

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
May 27, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and reiterated his statement from Caucus Meeting that 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.

**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); Vince Polistina, City Engineer (via live stream); Leon Costello, City Auditor; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**112-2020** A Resolution providing for the combination of certain issues of General Obligation Bonds or Notes of the City of Linwood, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, into a single issue of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, in the aggregate principal amount of \$9,380,000  
The Clerk read Resolution No. 112 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Resolution No. 112. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

**113-2020** A Resolution determining the form and other details of \$9,380,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, of the City of Linwood, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey and providing for their sale

The Clerk read Resolution No. 113 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson to approve Resolution No. 113. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

**114-2020** A Resolution establishing salaries for non-contractual employees of the City of Linwood for 2020

*(PULLED)*

**115-2020** A Resolution to read the 2020 Budget by title only

The Clerk read Resolution No. 115 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 115. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

**116-2020** A Resolution authorizing local review of the Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 116 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson to approve Resolution No. 116. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 BUDGET**

Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on the 2020 Budget. Councilman Levinson provided a brief overview of the budget. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

## **RESOLUTIONS (continued)**

### **117-2020** A Resolution adopting the 2020 Municipal Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 117 of 2020 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson to approve Resolution No. 117. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,105,075.63**

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, 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 Paolone 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 Paolone closed the floor.

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

Mayor Matik – The Mayor reported that the number of new COVID-19 cases are going down. From the latest report there are no new cases in Linwood. Most of the cases are in the long term care facility. In the next few weeks, most pharmacies will be testing. As of July 6, in person graduation ceremonies can be held. Professional sports are permitted to begin and youth sports are coming soon.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis missed not having the Memorial Day Parade this year.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes also missed not having the Parade. However, the City still honors the military personnel who died while serving the Country. The Recreation Board will still select a Citizen of the Year. Nominations are due June 1 and the winner will be honored at a future date.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford echoed the comments of the other Council members. Told everyone to be safe.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon echoed the comments of Councilwoman Byrnes.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun thanked all the military in honor of Memorial Day.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson echoed the comments of Councilman Heun. Unfortunately, the parade was canceled. He thanked the veterans for their service. He is excited the State is opening but reminded everyone to be safe.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone echoed the comments of the other Council members. The State is re-opening but he reminded everyone to be careful to avoid a spike in cases. He receives the updates from the Mayor everyday and he is glad the numbers are going down. He has concerns after the recent happenings in the Ozarks. He hopes everyone remains careful. He commended the Finance Committee on the budget. No municipal increase. He has much concern with Linwood School's 6.9 cent increase. Now that it is an elected school board, Council has no control over their budget. Hopefully, the public remembers that when they vote on Election Day.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to adjourn at 6:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk