

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
March 23, 2022

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting via Zoom are posted on the City's website.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; and Council President Ralph Paolone

Absent: Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Lieutenant Chet Brown, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Levinson. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Local Recreation Improvement Grant Agreement with the City of Linwood and the State of NJ Department of Community Affairs. This grant is for the new playground and outdoor story area at the Library.

4. Councilman Ford

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of the first reading of an Ordinance amending the Chapter 205 Property Maintenance.
2. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda approving temporary signage for the Linwood Farmers Market. This is done every year.
3. Councilman Ford discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to William McLees Architectural Services, LLC for architectural services in the City of Linwood for the design of a new recreation building at Memorial Park.
4. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing temporary signage for the Shirley Mae Breast Cancer Run.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing the cancellation of 2021 final and 2022 preliminary taxes due to tax exempt status for Block 98 Lot 6 located at 311 Van Sant Avenue in the City of Linwood.
2. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a temporary budget. The 2022 budget introduction will be scheduled for the next meeting.

6. Councilman Michael

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement and Contract on behalf of the City with the PBA Rank & File and Superior Officers.
2. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution on the agenda confirming the promotion of Patrolman Michael Fountas, Jr. to the position of Sergeant.
3. Councilman Michael discussed an Ordinance on the agenda amending Chapter 263, Vehicles and Traffic for rate of compensation for outside details.

7. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolutions on the agenda authorizing a Raffle License to Mainland Girls Track Booster Club.
2. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda reaffirming the commitment and objectives of the Linwood Green Team. The Linwood Green Team was established by Council in 2009. As part of the City's re-certification process it is necessary to reaffirm the Green Team's commitment and objectives.

At 6:12 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk