

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 2017**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Darren Matik led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:33 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; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Elliot Beinfest.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2017 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Heun. Motion was 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 Heun to approve Ordinance No. 5 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 5. 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 five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Matik, and Councilman Beinfest 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 Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Ordinance No. 6 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 6. 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 Beinfest 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.

- 92-2017** A Resolution establishing salaries for non-contractual employees of the City of Linwood for 2017
- 93-2017** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to release the Maintenance Bond with regard to the improvements to Wimberg Funeral Home, Block 1 Lots 29.01 & 29.02, in the City of Linwood
- 94-2017** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Linwood Farmers Market
- 95-2017** A Resolution appointing Dennis C. Sharpe as the Acting Fire Sub Code Official for the City of Linwood
- 96-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2017-07, to Mainland Youth Lacrosse
- 97-2017** A Resolution awarding Non-Competitive Contracts for Professional Services to Michael J. Fitzgerald as Alternate Attorney and Thomas R. Thorton as Alternate Engineer for the Planning Board
- 98-2017** A Resolution appointing James A. Cotton as the Acting Plumbing Sub Code Official for the City of Linwood
- 99-2017** A Resolution awarding Non-Competitive Contracts for Professional Services to Sean Gaskill, Michael Bernardin, Joseph Junod, and Bobby Connors for Property Appraisal Services in the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 96 was removed. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 92-95, 96-99 of 2017. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 96, 2017 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 96. A roll call vote was heard with five members in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Ford, and Councilman Beinfest absent. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$3,242,420.19

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest 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. He also asked if the City can put sidewalks in next to his property on New Road as well as a guard rail. Mr. Zambetoglou asked why the City didn't fix his curb when they made improvements on Poplar Avenue. Councilman Ford advised Mr. Zambetoglou that the City Engineer informed him the City will take care of the curb within the next sixty days. Councilman Gordon advised Mr. Zambetoglou that anything done on New Road needs the State's approval as it is a State highway. The City did requested a guard rail but was denied.

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

Mayor DePamphilis – Mayor DePamphilis hopes that Mr. Zambetoglou’s curb can be fixed as soon as possible.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik advised that City Council is trying to address Mr. Zambetoglou’s issue. The problem with New Road is that it is a State road and the City needs the State’s permission to do anything. The State has said the City cannot do anything. Councilman Matik advised that Council will take care of the curb.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun reiterated that New Road is a State highway and there is nothing the City can do there. Councilman Heun explained that the sidewalk improvements done on Poplar Avenue were done with a Safe Routes to School grant from the State. That money could only be spent on Poplar Avenue as a route to school. They couldn’t use that money anywhere else.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis announced that the Farmers Market re-opens on Saturday, April 29 at Central Square from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm every Saturday till June 3.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone discussed his participation in the April Fools Day run in Atlantic City this past weekend. He indicated that it was a great event.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk