

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
May 24, 2017

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Elliot Beinfest.

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

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2017 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor reported that interviews were recently held for the position of Sergeant to fill the vacancy of Sergeant Henchy. Patrolman Chester Brown will be promoted effective June 1, 2017.

B. The Mayor advised that a meeting of the Northfield/Linwood Sewer Interlocal was held this past week. The Mayor informed the representatives from Northfield that Linwood is seriously considering contracting with the ACUA for sewer maintenance. Councilman Gordon advised that the committee has been collecting data for the last few months to look at several opportunities to save money. The committee will continue to compare and review the options and make a recommendation to full Council soon. Councilman Gordon indicated that it has been a great experience working with Northfield on this service. They are only looking at options to save money.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis announced that George Jones, the former Director of Public Works, passed away last week. George was an employee of Linwood for forty years. After retirement he remained very close with his former employees. It is a sad loss. Members of the Public Works Department will be participating in the funeral services and one department vehicle will be used in the procession.

5. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of Resolutions on the agenda reappointing the Acting Fire & Plumbing Sub Code Officials.
2. Councilman Ford discussed a request received from the Linwood Panthers Organization to place sponsorship signs along the fence at the park during football season. The City's ordinances prohibit advertising signs in the park. They want to place the signs facing Wabash Avenue. City Council discussed the issue and agreed to allow them after they provide additional information and just on a trial basis.

6. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone discussed the petition filed by Berlin Road Investments, LLC to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage for a Special Ruling. The license has been inactive since July of 2008. In order to renew inactive licenses, the State must first grant a Special Ruling allowing them to do so. Mr. Youngblood reviewed their petition noting that circumstances were not accurately documented. A bank is taking ownership of the license once it's renewed and will then try to sell it off with the other property at Cornerstone. Council discussed writing a letter objecting to the renewal of said license so it does not remain dormant any longer. All present members of Council agreed.

7. Mr. Youngblood

- A. Mr. Youngblood advised that a Resolution is on the agenda to authorize payment of \$1,000 to have Judge Perskie serve as Special Master with regard to the COAH litigation.

At 6:26 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk