

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
May 26, 2021

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. And read the following statement: Tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting via Zoom are posted on the City's website.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Todd Michael; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Matt Levinson.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Deputy Chief Jason Weber, Police Department; Lieutenant Steve Cunningham, 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 12, 2021 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor announced that he has promoted Deputy Chief Jason Weber to Chief and Detective Sergeant Austin Martin to Lieutenant.

4. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Linwood Municipal Alliance program.
2. Councilwoman Byrnes announced that the luncheon for senior citizens on June 14 is filling up.

5. Councilman Ford

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Ford reported that the 2021 Video Inspection & Main Cleaning has been completed. They did recognize some issues that will be addressed later.

6. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. The Mayor advised that the City is still waiting to hear from the State how the stimulus money can be spent before adopting the budget. He attended a zoom meeting from the National Association of Counties and the U.S. Department of Treasury regarding the eligible uses of the funding and will meet with the Finance Committee to provide and update.

7. Councilman Michael

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Red Cross.
2. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution confirming the promotion of Jason Weber to the position of Chief of the Linwood Police Department.

A. Public Safety (continued)

3. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Separation Agreement with Jason Weber.

4. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing the promotion of Austin Martin to the position of Lieutenant.

8. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone discussed a draft noise ordinance that he distributed to the Mayor and Council today for review. He believes a decibel level should be adopted. Councilman Ford would like to hear from the sound experts that the Country Club hired. Council discussed other municipalities and their restrictions. Councilwoman Byrnes would like more time to review the draft. Discussions were held on the point of measurement for the decibel reader and the sound levels. Councilman Michael does not want to adopt anything to hurt the business but wants to be fair to the residents. Discussions continued on time restrictions. Deputy Chief Weber advised that whatever Council adopts, the police will enforce. He does agree that the measurement should be taken from the complainant's property line in order for the police to witness the event. Council President Paolone agrees that something workable for everyone is needed. The term clearly audible was also discussed. The matter was referred to committee for review and recommendation.

9. Mr. Youngblood

A. Mr. Youngblood advised of a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Addendum to the Radio Network License Agreement between the City of Linwood and Atlantic County. An addendum was needed in order to provide radio access to Inspira.

At 6:45 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk