

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
July 10, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:18 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilwoman June Byrnes led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Brian Heun; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; and Councilman Darren Matik.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**PRESENTATION**

Chief Doug Carman presented Dr. Caesar DePaço and Deanna DePaço with plaques thanking them for their generous donation to the Linwood Police Department allowing for the creation of a K9 Program and made the DePaços' Honorary Police Officers of the Department. The Mayor and each member of Council thanked and commended Dr. & Mrs. DePaço for their generosity and dedication to public safety.

**ORDINANCES**

**14 OF 2019** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 PERSONNEL AND PERSONNEL PROCEDURES, EMPLOYEE MANUAL, 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. 14 of 2019 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes to approve Ordinance No. 14 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 14. 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 four in the affirmative and Councilmen Ford, Gordon, and Matik absent. Motion was approved.

**15 OF 2019** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 277 ZONING, SECTION 277-11, PROHIBITED USES, 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. 15 of 2019 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 15 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 15. 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 four in the affirmative and Councilmen Ford, Gordon, 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.

- 117-2019** A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Linwood Bike Path Extension- Phase 2 project
- 118-2019** A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of Wabash Avenue project
- 119-2019** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Lisa Pilli as the Drug Alliance Coordinator for the City of Linwood
- 120-2019** A Resolution authorizing the release of surety with regard to Block 79 Lot 5.02 (211 E. Essex Avenue) in the City of Linwood
- 121-2019** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Danielle Kelly

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Resolutions No. 117-121 of 2019. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

## **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,706,573.31**

Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative and Councilmen Ford, Gordon, and Matik absent. Motion was approved. 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.

### Phil Briglia 17 Cambridge Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Briglia discussed several ongoing issues that he is having with his neighbor regarding accessory structures and a retaining wall. He has spoken about these issues to City Council at a prior meeting and has spoken to numerous employees at City Hall where he believes he was referred from employee to employee. He discussed Captain Hamilton's inspection of the property and would like the Zoning Officer, Mrs. Roesch to also inspect the property and make a determination. Mr. Briglia read sections of the City Code Chapter 205 Property Maintenance relating to accessory structures. He asked City Council to send him a letter stating their position on these issues.

### Larry Lhulier 1300 Woodlynne Boulevard, Linwood

Mr. Lhulier supports Mr. Briglia. Post construction drainage should not change from pre-construction. He understands Mr. Briglia's frustration. Mr. Lhulier referred to his comments in the minutes of the June 12 City Council meeting. He is disappointed in the context indicating the minutes are not comprehensive enough. He cited the Open Public Meetings Act stating that minutes are to be "reasonably comprehensive." He would like to see the minutes reflective of individual decisions by Council and comments made by the public. He believes it is important.

### Kathy Miller 311 Melody Lane, Linwood

Mrs. Miller questioned an item on the agenda with regard to a grant application for the Linwood Bike Path Extension Phase 2. She understands the City received grant money for the bike path extension through the SJI property and she asked that the Linwood Environmental Commission be consulted on the plans for that project prior to any construction. Ms. Heller advised Mrs. Miller that the grant application on tonight's agenda is for an extension of the bike path that runs down Monroe Avenue by the High School. The project would entail connecting that to the existing bike path.

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 the public for their comments. She attended the Historical Society's July 4 bike parade and it was a huge success.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis acknowledged the presentation that was held at tonight's meeting and is glad the public got to see it.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone advised that he is not taking a position with regard to Mr. Briglia's issues at this time as he is not prepared to do so. It is disappointing to hear that he believes he got the run around from employees. He discussed the movement of Code Enforcement to the Police Department and how he believes it is a good idea and he has received many compliments. He will wait to hear opinions from his professionals before providing his decision. He also thanked Mr. Lhulier for his comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk