

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**September 14, 2016**

Council President Ralph Paolone 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: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; Lieutenant Jason Weber, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2016 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor advised that Jason Goldstein will be appointed to the Economic Development Committee.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that Mr. Kolakowski is still out and Chip Jones and Mike Ware are doing a great job running the Department.

5. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda appointing Joel Caplan to the Zoning Board. He believes he will be an asset to the Board.

6. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon advised that he has been getting complaints of cars speeding which he has relayed to the Police Department. He reminded everyone to drive carefully.

7. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution honoring Jay Sarno.  
2. Councilman Heun discussed a Resolution hiring Mac Mancuso as a Clerk Typist.

8. Councilman Matik

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes for 220 W. Tabor Avenue.

9. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone advised of an Ordinance on the agenda to amend the Personnel & Policy Procedure Manual for compliance with the JIF requirements.

2. Resolutions are on the agenda authorizing Raffle Licenses for the Alcove Center and the Marine Mammal Stranding Center.
  3. Council President Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda to authorize the advertisement for bid of the second liquor license. He understands Council has discussed this in the past and several members wanted to wait until the results of the referendum question regarding package goods on the general election ballot. He explained that Gerry Bird, who owns a commercial property in Linwood and is currently developing another commercial property, has expressed interest in the license at a price of \$250,000. Council President Paolone understands that it may be more valuable to wait until after the election. However, the City advertised the sale of the license three times with no bidders. He introduced Mr. Bird and his attorney, Keith Davis. Mr. Davis explained that Mr. Bird is constructing another building on Route 9 and would like to include a restaurant. He feels the liquor license would be beneficial. Councilman Paolone advised that Council has discussed the license in the past and how Council would like to encourage businesses to succeed. Councilman Heun discussed going out to bid now or waiting till after the election. Councilman Gordon appreciates Mr. Bird's investment in Linwood and discussed the viability of the license. He thinks expanding the use is a good idea. Councilman Ford indicated that the license is a true asset to Linwood and discussed how it affects the vacant land in the City. He also questioned the site plan approvals on the property and whether the development is contingent upon the license. Mayor DePamphilis discussed the prior unsuccessful attempts to sell the license and understands waiting till after the election, but doesn't want to come up short. Council President Paolone asked Council if they wanted to advertise for bid now or wait. Councilwoman DeDomenicis, Councilmen Beinfest, Heun, and Paolone agreed to advertise now. Councilmen Ford and Gordon would like to wait till after the election. Councilman Matik abstained. Mr. Polistina advised checking with the Planning Board regarding the site plan approvals and if they apply to a restaurant and bar.
10. Mr. Youngblood advised of a Resolution on the agenda approving the transfer and assignment of Redevelopment Rights from Coast Commercial, LLC.

At 6:27 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk