

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 9, 2017**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Eric Ford led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:43 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 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; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2017 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION

Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to move Resolution No. 137, 2017 from the Consent agenda to the top of the order. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

137-2017 A Resolution awarding the Contract to Liberty Parks & Playgrounds, Inc., for the purchase of playground equipment for the City of Linwood under the National Joint Powers Alliance Contract #030117-LTS

The Clerk read Resolution No. 137, 2017 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolution No. 137 of 2017. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

Council President Paolone introduced Paul Miola, Executive Director of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. Mr. Miola discussed and distributed a presentation on Linwood's status in the JIF. (Attached as Exhibit B)

RESOLUTIONS

136-2017 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Contract renewing membership in the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

The Clerk read Resolution No. 136, 2017 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Resolution No. 136 of 2017. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

8 OF 2017 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES, COMPENSATIONS AND SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HERewith.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 8, 2017 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Ordinance No. 8 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 8. 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 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.

- 134-2017** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Tax Overpayment of the 2017 2nd Tax Payment made for Block 2, Lot 13.03, located at 505 Kirklin Avenue, in the City of Linwood
- 135-2017** A Resolution authorizing award of Contract for the provision of Electric Generation Supply Service for the South Jersey Power Cooperative
- 138-2017** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused escrow funds posted as part of a Dumpster Permit Application
- 139-2017** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Separation Agreement with Henry S. Kolakowski
- 140-2017** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. with regard to the Hamilton Avenue et al. Resurfacing in the City of Linwood
- 141-2017** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Robert Wright as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 134-135, 138-141 of 2017. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,719,587.60

Councilman Matik 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.

Tara Santoro, Linwood Panthers Cheerleaders

Ms. Santoro asked if their sponsorship signs along Wabash Avenue have been approved. Council indicated that they are approved on a temporary basis just for this season to see how it works out. The Panthers will have to request permission again next year.

Steve Peled, 2 E. Glenside Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Peled indicated that he received a notice regarding a hearing tonight for a hardship street opening request from Michael Pepper. Council President Paolone advised that Mr. Pepper did not submit his paperwork in time for a hearing. That matter will have to be heard at a future meeting. Mr. Peled asked why there is a moratorium on the street. Councilman Gordon advised that after a street is newly paved a five year moratorium is placed on the street so nobody can disturb it.

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

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor congratulated Chief Carman and his department on another successful National Night Out. He believes Council and Mainland will be pleased with the new Special Class III Officer.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford commended the Board of Recreation on their efforts in getting a new playground. The plans have been in the works a long time and it's good to see it come to fruition.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik also commended the Board of Recreation for their efforts on the new playground. He also thanked Mrs. Napoli for bringing this project to the finish line. It was a large group effort to get this done. The new playground will be in a great location in the park. The kids will love it.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun announced that this will be the last meeting for the summer, unless something comes up. He wished everyone a good end of the summer.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest indicated that plans for a new playground have been discussed by the Recreation Board for a long time. He is happy to see the project happening.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis commended the Recreation Board on their efforts for the playground as well as Councilman Matik and Mrs. Napoli. She thanked them for their hard work.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone is also happy about the new playground. It will have an ADA surface, swing, slide, and spinner. It will be located in the center of the park. The buildings at the park will also soon be upgraded. The soccer fields are being re-sodded. The new field at Poplar Avenue is also complete. A large number of roads have recently been repaved. There are a lot of good things happening in the City. Council President Paolone announced that there will be a DUI checkpoint this Friday night in Linwood.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 7:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk