

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2011**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Elliot Beinfest led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Donna Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Alex Marino; Councilman Tim Tighe; and Council President Donna Taylor.

Absent: Councilman Ralph Paolone.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Tighe, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2011 meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

1 OF 2011 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 1 of 2011 by title only. Councilman Marino motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson to approve Ordinance No. 1 for first reading. Council President Taylor opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 1. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Taylor closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Paolone absent. Motion was approved.

2 OF 2011 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, ARTICLE I, ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR AND ARTICLE III DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2011 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Tighe to approve Ordinance No. 2 for first reading. Council President Taylor opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 2. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Taylor closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Paolone 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.

37-2011 A Resolution supporting and concurring in the New Jersey Department of Transportation's proposed mid-block crosswalk on Route US 9

38-2011 A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to release unused Planning Board Application Fees with regard to a site plan for Block 160, Lots 1, 2 & 3 and a minor subdivision for Block 105 Lot 11 (1011 Maple Avenue) in the City of Linwood

- 39-2011** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for bids for the Linwood Ponds Outfall Improvements project in the City of Linwood
- 40-2011** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for bids for the Wabash Avenue ADA Curb Ramp Improvements, Phase 4 in the City of Linwood
- 41-2011** A Resolution authorizing the filing of an Application for an Interim Project Construction Loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust under the 2011 Financing Program for the Linwood Ponds Outfall Improvement Project

Council President Taylor asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Marino, to approve Resolutions No. 37-41 of 2011. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,248,458.52

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Taylor 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 Taylor closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis congratulated the Shade Tree Commission members on the approved status of the City’s Community Forestry Management Plan. This will qualify the City for future grant funding and earn points in the Sustainable Jersey Program.

Councilman Tighe – Councilman Tighe extended condolences to Chief Jim Baker and his family for the loss of his father. The Chief does an outstanding job for the City.

Councilman Marino – Councilman Marino congratulated Mayor DePamphilis on the marriage of his son.

Council President Taylor – Council President Taylor announced that the City was awarded 180,000 Municipal Aid Grant by the NJ Department of Transportation for drainage and roadway improvements. The City also received \$209,000 from the Department of Transportation Safe Streets to Transit for the Poplar Avenue Sidewalk Improvement project. She thanked and commended Mr. Mazur for his work on the grant applications.

PUBLIC HEARING

Scoping Hearing for the City of Linwood’s Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for the disposal of parkland.

Steve Mazur, Office of the City Engineer, presented a power point presentation on the SJI Park Green Acres Disposal Scoping Hearing (attached as Exhibit B).

Council President Taylor opened the floor to the public for discussion on the Scoping Hearing.

Kevin Lajiness 104 Garfield Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Lajiness complimented Mr. Mazur on a job well done. Mr. Lajiness is in favor of Alternative #3 as reviewed by Mr. Mazur.

Charlie Auge 14 Garfield Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Auge agrees that Alternative #3 is the right choice.

Allen Lacy 1511 Shore Road, Linwood

Mr. Lacy agrees with Alternative #3 and does not want to see the City do anything that would prevent future Green Acres funding. He complimented Mr. Mazur on the presentation.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard on this matter, Council President Taylor closed the floor.

Council President Taylor wants to keep the City’s options open with Green Acres and does not want to cut off future funding. The County provided the City with the 50,000 for the Ferrara Property that was awarded by Green Acres. When the City receives that money from Green Acres, they will return it to the County. She thanked the residents for their input on this matter and thanked Mr. Mazur for the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Marino motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to adjourn at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk