

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2017**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:59 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 Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; 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 14, 2017 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Ford. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

2017 Recreation Board Scholarship Recipients – Brooke Mullin & Theodore Bergman
Tim Longnecker, Recreation Board President, and Laurie Montgomery, Park Director, presented the recipients with their scholarships. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated them.

RESOLUTIONS

116-2017 A Resolution honoring George Butrus as the 2017 Citizen of the Year

The Clerk read Resolution No. 116, 2017 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 116 of 2017. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Beinfest read and presented the Resolution to George Butrus. The Mayor and each member of Council thanked and commended Mr. Butrus.

111-2017 A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to join the County of Atlantic as a Party Plaintiff in the lawsuit challenging the Casino Pilot Law

Council President Paolone introduced Jim Ferguson, Atlantic County Counsel, to discuss the County's lawsuit challenging the Casino PILOT law and advised that there is no cost to the municipalities to join. The Clerk read Resolution No. 111, 2017 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 111 of 2017. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

7 OF 2017 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE THE VARIOUS PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AVENUES, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR ITS LOCAL AND THROUGH LINES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 7, 2017 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 7 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 7. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES (continued)

Council President Paolone advised that Ordinance No. 8, 2017 was added to the agenda by title only during the Caucus meeting.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 8, 2017 by title only. "An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2, 2017 providing for and establishing salaries, compensation and salary ranges of officers and employees of the City of Linwood to add the title, Special Class III Law Enforcement Officer." Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to approve Ordinance No. 8 for first reading. 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.

- 114-2017** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused Escrow Funds posted as part of a Dumpster Permit Application for 201 Haines Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 115-2017** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused Escrow Funds posted as party of a Dumpster Permit Application for 201 W. Belhaven Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 117-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2017-09, to A Place -For Us, Atlantic County Women's Center
- 118-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2017-10, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 119-2017** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Alcove Center for Grieving Children and Families
- 120-2017** A Resolution authorizing payment to Royal Printing Service for Primary Election Ballots
- 121-2017** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Dennis C. Sharpe to the position of Fire Subcode Official for the City of Linwood
- 122-2017** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of James Cotton to the position of Plumbing Subcode Official for the City of Linwood
- 123-2017** A Resolution authorizing the refund of an overpayment of Uniform Construction Permit fees to Jersey Pools and Spas
- 124-2017** A Resolution authorizing an Alliance Agreement with the County of Atlantic for a Drug Abuse and Alcohol Education and Prevention Program
- 125-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2017-11, to the Arc of Atlantic County
- 126-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2017-12, to the Arc of Atlantic County
- 127-2017** A Resolution approving a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Linwood Blue Collar Employees through its representative, Teamsters Local #331
- 128-2017** A Resolution authorizing the use of facsimile signatures with OceanFirst Bank
- 129-2017** A Resolution of the City of Linwood, County of Atlantic, authorizing the Tax Collector to establish a Grace Period
- 130-2017** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Account Agreement with OceanFirst Bank
- 131-2017** A Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Linwood and the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education for the provision of a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer

Council President Paolone advised that Resolutions No. 132 & 133 were added in the Caucus meeting. He asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 117, 2017 was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Resolutions No. 114-115, 118-131 of 2017. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 117, 2017 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Resolution No. 117. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention from Councilman Heun. Motion approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 132, 2017 by title only, "A Resolution amending the Salary Resolution to add the title of Special Class III Law Enforcement Officer." Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolution No. 132. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 133, 2017 by title only, "A Resolution opposing a proposed amendment to the County Water Quality Management Plan to expand sewer service to allow for the construction of a single family home on Poplar Avenue, Block 82, Lot 7." Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Resolution No. 133. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, Councilman Gordon in the negative, and one abstention from Councilman Ford. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,836,426.29

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

Stefan Douglas, 911 Bartlett Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Douglas does not want to see the sewer services expanded for the new home to be built. He lives within 200 feet from the property and does not believe it was meant to be developed. He opposed the development.

Steve Zambetoglou 726 Brighton Drive, Linwood

Mr. Zambetoglou asked when his curb will be fixed.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford wished his son Devon Happy Birthday.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik is happy Council passed the Resolution to join the County in their lawsuit to challenge the Casino PILOT Law.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun welcomed the newest Citizen of the Year, George Butrus. He also announced the opening of The Exchange, the new business in Linwood, and encouraged everyone to stop by.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone discussed the proposed amendment to expand sewer service for the construction of a single family home. The Mayor previously sent a letter to the County opposing the construction of a new home as it is not consistent with the Master Plan, Environmental Resource Inventory, etc. Council President Paolone discussed the Patcong Creek and its significance to the City and reasons why there should not be development along the creek. Council passed a Resolution opposing the amendment as outlined in the Mayor's letter. Council President Paolone congratulated George Butrus as Citizen of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk