

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
April 26, 2023

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 June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: None.

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

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilman Levinson. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor reported that he attended a meeting regarding the Central Municipal Court System. Revenues are down in all the municipalities. Much of this has to do with the new laws adopted by the State reducing violations. He indicated that revenue is due to increase in 2023. The County has frozen the costs to the municipalities for two years.

4. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilwoman Albright advised of an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 221 Sewer Use and Rates.
2. Councilwoman Albright pulled the Resolution awarding a Contract to Shore Solutions from the agenda.
3. Councilwoman Albright advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing participation in the CDBG program.

5. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Use & Occupancy Agreement with MRHS Support our Troops Club.

6. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised that the public hearing and adoption of the 2023 budget are scheduled for tonight.
2. Councilman Levinson discussed a Resolution on the agenda establishing salaries for non-contractual employees for 2023.
3. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution on the agenda certifying compliance with the USEEOC.

7. Council President Ford

A. Administration

1. Council President Ford advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing the participation with Atlantic County in applying for a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Grant for new above ground fuel storage tanks that will be available to Linwood.

8. Solicitor's Report

A. Mr. Youngblood discussed a Resolution approving the Second Joinder Agreement allowing the City of Egg Harbor City to withdraw as a participant in the Sewage Conveyance and Treatment Agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority and including New Jersey American Water Company as a participant. This is due to Egg Harbor City selling their infrastructure to New Jersey American Water.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk