

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 22, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

“Mayor for the Day” Patrick Mularz led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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 February 8, 2023 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

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. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 3 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 3. 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 seven in the affirmative. 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 DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 4 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 4. 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 seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

52-2023 A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to AtlantiCare Behavioral Health for the Employee Assistance Program

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 52 of 2023 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 52. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Levinson. 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.

- 48-2023** A Resolution authorizing entering into an Agreement with Atlantic County for Municipal Aerial Mosquito Control Spraying
- 49-2023** A Resolution extending the Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for Solid Waste and Bulk Waste Collection Services
- 50-2023** A Resolution authorizing the refund of the 2022 tax payments for Block 65 Lot 3 located at 104 Arlington Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 51-2023** A Resolution authorizing the refund of the 2022 tax payments for Block 163 Lot 2 located at 210 Haines Avenue in the City of Linwood

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolutions No. 48-51 of 2023. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,340,089.06

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

“Mayor for the Day” Patrick Mularz – Mr. Mularz had a great day as Mayor. He visited the Police Department, Fire Department, and Historical Society Building. His favorite place was the Historical Society explaining how interesting it was to see what Linwood used to look like as all farmland. He believes Linwood is a great place and he is glad he moved here.

Mayor Matik – The Mayor explained that the “Mayor for the Day” is something the Linwood Education Foundation auctions off each year at their fundraisers. He read and presented a Proclamation to Mr. Mularz. The Mayor enjoyed working with Mr. Mularz, who is very nice young man.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson welcomed the “Mayor for the Day.”

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis welcomed and congratulated the “Mayor for the Day.”

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael welcomed and commended Mr. Mularz as “Mayor for the Day.”

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes congratulated the “Mayor for the Day.” She informed him that the new Makers Space room in the Library is open and full of great activities and welcomed him to visit. She also advised that this Sunday is Gadget Day at the Library for anyone that wants to attend. Councilwoman Byrnes also reported that the Senior Committee is looking to schedule their upcoming events.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright thanked Mr. Mularz for attending the meeting. She advised that the Support our Troops Program at the High School is planning a dinner for May 22.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff commended Mr. Mularz and his parents.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford welcomed Mr. Mularz and congratulated the Mainland Girls Basketball team on tonight’s win.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to adjourn at 6:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk