

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:13 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.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Matt Levinson led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright (via live stream); Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; and Councilman Eric Ford.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Leon Costello, City Auditor; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the minutes of the April 27, Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Levinson presented a Power Point presentation on the 2022 Budget. (Attached as Exhibit B) He commended the members of Council and City employees on managing to keep costs down while providing great services, new projects and renovations, and with no tax increase.

101-2022 A Resolution to read the 2022 Budget by title only

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 101 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Resolution No. 101. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

BUDGET HEARING

Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on the 2022 Budget. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

102-2022 A Resolution to amend the 2022 Budget

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 102 of 2022 by title only. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolution No. 102. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

103-2022 A Resolution adopting the 2022 Municipal Budget

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 103 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolution No. 103. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Councilman Michael 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.

95-2022 A Resolution awarding the Contract to South State Inc. for the 2022 Road Program, Contract No. 37

96-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-09, to PTO Linwood

97-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-10, to PTO Linwood

98-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-11, to Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

99-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2022-12, to Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.

100-2022 A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1-Final with Charles Marandino, LLC with regard to the Linwood Library Parking Lot Resurfacing

104-2022 A Resolution adopting revised Rules and Regulations for the Linwood Police Department

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolutions No. 95-100, 104 of 2022. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$274,705.99

Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilwoman Albright, and Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Councilman Ford 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.

Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor commended Councilman Levinson for his efforts on the budget, the Mayor having done the budget for many years understands the hard work. It is nice to see a zero increase. It is a true testament to the hard work with a zero increase while still managing to complete all the projects in the City; road paving, repairs, new recreation projects, etc.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson acknowledged all the Council members for working hard to keep taxes down. He also thanked the employees and City’s consultants for their efforts. It is great that Council can still do projects to improve the City and keep the taxes down.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright echoed the comments from the Mayor and Councilman Levinson and congratulated everyone on the budget. She is looking forward to seeing all the upcoming projects.

Councilman Michael- Councilman Michael also commended the efforts of Council and the Department heads for managing costs. He also commended the efforts of the Park Director, Recreation Board members and volunteers for a successful Easter event.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked Councilman Levinson, Anthony Strazzeri, and Leon Costello, and all the Department heads for their efforts on the budget. The Easter event was great. The next event is the Memorial Day Parade. She is looking forward to it.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone thanked everyone who worked on the budget. It is nice to see it at zero.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to adjourn at 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk