

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
September 23, 2020

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. And read the following statement: In light of the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 107, tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting via Zoom are posted on the City's website.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik (via live stream); Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Matt Levinson (via live stream); and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Brian Heun.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor (via live stream); Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO (via live stream); Chief John Hamilton, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of a Resolution on the agenda recognizing October 6, 2020 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day.

4. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Council President Paolone discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 99 Brush, Grass, and Weeds. This is regarding the upkeep of properties and gives the discretion of noncompliance to Code Enforcement rather than City Council.
2. Council President Paolone discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for first reading amending Chapter 205 Property Maintenance.
3. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the reappointment of Nick LaRotonda as Uniform Fire Safety Inspector.
4. Council President Paolone discussed an unsafe condition at 512 Pierce Avenue and the need for a Resolution to authorize Code Enforcement to abate the condition and charge the property owner. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to add Resolution No. 162, 2020 to the agenda authorizing same. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Ford, and Councilman Heun was absent. Motion approved.

5. Mr. Youngblood reported that the County approved the City's Open Space Application to purchase two lots on Cleveland Avenue in the amount of \$226,000.

At 6:11 P.M., Council President Paolone adjourned the Caucus meeting and began the Regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk