

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
April 27, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:16 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.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Eric Ford led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilwoman Blair Albright (via live stream); Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Council President Ralph Paolone.  
Absent: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; and Councilman Todd Michael.  
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**

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**ORDINANCES**

**6 OF 2022** A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$650,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SIX HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$617,500) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR VARIOUS GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 6 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 6 for final reading. Councilman Levinson advised that this Ordinance will cover upgrade to the radios to the Fire Department to improve communications, the 2022 Road program that will cover Greenwich, Kent, and Burwick Lane, and the balance of the recreation and stormwater upgrades. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 6. Kathleen Spaeth, 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth asked if the Bond Ordinance would affect the tax rate and if it has to be approved by the Local Finance Board. Councilman Levinson advised that it will not affect the tax rate and does not have to be approved by the Local Finance Board. Seeing and hearing no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

**7 OF 2022** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 61 RECREATION, BOARD OF, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HERewith.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 7 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, 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 five in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

**ORDINANCES (continued)**

**8 OF 2022** AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 8 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, 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 five in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

**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.

- 90-2022** A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to participate in an electronic tax sale
- 91-2022** A Resolution authorizing submission of a Grant Application for the Linwood Municipal Alliance Grant
- 92-2022** A Resolution approving updated flood insurance promotional activity with the Atlantic Cape Multi-Jurisdictional Program for public information
- 93-2022** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-08, to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of Atlantic and Cape May Counties
- 94-2022** A Resolution adopting the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolutions No. 90-94 of 2022. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$3,606,517.93**

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

Sandy Hickerson 210 Upland Avenue, Absecon – Ms. Hickerson addressed City Council on behalf of the Atlantic County 2A Sanctuary asking Council to adopt their Resolution to support the Second Amendment rights. She encouraged any gun owners from Linwood to also speak up on this matter. She also praised the City for hosting an upcoming gun safety class at the range.

Joe Trama, 900 Maple Avenue, Linwood, - Mr. Trama agrees with Ms. Hickerson and hopes that City Council adopts the Resolution in support of gun owner's rights.

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**

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked everyone for attending.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to adjourn at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk