

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
September 22, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilwoman June Byrnes called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Todd Michael led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; and Councilman Todd Michael.  
Absent: Councilman Matt Levinson; and Council President Ralph Paolone.  
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 DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**163-2021** A Resolution honoring Anthony W. Hare

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 163 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 163. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilwoman DeDomenicis read and presented the Resolution to Mr. Hare. The Mayor and each member of Council extended their appreciation and best wishes to Mr. Hare.

**ORDINANCES**

**18 OF 2021** 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 City Clerk read Ordinance No. 18 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 18 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson and Council President Paolone 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.

**160-2021** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Safeware, Inc. for the purchase of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Equipment for the City of Linwood under the OMNIA Partners Contract #4400008468  
**161-2021** A Resolution awarding the Contract to American Pipe Cleaning for the 2021 Video Inspection & Main Cleaning, Contract No. 34  
**162-2021** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2021-11, to the Mainland Performing Arts Parent Organization  
**164-2021** A Resolution recognizing October 6, 2021 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day  
**165-2021** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2021-02, to Contact Cape Atlantic

### **RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

**166-2021** A Resolution supporting the submission of Application for New Jersey Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program

**167-2021** A Resolution authorizing an Alliance Agreement with the County of Atlantic for a Drug Abuse and Alcohol Education and Prevention Program

Councilwoman Byrnes asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 160-162, 164-167 of 2021. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$590,953.74**

Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson and Council President Paolone absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Councilwoman Byrnes opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Jack Verseput, 306 Poplar Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Verseput asked City Council to do something with the five-way intersection near his house discussing how very dangerous it is. He indicated that people are speeding and not stopping for the stop signs. He suggested they realign the intersection similar to what Margate did.

Kathleen Spaeth, 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth discussed an audible event at the Linwood Country Club this past weekend. A citation was issued. She is concerned this will continue.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Byrnes closed the floor.

### **FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor Matik – The Mayor reported on the Atlantic County Central Municipal Court. They are currently in the hiring process and moving forward to begin on January 1, 2022. This will save the City considerable money. He invited everyone to check out the improvements to the Library. He also asked the Engineer to take a look at the intersection Mr. Verseput was discussing. The Mayor's vehicle was hit there in the past and he was almost just hit again.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He advised Mr. Verseput that he will talk to the Chief about the intersection to see what they can do in the mean time to mitigate the problems. He thanked Mrs. Spaeth for taking the time to call about the Country Club. He understands that she was the only call that night. However, he was told by other residents that they could hear the music as well. The Country Club will have to take steps to work within the Ordinance.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He will look at the intersection in Margate that Mr. Verseput is referring to.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis announced that today is the first day of Fall. She reminded everyone that the Farmers Market is ongoing every Saturday at Central Square.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes announced that the Recreation Board is planning an Octoberfest for October 22, 23, and 24. More information will be provided soon. She thanks Mr. Verseput for his comments. She also thanked Chip Jones, Public Works Supervisor, for all his help preparing the grounds at the Library for Mayor Gaffney's daughter's book signing. She understands Mr. Jones is a long-time friend of the family and noted how everything looked beautiful.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk