

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**August 12, 2020**

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. And read the following statement: In light of the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 107, tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. A notice appeared in the Press of Atlantic City on August 6, 2020 advising the public that tonight's meeting would be live streamed and referred the public to the City's web site that includes information on how to attend the meeting on Zoom.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Councilman Brian Heun led the flag salute.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Matt Levinson (via live stream); and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor (via live stream); Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO (via live stream); Chief John Hamilton, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2020 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor announced his appointment of Adrien Levinson to the Linwood Library Board.

4. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes reported that the new roof for the Historical Society Building is complete. There is one minor correction needed and final payment could be authorized in September.
2. Councilwoman Byrnes announced that Mary Todd resigned from the Library Board after thirty-six years of service. An honorary Resolution for Mrs. Todd is on the agenda tonight.
3. Councilwoman Byrnes discussed a Resolution authoring submission of a Municipal Drug Alliance Grant.

5. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford discussed the final reading of two Ordinances on the agenda amending Chapters 41 & 277 as a result of the Master Plan Re-examination Report.
2. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution awarding a Contract to EZ Docks for a dock system at Patcong Creek and Poplar Avenue.
3. Councilman Ford discussed an Ordinance on the agenda amending Chapter 212 for Rental Properties.
4. Councilman Ford reviewed an Ordinance on the agenda amending Chapter 263 Vehicles & Traffic for the Wabash Avenue widening project.

6. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon advised of two Resolutions requesting the installation of street lights. One on Grammercy Avenue and one on W. Poplar Avenue. The City received requests from residents for both.
2. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract to Charles Marandino LLC for the Wabash Avenue widening project. The project is a result of an engineering study that began several years ago as a safety improvement. This is part of a master plan for Wabash Avenue paving improvements.

7. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 263 Vehicles & Traffic with regard to no parking on a portion of River Drive. This is part of the plan Council Ford discussed for the Poplar Avenue property.
2. Councilman Heun advised of Resolutions on the agenda confirming the promotions of Detective Sergeant Steve Cunningham to the position of Lieutenant and Patrolman John Moran to the position of Sergeant.
3. Councilman Heun also advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the reappointment of Special Class III Officer Anthony Disciascio. He is assigned to Mainland Regional High School.
4. Council President Paolone discussed the twelve steps of the PBA Rank & File Contract and that the Sergeant makes 8% above the 12<sup>th</sup> step. He believes this should be reviewed in future contract negotiations.

8. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised of an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending the Employee Manual to provide for non-union sick buy back.
2. Councilman Levinson discussed several Resolutions on the agenda authorizing the cancellation of taxes due to tax exempt status due to permanently disabled Veteran status for 103 E. Dawn Drive, 208 East Drive, and 550 Central Avenue #M13.

9. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone advised Resolutions on the agenda authorizing the renewal of liquor licenses for the Linwood Country Club and the Atlantic City Country Club (Casaldis Cucina).
2. Council President Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda opposing a full vote-by-mail election in the November 2020 General Election. Council would like more options than just voting by mail.

At 6:13 P.M., Council President Paolone adjourned the Caucus meeting and began the Regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk