

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 12, 2017**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Eric Ford led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 7:17 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 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; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; 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 22, 2017 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

87-2017 A Resolution to read the 2017 Budget by title only

The Clerk read Resolution No. 87, 2017 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 87. A roll call vote was heard with six members in the affirmative and Councilman Heun absent. Motion approved.

91-2017 A Resolution authorizing local review of the Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 91, 2017 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolution No. 91. A roll call vote was heard with six members in the affirmative and Councilman Heun absent. Motion approved.

Councilman Matik presented a Power Point Presentation on the 2017 Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2017 BUDGET

Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on the 2017 budget.

Steve Zambetoglou 726 Brighton Drive, Linwood – Mr. Zambetoglou requested that City Council mail a copy of the budget to all residents. Council President Paolone advised that the budget is on the City's web site and has been posted in the newspaper.

Susan Piccone 12 Mill Lane, Linwood – Mrs. Piccone does not want the taxes to go up.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

88-2017 A Resolution adopting the 2017 Municipal Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 88, 2017 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Resolution No. 88. A roll call vote was heard with six members in the affirmative and Councilman Heun absent. Motion approved.

78-2017 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a liquor license in the City of Linwood to Hwy 9 Entertainment, LLC

The Clerk read Resolution No. 78, 2017 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 78. A roll call vote was heard with five members in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Matik, and Councilman Heun absent. Motion approved.

ORDINANCES

- 5 OF 2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 83 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE I, LICENSING, SECTION 83-1, PURPOSE AND SECTION 83-8, RESTRICTIONS ON PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE AND ARTICLE II, RESTRICTIONS ON LOCATION AND OPERATION, SECTION 83-14, RESTRICTIONS ON LOCATION AND OPERATION, A, (3) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 5 of 2017 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Ordinance No. 5 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Matik, and Councilman Heun absent. Motion was approved.

- 6 OF 2017** A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$142,500) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 6 of 2017 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Ordinance No. 6 for first reading. Council President Paolone announced that Council amended the Ordinance to include the location for the building improvements. All improvements will be done at All Wars Memorial Park. Councilman Gordon indicated that there are safety and health issues that exist at the park and the improvements are much needed. Council has to invest in the infrastructure in order to maintain and improve. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Heun 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.

- 79-2017** A Resolution authorizing the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
- 80-2017** A Resolution authorizing payment by the City of Linwood of an additional \$3,000 as per the terms of a Municipal Shared Services Agreement
- 81-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2017-06, to Jewish Family Services of Atlantic & Cape May Counties
- 82-2017** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Shore Solutions Mechanical Contracting, LLC for HVAC repairs and service for the City of Linwood
- 83-2017** A Resolution naming Ocean First Bank as the official Depository for the City of Linwood
- 84-2017** A Resolution authorizing the purchase of Electricity Supply Services for public use on an online auction website
- 85-2017** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Settlement Agreement and Release of all claims filed against the City of Linwood by Robert J. Molineaux and Allison G. Molineaux
- 86-2017** A Resolution reappointing Kevin Cain as the Acting Plumbing and Fire Sub Code Official for the City of Linwood
- 89-2017** A Resolution closing the meeting of April 12, 2017
- 90-2017** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Evergreen Consolidated, LLC for Lawn Maintenance Services for the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolutions No. 80 & 81 removed. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Resolutions No. 79, 82-86, 89-90 of 2017. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 80, 2017 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 80. A roll call vote was heard with five members in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Ford, and Councilman Heun absent. Motion approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 81, 2017 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 81. A roll call vote was heard with five members in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Matik, and Councilman Heun absent. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$506,568.23

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

Steve Zambetoglou 726 Brighton Drive, Linwood – Mr. Zambetoglou requested that the City fix the curbing on his property. He has been asking for it to be fixed for several years.

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

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford commended the budget committee. He thanked Mrs. Piccone for her comments. Council works very hard to keep costs down.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik advised that the City's budget now in 2017 is the same as it was in 2013. They do as much as they can on the City side, they have no control over the school budgets, nor the County rate. Unfortunately, values are dropping. He hopes it gets better soon.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked the budget committee for their hard work, noting what a difficult time it is for the municipal, school, and county budgets, which are all factors in the taxes.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest reminded everyone about the annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at 12:00 p.m.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that Council works very hard to keep costs down. She wished everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone indicated that he is in his twelfth year on Council and this is tough times. Atlantic County is going through a very difficult time. He is thankful for Assemblyman Brown's efforts to get the no vote out on north Jersey Casinos. He is hoping the times change. It is encouraging to see businesses going up in the City such as the Bird and Scarborough projects. Council is trying to manage things the best they can. He believes the budget committee did an outstanding job. He hopes the State will help fund the schools someday. He wished Happy Holidays to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk