

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and reiterated his statement from Caucus Meeting that in light of the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 107, tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. A notice appeared in the Press of Atlantic City on June 6, 2020 advising the public that tonight's meeting would be live streamed and referred the public to the City's web site that includes information on how to attend the meeting on Zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor (via live stream); Vince Polistina, City Engineer (via live stream); Leon Costello, City Auditor; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2020 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

114-2020 A Resolution establishing salaries for non-contractual employees of the City of Linwood for 2020

The Clerk read Resolution No. 114 of 2020 by title only. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to approve Resolution No. 114. 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.

117-2020 A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Diane Hesley as the Tax Assessor

118-2020 A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Linwood Bike Path Extension, Phase 2

119-2020 A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of Wabash Avenue, Phase 2

120-2020 A Resolution authorizing the refund of taxes paid due to Tax Exempt status for Block 24 lot 4 located at 404 Joseph Avenue in the City of Linwood

121-2020 A Resolution authorizing the refund of taxes paid due to Tax Exempt status for Block 31 Lot 10 located at 103 E. Dawn Drive in the City of Linwood

122-2020 A Resolution authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments made by Corelogic

123-2020 A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to participate in an Electronic Tax Sale

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 Resolution No. 117-123 of 2020. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,310,978.89

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, 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.

Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor reported that the number of new COVID-19 cases are going down. The Governor is beginning to open the State more. The spot rate of positivity is 3.4% statewide and the rate of transmission is still below 1 (.64). The stay at home order has been lifted. He raised the limits for indoor and outdoor gatherings. Outdoor dining begins on June 15. Swimming clubs can open on June 22. City Hall will open to the public on June 15. All employees are behind glass and the public will be required to wear masks. There will be a high school senior drive around on June 19. Discussion ensued upon a graduation ceremony for Mainland High School on July 9.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford is glad more things are opening up. However, he challenges people to call the Governor to support a lot of our local, small businesses that are not open as well as the casinos. He thanked the Police Department for their efforts over the past few weeks and all they do for the community. He also commended Mark Marrone for all he is doing for Mainland and his efforts for having a graduation.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson is happy things are starting to get back to normal. He likes what Councilman Ford said regarding the small businesses. There is no reason for them not to be open. Hopefully, the casinos can open up soon. He reminded everyone to be safe.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes is looking forward to moving into the next stage. She asked that everyone continue to follow the guidelines so that things can continue to move forward.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked the Police Department for managing the gathering on Sunday. It was very peaceful.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis was upset to hear about Linwood's K-9 Kaos. She was happy to see the Go Fund Me page to help assist with his medical bills as he needs a lot of care. She commended Patrolman Champion for all the care he gives partner Kaos.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun echoed everyone's comments on the Police Department and wished everyone a Happy July 4 as Council's next meeting is not until July 8.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone reminded everyone that Council meetings are now only once a month beginning in June. Only the second Wednesday of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk