

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:21 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Michael (via zoom) and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Matt Levinson.

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 Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

3 OF 2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20, 2004 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PRUDENTIAL AND BLOOM SITES IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THOSE AREAS, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES 2 AND 3, 2015 AND ORDINANCE 2, 2016, AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 7, 2019 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2022 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 and Councilman Levinson absent. Motion was approved.

4 OF 2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VI TRAFFIC CONTROL STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD REPAIRS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.
(PULLED)

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.

63-2022 A Resolution authorizing a refund of taxes paid and the cancellation of 2022 taxes due to Tax Exempt Status for Block 65 Lot 3 located at 104 E. Arlington Avenue in the City of Linwood

64-2022 A Resolution approving the Certification of Qualified Volunteers for LOSAP

65-2022 A Resolution authorizing the cancelation of sewer penalties due to Senate Bill #4081 in the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 66-2022** A Resolution approving an amendment to Raffle License No. 2020-01-A for Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 67-2022** A Resolution approving an amendment to Bingo License No. 2020-01-A for Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 68-2022** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-04, to Mainland Performing Arts Parent Organization
- 71-2022** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement and Contract on behalf of the City of Linwood with the Mainland PBA No. 77 Rank & File and Superior Officers (*PULLED*)
- 72-2022** A Resolution confirming the promotion of Patrolman Michael Fountas, Jr. to the position of Sergeant in the Linwood Police Department (*PULLED*)
- 73-2022** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2022-02, to Muckdogs Inc.
- 74-2022** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-05, to Muckdogs Inc.
- 75-2022** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-06, to Muckdogs Inc.
- 76-2022** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Supplement to the Agreement establishing the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County

Council President Paolone advised that Resolutions No. 71 and 72 of 2022 were pulled in the Caucus Meeting. He asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 63-68, 73-76 of 2022. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,071,846.64

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson absent. 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.

Sandy Hickerson 210 Upland Avenue, Absecon – Ms. Hickerson addressed City Council on behalf of the Atlantic County 2A Sanctuary asking Council to adopt their Resolution to support the Second Amendment rights. She discussed the bills pending in the Legislature that infringe upon her second amendment rights.

Jean Meeker 5 Renee Drive, Egg Harbor Township – Ms. Meeker also requested City Council to consider adopting the Resolution to support the Second Amendment rights and discussed the pending bills.

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

Mayor Matik – The Mayor reported that Chief Cunningham submitted a quarterly progress report on the Police Department and discussed some statistics from the report.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked Ms. Hickerson and Ms. Meeker for attending tonight's meeting and providing their comments. She announced that the annual Patcong Creek Cleanup is scheduled for May 22, 2022.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked the public for attending the meeting. She commended Chief Cunningham on his report.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford thanked the public for attending the meeting. He congratulated Chief Cunningham on the progress in the Department. He announced that Mainland High School girls swim team is a runner up in the State finals and congratulated the team. He also congratulated the Mainland High School girls basketball team on winning the Group 3 championship and wished them luck in the State finals.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright echoed the comments of the other Councilmembers and also congratulated the Mainland teams.

At 6:38 P.M., Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolution No. 70 of 2022 closing the meeting of March 9, 2022 for the purpose of discussing PBA negotiations and the Cornerstone Tax Appeal. All present members were in favor. The motion was approved. The meeting was opened at 8:05 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk