

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
June 8, 2022

Council President Ralph 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 Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Michael; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Matt Levinson.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Lieutenant Chet Brown, Police Department; Mary Cole, Deputy Municipal Clerk; and Carter Levin, Mayor for the Day.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilwoman DeDomenicis. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor introduced Mayor for the Day Carter Levin to the Council members.

4. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development
Mrs. Albright had nothing new to report.

5. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman Byrnes reported that she and Councilwoman DeDomenicis attended a flag football day at the field across from city hall. They noticed that because there were several games going on at once there was an over flow of vehicles in the area and they were parking everywhere and the residents on Edna Drive are having trouble leaving their homes and getting down the street. The Councilwomen asked if everyone could start brainstorming to come up with a solution to this problem. They suggested splitting up the games and having some at Memorial field.
2. The Mayor advised there could be a turf field question on ballot in the fall election. Councilwoman Byrnes added that it would be an asset because they wouldn't have to rest the field so it would be available a lot more. Mayor for the Day Levin had concerns on the cost of insurance for a turf field and he asked what is the life span of a turf field and the maintenance costs

6. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

Mrs. DeDomenicis had nothing new to report.

7. Councilman Ford

A Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Ford discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 140, Planning and Zoning fees to include a Development Review Committee fee. The Committee was created last year and has been very successful. However, some applicants are abusing it. Meetings are set up and the applicants do not show up or even call to say they cannot attend. The City's Board Engineer and Solicitor are members of the Committee and should not have to schedule time when no one shows up.

Planning, Engineering, & Development (continued)

2. Councilman Ford advised of a final reading of the Ordinance amending Chapter 99, Brush, Grass & Weeds. This is a safety issue to address overgrowth in the right of way.
 3. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution authorizing the first amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority regarding property registration. It is basically a house cleaning for vacant properties.
 4. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution authorizing a Grant Application to NJDOT for the resurfacing of Franklin Avenue Phase 2
 5. Councilman Ford advised of an Ordinance amending Chapter 205 for property maintenance
8. Councilman Michael
- A. Public Safety
 1. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution confirming the promotion of Patrolman Brandon Settle to the position of Sergeant
 2. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Belford Rivera as a Special Class III Officer
 - B. Finance
 1. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing Tax Collector to process third quarter estimated tax bills
 2. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing an insertion of item of Revenue for a Clean Communities Grant
9. Council President Paolone
- A. Administration
 1. Council President Paolone advised that he will be pulling the Amendment to Salary Ordinance from tonight's meeting and would like to wait until Councilman Levinson is present to move forward.
10. Solicitor's Report
- Mr. Youngblood had nothing new to report.

At 6:27 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cole,
Deputy Municipal Clerk