

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
May 23, 2018

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:11 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 Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Eric Ford.

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

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis reported that Public Works has completed all assigned tasks including putting the flags up along Shore Road. They are also preparing the memorial at the park for Memorial Day.

4. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund of Construction Permit 2018-0050.

5. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading to amend Chapter 152 Fire Prevention to address some administrative code changes that are required.
2. Councilman Heun reported that a Public Safety Committee Meeting was held and one item on the agenda was assigning the Code Enforcement Office under the Police Department. Council President Paolone reported that the Chief advised that the Police Department can handle it and that it would work well as Code Enforcement often needs assistance from the Police. It was determined to discuss the matter with the Code Enforcement Officer prior to introducing an Ordinance for same.

6. Councilman Matik

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Matik discussed a Capital Budget Amendment for costs related to completing paving projects from holes left in the streets by the gas and water company projects.
2. Councilman Matik advised that the Bond Ordinance on the agenda is for the paving project mentioned above.
3. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution on the agenda adopting a new Tort Claims Act Questionnaire that is required by the Joint Insurance Fund.

B. Emergency Management

1. Councilman Matik advised of an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading to amend Chapter 155 Flood Hazard Areas for the new FIRM maps.

- C. Councilman Matik discussed the Recreation Board's plans to improve the South Jersey Industries Park to include a connection from the bike path through the park to The Exchange property. Councilman Gordon explained the bike path connection to the businesses has always been considered. Council would like to see that done. He asked Mr. Polistina to put together a conceptual plan. He also asked him to include a dog path and skate park at the location. After the plan is complete, Council will open it up for public discussion. All members of Council agreed to have Mr. Polistina complete a plan.
 - D. Councilman Matik discussed a proposed fence for All Wars Memorial Park. They discussed installing a white vinyl fence, similar to the one that runs along the retaining wall. The new one will run along the sidewalk line on Shore Road. This will prevent most soccer balls from entering the street but more importantly, it will force people to cross Shore Road at the crosswalks on Glenside & Essex Avenues. Councilman Matik is also looking into upgrading the lighting in the park and along Shore Road by the park. Mr. Polistina discussed that the height and location of the fence are not in accordance with the City's Code. The Zoning Board Solicitor, Michael Fitzgerald, indicated that the City would not have to comply but suggested discussing it at a public meeting. Councilman Gordon discussed the setback requirements, height, and location. All Council agreed the fence will provide additional safety and approved the installation.
 - E. Councilman Matik explained that Mainland United Soccer Association spends between \$30,000 and \$50,000 every year to re-do the soccer fields and discussed how that money could be used to pay a bond for a turf field. Mr. Polistina displayed a conceptual plan that would include a turf field at the park. Council President Paolone discussed how the voters turned down a referendum for a turf field at Mainland Regional High School several years ago and if being considered now, he would like the subject to again be a referendum on the ballot. He would love to see a turf field at the park.
7. Council President Paolone
- A. Administration
 - 1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Raffle License to the Mainland Regional Football Boosters.
 - 2. Council President Paolone advised of an Ordinance on the agenda for first reading amending Chapter 83 Alcoholic Beverages to change the hours of sale of alcohol to begin at 8:00 am for consumption on the licensed premises only. This matter was discussed and approved at the May 9, 2018 Council meeting.

At 6:51 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk