

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Councilman Todd Michael.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Gary Auer, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

176-2021 A Resolution canceling Grant Balances

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 176, 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Resolution No. 176. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis, Councilman Levinson, and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

177-2021 A Resolution authorizing 2021 Budget Appropriation Transfers

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 177, 2021 by title only. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolution No. 177. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis, Councilman Levinson, and Councilman Michael 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.

178-2021 A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for bids for Lawn Maintenance and Snow Removal Services for the City of Linwood

179-2021 A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2-Final with Landberg Construction, LLC with regard to the Resurfacing of Wabash Avenue Phase II in the City of Linwood

180-2021 A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1-Final with Landberg Construction, LLC with regard to the Resurfacing of Wabash Avenue in the City of Linwood

181-2021 A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Tina Friend as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolutions No. 178-181 of 2021. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$492,296.74

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis, Councilman Levinson, and Councilman Michael 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.

Karen DiMeo, 605 Oakcrest Avenue, Linwood – Ms. DiMeo discussed sink holes on her property and requested assistance from the City to correct the issues.

Kathleen Spaeth, 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth reported that the attorney for the Linwood Country Club asked for a continuance in Court today. The request was granted. She also indicated that she can still hear noise from the Country Club, however it is not significantly audible.

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

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and speaking on issues. The City is aware of the issue at 605 Oakcrest and under the guidance of the City Engineer, work was completed in an effort to resolve the problem. They will investigate the current complaint.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford advised that he met with Ms. DiMeo yesterday and the Engineer will be out to look at the area. They will take photos and compare them to when the work was done. Public Works will televise the lines.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked all the Veterans for their dedication to our Country. A banner thanking the Veterans has been installed along the fence on Shore Road at Memorial Park in observance of Veterans Day. She announced that the South Jersey Astronomy Club, along with the Environmental Commission, are hosting a star watch in the SJI park on Friday night.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone reminded everyone that it gets darker earlier now but sports teams are still practicing and playing games. He asked that everyone watch for kids crossing at the parks and to be safe. He congratulated the Mainland High School Girls Soccer team on winning the semifinals for the South Jersey competition and wished them luck in the finals.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk