

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
May 13, 2020

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 read the following statement: 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 2, 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.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilwoman June Byrnes led the flag salute.

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor (via live stream); Vincent Polistina, City Engineer (via live stream); Anthony Strazzeri, CFO (via live stream); and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2020 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor announced he will provide his report at the end of the Regular meeting.

4. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes reported that construction on the new roof at the Historical Society will begin in the next few weeks. This is a project funded by the NJ Historic Trust.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing an Agreement with Elder Pest Control.

2. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract to EZ Docks South, Inc for a new dock at Seaview Landing.

6. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford discussed a Resolution on the agenda permitting temporary congratulatory lawn signs during a Public Health Emergency. The City Code prohibits temporary signs. However, during this time, the 2020 graduating students are missing out on all the end of the year graduating events and City Council wants to permit the signs to allow families to acknowledge their achievements.

7. Councilman Gordon
 - A. Engineering
 1. Councilman Gordon reported of a stormwater pipe failure on River & Poplar Avenue. Public Works was able to excavate and secure the site until an emergency repair could be made. It has been repaired.
8. Councilman Heun
 - A. Public Safety
 1. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the reappointment of Belford Rivera as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III. Officer Rivera works at the high school.
9. Councilman Levinson
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Levinson advised of the final reading of the CAP Ordinance. This is done every year.
 2. Councilman Levinson discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the cancellation of property taxes for Block 82 Lots 7 & 8. The City now owns this property.

At 6:11 P.M., Council President Paolone adjourned the Caucus meeting and began the Regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk