

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:49 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Eric Ford led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilwoman DeDomenicis.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

12 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I GENERAL REGULATIONS 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. 12 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 12 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 12. 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 six in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis absent. Motion was approved.

13 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES THROUGH THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP REGIONAL COURT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1B AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 13 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 13. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilwoman DeDomenicis 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.

100-2021 A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Pamela R. Rosenberger for the electronic drafting and recording of property record cards for the Linwood Tax Assessor

101-2021 A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment made by Lereta LLC Mortgage with regard to 502 W. Sterling Avenue in the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 102-2021** A Resolution establishing Rules of Order and Conduct for all City Council, Caucus, and Special Meetings in the City of Linwood
- 103-2021** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1-Final with Charles Marrandino, LLC with regard to the Wabash Avenue Widening Project in the City of Linwood
- 104-2021** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Shantal Swaby as Deputy Municipal Court Administrator for the City of Linwood
- 105-2021** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to participate in Atlantic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolutions No. 100-105 of 2021. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$273,186.73

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

Jack Verseput, 306 W. Poplar Avenue, Linwood- Mr. Verseput thanked the Mayor and Council for installing the new radar sign on Poplar Avenue.

Kathleen Spaeth, 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood- Mrs. Spaeth discussed the music at the Country Club this past Friday night. She indicated that with the decibel levels at 50, she could still hear the music in her yard and even feel the base in her house. She did see the Police taking readings on her street. However, she believes it is louder in her backyard than in the street. She also noted that sometimes the Country Club has the music inside but opens the doors and she is able to hear it. She asked that if they have the music inside that they keep the doors closed. She feels the best way to deal with the issue is to have them turn the music down. She understands that Council is still doing their fact finding and asked that they take everything into consideration. The Mainland Band does not include bass and they do not play every night of the week.

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 the meeting. She announced that the window at the Library has been replaced and looks great.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and advised everyone that Council will keep working until they get it right.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon echoed the commends of Councilman Levinson.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone reiterated that Council is doing their due diligence. They will continue to check the decibel levels and continue to work with the Country Club to get it right.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk