

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:27 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Elliot Beinfest led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; 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; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

71-2018 A Resolution honoring Alyssa Aldridge

The Clerk read Resolution No. 71 of 2018 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 71. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Council President Paolone read and presented the Resolution to Alyssa Aldridge. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated her on her achievements.

ORDINANCES

5 OF 2018 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 5 of 2018 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Ordinance No. 5. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

80-2018 A Resolution introducing the 2018 Municipal Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 80 of 2018 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 80. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved. Councilman Matik presented a Power Point presentation on the budget. (See 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.

70-2018 A Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Linwood and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority with regard to the 2015-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

72-2018 A Resolution of the City of Linwood, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey authorizing to adopt the Atlantic Cape Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Participation

73-2018 A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to release unused Planning Board application fees with regard to Block 184, Lots 30 & 31 (2 Gail Avenue) in the City of Linwood

- 74-2018** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2018-05, to Linwood Nursery School
- 75-2018** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Linwood to participate in the Atlantic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program
- 76-2018** A Resolution establishing salaries for non-contractual employees of the City of Linwood for 2018
- 77-2018** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Linwood Farmers Market
- 78-2018** A Resolution certifying compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"
- 79-2018** A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to William McLees Architecture, LLC for Architectural Services in the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone announced that Resolution No. 81, 2018, confirming the appointment of Ronald Bradly to the Recreation Board, was added in the Caucus meeting. He asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolutions No. 70, 72-79, 81 of 2018. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$823,685.96

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, 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.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor congratulated Alyssa Aldridge.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun thanked Councilman Matik and his committee for their work on the budget. He also thanked the employees of the City for their help keeping the costs down.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford also commended Councilman Matik and his committee for their efforts on the budget.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon understands that it has been a hard couple of years and it is no small feat putting together a budget that works. He thanked and commended Councilman Matik and the Budget Committee. They did a great job keeping the services that the community expects and demands. It is a responsible budget.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone worked on the budget committee in the past and understands how difficult it is. He thanked Councilman Matik and his committee for their efforts. He knows residents will be disappointed with taxes going up 2 cents but the City's portion of overall the overall tax bill is small. The overall increase could be 9.9 cents. He discussed the City's shared services and the savings involved. He discussed the job done by Department Heads and Councilman Matik on holding the line and keeping costs down. Council President Paolone discussed a letter by the County Executive recently sent to Governor Murphy requesting the Governor to honor the 13% as requested in the PILOT program. He feels if honored, it would help the City. He discussed the decline in ratables in Atlantic City and the County, but feels that things will come back with new projects such as the Stockton building in Atlantic City and the new Hard Rock Casino. The Revel may even possibly open again. They will all help Linwood's property values. Senator Brown and County Executive Levinson do a great job and will continue to work for improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 6:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk