

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and reiterated his statement from Caucus Meeting that in light of the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 107, tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting via Zoom are posted on the City's website.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik (via live stream); Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Matt Levinson (via live stream); and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Brian Heun.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor (via live stream); Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

12 OF 2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, ARTICLE II, HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS, SECTION 7, FAILURE TO COMPLY; COST TO BECOME LIEN ON PROPERTY OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 12 of 2020 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 12 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 12. 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 six in the affirmative and Councilman Heun absent. Motion was approved.

13 OF 2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 205 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ARTICLE II ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY, SECTION 8 REGISTRATION OF ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 13 of 2020 by title only. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 13. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Heun absent. Motion 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.

159-2020 A Resolution awarding the Contract to West Bay Construction for the Frances Avenue Sewer Project

160-2020 A Resolution recognizing October 6, 2020 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day

161-2020 A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Nick LaRotonda as the Uniform Fire Safety Inspector for the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 159-161 of 2020. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

Council President Paolone announced that Resolution No. 162, 2020 was added in the Caucus Meeting authorizing Code Enforcement to abate an unsafe condition at 512 Pierce Avenue. The Clerk read Resolution No. 162 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Resolution No. 162. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Ford, and Councilman Heun absent. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$179,842.96

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Heun absent. 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. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor encouraged the public to attend the Linwood School Board’s meeting tonight at 7:00pm to discuss their virtual learning program. He also announced the number of new COVID cases in New Jersey at 436 and 7 new deaths. The hospitals have low occupancy and 75% of the cases are asymptomatic.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes discussed the Resolution approved on the agenda designating October 6, 2020 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day and the importance of same.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon extended his condolences to Wayne Dilks for the passing of his son.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson also extended his condolences to Mr. Dilks.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to adjourn at 6:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk