

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
October 27, 2010

Councilman Elliot Beinfest called the meeting to order at 6:09 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; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

Councilman Beinfest reported that Council President Taylor is not in attendance tonight due to a recent surgery.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2010 Caucus meeting, without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Marino. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Beinfest discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the City to apply for a 2011 Municipal Alliance Grant. This grant money is used every year to continue programs such as DARE.
2. Councilman Beinfest questioned the possibility of allowing volunteers do work at the Historical Society Building. Councilman Tighe suggested contacting the JIF for their opinion.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis reported that Public Works continues the ongoing maintenance of city buildings.
2. The leaf collection program will begin on Monday, November 8. It has been publicized in the newspapers, channel 2, and on the City's web site.
3. Public Works will re-stabilize the Seaview Avenue Landing Roadway with another three inches of crushed concrete that was left over from the previous job.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Levinson discussed a response the City received from the County regarding the City's request to reduce the speed limit along Shore Road. After a traffic study was conducted, the County determined that the current speed limit of 35 miles per hour is justified and to reduce the limit could create a traffic hazard. The County is willing to discuss with the City other traffic calming ideas and will meet with the Engineering Committee.

6. Councilman Marino

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Marino discussed a Resolution authorizing a Tax Court Judgement with regard to the Linwood Care Center.
2. A Resolution is on the agenda cancelling property taxes for 1528 Woodlynne Boulevard for a disabled veteran.
3. Councilman Marino discussed and Ordinance on the agenda authorizing capital funds in an amount up to \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of a new computer server for City Hall.

One of the current servers is almost eight years old and is out of warranty. At this time, there is a constant struggle for upkeep and is costing more money to maintain.

4. A Resolution is on the agenda to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk as the check signers for the City and to remove the CFO. This is due to the retirement of Mrs. Tiemann.
5. A Resolution is on the agenda to accept the resignation of Bonnie Tiemann, the CFO, as she is retiring as of October 31, 2010.
6. Due to the retirement, there is a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the CFO responsibilities to Anthony Strazzeri. This is required by State law.
7. The tax sale was conducted last week. The City sold all five items for an amount just over four thousand dollars.

7. Councilman Paolone

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract for Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance to Fire & Safety Services of South Plainfield. Quotes for service were received and Fire & Safety was the lowest quote. The company will perform routine service on the vehicles. Councilman Paolone discussed the difference between routine maintenance and emergency service. For emergencies, the vehicles can be serviced locally.

8. Councilman Tighe

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Tighe discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending the Development Fee Ordinance to exempt resident dwellings that are owner occupied.
2. Councilman Tighe reviewed an Ordinance on the agenda amending the Code for Brush Grass & Weeds. The revision establishes sight rights for safety. This is the final reading.
3. An Ordinance is on the agenda amending Construction Code Fees. This is done every year and remains constant with other towns.

9. Council President Taylor

A. Administration

1. Councilman Beinfest discussed an Ordinance on for final reading amending the Policy & Procedure Manual for holidays. The amendment provides for a Resolution to be done every year by Council designating the holidays for that year. The list of days will be consistent with the State and County.

At 6:24 P.M., Councilman Beinfest called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk