

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
October 27, 2021

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Todd Gordon.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Jason Weber, Police Department; Lieutenant Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Lieutenant Austin Martin, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to enter into a Contract with Atlantic Salt, Inc. for rock salt.

4. Councilman Ford

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 212 Rental Registration to add language for unsatisfactory inspections and amending the initial inspection fee.
2. Councilman Ford discussed a Resolution authorizing the release of a maintenance guarantee for 2110 New Road, also known as The Exchange. The release is contingent upon the signing of a Deed of Easement for the bike path extension project.
3. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution awarding a Contract to Charles Marandino LLC for the Library parking lot resurfacing. The paving project is in addition to many other improvements being completed at the Library.

5. Councilman Michael

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Michael discussed the subject of closing Memorial Park from dusk to dawn. This was brought to his attention by the Police Chief to help with enforcement. This would not apply to approved sports practices, games, events, etc. The City has a curfew of 10:00 pm. However, the Chief explained that often kids hang at the park between 9 pm and 10 pm. There have been incidents of vandalism and fighting. Discussion ensued on the hours and Mr. Youngblood was advised to draft an Ordinance for an upcoming meeting.

At 6:16 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk