

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
April 11, 2018

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:04 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; Leon Costello, City Auditor; Shirley Bishop, Planner; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2018 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone explained the need to move to Closed Session to discuss pending litigation with regard to COAH. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Resolution No. 87, 2018 to close the meeting of April 11, 2018 to discuss pending litigation with regard to COAH. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The meeting was closed at 6:05 P.M. The meeting was opened at 6:30 P.M. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to add Resolution No. 94, 2018 to the agenda, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Settlement Agreement between the City of Linwood and Fair Share Housing Center Subject to Final Approval By Order of the New Jersey Superior Court in "In the Matter of the Application of the City of Linwood, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey," Docket No. L-1539-15. All members of Council were in favor of adding the Resolution to the agenda. Motion was approved.

4. Mayor DePamphilis

- A. The Mayor announced that due to the vacancy on the Planning Board created by Todd Timbrook's resignation, the Mayor is moving Steve Abramoff, Alt. #1, to the full membership position and James Malamut, Alt. #2, to the Alternate #1 position. The Alternate #2 position is now open.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis reported that Public Works had to take the Farmers Market banner over Shore Road down after it was struck by a truck. The banner is the wrong size and there are two banners rather than one two sided banner like in the past. She discussed the rules and procedures for temporary signs and the need to require standards for the banners. Council President Paolone referred to the Master Plan Re-exam report that would make changes to the sign requirements in the City. He again asked that everyone review the report.

6. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending the Code of the City of Linwood and granting to the Planning Board the powers formerly held by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for first reading.

2. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund of a Construction Permit #2017-0341.

7. Councilman Gordon
 - A. Engineering
 1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda to reject the bids for the Re-Bid of the Linwood Baseball Building project because they are too high. He indicated that the City has an architect to come up with a new plan that may include a central recreation building so there is no duplication with two buildings.

8. Councilman Heun
 - A. Public Safety
 1. Councilman Heun discussed the intersections at Devonshire & Wabash Avenues and Patcong & Wabash Avenues and the possibility of creating a four-way stop at each intersection. Mr. Polistina issued an Engineer's Certification for the Devonshire & Wabash Avenues intersection but is still looking at the Patcong & Wabash Avenues intersection. Councilman Heun would like to introduce an Ordinance for just the Devonshire intersection at this time. Mrs. Napoli will prepare the Ordinance for first reading at the next meeting.

9. Councilman Matik
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Matik advised that the budget is on the agenda for adoption.
 2. Councilman Matik reviewed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund of a tax overpayment for 505 Kirklin Avenue

At 6:44 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk