

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
April 12, 2017

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Brian Heun.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 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 advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application, which is done every year.
2. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution awarding a Contract to Shore Solutions Mechanical for HVAC repairs.
3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a Resolution awarding a Contract to Evergreen Consolidated, LLC for lawn maintenance.

4. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford discussed a Resolution authorizing the purchase of electricity supply services for public use on an online auction website. The City has done this in the past and is able to get a better rate.
2. Councilman Ford discussed a Resolution on the agenda to re-appoint Kevin Cain as the Acting Plumbing & Fire Sub Code Official only for another thirty days. Councilman Ford, Council President Paolone and Jim Galantino interviewed several individuals today and will soon have a recommendation to hire new Officials.

5. Councilman Matik

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Matik discussed the 2016 Safety Incentive Program Award that Linwood received through the Joint Insurance Program. The amount of the award was \$2,150 to be used for safety items.
2. Councilman Matik reported that the City issued a RFP for Banking Services. The only proposal submitted was from Ocean First Trust, which was the most current provider.
3. Councilman Matik announced that the 2017 budget hearing and adoption are on the regular agenda.
4. Councilman Matik advised of a Bond Ordinance on the agenda for first reading. Councilman Gordon asked about the scope of work for the projects proposed indicating that the language in the Ordinance is not specific enough. Councilman Matik advised that the money is for improvements to the baseball and soccer buildings, and the playground at the park. Councilman Gordon would like to see the plans before the money is borrowed. Councilman Matik advised that he does have engineered plans for the renovations to the buildings. He indicated that the cost for the buildings would be \$75,000 each. The playground costs may be raised with private funds. Councilman Gordon agrees that work needs to be done, but

would like to see the plans first as he was not aware of the projects. Council discussed postponing the introduction of the Ordinance and the time line for adoption. Councilman Matik is concerned that postponing adoption of the Ordinance will delay the projects. Councilman Paolone suggested adding the name of the park to the Ordinance to be more specific. All present members of Council were in favor of adding the name, All Wars Memorial Park to the Ordinance.

6. Mr. Youngblood
 - A. Mr. Youngblood discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading to amend Chapter 83 on Alcoholic Beverages. This is as a result of the passage of the referendum to allow for the sale of package goods.
 - B. Mr. Youngblood advised that the remaining items on his agenda all pertain to litigation matters and should be discussed in closed session. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Resolution No. 89, 2017 closing the meeting to discuss pending litigation in the matter of the Application of the City of Linwood, a municipal corporation of the state of NJ, Docket No. ATL-L-1539-15, and the matter of Robert J. Molineaux and Allison G. Molineaux v. City of Linwood, Linwood City Council, Dixon Associates Engineering, LLC, Lafayette Utility Construction Company, Inc., John Does 1 through 3 and John Does A through C. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion approved to close the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Meeting opened at 7:15 p.m.

At 7:15 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk