

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
June 9, 2010

Council President Donna Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. 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: Randy Lafferty, Esq.; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; Hank Kolakowski, Public Works Superintendent; Chief Jim Baker, Police Department; Bonnie Tiemann, CFO; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Marino, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2010 Caucus meeting, without formal reading. All Council members were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor introduced Richard and Simone Zoladz of 221 Wilson Avenue heading a group of residents requesting the City to memorialize Father Leonard Carrieri. The Mayor and Council discussed a request to name a street for Father Carrieri. Councilmen Marino and Tighe feel that allowing this request would lead to other requests and that it would be difficult to draw the line in the future. Councilman Paolone agreed that it could be difficult. He did see something in Millville named for a police chief that was done very nice and could be considered here. He would not like to see a sign on Shore Road, but possibly further down Royal Avenue at the driveway entrance to the villa. Councilwoman DeDomenicis does not have a problem with a street sign. Councilman Beinfest indicated that renaming a street could be problematic for Police and Fire. He would be interested to see a sample from Councilman Paolone. Councilman Levinson has no problem with doing something like Councilman Paolone discussed. The Mayor indicated that the City is able to do something and will discuss it further.

B. Teri Weeks, the Linwood School Business Administrator, and Frank Pileiro, Technology Coordinator, discussed the school's wireless initiative made possible through a grant by the Linwood Education Foundation. The entire district could be done for \$25,000 or less. There would be sixteen access points to do the entire school district, but could do up to one hundred and fifty access points. The first phase will include four access points with one located near the Arboretum. The initiative provides numerous opportunities and possibilities for the schools and the City that could even save tax payers money. Mr. Pileiro discussed some of the possibilities noting that more could become available as the project moves forward. They will meet again with the Mayor and Council for updates on the project.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution on the agenda honoring Michael P. Ware for twenty-five years of employment with the City of Linwood.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Levinson discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding the Contract for Hemlock Drive Drainage Improvements to Shore Connections, Inc. This project will also include an alternate project at Meadowview. The bid awarded is under budget.

2. The Mayor asked about a prior project that included Vernon and Wabash Avenue. Mr. Mazur advised that the contractor will replace the grass at that intersection.

6. Councilman Marino
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. The May tax collection rate is 99%.
 2. There will be a hearing on the budget amendment tonight. However, the budget will not be adopted until the city gets approval from the State.
 3. Councilman Marino explained that the Bond Ordinance for the 2010 capital projects is on the agenda for final reading.
 4. Councilman Marino reported that the City of Linwood rolled over the existing \$2,240,840 Bond Anticipation Note for three months at 2% until the Bond Sale this year.
 5. A Resolution is on the agenda to honor Bonnie Tiemann for twenty-five years of employment with the City.
 6. A Resolution is on the agenda establishing 2010 salaries for non-contractual employees.
 7. Councilman Marino discussed an Ordinance authorizing Capital Improvements Funds to purchase one sport utility vehicle for the Police Department and related equipment.
 - B. Councilman Marino advised that several residents have asked if they are permitted to raise chickens for the purposes of producing their own eggs. The City Code prohibits the raising of farm animals.

7. Councilman Paolone
 - A. Public Safety
 1. Councilman Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a grant application to the NJ Division of Highway Safety for Pedestrian Decoy Safety Education and Enforcement Operations.

8. Councilman Tighe
 - A. Planning & Development
 1. Councilman Tighe discussed Assembly Bill No. 1842 regarding the creation of an innovation zone. Linwood was not included in the zone. He will forward the information to the Mayor and Council.

9. Council President Taylor
 - A. Council President Taylor advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License to the Women's Center.
 - B. Council President Taylor discussed a court case that changes the price public agencies can charge for copies of government records under OPRA. Only actual costs of paper and toner can be charged. The Clerk's Office is currently computing the costs. This becomes effective July 1.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk