

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**April 27, 2022**

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting via Zoom are posted on the City's website.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Blair Albright (via live stream); Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Council President Ralph Paolone

Absent: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; and Councilman Todd Michael.

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

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilwoman Albright advised that she is hoping to have an Ordinance for introduction at the next meeting to include a provision in the City Code for a time line on abandonments of nonconforming uses.

4. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 61, Board of Recreation. The amendment is housekeeping and includes minor updates.
2. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing submission of a Grant Application for the Linwood Municipal Alliance Grant.
3. Councilwoman Byrnes reminded everyone that the Senior Band Concert is on May 4. Currently, there are 98 people attending.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilman Ford reported that Public Works completed installing the railings at the docks at Seaview & Poplar Avenues to be JIF compliant. They did a great job.

6. Councilman Ford

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda approving updated flood insurance promotion activity with the Atlantic Cape Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information.
2. Councilman Ford discussed a Resolution on the agenda adopting the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
3. Councilman Ford advised that his committee is still discussing safety improvements to the bike path at the intersection of Ocean Heights Avenue. Ocean Heights Avenue is a County road so the City does not have jurisdiction and Somers Point is on the other side so all three entities will work together for improvements.

7. Councilman Levinson
  - A. Revenue & Finance
    1. Councilman Levinson advised of the final reading on the Bond Ordinance. The funds will be used for radio upgrades for the Fire Department, the balance of the recreation improvements and stormwater upgrades, and the 2022 road improvements.
    2. Councilman Levinson advised of the final reading an Ordinance on the agenda to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and establish a cash bank. This Ordinance is housekeeping and done every year in case it is needed.
    3. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the Tax Collector to participate in an electronic tax sale.
8. Council President Paolone
  - A. Administration
    1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution authorizing a Raffle License to CASA.

At 6:11 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk