

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2013**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; Councilman Tim Tighe; and Council President Donna Taylor.

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. – John Dunn and John Fish discussed the energy aggregation program which gives municipalities the opportunity to bulk purchase electricity on behalf of its residents from a third party supplier rather than the local utility. This program could save residents approximately 15% on their electric bill. Residents are able to opt out of the program at anytime at no cost. The City is speaking with neighboring communities about the program because the more municipalities that participate, the lower the cost will be. The company will handle all the outreach to the residents regarding the program. Councilman Matik asked who residents call when their power goes out. Mr. Fish explained that they would call Atlantic Electric as they will remain the distribution supplier and would restore the power as usual.

ORDINANCES

12 OF 2013 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS, DAMAGED AND DISEASED TREES IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 12 of 2013 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 12 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

13 OF 2013 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TOWING OPERATORS WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 13 of 2013 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 13 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

14 OF 2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 119 CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, SECTION 119-3 FEES 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. 14 of 2013 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 14 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

- 94-2013** A Resolution authorizing the rollover of an existing \$200,900 Special Emergency Note of 2012 of the City of Linwood, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, which note was originally issued to provide funds for the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of real property for the use of the local Tax Assessor: and making certain additional determinations in connection therewith.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 94 of 2013 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to approve Resolution No. 94. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

- 90-2013** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to enter into a Contract with Hess Corporation for the purchase of electricity as a member of the South Jersey Power Cooperative
- 93-2013** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Tyler Peterson, Joseph Hazavei, Alexa Kilbane, and Ian Orsek as Recreation Aides
- 95-2013** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the City of Linwood with regard to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance and/or Hazard Mitigation Programs
- 96-2013** A Resolution confirming the appointment of Darren Matik as Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Linwood
- 97-2013** A Resolution appointing Charles E. Kisby, III and Dave Buzby as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators for the City of Linwood
- 98-2013** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 with L. Peterson Service Company with regard to the Furnishing and Installation of One Temperature Control System for Linwood City Hall
- 99-2013** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement and Contract on behalf of the City of Linwood with the Mainland PBA No. 77 (Linwood Superior Officers)
- 100-2013** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for bids for the Supply and Delivery of One 2013 Two Ton Infrared Machine
- 101-2013** A Resolution honoring Adrienne Beinfest
- 102-2013** A Resolution honoring Dan Skeldon
- 103-2013** A Resolution awarding a Contract to American Demolition Corp. for the Demolition and Disposal of a structure at Block 64, Lot 2 (110 E. Balfour Avenue) in the City of Linwood
(PULLED)

Council President Taylor advised that Resolution No. 103 has been removed from the agenda as voted on during the Caucus meeting. She asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 99, 2013 was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 90, 93, 95-98, 100-102 of 2013. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 99 of 2013 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Resolution No. 99. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative and three abstentions by Councilmen Matik, Paolone, and Council President Taylor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,728,639.76

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, 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 Taylor opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Alison Cozzolino 18 Frances Avenue, Linwood – Ms. Cozzolino asked City Council to consider an ordinance that would require property owners to maintain their curbs and sidewalks. She discussed residents letting grass grow through their curbs and sidewalks causing deterioration and eventually leading into the streets and causing deterioration there too.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis congratulated Adrienne Beinfest and Dan Skeldon on their awards by the Seashore Gardens Foundation.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon congratulated Mrs. Beinfest on her award and for all her hard work. He also congratulated Dan Skeldon. He advised Ms. Cozzolino that as Chair of the Engineering Committee, he can advise that maintenance of curbs and sidewalks is on the top of the committee's list of issues to address. He appreciates her attending tonight's meeting. Councilman Gordon discussed the need to educate homeowners of the importance of maintenance.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik agrees with Councilman Gordon on the curbs and sidewalk issue and reiterated that the Engineering Committee is looking for ways to fix the problem. He also advised that the City approved a resolution tonight to advertise for bids for an infrared machine to patch potholes in the streets. This will help to make the patches more permanent.

Councilman Tighe – Councilman Tighe advised Ms. Cozzolino that he will inform the Code Enforcement Officer of the properties she is referring to so that he can look for any violations.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk