

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
March 28, 2018

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. 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; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor DePamphilis

A. The Mayor introduced two Mayors for the Day, Jasper & Theodore Coville.

4. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford discussed an Ordinance on the agenda amending the Code of the City of Linwood and granting to the Planning Board the powers formerly held by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for first reading.
2. Councilman Ford advised of another Resolution approving a temporary banner for the Farmer's Market due to a new approval period from the County.
3. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund of unused escrow funds with regard to a dumpster permit.

5. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun discussed a Resolution on the agenda amending Resolution No. 50, 2018 to approve the certification for LOSAP. He thanked Mr. Dilks for advising him that four additional members did qualify and this Resolution will add them to the list.
2. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution authorizing the installation of a streetlight on Harvard Lane. This request was approved at a previous Council meeting. The City just got the pricing from Atlantic City Electric and the Resolution is now formally requesting the light. He discussed Councilman's Matik plan to upgrade City lighting to LED lights and this new light is consistent with that plan.

6. Councilman Matik

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Matik advised that the Ordinance to exceed the CAP is on the agenda for final reading.
2. Councilman Matik reported that he just attended the exit audit meeting and was informed there have been no findings in the audit report. The audit report will be presented to all Council soon with the plan to approve it at the April 25 Council meeting.

7. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone reported that he met with the Engineer, Councilman Heun, and the Planning Board Chairman regarding the Master Plan Reexamination Report. He requested that all members of Council read the report and they will be discussing it over the next few months. He advised that there is a major shift in the philosophy of the City. Mr. Polistina did an outstanding presentation on the report at the Planning Board hearing. Council President Paolone requested that Mrs. Napoli get a copy of the transcript of Mr. Polistina's presentation and distribute it to Council and post it on the web site. Councilman Heun advised that the Planning Board and City Council have very different roles with regard to the plan. The Planning Board looks at it from a planning standpoint and Council has to look at it to see what the community wants and needs. Council President Paolone indicated that they did a very thorough job with the report and again asked that everyone read it.

At 6:19 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk