

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
August 16, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilwoman Byrnes led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; and Councilman Todd Michael.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Ford advised that he met with the lighting contractor at the park today and was informed that the existing lighting needs to be upgraded in three to five years. Councilmembers discussed the proposed ballot question for the upcoming General Election on November 8, 2022. The question was approved by Resolution No. 125, 2022 and reads as follows: "Shall the Common Council of the City of Linwood, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, install a multi-use artificial turf field at All Wars Memorial Park and upgrade the existing lighting to high efficiency LED lighting and issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$2.6 million to finance the cost of such installation and lighting upgrades?" It was determined the need to identify the costs for both the field and the lights and to explain the need to upgrade the lights. It was suggested to change the question to read as follows: "Shall the Common Council of the City of Linwood, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, install a multi-use artificial turf field at All Wars Memorial Park for an estimated cost of \$1.6 million while upgrading the aging, existing lighting to high efficiency LED lighting for the entire park at an estimated cost of \$1 million and issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$2.6 million to finance the cost of such installation and lighting upgrades? Upgrades to presently existing lighting facilities will need to take place in 3-5 years." Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approved Resolution No. 138, 2022 authorizing the changes in the question. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

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

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk