

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**April 13, 2016**

Council President Tim Tighe 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 Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tighe.

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Hank Kolakowski, Superintendent Public Works; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor reported that a Resolution on the agenda confirming the reappointments of Judd McLaughlin and Joann Scannell is on the agenda. Judd was appointed last year to fill the vacancy of Shelly Meyers and is doing a great job. Joann has been on the board for several years and continues to do a great job.

4. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the City of Linwood to participate in the CDBG program.
2. Councilman Gordon reported that he was approached by a group of avid gardeners to develop a community garden in Linwood. Councilman Matik suggested the Krumm Vineyard. Councilman Gordon will work with Councilman Beinfest on this matter.

5. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a change in the LOSAP plan to move the funds from Lincoln Benefit Life to MassMutual.

6. Councilman Paolone

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Paolone was hoping to introduce the budget at tonight's meeting. However, after learning the number of tax appeals have been filed, he asked the Finance Committee and Auditor to meet once again to examine the impact the appeals will have on the budget. Councilman Gordon indicated that there are 355 appeals. Councilman Matik advised that the impact could be a loss of \$35 million if approved at 100%. Councilman Paolone advised that Council will explore all options. He is concerned about depleting the City's Fund balance. Councilman Gordon discussed how the City's rate is tied to funding the schools.
2. The City's contract with EHT for dispatch services will soon expire. He believes it would be best to stay with EHT since the county plan is not happening. Once the City receives a renewal contract from EHT, he will forward it to Council for their consideration.
3. Councilman Paolone discussed the Salary Ordinance that is on the agenda for first reading. This provides for the salary ranges only.

7. Council President Tighe

A. Administration

1. Council President Tighe advised of Resolutions on the agenda honoring the 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, and Belhaven girls basketball teams.
2. A Resolution in on the agenda for a closed session.
3. Council President Tighe advised of a Resolution authorizing a refund to the Linwood Nursery School with regard to a bingo license application fee.
4. Council President Tighe discussed the liquor license. Council discussed this in the past and agreed to place a referendum on the ballot to allow the sale of package goods. Council President Tighe asked Mrs. Napoli to prepare the appropriate documents. Council President Tighe introduced Ken and Rich Steinberg the owners of Parkshore Development, who operate Central Square. Rich Steinberg asked the City to consider selling another liquor license. He believes the license would be an additional value to the business, which would translate to additional revenue for the City. It would also provide convenience to the residents of Linwood and keep the money in the City.

B. Planning & Development

1. Council President Tighe discussed a request from the Linwood Smoke Shop to extend the time frame of their temporary sign approval. City Council approved an additional two weeks.
2. Council President Tighe advised of an Ordinance to amend the Code, Chapter 277, Zoning, in Dwelling Zone R-10 to define home offices. This matter will be referred to the Zoning Review Committee to consider with updates they will have in the near future.

8. Mr. Youngblood

- A. Mr. Youngblood advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing settlement with the County of Camden.
- B. Mr. Youngblood discussed a Resolution authorizing payment as per the terms of a Shared Services Agreement with regard to COAH litigation.

At 6:28 P.M., Council President Tighe called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk