

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 28, 2014**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Elliot Beinfest led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order at 7:29 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 Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2014 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

97-2014 A Resolution honoring Christine A. Desch

The Clerk read Resolution No. 97 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 97. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Paolone read and presented the Resolution. The Mayor and each member of Council thanked Mrs. Desch for the great job she did for the City and congratulated her upon her retirement.

101-2014 A Resolution honoring Brooke Rachel Zelig

The Clerk read Resolution No. 101 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to approve Resolution No. 101. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Beinfest read and presented the Resolution.

ORDINANCES

8 OF 2014 A REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$2,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 8 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 8 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 8. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

9 OF 2014 A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$10,900 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 9 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 9 on first reading. 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.

- 95-2014** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2014-03, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 96-2014** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Continental Fire & Safety, Inc. for the Supply and Delivery of Fire Hose for the Linwood Fire Department
- 98-2014** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Robert L. James, Jr.
- 99-2014** A Resolution supporting Assembly Bill A-1021 and Senate Bill S-268 requiring direct payment of Energy Taxes to municipal government
- 100-2014** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2014-04, to A Place for Us, The Women's Center
- 102-2014** A Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Linwood and the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education for the provision of School Resource Officer
- 103-2014** A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Amy E. Rudley, Esq. for legal service regarding employment training

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolutions No. 95-96, 98-100, 102-103 of 2014. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,008,593.71

Councilman Beinfest 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 Tighe 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 Tighe closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – the Mayor congratulated Mrs. Desch. He remarked on the success of the Memorial Day Parade, which included a first annual one mile run. One hundred and sixty-six people participated in the run. The Recreation Board did a great job as did the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest thanked Laurie Montgomery for her efforts with the parade. This was her first event as the new Park Director. Councilman Beinfest discussed the renovations to the shed behind the Historical Society building and encouraged everyone to visit. It was been decorated to reflect the three prior uses of the building; the City's first Police Department, a store, and a gas station.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis also commented on the success of the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon echoed the Mayor's comments regarding the Memorial Day Parade. He also thanked Public Works for doing a great job getting the park ready for the event.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone discussed the retirement of employees after twenty-five years, noting how nice it is to see they still care about their jobs as Mrs. Desch does. He also noted the Resolution accepting Chief James's resignation. Councilman Paolone discussed the Resolution supporting Assembly Bill A-1021 and Senate Bill S-268 requiring direct payment of energy taxes to municipal government. He urged everyone to reach out to their legislators to support this issue.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik thanked Chief James for his efforts. As Chairman of Public Safety, Councilman Matik worked closely with the Chief. He indicated that the Chief made his job easier. Councilman Matik also discussed his support for the bill requiring the payment of energy taxes to municipalities.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun commended Assemblyman Brown for his efforts to return the energy taxes to municipalities. He commended the efforts of Laurie Montgomery and everyone involved in the success of the Memorial Day parade.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe echoed the comments of the Mayor and Council on the Memorial Day Parade. He congratulated Laurie Montgomery and the Recreation Board on their efforts. Council President Tighe also discussed his support of the energy tax receipt bill.

Council continued their discussion on the capital budget from the Caucus session. Discussion ensued upon the street paving project as it relates to the South Jersey Gas project. Council also discussed the purchase of a street sweeper and the benefits of same. It was determined the City would seek quotes to contract out for landscaping and janitorial services of City properties. Once those costs are obtained, Council will evaluate same.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk