwood Blue Collar Workers through its representative, Teamsters Local #331
- 70-2019** A Resolution adopting the annual progress report of the City's Floodplain Management Plan as identified within the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and as required by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Community Rating System (CRS)
- 72-2019** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Linwood Farmers Market

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 57, 67-70, 72 of 2019. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$911,906.79

Councilman Gordon 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.

John Miller, 311 Melody Lane, Linwood

Mr. Miller discussed the neighboring commercial properties next to his property and how the trash and debris on the commercial properties blow onto to his property and are bringing down his property value. One of the businesses has not cleaned up the leaves and they are now up against his fence and the fence is falling down. He asked Council to adopt an Ordinance to require property owners to clean up leaves. He would also like enclosures around the dumpsters on all commercial properties, not just new businesses, to prevent trash from blowing.

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 DePamphilis – The Mayor commended Councilman Matik and his committee on their work with the budget.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik advised Mr. Miller that Council will look into his concerns.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun also commended Councilman Matik and his committee on the budget and advised Mr. Miller that Council will look into his concerns.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked Councilman Matik and the Finance Committee.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis announced that the Farmers Market will begin soon. Every Saturday for a few weeks from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also reminded everyone to attend the Linwood Board of Education meetings for details on their budget.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone agrees that everyone should attend the School Board meetings. He is not happy with having an elected board because now Council does not have a say with their budget. The City worked hard to keep taxes down. He would like to see the schools do the same. However, they are proposing an eight cent tax increase. He discussed the process of changing it back to an appointed board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk