

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:40 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; 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; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

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

ORDINANCES

7 OF 2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, ARTICLE III GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 155-7, BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD OF LICENSES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 7 of 2018 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 7. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

8 OF 2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 152 FIRE PREVENTION, ARTICLE I GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 152-8, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, ARTICLE IV SMOKE AND HEAT DEVICES, SECTION 152-23 CERTIFICATE OF SMOKE DETECTOR COMPLIANCE, SECTION 152-26 FEES, ARTICLE V FIRE LANES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, SECTION 152-33 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 8 of 2018 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to approve Ordinance No. 8. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

105-2018 A Resolution awarding the Contract to Altec Industries, Inc. for the purchase of one Articulate Telescopic Aerial Platform Bucket Truck for the City of Linwood under the National Joint Powers Alliance Contract #031014-ALT

106-2018 A Resolution amending Resolution No. 28, 2017 approving Change Order No. 2-Final with Kline Construction, Inc. with regard to the Miscellaneous Sewer/Stormwater repairs in the City of Linwood

107-2018 A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Brandon Settle as the Drug Alliance Coordinator for the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 108-2018** A Resolution awarding Non-Competitive Contracts for Professional Services to Michael Bernardin and Joseph Junod for Property Appraisal Services in the City of Linwood
- 109-2018** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Linwood Panthers
- 110-2018** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2018-13, to Child Federation of Atlantic City
- 111-2018** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2018-6, to Child Federation of Atlantic City
- 112-2018** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Dana Beth Gold as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 113-2018** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for the furnishing and delivery of one Cascade System for the Linwood Fire Department
- 114-2018** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Sean Boylan to the position of Patrolman in the Linwood Police Department

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 105-114 of 2018. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,576,325.81

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

Tom Mursheno, 705 Shore Road, Linwood

Mr. Mursheno explained that his brother was issued a summons by the Code Enforcement Officer for dumping leaves and brush in the dumpster on Poplar Landing. He explained that his family has lived here for fifty years and his brother was trying to help a friend. He immediately put the debris back in his truck once he was told it was illegal. He indicated that Police were also present and did not feel the need for the Police. No signs are posted that dumping is not permitted. He and his brother are very upset about the incident.

Chris Mursheno, 705 Shore Road, Linwood

Mr. Mursheno indicated that he mowed his lawn today and had to pick up a lot of litter from his lawn. He asked why the Police don't enforce people littering on his property.

Wayne Dilks, 214 VanSant Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Dilks indicated that the City used to have curbside leave pick up in the spring, but do not now because there is not enough staff in the Public Works Department. He feels that residents need better options.

Dean Jones, 1003 Bartlett Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Jones would like to know what the process is to get a pedestrian flashing light at the intersection of Monroe Avenue & Route 9. The high school is directly across the street and that intersection gets very busy with people, including a lot of kids, crossing Route 9. It is not safe. Council President Paolone indicated that because Route 9 is a state highway the City will have to request one through them. There are two lights on Shore Road and that was a bit easier as Shore Road is a County road. The City worked with the state Department of Transportation for many years to get a traffic light at that intersection. Councilman Heun advised that the City Engineer will write a letter to the state to get the process started.

Lori Datti, 1007 Bartlett Avenue, Linwood

Ms. Datti would also like a pedestrian flashing light at the intersection.

Harold Moore, 1018 Richard Drive, Linwood

Mr. Moore indicated that a lot of sporting events go on at Mainland and he discussed one instance when it took him and his granddaughter almost twenty minutes to cross Route 9 because cars would not stop. He, too, would really like something done.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (continued)

Joe Corson, 1013 Richard Drive, Linwood

Mr. Corson indicated that there are twenty-five kids in their neighborhood. He would also like a light at the intersection.

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

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor advised that the City tried to get a light at that intersection for ten years. It was in the original redevelopment agreement and the owner reneged on it. It is now in the second redevelopment agreement. The Mayor also advised that the City has been successful with other issues along Route 9 such as getting it as a “no passing” zone, crosswalks, school zone, and the pedestrian light at West Avenue. He advised the residents that the City wants the light at Monroe as much as they do.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik indicated that Council will do everything they can to get a light at the intersection. He advised that the City pays the ACUA to pick up yard waste every Saturday. He understands Mr. Mursheno’s comments and will look into it.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford lives in the neighborhood of the residents requesting the light and has three children. He, too, would like to see something done there. Council will push DOT for the light. Councilman Ford apologized to the Murshenos. He will look into the summons and talk to the Construction Department.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun would also like to see a light at that intersection and will be in touch with the residents. The Engineer will reach out to DOT.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon echoed the comments of Councilman Ford with regard to the summons and apologized. Council will look into it. They will also look into the light.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting and speaking up. Council will keep everyone informed.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis also thanked everyone for attending and expressing their concerns.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone agrees that there should be a light at the intersection. He discussed the closure of West Avenue because of the safety issue. He invited the residents to come back to future meetings for updates and any progress with DOT. He thanked the residents for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk