

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
May 5, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and reiterated his statement from Caucus Meeting that in light of the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 107, tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. A notice appeared in the Press of Atlantic City on May 3, 2020 advising the public that tonight's meeting would be live streamed and referred the public to the City's web site that includes information on how to attend the meeting on Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik (via live stream); Councilwoman June Byrnes (via live stream); Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis (via live stream); Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Matt Levinson (via live stream); and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Eric Ford.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor (via live stream); and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS

107-2020 A Resolution extending the Grace Period for May 1st Property Tax Payments until June 1st in accordance with Executive Order No. 130

The Clerk read Resolution No. 107 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 107. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, Council President Paolone in the negative, and Councilman Ford absent. Motion was approved. Councilman Heun indicated that he is disappointed that Trenton did not do more for the tax payers noting that they were not given the relief they deserve. Council President Paolone echoed Councilman Heun's comments and added that the relief given is little to nothing. He wants to agree but believes something more should have been done.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

June Dix 213 E. Seaview Avenue, Linwood

Mrs. Dix thanked City Council for extending the grace period.

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 Matik – The Mayor announced that a Bill was introduced by Senator Booker to address property taxes, by way of a possible furlough. He was recently on a conference call with the Mayors of Atlantic, Cape May, and Ocean Counties. We should receive guidance soon with regard to re-opening and relief for small businesses. Most of the Shore communities believe they will be open for Memorial Day, but there are a lot of details still to work out.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson thanked everyone for making time for tonight's meeting. He understands Council President Paolone's and Councilman Heun's concerns regarding the grace period extension. This is not the biggest bang for the buck, but it is the only tool the City has for its residents right now. Hopefully it provides some relief.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis agrees with Councilman Levinson. They are always looking out for the residents.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon echoed the comments made by Councilman Levinson.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun understands that they all wish they could do more for the residents. He hopes relief is coming.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone hopes this helps some people and hopes Booker's bill passes. He did hear that there is a possibility that the Casinos will reopen on July 1. He hopes the number of positive COVID-19 cases keeps going down.