

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
September 27, 2011

Councilman Beinfest called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Matt Levinson; Councilman Alex Marino; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Councilman Tim Tighe.

Absent: Council President Donna Taylor.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; Hank Kolakowski, Public Works Superintendent; Chick Kisby, Fire Chief; Robert James, Police Chief; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Tighe motioned, seconded by Councilman Marino, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011 Caucus meeting, without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Marino reported that the hockey rink that Linwood purchased from Atlantic City with funds from the hockey organization is now in Linwood being stored at the Public Works garage.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a Resolution on the agenda to advertise for bids for a trash truck. Money for the purchase has been allocated over several years in capital. She also distributed a report concluding that the purchase of a one arm trash truck is not feasible for the City.

5. Councilman Marino

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Marino advised that the Ordinance amending the Ordinance for Hazardous Spill Clean Up Reimbursement is on the agenda for final reading.
2. Joel Fleishman, Bond Counsel, and Bob Swartz, Auditor, addressed City Council regarding an advanced refunding of debt for the 2003 outstanding bonds. Completing this process will reduce the City's yearly cost by about \$24,000 and will result in a savings of \$240,000 over twelve years. Mr. Fleishman and Mr. Swartz advised that this is a good time to complete the process as the rates are low.
3. Councilman Marino advised that the City will be requesting proposals for the Auditor position in 2012.

6. Councilman Tighe

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Tighe advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the release of surety funds with regard to the Tzioutziouklaris subdivision.
2. Councilman Tighe discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing two temporary signs for the Shore Fest. The Resolution includes restrictions on size, location and a time period.
3. Councilman Tighe discussed a Resolution authorizing a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$250,000 with the Frank H. Stewart Trust for the Patcong Creek Acquisition. He thanked Mrs. Napoli for her work on the grant application.

7. Council President Taylor

A. Administration

1. Councilman Beinfest discussed a Resolution on the agenda approving the renewal of the liquor license for Berlin Road Investments, LLC. Mr. Youngblood advised that a Special Ruling from the Director of the NJ Alcoholic Beverage Control was issued for said renewal.

At 6:18 P.M., Councilman Beinfest called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk