

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:27 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman 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; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

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

RESOLUTIONS

152-2021 A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Timothy W. Tighe, Jr. to the position of Patrolman in the Linwood Police Department

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 152 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 152. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Timothy W. Tighe, Jr. Each member of Council congratulated and welcomed Mr. Tighe.

ORDINANCES

17 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 56 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE IV PROMOTIONAL PROCEDURES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HERewith.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 17 of 2021 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Ordinance No. 17 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 17. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by City Council, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds and any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

150-2021 A Resolution authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments made by Corelogic Mortgage

151-2021 A Resolution authorizing an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act for Lieutenant Chester Brown

153-2021 A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Linwood Country Club

154-2021 A Resolution of the City of Linwood approving the Second Joinder Agreement allowing the City of Egg Harbor City to withdraw as a participant and including New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. as a new participant

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 155-2021** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2021-08, to Gilda's Club of South Jersey
- 156-2021** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2021-09, to Contact Cape Atlantic
- 157-2021** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2021-10, to Contact Cape Atlantic
- 158-2021** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Belford Rivera as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood
- 159-2021** A Resolution authorizing temporary signage for the Linwood Farmers Market

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolutions No. 150-151, 153-159 of 2021. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,640,444.46

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Kathleen Spaeth, 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth informed Council that on August 13 she called the Police to her home due to the loud music from the Country Club, which she described as significantly audible. The band was on break when the Officer arrived but he advised that he would give a courtesy call to the Country Club to request the music be lowered. Mrs. Spaeth indicated that the music was lower when they started playing again, but then got louder. She emailed the Chief to advise him of the situation. The Officer came back to her home just as the last song was playing. She indicated the Officer agreed with her that the music was significantly audible and that he would call the Country Club again. Mrs. Spaeth believes that the Country Club has now been given a chance. She will call the Police again in the future.

Joseph Khoury, 104 Garden Court, Linwood – Mr. Khoury indicated that he attended the last Council meeting regarding the poor condition of the property at 440 Ocean Heights Avenue. He wanted to thank the Police Department for inspecting the property the very next day. He understands that Mr. Kalia was issued violations. The problems with the property have existed for ten years. He thanked the Police and Council for taking action. Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford congratulated Tim Tighe. He also advised Mr. Khoury that the day after the last City Council meeting, Councilman Ford spent over an hour going through old records on the property. He also met with the Police and Construction Official about open violations. The process is moving and he will continue to receive updates.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson also congratulated Tim Tighe. Councilman Levinson recognized the Recreation Board President Tim Longnecker and Park Director Tim Donovan in the audience to advise them that Council discussed the portable lights at Poplar field in the Caucus Meeting. They are hoping the lights can be readjusted to minimize negative affects on the neighbors. Mr. Longnecker advised that the lights are adjustable and he will be meeting with the company very soon to adjust them properly.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael thanked everyone for attending the meeting and providing feedback on Ordinances Council previously adopted. The input helps Council to know if things are working or not.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also thanked Jen Heller for all the work she has been doing on all the City projects.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis also thanked Jen Heller for her efforts. She reminded everyone that the kids are back in school and to drive carefully and watch for kids on bikes.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone advised that Council did pass a noise Ordinance recently after many meetings. He is glad it is working. He also thanked Mr. Khoury for his comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 6:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk