

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford

Absent: Councilman Todd Michael.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

2 OF 2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 140 FEES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2023 by title only. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 2 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 2. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

3 OF 2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 124, DEVELOPMENT FEES, SECTION 124-4 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FEES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD IN COMPLIANCE WITH A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CORPORATION AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2023 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 3 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

4 OF 2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 277, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 4 of 2023 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 4 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative 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.

- 41-2023** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-08, to Margate Education Association
- 42-2023** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-09, to Margate Education Association
- 43-2023** A Resolution confirming the appointment of Joseph Daily to the Linwood Green Team
- 44-2023** A Resolution authorizing execution of a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Utilities Authority
- 45-2023** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Duke's Root Control, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Main Root Treatment, Contract No. 42
- 46-2023** A Resolution authorizing the participation with the Atlantic County in applying for a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Challenge Grant for a Shared Services Feasibility Study for Countywide Fire and EMS Centralized Dispatch
- 47-2023** A Resolution authorizing the participation with Atlantic County in applying for a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Challenge Grant for the purchase of two portable traffic lights

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. Resolution No. 44, 2023 was removed. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 41-43, 45-47 of 2023. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 44 of 2023 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolution No. 44. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention from Councilwoman Albright and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$454,331.02

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was 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.

Karen Peyton 219 Forest Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Peyton expressed her concern that the elevator at the Linwood Library does not work and asked what is being done to fix it.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor advised Mrs. Peyton that the elevator has been an issue and the City is working on it. City Council is working on a variety of tough issues The City is in full COAH compliance and thanks to Council President Ford, the City has very minimal standards to comply with. The City is trying to regulate Sober Living Homes for the rest of the residents of Linwood. There is not much the City can do as the State is the regulating authority. The City is also working on additional shared services to lower costs. Linwood is a special place and we work hard to help everyone.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis welcomed Mrs. Peyton. City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month and they look forward to hearing from residents.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff is new on City Council. He had an issue with an Ordinance at tonight's meeting. He thanked everyone for their explanations and answering his questions.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked Joe Daily for volunteering to serve on the Green Team. She thanked Mrs. Peyton for her comments. Councilwoman Byrnes oversees the Library. The building is almost one hundred years old and the City is working hard to do what is best for the building.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reiterated that the elevator is an ongoing issue that Council is working on.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford remembers Mrs. Peyton for speaking at Council meetings in favor of a skate park. The Library is an asset to the City. Council is reviewing different options for the elevator. He congratulated the former Council President, Ralph Paolone, on his retirement as the Holy Spirit Wrestling Coach. He also commended at the City Council members. 2023 will be a tough year but Council will work tirelessly on every issue.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 7:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk