

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 2014**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Ralph Paolone led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:41 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 Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2014 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

Assemblyman Chris Brown thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak at the meeting. He advised that he is currently working with a committee for amendments to OPRA and thanked the Mayor and Council for passing a Resolution calling upon the New Jersey Legislature to amend the provisions of OPRA to remove the exemptions currently granted to members of the Legislature. Assemblyman Brown also discussed energy tax receipts and how they used to be paid directly to the municipalities as revenue. The State is now keeping a portion of that revenue. He is sponsoring a bill that will require the revenue from the energy receipts to go directly to municipalities and to restore over the next five years reductions in aid that occurred in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

RESOLUTIONS

86-2014 A Resolution honoring Damian Childs

The Clerk read Resolution No. 86 of 2014 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Resolution No. 86. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Tighe read and presented the Resolution.

88-2014 A Resolution honoring Deborah J. Moss

The Clerk read Resolution No. 88 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 88. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Matik read and presented the Resolution.

ORDINANCES

7 OF 2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 277 ZONING, ARTICLE IV ZONING MAP, SECTION 277-5 BOUNDARIES OF ZONES ESTABLISHED OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 7 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 7 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 7. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

8 OF 2014 A REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$2,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 8 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Ordinance No. 8 on first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

- 85-2014** A Resolution authorizing the renewal of a Joint Purchasing System Identifier 178LJPS
- 87-2014** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to release unused Planning Board Application fees with regard to Block 159, Lot 10.01 (212 New Road) in the City of Linwood
- 89-2014** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Christine A. Desch
- 90-2014** A Resolution appointing Albert Stanley as Tax Collector for the City of Linwood
- 91-2014** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the Country Club Drive & Delmar Avenue Resurfacing Project
- 92-2014** A Resolution naming check signers
- 93-2014** A Resolution awarding a Non-competitive Contract for Professional Services to Richard M. Pescatore for Legal Services regarding a personnel investigation
- 94-2014** A Resolution awarding a Non-competitive Contract for Professional Services to Timothy P. Maguire as Conflict Solicitor for the City of Linwood

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Councilman Paolone requested to remove Resolutions 90, 93, and 94 of 2014. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolutions No. 85, 87, 89-94 of 2014. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 90 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 90. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Paolone introduced Albert Stanley.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 93 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Resolution No. 93. All members of Council were in favor, with one abstention from Councilman Paolone. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 94 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Resolution No. 94. All members of Council were in favor, with one abstention from Councilman Paolone. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$487,303.13

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Tighe 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 Tighe closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest thanked Mrs. Napoli for the good job she does in recognition of Municipal Clerk’s Week. He welcomed Al Stanley to the City. He also reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 26.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis welcomed Albert Stanley and looks forward to working with him.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon also welcomed Mr. Stanley to Linwood. He reminded everyone about the mile run that will take place the morning of the Memorial Day Parade this coming Monday. The Patcong Creek Clean Up is scheduled for this Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. with a picnic to follow. Councilman Gordon also discussed the ongoing gas main replacement project by the South Jersey Gas Company and advised that residents can visit the City’s web site for more information on the project.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik welcomed Mr. Stanley to the City. He also discussed the energy tax receipts and asked everyone to reach out to their legislators to support the bill to bring the revenue back to the municipalities.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun agrees with Mr. Matik on the energy tax receipts and would like to see it come back to the municipalities. He also welcomed Mr. Stanley to Linwood and thanked Mrs. Napoli in recognition of Municipal Clerk’s Week.

Councilman Tighe – Councilman Tighe welcomed Mr. Stanley.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone also welcomed Mr. Stanley.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to adjourn at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk