

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
May 9, 2018

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:11 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; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; Jim Galantino, Construction Official; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Caucus and Closed Session meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor advised of the hiring of Sean Boylan in the Linwood Police Department. The Mayor interviewed him last week and believes he will be a great addition to the Department.

4. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Beinfest advised of a Resolution on the agenda to hire Patrolman Brandon Settle as the Drug Alliance Coordinator. The previous coordinator resigned. Councilman Beinfest is glad the City is still actively participating in the program so the City continues to receive the grant money.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding a contract to Altec, Inc. for one bucket truck.

6. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford discussed a request for temporary signage for the Linwood Panthers. They are requesting to place sponsorship signs on the fence and lawn signs on the bike path for registration. Same as last year. All members of Council were in favor of the request. A Resolution authorizing the temporary signage is on tonight's agenda.

7. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda amending Resolution No. 28, 2017 with regard to a Change Order for Kline Construction to correct the reduced amount of the contract.

2. Councilman Gordon discussed the winding down of the west side paving project and that he is receiving more requests for streets to be paved. The Engineering Committee will meet to prepare a future list of streets to have for the next Council meeting. It is a good opportunity to authorize the spending while some outstanding debt is soon to retire. Councilman Matik indicated that the previous Bond Ordinance would be amended for the additional paving. Councilman Gordon indicated that the City has quite a bit of infrastructure issues. It was a good time to complete the other paving projects after the gas and water company projects.

8. Councilman Heun
 - A. Public Safety
 1. Councilman Heun discussed an Ordinance on the agenda amending Chapter 152 Fire Prevention to address some administrative code changes that are required.
 2. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda to hire Dana Beth Gold as a Substitute School Crossing Guard.
 3. Councilman Heun discussed a Resolution on the agenda to advertise for bids for a cascade system for the Fire Department. The current breathing apparatus has reached its end of life and will soon be outdated. By law, the Fire Department has to have one. The new system will be a much easier system for the Firefighters. The money has already been approved in the budget.
9. Councilman Matik
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution on the agenda awarding contracts to Michael Bernardin and Joseph Junod for property appraisal services to assist with the tax appeals.
 - B. Emergency Management
 1. Councilman Matik advised of an Ordinance on the agenda amending Chapter 155 Flood Hazard Areas for the new FIRM maps. Mr. Galantino explained that FIRM is Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The new maps do not affect the property owners they only give them a better idea of where they lie. The property owners can also use them to help fight for better insurance rates. He advised that Mr. Rutala is working to get the City's CRS rating up to a Class 5 so the residents can get up to a 25% discount on flood insurance. Councilman Matik advised that when the first set of new maps came out from FEMA, the City fought them successfully to have them revised.
 2. Mr. Galantino provided an update on the house fire at 1930 Shore Road. Once the water and sewer are disconnected the property owners will tear it down. It should happen soon.
 3. Mr. Galantino provided an update on the renovations at the Linwood Country Club. They are about 80% complete and ready for a TCO. The next stage is to re-do the porte co-chère.
10. Council President Paolone
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Bingo & Raffle License to Child Federation of Atlantic City.
 2. Council President Paolone discussed a request to change the previously scheduled Council meeting on June 13, 2018 due to a quorum issue. All Council agreed June 12, 2018 would be better. Councilman Matik motioned to change the meeting date from June 13, 2018 to June 12, 2018. Councilman Heun seconded the motion. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved and becomes Resolution 115, 2018 authorizing same.
 3. Council President Paolone advised that a request was made by the owners of the Linwood Country Club to change the hour of sale of alcohol to begin at 8:00 am instead of the current time of 11:00 am to accommodate their brunch hours. After discussion, Council agreed to amend the Code to allow the start time of 8:00 am but only for on premise consumption. Council does not want the sale any package goods to begin prior to 11:00 am.

At 6:34 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk