

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 24, 2015**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Elliot Beinfest led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tim Tighe 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.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: Councilman Brian Heun; and Councilman Darren Matik.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vincent Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2015 Caucus and Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCE

8 OF 2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20, 2004 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PRUDENTIAL AND BLOOM SITES IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THOSE AREAS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 8 of 2015 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to approve Ordinance No. 8 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilmen Heun and Matik 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.

115-2015 A Resolution authorizing the filing of a Declaratory Judgment Action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, and a Motion seeking Temporary Immunity from Builder's Remedy Lawsuits while pursuing the Declaratory Judgment Action

116-2015 A Resolution closing the meeting of June 24, 2015 for the purpose of discussing the employment of a City employee

117-2015 A Resolution appointing Diane R. Hesley as Tax Assessor for the City of Linwood

118-2015 A Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Contract with Shore Medical Center for Shared Emergency Medical Services in the City of Linwood and the City of Northfield

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolutions 117 & 118, 2015 were removed. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolutions No. 115-116 of 2015. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 117, 2015 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 117. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Paolone indicated that he, Council President Tighe, and Mrs. Napoli conducted four interviews for the position of Tax Assessor. All four candidates were well qualified. However, Mrs. Hesley's resume is very impressive and he looks forward to working with her. Councilman Paolone introduced Mrs. Helsey and welcomed her to the City.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 118, 2015 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve Resolution No. 118. Councilman Paolone explained that he, former Council President Donna Taylor, and Councilwoman DeDomenicis worked on the initial RFP several years ago and have been through the process twice. He understands that Shore Medical is sub-contracting out the ambulance service to TriCare, who has requested to withdraw its twelve hour truck from Linwood. He has no problem allowing this as long as the ambulance can respond under six minutes as required in the contract. If they fail to meet the required response time, the City will assign monetary penalties. Councilman Gordon also agrees to allow the change as long as the required response times are met. Council President Tighe advised that Shore Medical is also supposed to be supplying monthly reports with calls and response times. He discussed two calls the Police advised him of with response times of thirty-three minutes and nine minutes. Council President Tighe requested Mr. Youngblood to contact Shore Medical for an explanation and for the required reports. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilmen Heun and Matik absent. Motion was approved.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Tighe opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Stayros Zambetoglou, 726 Brighton Drive, Linwood – Mr. Zambetoglou asked if the City has any regulations on how companies do business in the City. Mr. Polistina advised that Chapter 195 of the City Code provides for the regulations of road openings. Mr. Zambetoglou indicated that the gas company has made a mess with the City streets. He asked why the taxpayers are being asked to pay for them to fix it. He feels the gas company should restore the street to the way it looked before they did their job. He also advised of a big ditch in the street by his house.

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

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:23 P.M., Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to go into closed session as approved by Resolution No. 116, 2015 for the purpose of discussing the employment of a City employee. All present members were in favor. Motion was approved.

At 6:43 P.M., Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to reconvene the meeting. All present members were in favor. Motion was approved.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest welcomed Diane Hesley.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis wished everyone a Happy July 4.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon welcomed Mrs. Hesley.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone welcomed Diane Hesley and indicated that her resume is amazing. The taxpayers will benefit.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe is excited about the new Tax Assessor. She is very proactive.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk