

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
October 22, 2014**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:46 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 Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: None.

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 Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**ORDINANCES**

**18 OF 2014** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 PERSONNEL AND PERSONNEL PROCEDURES, EMPLOYEE MANUAL, 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. 18 of 2014 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to approve Ordinance No. 18 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 18. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

**19 OF 2014** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 83 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II, RESTRICTIONS ON LOCATION AND OPERATION, SECTION 83-14, RESTRICTIONS ON LOCATION AND OPERATION, 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 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 19 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 19. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved. Councilman Matik indicated his vote should have been an abstention.

**20 OF 2014** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 119 CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, SECTION 119-3 FEES 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. 20 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 20 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 20. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

- 21 OF 2014** AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF SOUTH JERSEY L. L. C. TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY.  
**(TABLED)**
- 22 OF 2014** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, TO ADDRESS BAMBOO, 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 2014 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 22 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.

- 161-2014** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Peter Brescia, Sharon Streno, and Sue Milner as Part Time Substitute Crossing Guards for the City of Linwood
- 162-2014** A Resolution authorizing the settlement of issues raised on behalf of the Mainland PBA Local No. 77 (Linwood Rank and File) and Superior Officers with regard to the total accrued years of employment for Patrolman Donald Auge, Sergeant Jason Weber and Lieutenant John Hamilton for purposes of retirement and the total accrued years of employment for purposes of longevity for Sergeant Jason Weber
- 163-2014** A Resolution authorizing an Alliance Agreement with the County of Atlantic for a Drug Abuse and Alcohol Education and Prevention Program
- 164-2014** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with New Linwood Office Park, LLC as the Redeveloper of the Bloom Tract, Block 1, Lots 26.01 & 26.02 (1825-1901 New Road)

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 162 of 2014 was removed. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolutions No. 161, 163-164 of 2014. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 162 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 162. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Paolone. Motion was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,733,522.42**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, 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 Tighe opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Gene Corcoran 408 Joseph Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Corcoran discussed dead trees and leaves on a property next to his and asked if the City can require the property owner to clean up the property. Council President Tighe indicated that he will talk to the property owner.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor.

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor announced that the Halloween Parade is scheduled for this Saturday, October 25, 2014.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest included that in addition to the parade, there will be a Halloween Fun Fest on Saturday with games, crafts, and lots of things for the kids to do at the park.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis reported that she will miss the parade as she has a wedding to attend.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon welcomed the new Crossing Guards.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone is looking forward to the upcoming Halloween Parade.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe reported that effective October 1, 2014, residents of Linwood will qualify for a 15 percent discount on their flood insurance. Over 300 properties valued at \$87 million are insured through the Federal flood insurance program. Linwood residents pay over \$260,000 annually for flood insurance, so this action will result in about \$40,000 in savings. He thanked Jim Galantino for all his hard work on getting this program together as well as Jim Rutala for his efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk