

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
May 13, 2015

Councilman Elliot Beinfest called the meeting to order at 6:04 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: Council President Tighe.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Doug Carman, Chief of Police; John Hamilton, Police Captain; Jason Weber, Police Lieutenant; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2015 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor commended the Police Department with regard to the lockdown in the schools. He received a lot of positive feedback regarding their efforts.

4. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract for the Bike Path Extension Project. The path would run down Monroe Avenue and on Route 9 by the High School. The Engineering Committee has been working with the Mainland Board of Education to come up with a plan that meets all requirements for the school and the grant.
2. Councilman Gordon advised of a Resolution on the agenda requesting a six month extension from the DOT to award a contract for the FY2013 Woodlynne Boulevard Roadway Improvements. This project has been delayed due to the utility work and paving on the east side of Shore Road.
3. A Resolution is on the agenda requesting to combine funding from the DOT FY2013 & FY2015 for Woodlynne Boulevard Roadway Improvements so that the project can be done as one job.
4. A Resolution is on the agenda accepting the modification of limits to add an additional section of Woodlynne Avenue to the project.
5. Councilman Gordon discussed the demolition of the Poplar Avenue School, which is in its final stages. The residents have been complaining of dust. The City has worked to minimize the impact to the residents with regard to the demolition. The contractor has taken steps to help with the dust. There will also be security at the site during the night to secure the area.

5. Councilman Paolone

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Paolone discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading to amend the school Bond Ordinance to reallocate certain funds to other projects. No additional funds have been authorized.
2. The 2015 budget hearing and adoption are scheduled for tonight's meeting.
3. Councilman Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda determining the 2015 salaries for non-contractual employees.

4. The 2014 Audit is complete. The report has been distributed to the governing body. Councilman Paolone asked that everyone read the report and a Resolution will be on the next Council meeting certifying review. There were no findings only a few recommendations.

6. Council President Tighe
 - A. Administration
 1. Councilman Beinfest advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Raffle License to the ARC of Atlantic County.
 - B. Planning & Development
 1. Councilman Beinfest discussed a Resolution awarding a Contract for electric supply through the South Jersey Power Cooperative to Constellation New Energy.
 2. Councilman Beinfest advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the release of surety and engineering escrow with regard to Block 1 Lots 29.01 and 29.02 for Wimberg Funeral Home. Council commented on how nice the renovations look.

At 6:14 P.M., Councilman Beinfest called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk