

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
March 22, 2017

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; Chick Kisby, Fire Official; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis reported that two bids were received for lawn maintenance. Council has sixty days to award a contract or reject the bids. The Public Works Committee will be meeting to discuss the bids and will report back at a later date.

4. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon discussed the bids received for the Poplar Avenue Recreation Complex and the Engineer's recommendation to reject the bids for exceeding the cost estimate for this project. Councilman Gordon is not in favor of spending the money on this project at this time. The other six members of Council spoke in favor of the project and moving forward with awarding the low bid. Mayor DePamphilis is also in favor of moving forward with the project. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to remove Resolution No. 76, 2017 to reject the bids. All members of Council were in favor, with one abstention by Councilman Heun, of removing Resolution No. 76. Motion approved. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to add Resolution No. 77, 2017 awarding the Contract to Command Co. for the Poplar Avenue Recreation Complex in the amount of \$281,281.00. All members of Council were in favor, with one abstention from Councilman Heun. Motion approved.

5. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda honoring Chick Kisby for twenty-seven years of employment with the City of Linwood.

6. Councilman Matik

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Matik advised of an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading to exceed budget appropriation limits and establish a CAP bank.

B. Emergency Management

1. Councilman Matik discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading prohibiting parking on West Wabash Avenue (East Side) between Somers & Devonshire Avenue during school hours only.

7. Council President Paolone
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Raffle License to CASA.
 2. Council President Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing disposal of surplus property on GovDeals.
 3. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda honoring Alyssa Aldridge.
 4. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda honoring Mary Cole for twenty-six hours of employment with the City.
 5. Council President Paolone discussed a Resolution in support of Atlantic County pledging non-acceptance of less than its fair percentage of PILOT program revenues.

8. Mr. Youngblood
 - A. Mr. Youngblood discussed a proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 83 on Alcoholic Beverages as a result of the passage of the referendum to allow for the sale of package goods. The Ordinance has been submitted to the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for their review. Once approved by them, the Ordinance will be submitted to Council for adoption.

At 6:26 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk