

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**May 8, 2019**

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:05 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; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Darren Matik.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed a request she received for additional toddler playground equipment in the park. The old toddler equipment was removed after the new playground was installed, which does include a few toddler items. Councilwoman Byrnes will discuss this with the Recreation Board.
2. At the last Council meeting, Councilwoman Byrnes and the Neighborhood Services Committee were given the task of researching and reviewing proposals for a skate park. She met with the City Engineer, Adam Walcoff, and representatives of the Police Department to discuss the matter. She has also been receiving phone calls and emails from residents against a skate park. She intends to gather as much information for and against the subject as well as look at the feasibility studies for proposed areas. She will report again in the future.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis provided a Public Works report on ongoing projects in the City.

5. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon discussed some complaints from residents regarding brown water. The NJAW Company will soon begin flushing in the City as a result of those complaints.

6. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for first reading that he addressed at the last meeting. This will provide for special tow rates for larger vehicles. The current rates do not cover the costs of the towing.
2. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the reappointment of Belford Rivera as a Special Class III Officer.

B. Planning Board

1. Councilman Heun discussed an Ordinance on the agenda to amend Chapter 140 Fees, Planning & Zoning Fees. This was recommended by the Planning Board to be consistent with neighboring municipalities.

7. Council President Paolone
  - A. Administration
    1. Council President Paolone discussed an Ordinance on the agenda to amend Chapter 83 Alcoholic Beverages to allow for Club Licenses.

At 6:17 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk