

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
February 23, 2011

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 Matt Levinson; Councilman Alex Marino; Councilman Ralph Paolone; Councilman Tim Tighe; and Council President Donna Taylor.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Kevin Dixon, Dixon Associates; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; Chick Kisby, Fire Chief; Hank Kolakowski, Superintendent Public Works; Jim Baker, Police Chief; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 Caucus meeting, without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Paolone. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Beinfest reported that the Historical Society is working on a new web site that should be completed soon.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing an Agreement with Atlantic County for aerial mosquito control. This is done every year.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution on the agenda appointing Dixon Associates as the City Engineer for the City of Linwood for another 3 years.

6. Councilman Marino

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Marino discussed the Governor's State of the State Address and that much of the state aid to municipalities will remain the same as last year. However, the schools will receive an increase.
2. Councilman Marino reviewed the snow removal costs from the last snow fall. Councilman Paolone asked how much money remains in the budget for snow fall. Mr. Kolakowski advised that the line item for chemicals is over by \$5,000.
3. Councilman Marino discussed the operating expenses in the budget. He advised that all departmental totals have gone down.
4. Councilman Marino advised that due to a recent article in The Press regarding the Galloway Zoning Office, Mrs. Roesch sent Councilmen Tighe and Marino statistics on Linwood's Office and how many permits the office has issued. In 2008, 120 zoning permits were issued. In 2009, 128 were issued, and in 2010, 147 permits were issued.

7. Councilman Paolone
 - A. Arboretum
 1. Councilman Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the submission of a New Jersey American Water 2011 Environmental Grant Application to expand the Arboretum. Matching funds are not required for this grant, only a match of in-kind (volunteer) services.
 - B. Public Safety
 1. Councilman Paolone advised that Council will be looking into contract negotiations soon.
8. Councilman Tighe
 - A. Planning & Development
 1. Councilman Tighe discussed the first reading of an Ordinance on the agenda to purchase property from Coast Commercial, LLC at 1201 New Road.
 2. In conjunction with the Ordinance to purchase property at 1201 New Road, Councilman Tighe motioned to add a Resolution to the agenda authorizing the execution of an access agreement with Cornerstone to allow appraisers on the property in order to obtain the appraised value. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marino. All members of Council were in favor of adding Resolution No. 46 to the agenda authorizing same. Motion was approved.
9. Council President Taylor
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Taylor discussed a Resolution on the agenda adopting a Complete Streets Policy for the City. This was recommended by the Linwood Environmental Commission and will earn the City points in the Sustainable Jersey program.
 2. A public hearing is scheduled for tonight at 7:00 in reference to the City's application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program for the purchase of property at 1201 New Road.

At 6:23 P.M., Council President Taylor called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk