

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

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 Albright, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2022 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

Proclamations for Eagle Scouts James Wurzer and John Wurzer
The Mayor read and presented Proclamations to Eagle Scouts James Wurzer and John Wurzer. Each member of Council congratulated them on their efforts.

ORDINANCES

11 OF 2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 277 ZONING, ARTICLE X, USES AND SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS, SECTION 277-38, NONCONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES AND LOTS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HERewith.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 11 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 11 for first reading. 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.

127-2022 A Resolution authorizing submission of an American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

128-2022 A Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Linwood and the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education for the provision of Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer

129-2022 A Resolution requesting for the Dedication By Rider for Recreation Trust – Fee Programs required by N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.56

130-2022 A Resolution waiving a Construction Permit Fee for an Eagle Scout project

131-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-13, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church

132-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-14, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 133-2022** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-15, to Mainland Regional Football Boosters Inc.
- 134-2022** A Resolution requesting Atlantic City Electric to install a streetlight on West Vernon Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 135-2022** A Resolution awarding the Contract to American Pipe Cleaning for the 2022 Video Inspection & Main Cleaning, Contract No. 39
- 136-2022** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the Resurfacing of Franklin Boulevard, Contract No. 38
- 137-2022** A Resolution authorizing a Service Agreement with Empower Retirement, LLC

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 127-137 of 2022. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,574,724.56

Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and one abstention by Councilwoman Albright. 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.

Kathleen Spaeth 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth discussed a night when she called the police two times because she felt the music from Linwood Country Club was significantly audible. The police responded each time. No violations were issued. She felt a violation was necessary. She wrote to the Chief of Police regarding the situation and does not agree with his response. She also indicated that she was invited by the owners of the Country Club to have a free meal at one of their restaurants on the night the music was playing. She declined the invitation. She also questioned why the Country Club did not have to pay a fine the last time violations were issued. Council President Paolone advised that the Ordinance includes a provision that if a remedy is put in place, no fine is issued for a first offense. He had hoped that the Country Club would purchase a sound limiter. He suggested that another meeting with the Country Club may be necessary.

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 Matik – The Mayor advised that he and the Chief attended a meeting regarding the progress of the Central Municipal Court. There have been some issues and they are working to correct them. He also announced that today bids were accepted for the resurfacing of Franklin Boulevard. The project will include a bike lane. With the projected 20% to 30% increase in the state health benefits plan, the City will shop around for better pricing to keep taxes down.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis indicated National Night Out was a huge success.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes agreed that National Night Out was great. She thanked everyone for their efforts. Tuesday, August 16 at 6pm is the Mayor Vass building dedication at the Library. All the improvements to the Library look great. She thanked Jen Heller for her efforts.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael agrees that National Night Out was very impressive. Everyone did a great job. He thanked all involved.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson also indicated how great National Night Out was. His family had a great time. He commended everyone for their efforts.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford congratulated the Eagle Scouts and commended their dedication and volunteerism.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright congratulated the Eagle Scouts and is looking forward to the new Eagle Scout project. She is discouraged that the Country Club is still booking bands for outside. She thought it was only going to be acoustic music. She looks forward to discussions with them.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk