

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
August 12, 2015

Council President Tim Tighe 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 Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Hank Kolakowski, Superintendent Public Works; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Beinfest advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing execution of the Alliance Grant Agreement. This is done every year. It is funding for an anti-drug and alcohol program.

3. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon advised of a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract to Arawak Paving for the Woodlynne Boulevard Resurfacing project. The base bid and alternate bid #2 were awarded for a total amount of \$369,415. The alternate bid includes some additional concrete, curbing, and sidewalk repairs. The project is being funded by a grant from the NJDOT.

4. Councilman Heun

A. Administration

1. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda to go into closed session to discuss an employment matter.

5. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing membership in an Atlantic County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. The City has been a member for many years, this is only a renewal.

6. Councilman Paolone

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Paolone discussed the resignation of Al Stanley as Tax Collector. Mr. Stanley got a new job as the CFO of Medford. Councilman Paolone is sorry to see him go. Councilman Paolone discussed the large number of sewer delinquencies. One reason for this could be because people think their mortgage company pays the sewer bill. He discussed posting notices informing the public that mortgage companies do not pay and that the individual is responsible. Another reason for the delinquencies could be due to the economy.

7. Council President Tighe

A. Administration

1. Council President Tighe advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Raffle License to the ARC of Atlantic County.

2. Council President Tighe advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the advertisement of bids for a liquor license. The City recently went out to bid two times with no bidders. Once with a minimum of \$300,000 and the other minimum bid was \$250,000. He asked for input from Council. Councilwoman DeDomenicis, the Mayor, Councilmen Beinfest and Heun would like the minimum bid to be \$200,000. They would like the money to help offset taxes. Councilman Paolone indicated that going less than \$250,000 would devalue the license. He believes the City should wait till the economy is better so they can get more money for the license. Councilman Gordon is in favor of an amount less than \$250,000. He would like the use of it to enhance the commercial viability. Council President Tighe would like the license to attract or help a business be more successful. He is in favor of \$225,000. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to sell the license at \$212,500.
 3. Council President Tighe advised of an Ordinance on the agenda amending the City Code Chapter 83 on Alcoholic Beverages with regard to license renewal fees.
- B. Planning & Development
1. Council President Tighe advised that the Ordinance amending the Redevelopment Plan with regard to the Prudential Property will be tabled tonight. Several items still need to be addressed.

At 6:23 P.M., Council President Tighe called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk