

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
August 9, 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; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with two abstentions from Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Councilman Michael. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilwoman Albright advised of a Resolution approving temporary signage for the Linwood Farmers Market.
2. Councilwoman Albright discussed a Resolution authorizing the issuance of the refund of unused escrow funds posted with regard to a dumpster permit as the work is completed.
3. Councilwoman Albright discussed a Resolution approving a Change Order No. 1 with American Pipe Cleaning, LLC with regard to the Sanitary Sewer Main Root Treatment.
4. Councilwoman Albright discussed a Resolution authorizing a flashing beacon agreement with the NJDOT for Rt 9 midblock pedestrian crossings in front of MRHS. This will provide safer access between Mainland and Cornerstone.

4. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing various tax overpayments to CoreLogic.
2. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing the refund of taxes for 224 Tabor Avenue due to permanently disable veteran status.

B. Councilman Levinson explained that he has had discussions with Councilwoman Byrnes and Councilwoman Albright about lighting the playground at All Wars Memorial Park. He has seen children playing on the playground in the dark while sporting events are going on at the park. As the City is receiving proposals to upgrade the lighting at the park, he asked Councilwoman Albright to get costs for the playground. Discussion ensued on whether or not children should be playing on the equipment at night.

5. Councilman Michael

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution confirming the promotion of Patrolman Jarred Levenson to the position of Sergeant. Councilman Levinson explained that the promotion is needed while another Sergeant is out. This will limit the amount of OIC pay.
2. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution hiring Mark Mucciarone as a Substitute School Crossing Guard.
3. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution reappointing Belford Rivera as a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III. Officer Rivera is assigned to Mainland High School.

5.A. Public Safety (continued)

4. Councilman Michael discussed a Resolution authorizing the Shared Services Agreement with Mainland Regional High School for a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer for 2023-2024
5. Councilman Michael discussed a Resolution authorizing the Shared Services Agreement with Linwood Board of Education for a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer for 2023-2024 and an Addendum to the 2022-2023 contract to authorize time worked in the summer months.
6. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the hiring of two Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers. The City had a resignation from the Officer working on Code Enforcement. One of the new Officers will be assigned to Code Enforcement and the other one will be assigned to the street for more help with enforcement. The Mayor advised that this will help with manpower while the Sergeant is out.

6. Council President Ford

A. Administration

1. Council President Ford advised of a Resolution authorizing a Raffle License for Mainland Regional Football Boosters.

At 6:15 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk