

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:56 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Eric Ford;

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Leon Costello, City Auditor; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2018 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

6 OF 2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND GRANTING TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD THE POWERS FORMERLY HELD BY THE LINWOOD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 6 of 2018 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 6 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 6. Junetta Dix, Chair, Linwood Zoning Board – Mrs. Dix indicated that she had a lot of people contact her regarding this Ordinance. She requested that Council consider the current Zoning Board members for positions on the board. She indicated that the current members of the Zoning Board are very intelligent, dedicated volunteers and she hopes they can continue to serve. Steve Zambetoglou 726 Brighton Drive, Linwood – Mr. Zambetoglou thanked the Mayor and Council for repairing his curb. Seeing and hearing no other 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 Ford absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

86-2018 A Resolution to read the 2018 Budget by title only

The Clerk read Resolution No. 86, 2018 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolution No. 86. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Ford absent. Motion was approved.

89-2018 A Resolution authorizing local review of the Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 89, 2018 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 89. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Ford absent. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2018 BUDGET

Councilman Matik presented a Power Point Presentation on the 2018 Budget.

Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on the 2018 budget. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

90-2018 A Resolution adopting the 2018 Municipal Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 90, 2018 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 90. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Ford absent. 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.

87-2018 A Resolution closing the meeting of April 11, 2018

88-2018 A Resolution authorizing the refund of Construction Permit #2017-0341

91-2018 A Resolution rejecting the bids for Contract No. 16 – RE-BID Linwood Baseball Building Renovations in the City of Linwood

92-2018 A Resolution confirming the appointments of Steven Abramoff and James Malamut to the Linwood Planning Board

93-2018 A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment of the 2018 1st Quarter tax payment made for Block 2 Lot 13.03 located at 505 Kirklin Avenue in the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone announced that Resolution 94, 2018 was added to the agenda in the Caucus meeting, a Resolution 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. He asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 92, 2018 was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 87-88, 91-94 of 2018. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 92, 2018 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 92. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilman Matik.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$297,009.31

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

Jack Verseput 306 Poplar Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Verseput has attended previous Council meetings to complain about the speeding on Poplar Avenue. He asked when something will be done about it. Councilman Matik advised that new stop signs for that area were just ordered today. Mr. Verseput thanked the members of Council.

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 DePamphilis – The Mayor congratulated Councilman Matik on an excellent budget year.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon also commended Councilman Matik on the budget. Mr. Gordon thanked the members of the public for their comments.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun thank Councilman Matik and his committee on the budget along with all the Department Heads. He reminded the public that when they see the tax increase in their bills to remember it is not all just from the municipal tax, but the school and County taxes as well.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik discussed the new LED stop signs that will help encourage people to stop. He advised that he is also looking into some other new traffic devices. Councilman Matik discussed budgets in other municipalities with larger increases and furloughs for their employees. He noted that Linwood's was completed without any furloughs or closings. He encouraged everyone to attend the school board meetings on the budget as that is the largest portion of the tax bill.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest acknowledged and thanked Mr. Strazzeri for his work on the budget along with the Finance committee. He is happy Mr. Zambetoglou got his curb completed.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked Mrs. Dix for her comments on the boards. It is great to see volunteers at the meetings. She discussed the snow in April and noted a letter of thanks from Mainland Regional High School to Public Works for helping them clear their parking lot. She also announced that the Linwood Farmer's Market begins this Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to adjourn at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk