

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
February 24, 2021

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. And read the following statement: In light of the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 107, tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting via Zoom are posted on the City's website.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Brian Heun led the flag salute.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik (via live stream); Councilwoman June Byrnes (via live stream); Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Matt Levinson (via live stream); and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, City Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO (via live stream); Deputy Chief Jason Weber, Police Department; Acting Captain Steve Cunningham, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Ford

A. Planning, Engineering & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 273 Renewable Energy Systems for roof mounted solar.
2. Councilman Ford discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 41 Land Use Procedures to add a Development Review Committee for the Planning Board.
3. Councilman Ford discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the refund of a major site plan application fee and escrow funds posted by Linwood Development Associates, LLC

4. Councilman Gordon

A. Planning, Engineering & Development

1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution awarding a Contract to North American Pipeline for the 2021 video inspection and main cleaning.

5. Council President Paolone

A. Public Safety

1. Council President Paolone discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 212 Rental Property changing the term from inspection fee to registration fee to be compliant with the State.
2. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution authorizing an Addendum to the RFP for Emergency Medical Services. The addendum consisted of insurance requirements as requested by the City of Northfield.

6. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing Raffle Licenses to Mainland Crew and Saint Joseph Church.
2. Council President Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda supporting the exploration of feasibility for a County wide shared Municipal Court.
3. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution closing the meeting of tonight for the purposes of discussing anticipated litigation.
4. Council President Paolone discussed two inconsistencies in the Code Book with regard to outside entertainment for liquor license establishments. Chapter 83, Alcoholic Beverages, prohibits outside entertainment. There is an Ordinance on the agenda to remove that prohibition. Chapter 183, Nuisance, allows outside entertainment with restrictions. However, that chapter will be amended as the Noise Ordinance and will add decibel level readings. The Public Safety Committee met with the Deputy Chief of the Police Department, who will enforce the levels. Council President Paolone would like to introduce the Noise Ordinance at tonight's meeting. All members of Council were in favor of adding the Ordinance to the agenda.
5. Council President Paolone discussed a Resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to an Agreement with the Mainland PBA No. 77. The amendment eliminates the Captain's position.

At 6:15 P.M., Council President Paolone adjourned the Caucus meeting and began the Regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk