

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REORGANTIZAITON MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M., noting the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilwoman Blair Albright led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Michael; and Councilman Adam Walcoff.

Absent: Councilman Matt Levinson

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

OATHS OF OFFICE

City Clerk Leigh Ann Napoli administered the Oath of Office to Darren Matik as Mayor of the City of Linwood.

City Clerk Leigh Ann Napoli administered the Oath of Office to Eric Ford as Council Member, Ward 1 of the City of Linwood.

City Clerk Leigh Ann Napoli administered the Oath of Office to Adam Walcoff as Council Member, Ward 2 of the City of Linwood.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The City Clerk opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Councilwoman Albright motioned to nominate Eric Ford with a second from Councilman Michael. The City Clerk called for any other nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed by motion from Councilman Walcoff and a second from Councilwoman DeDomenicis. The City Clerk called for a voice vote to close the floor for nominations. All members of Council were in favor to close the floor for nominations. The City Clerk called for a voice vote for Eric Ford to Council President. All members of Council were in favor. The nomination of Eric Ford for the position of Council President was approved. City Clerk Leigh Ann Napoli administered the oath of office to Eric Ford as Council President.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Council President Eric Ford opened the floor for nominations for Council President Pro Tempore. Councilman Walcoff motioned to nominate Stacy DeDomenicis with a second from Councilman Michael. The City Clerk called for any other nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed by motion from Councilwoman Albright and a second from Councilman Michael. The City Clerk called for a voice vote to close the floor for nominations. All members of Council were in favor to close the floor for nominations. The City Clerk called for a voice vote for Stacy DeDomenicis to the position of Council President Pro Tempore. All members of Council were in favor. The nomination of Stacy DeDomenicis for Council President Pro Tempore was approved. City Clerk Leigh Ann Napoli administered the oath of office to Stacy DeDomenicis as Council President Pro Tempore.

RESOLUTIONS

15-2024 A Resolution approving the Temporary Budget for 2024
The Clerk read Resolution No. 15 of 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Resolution No. 15. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, and Councilman Levinson absent. Motion 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.

- 1-2024** A Resolution setting dates for Caucus and Regular Council Meetings
- 2-2024** A Resolution adopting a Cash Management Plan for 2024
- 3-2024** A Resolution naming check signers
- 4-2024** A Resolution authorizing the Finance Office to maintain a Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$100.00
- 5-2024** A Resolution setting interest rates on delinquent taxes
- 6-2024** A Resolution setting a service charge for checks returned for insufficient funds
- 7-2024** A Resolution authorizing the allowance of a grace period before charging a penalty for late payment of taxes
- 8-2024** A Resolution authorizing the imposition of a penalty on tax delinquencies in excess of \$10,000
- 9-2024** A Resolution naming the official City Newspapers, for purposes of publication, specifically, The Mainland Journal, The Press of Atlantic City, The Ocean City Sentinel-Ledger, and The Current of Northfield, Linwood and Somers Point
- 10-2024** A Resolution appointing an authorized agent for the sale of City owned land and/or property
- 11-2024** A Resolution appointing the Tax Assessor as Agent in appeals to reduce assessments for the year 2024
- 12-2024** A Resolution designating the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Linwood
- 13-2024** A Resolution adopting Robert's Rules of Order and establishing rule of order and conduct for all City Council, Caucus, and Special Meetings in the City of Linwood
- 14-2024** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to enter into a Contract with the attached list of vendors for State Contract Purchases
- 16-2024** A Resolution authorizing the canceling of small balances of tax refunds or delinquencies
- 17-2024** A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to substitute two mailings in lieu of advertising of the Tax Sale to be held in 2024
- 18-2024** A Resolution confirming Mayoral appointments for the year 2024
- 19-2024** A Resolution appointing Steve Cunningham and reappointing Tim Longnecker as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators for the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 20-2024** A Resolution authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Joel M. Fleishman as Municipal Bond Counsel for the Year 2024 for the City of Linwood
- 21-2024** A Resolution authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Ford Scott & Associates, LLC as Municipal Auditor for the Year 2024 for the City of Linwood
- 22-2024** A Resolution authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr. as Municipal Legal Counsel for the Year 2024 for the City of Linwood
- 23-2024** A Resolution authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Vincent J. Polistina as Municipal Engineer for the City of Linwood
- 24-2024** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Glenn Insurance as the Risk Management Consultant for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 25-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2024-02, to Our Lady of Sorrows
- 26-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2024-02, to Our Lady of Sorrows
- 27-2024** A Resolution authorizing the refund of tax overpayment made by Jannette Lee Schuler for Block 84 Lot 4 also known as 1017 Richard Drive
- 28-2024** A Resolution adopting a Service Agreement with Empower Retirement, LLC for a Deferred Compensation Plan
- 29-2024** A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collection to participate in an electronic tax sale

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda by title only. Council President Ford asked if any member wanted any items removed from the Consent Agenda. No items were removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolutions 1-14, 16-29 of 2024. All members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$99,663.34

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson absent. Motion approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Ford opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Council President Ford and Council Pro Tem DeDomenicis.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Council President Ford – Council President Ford wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for trusting him and Councilwoman DeDomenicis again.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to adjourn at 9:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk