

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 12, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Adam Walcoff led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford

Absent: Councilman Matt Levinson.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2023 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

5 of 2023

A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,225,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,163,750) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR VARIOUS GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 5 of 2023 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 5 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 5. Kathleen Spaeth 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth asked what the interest rate on the note would be, when the first payment will be due, what is the impact to the tax rate, if it is normal to use capital funds to pave roads, if the full amount bonded will cover the costs of the fire truck, and what truck is the new truck replacing? Seeing and hearing no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson absent. Motion was approved.

6 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 6 of 2023 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 6 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 6. Kathleen Spaeth 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth asked if this is a normal process? Seeing and hearing no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson absent. Motion was approved.

7 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 221 SEWERS, ARTICLE II, SEWER USE AND RATES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 7 of 2023 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 7 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson 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.

- 79-2023** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-21, to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of Atlantic, Cape May & Camden Counties
- 80-2023** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-22, to Mainland Baseball CVC Inc
- 81-2023** A Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing between the City of Linwood and the Houston-Galveston Area Council

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 79-81 of 2023. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$387,983.11

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention from Councilwoman Albright, and Councilman Levinson absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Ford 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 Ford closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor advised that this week is spring break for the schools and with the nice weather there are many kids out walking and riding. He asked vehicles to keep an eye out and slow down. In response to Mrs. Spaeth, the Mayor advised that the interest rate on the bond will not be known until the note is taken out, the first payment will be due in 2024, 5% of the bond ordinance is included in this years budget, no impact to the tax rate due to other bonds coming off the books, paving is commonly funded through capital, the City also receives grants for paving from the DOT, the full cost of the fire truck is included, and the green fire truck will be replaced. The Ordinance to exceed the CAP is done every year for flexibility, but has never been used.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis announced the that Farmers Market begins this Saturday from 9am to 12pm.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford thanked the Mayor and Mr. Strazzeri for answering Mrs. Spaeth's questions. He also reminded drivers to slow down and watch for kids.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk