

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 26, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Brian Heun led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Elliot Beinfest.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2018 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

19 OF 2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 83 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE IV, CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC, 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. 19 of 2018 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Ordinance No. 19 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 19. 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 five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Matik, and Councilman Beinfest absent. Motion was approved.

21 OF 2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 183 NUISANCES, ARTICLE I PROHIBITIONS, SECTION 183-1, PROHIBITED USES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

(PULLED)

22 OF 2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 263-4, PROHIBITED PARKING; STOPPING OR STANDING; TIME LIMIT PARKING; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, 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. 22 of 2018 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Ordinance No. 22 for final reading. Councilman Matik motioned to remove E. Ocean Heights Avenue and Garfield Avenue from the list. Councilman Ford seconded the motion. All present members of Council were in favor of removing the streets. Motion was approved. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 22. 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 six in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

- 193-2018** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for Contract No. 18 – Resurfacing of Bartlett, Van Sant, Marie and Richards - Rebid

The Clerk read Resolution No. 193 of 2018 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Resolution No. 193. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Ford, and Councilman Beinfest 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.

- 185-2018** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2018-27, to Gildas Club of South Jersey
- 186-2018** A Resolution authorizing an extension for temporary signage for the Linwood Panthers
- 187-2018** A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application and execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Linwood Bike Path Extension – Phase 2 project
- 188-2018** A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application and execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of the Brighton Drive Development Area project
- 189-2018** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2018-28, to Alcove Center for Grieving Children & Families
- 190-2018** A Resolution authoring the refund of unused escrow funds posted as part of an application to build a new single family home at 15 East Ocean Heights Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 191-2018** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused escrow funds posted as part of a Zoning Board of Adjustment Application in the City of Linwood
- 192-2018** A Resolution authoring the refund of unused escrow funds posted as part of an application to build a new single family home at 114 Kirklin Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 194-2018** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for Contract No. 19 – 2018 Road Program

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolutions No. 185-192, 194 of 2018. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,055,358.20

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest absent. 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.

Barbara Potter 2109 Wabash Avenue, Linwood – Mrs. Potter lives next to the South Jersey Industries property. She is against the creation of a dog park and skate park at that property as she believes it will bring down the value of her property. She claims there would be problems with noise, trash, and traffic. She asked what the liability to the City is for the skate park. She also asked that Council keep the residents in her neighborhood informed of any upcoming decisions on the park.

Diane Cady 109 Garfield Avenue – Ms. Cady lives across from the South Jersey Industries property. She is against a dog and skate park there as they would take away the esthetic value of the property. She is in favor of the bike path extension.

Ed Auble 2105 Grammercy Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Auble is concerned with the projects proposed for the South Jersey Industries property. He is also concerned with lights that would run along with the proposed bike path extension. The lights from The Exchange already shine onto his property. 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 advised that the skate park, dog park, and bike path extension for the South Jersey Industries property were all proposed to City Council by the Recreation Board. There are no official plans proposed by City Council. If there was something proposed by City Council, the residents would be advised.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun indicated that no plans for the park are set at this time. He commends the neighbors for attending the meeting. If anything moves forward, City Council will let them know and consider their concerns.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik explained that residents asked the Recreation Board to look into a skate park and dog park at the South Jersey Industries property. Nothing has been done other than discussions on the idea. The Board meets tonight at 7:30 and Councilman Matik invited the public to attend the board meeting to present their concerns. He again stated that they are just ideas. The site is a green acres property, which would require a public hearing for any projects.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford echoed everyone's comments.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon agrees with the Mayor and other Councilmembers. The bike path extension is different than the suggested dog park and skate park. The City has been working towards enhancing bike and pedestrian routes throughout the City. They are going by a guide of recommendations from a State agency that developed a specific plan for Linwood to promote walking and biking. A goal is to connect the bike path with the business centers in the City in an effort to connect the businesses to the community. The exact location in the park has not been confirmed yet. The City applied for a grant to fund the project, so it may not happen without the funding. If anything moves forward, Council will meet with the residents of the area as well as the City Environmental Commission so the desired location is acceptable.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She reiterated that these are just ideas for the park and City Council will advise the neighbors of any upcoming plans. She reminded everyone that the Farmers Market is now open every Saturday.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone thanked everyone for their concerns. He reminded everyone that no plans are before City Council at this time. He suggested that the residents attend the Recreation Board meeting tonight and express their concerns. It is all just a concept now. Nothing to formally vote on.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 6:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk