

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
June 10, 2015

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chick Kisby, Fire Official; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2015 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Heun. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Beinfest reported that over three dozen people attended the ceremony for the marking of Sarah Broadhead's grave at the Friend's Cemetery in Linwood.

4. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik discussed an Ordinance on the agenda prohibiting left hand turns onto Shore Road from Patcong Avenue. It will only be in effect during the hours of drop off and pick up. Traffic gets backed up with people making left turns and this will help with the congestion. Councilman Beinfest agreed with the Ordinance and noted he would not want to see the turn prohibited at all hours as Patcong is one of the few streets that runs from New Road to Shore Road. Councilman Matik also discussed the on-street parking there for Hasson's florist, which will also be evaluated.

5. Councilman Paolone

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Paolone discussed a Bond Ordinance that is on the agenda for final reading. The Ordinance includes costs for construction of improvements to municipal roadways and sanitary sewer system, various recreation projects, Historical Society roof project, and the purchase of in-car video systems for the Police Department. The roadway improvements will be done in conjunction with phase two of South Jersey Gas Company's main project. The sanitary sewer system needs repair. The recreation project is to re-do the playground area. The roof on the Historical Society Building is in dis-repair and needs to be replaced. The City did seek funding for these projects, but was not successful.

6. Council President Tighe

A. Administration

1. Council President Tighe advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Raffle License to the Women's Center.
2. Council President Tighe distributed a temporary sign request from the Masonic Lodge advertising their Fish Fry. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to add Resolution No. 114, 2015 authoring the temporary sign. All members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

3. Council President Tighe advised of a Resolution authorizing Linwood to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the retention of Dr. Robert Burchell of Rutgers as an expert for the purpose of reviewing and determining Linwood's (and other municipalities) obligation under the new COAH regulations.
- B. Planning & Development
1. Council President Tighe advised of a Resolution waiving Uniform Construction Code Permit fees with regard to work being done at 314 Barr Avenue. The work being done is to make the house handicap accessible.
 2. Council President Tighe advised that Council needs more time to review the proposed Ordinance No. 8, 2015. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to pull Ordinance No. 8 from the agenda. All members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

At 6:19 P.M., Council President Tighe called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk