

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
May 11, 2016

Councilman Elliot Beinfest called the meeting to order at 6:01 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; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Councilman Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Hank Kolakowski, Superintendent Public Works; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; Chick Kisby, Fire Official; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor indicated that due to Tim Tighe's resignation from City Council, the Mayor will have to appoint someone to the Planning Board to replace Mr. Tighe. The vacancy is a Class III member and must be a member of City Council. The Mayor appointed Councilman Brian Heun.

4. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

B. Councilman Beinfest advised of a Resolution on the agenda accepting the resignation of Tim Tighe.

C. Councilman Beinfest discussed the vacancy in the position of Council President.

5. Councilman Heun

A. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution authorizing additional funds for Archer Greiner, P.C. for legal service with regard to the Redevelopment at Cornerstone Commerce Center.

6. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik advised of an honorary resolution on the agenda for Chick Kisby.

2. Councilman Matik discussed a Resolution on the agenda supporting participation in the multi-jurisdictional program for public information to meet the goals of the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.

3. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution on the agenda to close the meeting to discuss PBA negotiations.

7. Councilman Paolone

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Paolone reported that he met with Diane Hesley, the Tax Assessor, regarding the tax appeals. Due to the large number of appeals, 355, Mrs. Hesley will need help inspecting the properties. She has a proposal from a company to do this for \$6,700. Councilman Paolone also discussed several options to prevent numerous appeals in the future. Another revaluation would cost approximately \$235,170. A reassessment can be done at a cost of \$178,000. Another option is to do a compliance plan.

B. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda amending the release of engineering escrow funds with regard to the Central Methodist Church.

At 6:17 P.M., Councilman Beinfest called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk