

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
September 11, 2024

Council President Eric Ford 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: Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; and Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Mayor Darren Matik; and Councilman Ken Kelly.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Captain Frank Gabriel, Fire Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Levinson, motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with two abstentions from Councilwoman Albright and Council President Ford. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, and Development

1. Councilwoman Albright discussed an Ordinance on the agenda to accept an Easement at 110 Devonshire Avenue for stormwater infrastructure. A developer disrupted the system and now has to reinstall and reconnect the system.
2. Councilwoman Albright presented the Linwood Recreation Master Plan of 2024. This is the same plan that was presented in July. The committee listened to the public, members of Council, and professionals. A Resolution is on the agenda to adopt the plan. All members of Council are in favor of the plan.
3. Councilwoman Albright provided an update on the snack bar building at the park. The project is moving along. The lighting project is supposed to start next week.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing the placement of liens in accordance with Chapter 99, Section 3 of the City Code for failure to cut the grass at 200 Haines Avenue, 506 Garfield Avenue, and 14 Wexford Lane.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing refund of taxes for disabled veteran at 10 Somers Avenue.
2. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing refund of taxes for disabled veteran at 1418 Shore Road.

6. Councilman Michael

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing the hiring of Nicholas Campanale as a Substitute School Crossing Guard.
2. Councilman Michael discussed a Resolution authorizing the hiring of Part Time Firefighters.

7. Councilman Walcoff
 - A. Shared Services
 1. Councilman Walcoff advised of pending legislation from the State regarding the regionalization of school districts.

8. Council President Ford
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Ford advised of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License to the Community Food Bank of NJ.
 2. Council President Ford discussed a request from NJ Transit to endorse fifty-two proposed bus stops in Linwood. Twenty-four on New Road and twenty-eight on Shore Road. If City Council endorses the bus stops the City will be responsible for the maintenance and safety of each stop. City Council discussed the proposed stops and liability of same. No members of Council are in favor of endorsing them.

At 6:19 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk