

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**April 27, 2016**

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 Rick DePamphilis; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Councilman Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Elliot Beinfest; and Council President Tighe

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Hank Kolakowski, Superintendent Public Works; Leon Costello, City Auditor; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; Lieutenant Jason Weber, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2016 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that the spring leaf collection is ongoing. This Friday will be the last day for collection. Public Works is also restoring the Seaview Landing clam shell road, getting ready to install flags along Shore Road, and are having an employee appreciation luncheon on Friday.

4. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon advised that the Bike Path Phase 1 extension project is nearing completion.

5. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik advised of honorary Resolutions on the agenda for Charles E. Kisby and Wayne Dilks.

6. Councilman Paolone

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Paolone advised that the salary ordinance is on the agenda for final reading.
2. The Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriations limits and establish a CAP bank is on the agenda for final reading.
3. Councilman Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda canceling the balance of a municipal lien for 23 Elm Avenue.
4. A Resolution is on the agenda to authorize the use of the average percentage of collection in calculating the reserve for uncollected taxes.
5. Councilman Paolone advised that he will be presenting a Power Point presentation on the 2016 budget during the regular meeting. The Finance Committee met with the Auditor several times to discuss the budget and have decided to recommend a budget for introduction with a zero tax increase. Every department's operating budget has been reduced. Councilman Paolone reported that the County budget is down by one cent, pending tax appeals, and the school budget is at zero as well. Councilman Gordon believes this is a challenging year and that a zero budget increase is responsible. He advised that there could be some issues on projects that the City has grants for now. This could put the City in

jeopardy for future funding if the City does not finish the projects. The engineering work estimates far exceed the amount budgeted. Mr. Polistina advised that if the project isn't designed and the bid is not awarded, then the funding is jeopardized. Councilman Gordon advised that there is also CDBG grant money for ADA accessibility in jeopardy as well as funds needed for the re-examination of the Master Plan. Councilman Paolone agreed that there is going to be consequences with the budget at a zero tax increase.

7. Council President Tighe

A. Administration

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Raffle License to Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

B. Planning & Development

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution authorizing the release of surety funds and engineering escrow with regard to Block 176, Lots 6, 7, & 8, Central Methodist Church.

At 6:21 P.M., Councilwoman DeDomenicis called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk