

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
April 24, 2024

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcott; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Leon Costello, City Auditor; Carol Russ, Auditor's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman Albright, motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcott, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024 Caucus meeting without formal reading. Four members of Council were in favor with abstentions from Councilwoman DeDomenicis, Councilman Levinson, and Councilman Michael. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor announced the hiring of a new Library Director, Hannah Bishop.

4. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilwoman Albright discussed a Resolution on the agenda approving a Change Order with Arawak Paving with regard to the 2023 Road Program resulting in a reduction of the total contract price.
2. Councilwoman Albright advised of a Resolution awarding a Contract to EZ Docks for the purchase of two EZ Docks and related material for Poplar Avenue & Patcong Creek.
3. Councilwoman Albright reviewed a Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to participate in the Atlantic County Community Development Block Grant Program to apply for funding for a new elevator at the Library.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised that 2024 Budget is on the agenda for adoption after a public hearing. He reported only a 1.2 cent increase.

6. Councilman Michael

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Michael discussed Resolutions on the agenda hiring part-time Special Class II Officers Barretta and Gallagher as full-time Patrolmen. They have done a great job over the last eight months.

7. Council President Ford

A. Administration

1. Council President Ford reviewed a Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Triad Associates for Accessory Apartment Implementation Services. The contract is needed for the City's COAH obligations.

Administration (continued)

2. Council President Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda designating Contact Persons for the Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Service with the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. Mrs. Napoli has been and remains our contact and Chief Cunningham is being added.

At 6:05 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk