

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
September 9, 2021

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Mayor Darren Matik.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Jason Weber, Police Department; Lieutenant Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Lieutenant Austin Martin, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

4. Councilwoman Byrnes

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilwoman Byrnes reported that she gave the keys to the Support Our Troops program from Mainland Regional High School today as they have the agreement to use a room at the EMS building for storage.

5. Councilman Ford

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of Resolutions on his agenda authorizing temporary signage for the Linwood Country Club and the Farmers Market.

6. Councilman Gordon

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda approving the Second Joinder Agreement allowing the City of Egg Harbor to withdraw as a participant and including New Jersey American Water Company as a new participant. This is an agreement the ACUA has with multiple municipalities for sewer conveyance and treatment. Egg Harbor City recently sold their water and sewer infrastructure to New Jersey American Water. The agreement needs to be amended to reflect the change.

7. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments made by Corelogic.

- B. Councilman Levinson discussed the portable lights the Recreation Board approved for use at the Poplar Avenue field. It was done to help rest the upper soccer field at Memorial Park. He has heard from two residents regarding the lights. When there were discussions on developing the field, the residents did not want lights. One resident is fine with the lights as long as they are temporary. Another resident displayed pictures of the lights shining directly into his house. Discussion ensued on the proper positioning of the lights and how they may make less of an impact on the neighbors. Representatives from MUSA and the Recreation Board will be meeting with the company that supplied the lights for proper display. Council President Paolone

Councilman Levinson (B - continued)

and Councilman Ford advised that if there is discussion to make the lights permanent, they want certified letters sent out to property owners within 200 feet. All Council members agreed.

8. Councilman Michael

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Michael discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 56 Police Department for promotional procedures.
2. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act for Lieutenant Chester Brown.
3. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution hiring Timothy W. Tighe, Jr. as a Patrolman.
4. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Belford Rivera as a Special Class III Officer.

9. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing Raffle Licenses to Gilda's Club and Contact Cape Atlantic.

At 6:22 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk