

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
May 27, 2020

Council President Ralph 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: In light of the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 107, tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. A notice appeared in the Press of Atlantic City on May 2, 2020 advising the public that tonight's meeting would be live streamed and referred the public to the City's web site that includes information on how to attend the meeting on Zoom.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor (via live stream); Vincent Polistina, City Engineer (via live stream); Anthony Strazzeri, CFO (via live stream); Leon Costello, City Auditor; Chief John Hamilton, Police Department (via live stream); 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 13, 2020 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor announced he will provide his report at the end of the Regular meeting.

4. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes reported that the required Historic Trust project sign for the new roof on the Historical Society building will be installed tomorrow and work on the roof will begin within a week or two.
2. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed the Governor's Order with regard to the re-opening of Libraries. The Library had to create a plan which has been forwarded to every member of City Council. She asked that anyone contact her with concerns or questions.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis reported that Public Works installed the flags on Shore Road for Memorial Day. They also completed sealing all the cracks in the roadways. They constructed a large sneeze guard to be used in the Court room once Court re-opens. She also reported that the new floating dock at Seaview Landing was also installed.

6. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Council President Paolone announced that Resolution No. 114 of 2020 was pulled from the agenda.
2. Councilman Levinson discussed the Resolutions on the agenda allowing for the Bond issue. This will allow for the sale of the City's outstanding bonds at one time for a very low rate.

A. Revenue & Finance (continued)

1. Councilman Levinson advised that the 2020 budget hearing and adoption are on the regular agenda for tonight.

7. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone explained why he pulled Resolution No. 114 of 2020, a Resolution authorizing the salaries for non-contractual employees. He does not agree that employees moving up to the position of a retired employee should move into the same salary of the retiring employee. He agrees with employees moving up, however not automatically given the salary of the employee that retired and who may have been in that position for several years. He believes it will set a bad precedent.

At 6:13 P.M., Council President Paolone adjourned the Caucus meeting and began the Regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk