

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
June 14, 2023

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2023 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor discussed the Atlantic-Cape Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information and the outreach information programs the City continues in order qualify City residents for reduced flood insurance.

4. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilwoman Albright advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing submission of a Grant Application to the NJDOT for the resurfacing of Wabash Avenue, Phase 3. The area is from Poplar Avenue to the Northfield border.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed Resolutions on the agenda authorizing the placement of Liens on 200 Haines Avenue and 2 E. Monroe Avenue in accordance with City Code Chapter 99, Section 3 due to failure to maintain the property.

6. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Presentation that will be provided during the Regular Meeting from the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund regarding the City's renewal. A Resolution is also on the agenda authorizing the renewal.

B. Councilman Levinson also reported that Resolutions are on the agenda honoring the Mainland Youth Lacrosse 3/4 boys and 7/8 girls teams.

7. Council President Ford

A. Administration

1. Council President Ford discussed the Central Municipal Court and that the legislation that created the Central Court requires the Central Court to adjudicate all State Police, State Agency matters as well as any other non-municipal Law Enforcement Agency matters even those which originate from municipalities which are not members of the Central Municipal Court which results in a financial detriment to the Central Court and participating municipalities. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to add a Resolution to the agenda supporting an amendment to the legislation to require State Police cases and those from other State Agencies which originate in non-participating municipalities

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to remain with that municipality and be adjudicated in either that municipality's stand-alone court or in any regional or shared court to which that municipality belongs. All members of Council were in favor. The motion was approved. Resolution 111 authorizing same was added to the Regular agenda.

8. Solicitor's Report

A. Mr. Youngblood provided a report on COAH. The group home by the ARC of Atlantic County has agreed to spread the costs to the City over two years.

At 6:12 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk