

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
May 22, 2019

Council President Paolone 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; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; 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 May 8, 2019 Caucus meeting without formal reading. Six members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilman Matik. Motion was approved.

3. Council President Paolone announced that nothing has been voted on with regard to the skate park and the topic is not on tonight's agenda. The idea of a skate park has been referred to the Neighborhood Services Committee and they are currently researching the topic and collecting information.

4. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor announced that he has appointed Blair Albright to the Planning Board to fill the Alternate #2 vacancy.

5. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes announced that the annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.
2. The Recreation Board meeting is tonight at 7:30 p.m.
3. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed the upcoming Library Book & Bake Sale on June 7 & 8. The Library asked the City's permission to put a temporary sign on City Hall property facing Route 9 similar to the one for the Farmers Market. All temporary signs have to be approved by City Council. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to add Resolution No. 104 to the agenda authorizing the temporary signage for the Library. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

6. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a Resolution on the agenda to authorize a Contract to Signal Control Products for equipment to upgrade the pedestrian beacons on Shore Road at Monroe and Devonshire Avenues.

7. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda approving temporary signage for the Linwood Panthers as they have done the last few years.

8. Councilman Heun
 - A. Public Safety
 1. Councilman Heun discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading to provide for special tow rates for larger vehicles. The current rates do not cover the costs of the towing.
 - B. Planning Board
 1. Councilman Heun discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading to amend Chapter 140 Fees, Planning & Zoning Fees. This was recommended by the Planning Board to be consistent with neighboring municipalities.

9. Councilman Matik
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Matik discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the purchase of electricity supply services for public use on an online auction website. This allows the City to get the lowest rates.
 2. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution on the agenda amending Resolution No. 58 awarding Non-Competitive Contracts for Professional Services for Property Appraisal Services. This is for the 2019 tax appeals.

10. Council President Paolone
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda to authorize a Place-to-Place Transfer for HWY9 Entertainment at The Exchange to extend the licensed premises for an outside patio that was just approved by the Planning Board.
 2. Council President Paolone advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing a Bingo and Raffle Licenses to Bright Star Gymnastics Parents Association.

At 6:12 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk