

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
September 27, 2017

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Brian Heun.

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

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2017 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor announced a Proclamation for Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day October 6, 2017.

4. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Beinfest advised that the Engineer is currently preparing bid specifications for a new roof for the Historical Society building.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of an honorary Resolution on the agenda for Hank Kolakowski.

6. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford pulled Ordinance No. 9, from the agenda, amending Chapter 119 UCC fees to add mechanical Subcode fees. A few additional revisions are still needed.

7. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon recused himself from discussing the Resolutions with regard to hardship exceptions. Councilman Matik explained that Council received two applications for hardship exceptions. Mr. Polistina advised that the applicant for 5 E. Monroe Avenue did not apply to the Gas Company for a permit. That must be done before coming to Council for a hardship. This matter will have to be postponed. The applicant for 104 Country Club Drive has already applied to the Gas Company and was denied. Their hardship condition does exist. However, the Gas Company is going to look for an alternate route before opening the street.

2. Councilman Gordon explained that the traffic pattern at Oak Avenue between Poplar Avenue and New Road has been identified as unsafe. Council received a report from Chief Carman. Council approved Mr. Polistina to now review the traffic and make a recommendation.

3. Councilman Gordon advised of two Resolutions on the agenda authorizing the submission of grant applications to the NJDOT for the Bike Path Extension Phase 2 project and the resurfacing of Bartlett, Van Sant, Maria and Richards Avenue.

8. Councilman Matik
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Matik discussed an Ordinance on the agenda amending Chapter 251 Taxation, to add an Article with regard to 100% Disabled Veterans property tax refunds.
9. President Paolone
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Paolone advised of two Resolutions on the agenda authorizing Raffle Licenses to the Mainland Performing Arts Parent Organization.
10. Mr. Youngblood
 - A. Mr. Youngblood advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the payment of \$1,000 into a special escrow account for payment of special master fees and professional fees related to the Mount Laurel Litigation per Court Order.
 - B. Mr. Youngblood discussed a Resolution on the agenda requesting the transfer of \$20,660.63 from the ACIA. This money was from COAH fees that were collected by the City and transferred to the ACIA to use for rehabilitation. None of the funds were used. The City is now having them transferred back to use for possible COAH compliance.
 - C. Mr. Youngblood discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the continuance of an Interlocal Services Agreement with the ACIA for residents to apply for assistance.
 - D. Mr. Youngblood advised of Resolution No. 166, 2017 to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with regard to COAH. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Resolution No. 166 and to go into closed session. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The meeting was closed at 6:13 p.m. The meeting was opened at 6:20 p.m.

At 6:20 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk