

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2010**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Ralph Paolone led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:44 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Ralph Paolone; Councilman Tim Tighe; and Council President Donna Taylor.

Absent: Councilman Matt Levinson; and Councilman Alex Marino.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2010 regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

Council President Taylor advised that Ordinance 10 of 2010 was removed from the agenda.

10 OF 2010 A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$476,550) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$452,722) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

FIRST READING: May 12, 2010

PUBLICATION: May 19, 2010

FINAL READING: May 26, 2010

PUBLICATION WITH STATEMENT: June 2, 2010

RESOLUTIONS

89-2010 A Resolution canceling non-cashed checks to Fund Balance

The Clerk read Resolution No. 89 of 2010 by title only. Councilman Tighe motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 89. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilmen Levinson and Marino 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.

83-2010 A Resolution authorizing a Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Historic Trust

84-2010 A Resolution awarding a Contract to Linwood Gulf for Vehicle Maintenance Services for the City of Linwood

85-2010 A Resolution authorizing Escrow Refunds with regard to Linwood Road Opening Permits

- 86-2010** A Resolution authorizing a Traffic Signal & Safety Engineering Pedestrian Warning Flashing Beacon Agreement with the State of New Jersey
- 87-2010** A Resolution certifying the review of the annual Audit by the Governing Body
- 88-2010** A Resolution for a Tax Levy Reduction in the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education in the total amount of One Hundred Ninety Thousand (\$190,000.00) Dollars

Council President Taylor asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 83-88 of 2010. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$191,244.22

Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, and Councilmen Levinson and Marino absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Taylor 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 Taylor closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor reported that after 3 years, the speed limit on New Road is now 40 mph the entire length of Linwood with a 25 mph limit by Mainland Regional High School, while children are present. The Mayor also announced the establishment of a Blue Ribbon Fire Safety Panel that will consist of seven members that will review the Fire Department and its policies & procedures, rules & regulations, equipment, recruitment, and anything else that needs to be reviewed. It will be chaired by Councilman Ralph Paolone who will be joined by Councilman Tim Tighe. The volunteer member will be Demetrios Foster. The paid member will be Jay Sarno. The two Linwood residents that work as firefighters in other towns are Dan Adams of the Margate City Fire Department and Gary Green of the Ocean City Fire Department.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest thanked the Public Works Department for helping with the Linwood Country Fair. They really go above and beyond the call of duty and do a great job. Councilman Beinfest thanked Patty Ogrodnek for putting the fair together and commended her efforts. Councilman Beinfest also discussed the defeated budget process for the high school, noting that the State took away approximately 2.3 million dollars in aid. That was a significant cut.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone thanked the Mayor and all the people who submitted their names to the Blue Ribbon Fire Safety Panel. He thanked the individuals for volunteering their time and looks forward to working with all of them to help make the department better. Councilman Paolone reported that members of Linwood's governing body attended the Mainland defeated budget hearing along with members from Northfield and Somers Point Council. It was determined that interest on bonds could be used to reduce the tax levy and save freshman sports. Councilman Paolone is proud of Councilman Marino and the members of Council for doing what they have done over the past several years to help reduce the budget. Things such as shared services for dispatch, municipal court, and emergency medical services have helped put Linwood in a good position to deal with the budget crises. He is hoping to reduce more.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk