

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 24, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and reiterated his statement from Caucus Meeting that 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.

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, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

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

ORDINANCES

2 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 212 RENTAL PROPERTY, SECTION 6 FEES, 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 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 2 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 2. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

3 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 273 RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS, SECTION 5 STANDARDS, 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. 3 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 3 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 3. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

4 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41 LAND USE PROCEDURES, ARTICLE I, PLANNING BOARD 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. 4 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 4 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 4. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

5 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 83 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II RESTRICTIONS ON LOCATION AND OPERATION OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

ORDINANCES (continued)

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 5 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Ordinance No. 5. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

6 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 183 NUISANCES 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. 6 of 2021 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 6. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative. 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.

- 48-2021** A Resolution authorizing an addendum to the request for proposals for the Provision of a Basic Life Support Emergency Medical Service (“EMS”) Response and Transportation System for the Cities of Linwood and Northfield
- 49-2021** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Major Site Plan Application fee and Escrow Funds posted by Linwood Development Associates, LLC
- 50-2021** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2021-01, to Mainland Crew Association
- 51-2021** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2021-02, to Saint Joseph Church
- 52-2021** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2021-03, to Saint Joseph Church
- 53-2021** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2021-04, to Saint Joseph Church
- 54-2021** A Resolution awarding the Contract to North American Pipeline for the 2021 Video Inspection & Main Cleaning, Contract No. 29
- 55-2021** A Resolution supporting the exploration of feasibility for a Shared Municipal Court
- 57-2021** A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Amendment to an Agreement on behalf of the City of Linwood with the Mainland PBA No. 77 (Linwood Superior Officers)

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 48, 2021 was removed. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolutions No. 49-55, & 57 of 2021. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 48, 2021 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 48. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Levinson. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,192,371.25

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Kathy Miller, 311 Melody Lane, Linwood, NJ

Mrs. Miller thanked Councilman Brian Heun, who recently resigned, for all his efforts. He was very responsive to her, especially relating to the Seaview Sanctuary Park. Mrs. Miller wants to address the ambulance service. She is

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very concerned that the City does not look for the lowest cost at the risk of a good ambulance service. She believes that many residents are happy and familiar with the current vendor, TriCare. The owner of the company also lives in Linwood.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis commended Public Works on their efforts taking care of the snow.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes announced that the schools are developing plans to get the kids back in school for in-person instruction. She discussed the need to help senior citizens get appointments for COVID vaccinations. She shared information on social media on how people can help. She also announced that Mainland High School is reinstating their Veterans program. The City will continue to assist them with this program.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone discussed the history of EMS services in Linwood. After the disbanding of the rescue squad, the City hired a professional to develop a very thorough Request for Proposals. At one point the City had a zero-based bid. They continue to strive for the best care. Sometimes Mutual Aid is needed. The City will continue to look into long response times and the answers for same.

RESOLUTIONS

56-2021 A Resolution closing the meeting of February 24, 2021 for the purpose of discussing anticipated litigation

The Clerk read Resolution No. 56 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 56. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. At 6:33 P.M., the meeting was closed to the public. The meeting was re-opened at 7:13 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk