

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
February 8, 2017

Councilman Elliot Beinfest called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; and Councilman Brian Heun.

Absent: Councilman Darren Matik and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; Chick Kisby, Fire Official; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2017 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda approving an extension of the temporary signage for Living Well Chiropractic and Fitness.
2. Councilman Ford advised that the Salary Ordinance is on the agenda for first reading. The Ordinance sets the salary ranges for all employees.
3. Councilman Ford discussed designating a portion of Route 9 as a Rehabilitation Area. It includes everything in the business zone on the West side of Route 9 between the two existing Redevelopment Zones (Cornerstone Commerce Center and the Bloom Site). This will help to promote new business development and new owners such as Clay's Climate Control who just purchased the old TV40 building to improve the properties and enhance the area. Councilman Gordon indicated that this process is a mechanism to simulate development. The law requires this matter to be referred to the Planning Board before Council can adopt a Resolution. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to refer the proposed designation to the Planning Board. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

4. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing an agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for CDBG funds with regard to ADA Improvements at Memorial Park.

5. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda approving the certification of qualified volunteers for LOSAP.

6. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Councilman Elliot Beinfest advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing a Raffle License to Faces 4 Autism and a Bingo License to the Linwood Nursery School.

7. Mr. Youngblood

- A. Mr. Youngblood discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the execution of a Separation Agreement with John M. Henchy, Jr. This agreement allows him an early retirement. He has twenty five years in the pension between his time in Linwood and another municipality. The PBA contract provides for family medical coverage after retirement of twenty-five years with the City. Mr. Henchy only has fifteen years with the City. This agreement would provide for family medical coverage upon his early retirement. Mr. Youngblood explained that the benefit to the City is that a new guy is hired at a lower salary therefore saving the City money in salaries. Councilwoman DeDomenicis indicated that she was not fully aware of all the details of this agreement and without having all the members of Council present, she motioned that this matter be tabled. Councilman Ford indicated that he was also not aware of the agreement. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion to table the Resolution. All present members were in favor. Motion approved.

At 6:12 P.M., Councilman Beinfest called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk