

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 23, 2016**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Elliot Beinfest led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:49 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Gary Auer, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2016 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Beinfest. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

58-2016 A Resolution honoring the Mainland Regional High School Boys Swim Team

The Clerk read Resolution No. 58 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Resolution No. 58. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Council President Tighe read and presented the Resolution to the team. The Mayor and members of Council each extended congratulations to the team.

ORDINANCES

2 OF 2016 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 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2016 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 2 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 2. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven 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.

60-2016 A Resolution authorizing the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

61-2016 A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to substitute two mailings in lieu of advertising of the tax sale to be held in 2016

62-2016 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2016-05, to the Alcove Center for Grieving Children and Families

63-2016 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2016-06, to the Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 63, 2016 was removed. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 60-62 of 2016. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 63, 2016 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 63. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Matik. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,841,985.16

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Tighe opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor congratulated the Mainland boys swim team on a successful season.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis wished everyone a happy holiday.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon congratulated the swim team and congratulated Councilman Paolone for being named co-coach of the year for wrestling. Councilman Gordon discussed the passage of Ordinance No. 2 amending the redevelopment plan for the Prudential site. This was done as a development incentive to help generate more ratables in the City.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone announced that he is hoping to introduce the budget at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun congratulated the swim team and Councilman Paolone. He echoed the comments of Councilman Gordon with regard to the approved amendment to the redevelopment plan. Many difficult decisions are needed for the budget this year. Atlantic County leads with the number of foreclosures for the fourth year in a row.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe also discussed the passage of Ordinance No. 2 as an economic tool for the City. He would also like to see the property at Seaview Ave & Route 9 developed. Council President Tighe discussed the budget process and how hard Council has been working. They met with the Auditor and Department Heads to review everything. There are adverse situations that are beyond Council's control. He is very proud how hard this Council works and how they continue to try and make the right decisions for the future.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk