

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
March 22, 2023

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Carol Russ, Ford, Scott & Associates; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2023 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilwoman Albright advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing temporary signage for the Atlantic County Numismatic Society Coin Show at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the advertisement for bids for Solid Waste Collection Services.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution on the agenda approving a Temporary Budget until the 2023 Budget is adopted.
2. Councilman Levinson advised that the 2023 Budget is being introduced tonight. The committee, along with Mr. Strazzeri, worked very hard to bring a six-cent tax increase down to three cents. Mr. Strazzeri did a great job. The increase is due to the state health benefit plan increase along with the increase in pension costs, which are out of the City's control.
3. Councilman Levinson discussed a Capital Bond Ordinance on the agenda. The Finance Committee considered all requests and only kept the items in that are truly needed. One fire truck is included due to the age and condition of the current trucks.
4. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments made by Corelogic.
5. Councilman Levinson advised of an Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations limits and establish a CAP Bank. This is done every year.

6. Council President Ford

A. Administration

1. Council President Ford advised of Resolutions authorizing a Bingo License to Muckdogs Baseball Club and Raffle Licenses to Community Partnership for EHT schools, Muckdogs Baseball Club, and the Linwood PTO.

At 6:05 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk