

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Blair Albright led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: None

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

Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

8 OF 2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 8 of 2023. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 8 for first reading. 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.

- 134-2023** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused escrow funds posted with regard to a dumpster permit
- 135-2023** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Rhonda R. Gandy as an Administrative Assistant to the Tax Collector/Sewer Administrator for the City of Linwood
- 136-2023** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Gina Heller as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 137-2023** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-26, to Gilda's Club of South Jersey
- 138-2023** A Resolution authorizing the refund of taxes paid due to tax exempt status for Block 94 Lot 6 located at 224 Tabor Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 139-2023** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Atlantic County Numismatic Society Coin Show
- 140-2023** A Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for participation in a County Wide Registration Program for Vacant and Abandoned Properties
- 141-2023** A Resolution awarding the Contract to South State, Inc. for the resurfacing of Franklin Boulevard Phase II, Contract

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

142-2023 A Resolution confirming the appointment of Jack Kowalewski to the Linwood Recreation Board

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 134-142 of 2023. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,842,218.32

Purchase Order No. 24001217 was pulled from the bill list. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the remaining bills for payment in the amount of 2,841,502.75. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilwoman Albright. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Sue Marino, 618 W. Vernon Avenue, Linwood – Mrs. Marino thanked the Mayor and Council for their support with the Historical Society's celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Leedsville School house. It was a great event.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor announced that on September 14, 2023, the County will be spraying for mosquitoes in the vicinity of Kirklin, Wabash and Shore Road.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright echoes Mrs. Marino's comments about the celebration. It was a great event. She thanked the Evinski family for painting the building and everyone involved for the event. She announced that the bid for the new snack bar building at Memorial Park will be advertised at the end of the month with bids due back in December. She also announced that the hockey rink was just resurfaced.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis reminded everyone that kids are back in school and to please slow down and be careful driving.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes announced that the Fall Fest will be held on October 15, 2023. She thanked Colleen Kaufelds, the Park Director, for her report at the Caucus Meeting. She also thanked Mrs. Marino and the Historical Society for a great celebration.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford echoed everyone's comments. There is a lot of construction in the City and Council President Ford asked that everyone be careful and give yourselves more time to get to your destination.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk