

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 22, 2017**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Elliot Beinfest led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Darren Matik called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Eric Ford; Councilman Brian Heun; and Councilman Darren Matik.

Absent: Councilman Todd Gordon and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Matik. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

1 OF 2017 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO VERIZON WIRELESS TO LOCATE AND OPERATE SMALL NETWORK NODES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 1 of 2017 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Ordinance No. 1 for final reading. Councilman Matik opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 1. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilman Matik closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, and Councilman Gordon and Council President Paolone absent. Motion was approved.

2 OF 2017 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. 2 of 2017 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 2 for final reading. Councilman Matik opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 2. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilman Matik closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, and Councilman Gordon and Council President Paolone absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

41-2017 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Separation Agreement with John M. Henchy, Jr.

Councilman Matik advised that Resolution No. 41, 2017 was tabled at the February 8, 2017 Regular Council meeting. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to take Resolution No. 41 from the table. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion approved. The Clerk read Resolution No. 41, 2017 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolution No. 41. All present members of Council were in favor. 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.

- 44-2017** A Resolution appointing Kevin Cain as the Acting Plumbing and Fire Sub Code Official for the City of Linwood
- 45-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2017-04, to Auxiliary to the Betty Bacharach Rehabilitation Hospital
- 46-2017** A Resolution confirming the appointment of Jodi M. Kahn to the Linwood Environmental Commission
- 47-2017** A Resolution authorizing and approving application, enrollment and participation in the “Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program”
- 48-2017** A Resolution authorizing the Linwood Chief of Police to exercise his professional judgment in the procuring equipment and materials deemed to be appropriate for Public Safety and Law Enforcement within the City of Linwood and to report to the City Clerk upon the acquisition of any such property or equipment
- 49-2017** A Resolution confirming a Mayoral Reappointment of Michael Reynolds to the Linwood Planning Board
- 50-2017** A Resolution authorizing the cancellation and refund of property taxes for Block 2, Lot 13.03 located at 505 W. Kirklin Avenue in the City of Linwood

Councilman Matik announced that Resolution No. 51, 2017, supporting a Sustainable Jersey Grant application, was added to the agenda in the Caucus meeting. Councilman Matik asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Resolutions No. 44-51 of 2017. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,085,851.25

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis announced that she is now the Grandmother of a baby girl.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford reminded everyone to watch for pedestrians and bicyclists as the weather is getting warmer.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun congratulated Councilwoman DeDomenicis.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik congratulated Councilwoman DeDomenicis. He announced that the budget process has begun and the City has started out with a loss of \$650,000 due to tax appeals. The budget committee will work very hard to keep taxes low. The budget could be introduced at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to adjourn at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk