

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
June 12, 2019

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:04 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; Councilwoman June Byrnes; 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; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2019 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor reported that he and the Chief interviewed the top three candidates for the Patrolman position. They both recommend the hiring of Eric Guanche who was the top scoring candidate.

4. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of a Resolution on the agenda supporting Senate Bill S-3745 which would provide for excused absences for public school students who participate in musical performances at military funerals.
2. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed a complaint that she received from a resident regarding the condition of the outside of the Library. She forwarded the complaint to the Library Director and President of the Library Board. She received a response tonight from the Library Director and distributed it to the Governing Body. Councilman Matik indicated that due to the age of the building, the Construction Official recently completed a list of items that must be addressed. Council discussed the items on the list and the recent complaint, as well as the terms of the lease between the City and the Library.

5. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 83 Alcoholic Beverages for Restrictions on Location & Operation.
2. Councilman Ford discussed adding a Resolution to the agenda to authorize a Redevelopment Agreement with Charter Tech Annex for the Bloom Site. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to add Resolution No. 115, 2019 to the agenda authorizing the Agreement. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.
3. Councilman Ford discussed the progress of the renovations to the baseball building advising that they will be completed soon.

6. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution awarding the Contract to RPM Landscape Contractor for the 2018 CDBG All Wars Memorial Park Asphalt Walkway. This will be a handicap accessible walkway from the bike path to the center of the park.

2. Councilman Gordon advised of a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract to Perna Finnigan, Inc. for 605 E. Oakcrest Seepage Pits.
7. Councilman Heun
 - A. Public Safety
 1. Councilman Heun discussed an Ordinance on the agenda amending Chapter 277 Zoning prohibited uses to address the issue of parking recreation vehicles, boats, trailers.
 2. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda to hire Eric Guanchez as Patrolman in the Linwood Police Department as the Mayor previously reported.
8. Councilman Matik
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Matik discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the renewal of a Joint Purchasing System Identifier 178LJPS. This provides for the shared EMS service with Northfield.
 2. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution authorizing an insertion of item of Revenue & Appropriation for a Clean Communities Grant.
9. Council President Paolone
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Paolone discussed an Ordinance on the agenda amending Chapter 14 Personnel & Personnel Procedures for Open Public Meetings Act Procedure concerning personnel matters. The City already had the policy in place. However, the JIF was requiring some recent updates.
 2. Council President Paolone advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing the renewal of Liquor Licenses for HWY9 Entertainment, LLC (The Ex Bar) and the Atlantic City Country Club, LLC (Casaldi's Cucina)
 3. Council President advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Raffle License to Our Lady of Sorrows Church.
 4. Council President Paolone advised that the June 26 "if needed" Council meeting will most likely be needed for a pending matter for the Linwood Country Club. He asked if there would be a quorum. Council responded in the affirmative.
 5. Council President Paolone announced that the group phot is tentatively scheduled for August 14.
10. Mr. Youngblood
 - A. Mr. Youngblood discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a corrected deed between the City of Linwood and the City of Linwood for Block 6, Lot 29 in the City of Linwood to remove a twenty-five foot access easement as required by Green Acres.

At 6:21 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk