

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Todd Michael led the flag salute.

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; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2023 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

106-2023 A Resolution honoring the Mainland 3/4 Boys Lacrosse Team

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 106 of 2023 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Resolution No. 106. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Levinson read and presented the Resolution.

107-2023 A Resolution honoring the Mainland 7/8 Girls Lacrosse Team

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 107 of 2023 by title only. Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolution No. 107. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Levinson read and presented the Resolution.

PRESENTATION

Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Renewal Presentation

Paul Miola of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund presented information on the JIF's financial position, risk management and safety programs, JIF resources, and other benefits of ACM JIF membership. (attached as Exhibit B)

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.

105-2023 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Contract renewing membership in the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

108-2023 A Resolution authorizing the placement of a Lien on Block 163, Lot 7, 200 Haines Avenue, in accordance with Chapter 99, Section 3 of the Code of the City of Linwood

109-2023 A Resolution authorizing the placement of a Lien on Block 111, Lot 1.01, 2 E. Monroe Avenue, in accordance with Chapter 99, Section 3 of the Code of the City of Linwood

110-2023 A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of Wabash Avenue (Phase 3)

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Ford advised that Resolution No. 111, 2023 was added in the Caucus Meeting. He asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolutions No. 105, 108-110 of 2023. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 111, 2023 by title only. A Resolution supporting an amendment to Senate Bill #3049 to require all State Police cases and cases from State Agencies along with cases from any non-municipal Law Enforcement Agency which originate from municipalities that do not participate in the Central Municipal Court in Atlantic County to remain with and to be adjudicated in the court to which the non-participating municipality belongs. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright to approve Resolution No. 111. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,309,594.29

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, 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

Councilwoman DeDomenicis opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman DeDomenicis closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael discussed how last year the Special Class III Officers were added to the Linwood Schools and how great it has been having them work there. The Officers have developed great relationships with the staff and students and have even participated in playing instruments and ice bucket challenges. They are doing a fantastic job.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes announced that the playground at the Library is finally being installed and should be completed by next week. She thanked everyone for their support with the playground. She announced that today is Flag Day and wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson congratulated the lacrosse teams. He also thanked Mrs. Napoli for all her efforts with the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright announced that the New Jersey American Water Company will be doing work in the City and there will be detours. She reported that automated openers were recently installed on all the doors at the Library. She, too, commends the work the Class III Officers are doing in the schools and congratulated the lacrosse teams.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff is very proud of the lacrosse teams and its program. He announced that schools are out for the summer and reminded everyone to drive safe.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford congratulated the lacrosse teams, noting they have a great program. He discussed how Council works together as a team. The members sit on several committees that each have a Chair. The committees do amazing work in due diligence and discussing all issues. He congratulated the Mainland and Belhaven graduates.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk