

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:47 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 Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Eric Ford.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

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. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 7 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 7. 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 six in the affirmative and Councilman Ford absent. Motion was 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 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 8. 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 six in the affirmative and Councilman Ford absent. Motion was approved.

9 OF 2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I, GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 263-4 PROHIBITED PARKING; STOPPING OR STANDING; TIME LIMIT PARKING; SNOW EMERGENCIES; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES 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.

- 73-2019** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused escrow funds posted with regard to a POD/Dumpster Permit
- 74-2019** 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
- 75-2019** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to participate in the Atlantic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- 78-2019** A Resolution funding the Preservation of the Leedsville Schoolhouse in the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 73-75, 78 of 2019. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,237,670.27

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Ford absent. 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.

Gordon Lawson, 10 Marvin Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Lawson raised a complaint regarding Block 177 Lot 10 indicating that it does not comply with the court order. It is an independent lot and does not meet the lot size dimensions. He hopes the City takes this into consideration. He would also like to see the accessory apartment program revised. The lot in consideration would be a change of use and should go before the zoning board. He would also like to see more teeth in the program for enforcement and ramifications.

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

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun welcomed the new K-9 and complimented the new Hummer at no cost to the City.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked Mr. Gordon for his comments. He believes the City Solicitor has responded to Mr. Lawson's previous comments and questions in a detailed fashion. He advised him that the City will take his comments into consideration.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes reiterated Councilman Gordon's comments and thanked Mr. Lawson for his comments. The City will look into the matter.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone discussed how individuals renting properties without registration is a problem because they are not inspected for safety. City Council took steps to have Code Enforcement under the Police Department so the properties can continue to be inspected. Police employees on the street every day. Council President Paolone believes the City Solicitor responded to Mr. Lawson's concerns regarding COAH. These are legal matters that have been in the courts for years.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk