

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
November 24, 2020

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. And read the following statement: 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.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: None.

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

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford discussed an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of property from the Linwood Volunteer Fire Company. This included the Fire House property and the parking lot on Wabash Avenue across from Jessie's.
2. Councilman Ford advised of an Ordinance on the agenda authorizing a Lease Agreement with the Linwood Volunteer Fire Company for the Fire House.
3. Councilman Ford discussed an Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of an Easement from GLB Management, LLC located at 2110 New Road. The City was awarded grant money to extend the bike path through the South Jersey Industries property to The Exchange. The easement allows the City access to a portion of property owned by GLB Management, LLC.

4. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract to B & H Contracting for the Poplar Avenue Pump Station Rehabilitation Project. He explained that this project is part of the capital improvement program for the sewer system. The Poplar Avenue station has reached its useful life. It will be replaced with an entire new system that will incorporate a back up system so the station will operate when the power goes out.
2. Councilman Gordon advised of a Resolution on the agenda rejecting the bids for the Wabash Avenue Drainage Project. The bids were too high. The project will be combined with upcoming paving projects. The City was recently awarded grant funds for the projects.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing refunds of overpayment of taxes for B-15 Washington Court, 610 Lincoln Avenue, and 1715 Shore Road

2. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing an Agreement with Premier Computer Services for IT Services
6. Council President Paolone
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Paolone advised of an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending Chapter 52 Personnel and Personnel Procedures to comply with the JIF requirements and current State & Federal laws.
 2. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing closing the meeting of November 24, 2020 to discuss an employment matter.

At 6:11 P.M., Council President Paolone adjourned the Caucus meeting and began the Regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk