

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
December 8, 2021

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Jason Weber, Police Department; Lieutenant Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Lieutenant Austin Martin, Police Department; Lieutenant Chet Brown, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed the Share the Path campaign and advised that signs will soon be posted along the Bike Path.
2. Councilwoman Byrnes reminded everyone that the Senior Citizen Luncheon will be held on December 18, 2021.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution on the agenda rescinding Resolution 186, 2021 authorizing a Shared Service with Atlantic County in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant due to a change in the grant application and authorizing a new Resolution approving said changes.
2. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution rejecting bids received for Lawn & Snow Removal Services after was discovered that the bid pricing sheets for snow removal on three City owned properties were inadvertently left out of the bid packet thereby creating material error resulting in an inaccurate cost analysis.
3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution authorizing the re-advertisement for bids for Lawn & Snow Removal Services.
4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution extending the Contract with Miller's Lawn Care for Lawn Maintenance & Snow Removal until a new Contract is awarded.

5. Councilman Ford

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution authorizing the hiring of Donna McBride as an Administrative Assistant to the Construction Office. Mrs. McBride is a certified Technical Assistant to the Construction Office. Councilman Ford believes she will be an asset to the Department.

6. Councilman Gordon
 - A. Planning, Engineering, & Development
 1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution authorizing a Change Order with American Pipe Cleaning with regard to the 2021 Video Inspection and Main Cleaning. This was for additional root clearing and time.
7. Councilman Levinson
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing 2021 Budget Appropriation Transfers.
 2. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution canceling appropriation balances.
8. Councilman Michael
 - A. Public Safety
 1. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing the hiring of Anthony Onesky as a Substitute School Crossing Guard.
9. Council President Paolone
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Paolone discussed a recent article in the Press of Atlantic City regarding a problem with noise at the Deauville Inn. The residents complained the noise was too loud. The owners are attempting to reduce the noise levels and have purchased a sound limiter and are reducing the number of nights with live music.
10. Solicitor's Report
 - A. Mr. Youngblood discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the cancellation of taxes for Block 110 Lot 1.01 located at 4 E. Glenside Avenue.
 - B. Mr. Youngblood discussed the ongoing lawsuits against municipalities regarding vacant property registration and fee ordinances. The City has an agreement with ProChamps through a shared agreement with Atlantic County for the registration of these properties. Council will move toward amending the Ordinance in early 2022 to avoid any potential litigation.

At 6:11 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk