

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2015**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Ralph Paolone led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:33 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; and Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: None.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

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

ORDINANCE

6 OF 2015 A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$950,000) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 6 of 2015 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 6 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 6. Stayros Zambetoglou, 726 Brighton Drive, Linwood – Mr. Zambetoglou asked why the City is subsidizing the gas company's main project. Councilman Paolone explained that the City is not paying any costs of the main project. The gas company is only required to pave half of the street that they open. The City is paying to pave the other half of the street if the street is in poor condition. Seeing and hearing no other 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.

7 OF 2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I, GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 263-3 NO LEFT TURNS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 7 of 2015 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to approve Ordinance No. 7 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

8 OF 2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20, 2004 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PRUDENTIAL AND BLOOM SITES IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THOSE AREAS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

Ordinance No. 8 of 2015 was pulled during the Caucus meeting on motion by Councilman Matik, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis. All members of Council were in favor. 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.

- 111-2015** A Resolution authorizes 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 obligation under the new COAH regulations
- 112-2015** A Resolution authorizing the waiving of Uniform Construction Permit Fees for permits issued for work to be done at 314 Barr Avenue within the City of Linwood, New Jersey
- 113-2015** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2015-10, to A Place for Us, The Women's Center

Council President Tighe announced that Resolution No. 114 of 2015 was added in the Caucus meeting, authorizing a temporary sign for the Keystone Lodge. Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Councilman Heun requested to remove Resolution No. 113, 2015. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolutions No. 111-112, 114 of 2015. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 113, 2015 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 113. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Heun. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,439,063.74

Councilman Gordon 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.

Kevin Lajiness 104 Garfield Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Lajiness thanked whoever was responsible for having the trees trimmed in Hartshorne Park. He also expressed his thanks for having the cones at the intersection of Garfield and Wabash during school drop off and pick up, eliminating the congestion from school traffic. Garfield Avenue is a very narrow street with a lot of kids.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis congratulated the Public Works employees for Public Works Employee Appreciation week. This year the Employee of the Year is Tony Hare. The Above and Beyond Award was awarded to Craig Camp. The Aisling and Olivia Fun Run was held this past Sunday. The event had over five hundred participants. It was a great success and she thanked everyone for attending.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked the Police Department for their help with the run on Sunday. It was a great event and very well organized. The Library is holding a book sale/fundraiser this Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone discussed a great article that appeared online regarding the Linwood Arboretum at phsonline.org.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik discussed a letter that was received from a resident on Garfield Avenue asking the City if something can be done to keep the speed of cars down. Chief Carman and Captain Hamilton developed the plan of placing out the cones at Wabash Avenue. Councilman Matik is glad the cones are working.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun announced that since the next Council meeting is an “if needed” meeting only, he reminded everyone that school will soon be out and asked them to be careful.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to adjourn at 6:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk