

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
April 14, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and reiterated his statement from Caucus Meeting that in light of the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 107, tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting via Zoom are posted on the City's website.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Matt Levinson; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Todd Michael.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer (via live stream); Jen Heller, Engineer's Officer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2021 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**ORDINANCES**

**8 OF 2021** AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD AMENDING THE LINWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 155 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT A NEW FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 155; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 8 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 8. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

**9 OF 2021** AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 9 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Ordinance No. 9 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 9. Seeing and hearing no 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 Michael absent. Motion was approved.

**10 OF 2021** A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$71,250) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR PURCHASE OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND SIGNAGE FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

*(PULLED)*

**11 OF 2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41 LAND USE PROCEDURES, ARTICLE V DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS 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. 11 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 11. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael 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.

- 73-2021** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Tax Payment for Block 1 Lot 45.22 located at 4 Falling Water Drive in the City of Linwood
- 74-2021** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Tax Payment for Block 24 Lot 4 located at 404 W. Joseph Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 75-2021** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Tax Payment for Block 98 Lot 6 located at 311 Van Sant Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 76-2021** A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to participate in an electronic tax sale
- 77-2021** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Pierce Shaud as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class II, for the City of Linwood
- 78-2021** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of John B. Morris, 3<sup>rd</sup> to the position of Patrolman in the Linwood Police Department
- 79-2021** A Resolution authorizing disposal of surplus property on GovDeals
- 80-2021** A Resolution amending Resolution No. 14, 2021 authorizing the City of Linwood to enter into a Contract with vendors for State Contract purchases
- 81-2021** A Resolution authorizing a Subscription Agreement with PropertyPilot, LLC dba GovPilot for a government management platform
- 82-2021** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Landberg Construction for the FY 2020 Resurfacing of Wabash Avenue, Contract No. 27
- 83-2021** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Landberg Construction for the FY 2021 Resurfacing of Wabash Avenue Phase II, Contract No. 28
- 84-2021** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Arawak Paving Co. for the Frances Avenue Resurfacing, Contract No. 30
- 85-2021** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Atlantic Coast Alarm, Inc. for the fire alarm replacement at the Linwood Library
- 86-2021** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Linwood Farmers Market
- 87-2021** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of behalf of the City of Linwood with John Hamilton
- 88-2021** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Separation Agreement with John Hamilton

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolutions No. 73-88 of 2021. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$369,729.16**

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael 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. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor Matik – Mayor Matik reported that ninety percent of Linwood’s residents have been vaccinated. He is looking forward to the GovPilot program and believes it will allow City government to be even more efficient than it already is. He attended the Easter Egg Hunt and noted it was very successful. He referred to the proposals for the court system and noted that it will be business as usual in Linwood until a decision is made.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford advised that all spring sports have begun to play and reminded everyone to drive carefully and to slow down.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes reported on the Library improvements noting that prices for work to be done are coming in now. She thanked Jen Heller for her help. Residents will start seeing improvements soon.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked the Public Works Department for all they help they provide to each department in the City.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon commended the efforts of those who planned the Easter Egg Hunt, noting was a very successful event it was.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson also commended the efforts of those who planned the Easter Egg Hunt. The kids had a lot of fun. He commended the COVID plan created by Tim Longnecker for social distancing. He also commended the efforts of the Public Works Department for being responsive to the different sports organizations for their needs. He also noted that he is looking forward to the GovPilot program to help the employees and make things easier for the public.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone announced that vaccinations are more available now and discussed his positive experience at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to adjourn at 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk