

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
May 26, 2010**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Matt Levinson led the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:45 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 Matt Levinson; Councilman Alex Marino; Councilman Ralph Paolone; Councilman Tim Tighe; and Council President Donna Taylor.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2010 regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Levinson. Motion was approved.

**PRESENTATION:**

**94-2010** A Resolution honoring the Linwood Green Dragons Girls Basketball Team

The Clerk read Resolution No. 94 of 2010 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 94. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Council President Taylor read and presented the Resolution to the Team.

2010 Municipal Budget, Councilman Alexander C. Marino

Councilman Marino conducted a Power Point presentation on the 2010 Municipal Budget (Attached as Exhibit B).

**ORDINANCES**

**10 OF 2010** A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$476,550) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$452,722) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 10 of 2010 by title only. Councilman Marino motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson to approve Ordinance No. 10 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2010 BUDGET**

Council President Taylor opened the floor for discussion on the 2010 Municipal Budget. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Taylor closed the floor.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**96-2010** A Resolution approving a Temporary Capital Budget for 2010

The Clerk read Resolution No. 96 of 2010 by title only. Councilman Tighe motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 96. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

**97-2010** A Resolution to amend the 2010 Approved Budget  
The Clerk read Resolution No. 97 of 2010 in full. Councilman Marino motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 97. 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.

- 90-2010** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for bids for the furnishing and delivery of three thousand (3,000) tons of Recycled Concrete Aggregate for Seaview Landing Road in the City of Linwood
- 91-2010** A Resolution establishing a date for imposing penalties for late payment of taxes
- 92-2010** A Resolution authorizing the placement of a lien on Block 88, Lot 3 (513 W. Poplar Avenue) in accordance with Chapter 99, Section 3 of the Code of the City of Linwood
- 93-2010** A Resolution authorizing an Agreement with the County of Atlantic with regard to the Atlantic County Open Space Trust Financial Assistance Agreement for Block 6 Lot 29 (204 W. Garfield Avenue) in the City of Linwood
- 95-2010** A Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority
- 98-2010** A Resolution authorizing the partial release of surety with regard to Block 45 Lots 20 & 46 in the City of Linwood
- 99-2010** A Resolution authorizing a refund of second quarter 2010 property taxes for Block 171, Lot 2, located at 102 W. State Street

Council President Taylor advised that Resolution No. 100 of 2010 was introduced as new business on motion by Councilman Tighe, seconded by Councilman Marino. Resolution No. 100 is to authorize a Contract for Natural Gas with Intelligent Energy. Council President Taylor asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Tighe motioned to table Resolution No. 92, seconded by Councilman Marino. All members of Council were in favor of tabling Resolution No. 92. Motion was approved. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve Resolutions No. 90-91, 93, 95, 98-100 of 2010. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,995,836.43**

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 Taylor 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 Taylor closed the floor.

#### **FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor commended Councilman Marino, the Finance Committee members as well as all the members of City Council for their efforts on the municipal budget. It was not easy, but they did a great job.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson commended Councilman Marino for doing a great job on the budget. He also announced that the paving on Maple Avenue should be completed by Friday. He wished everyone a great Memorial Day Weekend.

Councilman Tighe – Councilman Tighe thanked the Finance Committee and Councilman Marino for their hard work on the budget. Councilman Tighe did attend the first Blue Ribbon Panel on Fire Safety Committee Meeting, and reported it went well. He wished everyone a safe Memorial Day Weekend.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest thanked the Finance Committee and specifically the Chairman, Councilman Marino. He understands it was a tough year. Councilman Beinfest reminded everyone of the parade

that begins at 10:00 on Monday from Poplar Avenue to Memorial Field. He also reminded everyone that the Hi Neighbor Hop is scheduled for June 11 and that tickets are on sale now.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked Councilman Marino and commended him and the Finance Committee for all their hard work. She also thanked the Public Works Department for preparing the City for Memorial Day, noting that the flags on Shore Road look great.

Councilman Marino – Councilman Marino discussed the budget process, noting that it was not fun. He also discussed the Governor's proposed caps for next year and the affects it will have on next year's budget. Councilman Marino indicated that this year's budget is a little higher than he wanted it to be. Several residents have commented to him about the budget. Councilman Marino is asking the residents what services they are willing to give up in order to keep costs down. He wants feedback. Council is trying to make the best decisions for the future of the City. The Audit reports that the City is financially stable. He thanked Mrs. Tiemann for her efforts on the budget, noting that this is her last budget since she is retiring at the end of the year. He also thanked the Auditors for their efforts. Councilman Marino applauded the efforts of City Council to share services with other municipalities. He thanked the budget directors, Mr. Kolakowski and Chief Baker for helping to keep costs down. Councilman Marino appreciates the recognition from the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone discussed the first minor problems at the Arboretum. His committee is trying to formulate some rules there. He asked that everyone be courteous and use common sense. The plants are in a very delicate stage. He asked that people don't let their dogs relieve themselves on the plants or let their children ride their bikes or scooters on the plants or lawn. Councilman Paolone discussed the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and how sometimes people take their freedom for granted. A Veteran informed him of the importance to stand when the flag rides by in the parade and Councilman Paolone asked everyone to remember to do so. Councilman Paolone indicated that this year's budget process was the most difficult in his time on Council. He does not believe that anyone on Council is happy with the budget. He would like to say that taxes are not going up. He will continue to try and keep them down. Council is trying not to sacrifice employees for services. Councilman Paolone thanked Councilman Marino for his efforts on the budget.

Council President Taylor – Council President Taylor thanked the Finance Committee for their efforts on the budget, noting that it was a difficult process. The City does value the service the employees provide. It makes it difficult to provide the same services when funding gets cut. She agrees that she is not happy with the budget. Council will continue to move forward with shared services. She has already begun discussions with Northfield as the shared services have been beneficial so far. She wished everyone a good Memorial Day.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk