

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 2012**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Darren Matik led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:46 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; Councilman Tim Tighe; and Council President Donna Taylor.

Absent: Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2012 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

17 OF 2012 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, FROM ROBERT AND CINDY SMITH OF 104 WEST VAN SANT AVENUE, OF A DEED OF DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF Lot 3, BLOCK 106 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 17 of 2012 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 17 for final reading. Council President Taylor opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 17. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Taylor closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

179-2012 A Resolution cancelling Capital balances

The Clerk read Resolution No. 179, 2012 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 179. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, **Consent** Agenda, are considered to be routine by City Council, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds and any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

180-2012 A Resolution authorizing and scheduling paid holidays for calendar year 2013

181-2012 A Resolution authorizing a Professional Service Contract between the City of Linwood and Line Systems Inc. for supply and delivery of local and long distance telephone exchange service

182-2012 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement and Contract on behalf of the City of Linwood with the Mainland PBA No. 77

- 183-2012** A Resolution authorizing the waiving of Uniform Construction Permit Fees for permits issued for work done as a result of damages caused by Hurricane Sandy within the City of Linwood
- 184-2012** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to release the Surety Funds with regard to Block 106 Lots 1 & 1.01 in the City of Linwood
- 185-2012** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for proposals for the following 2013 Professional Services for the City of Linwood: Municipal Legal Counsel, Bond Counsel, Municipal Auditor, Shared Municipal Prosecutor, and Shared Public Defender

Council President Taylor asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 182 of 2012 was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 180-181, 183-185 of 2012. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 182 of 2012 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 182. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative, Councilman Tighe in the negative, one abstention by Councilman Paolone, and Councilwoman DeDomenicis absent.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,954,359.15

Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Taylor opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Stayros Zambetoglou, 726 Brighton Drive, Linwood – Mr. Zambetoglou discussed the drainage problems that exist near his property as well as broken curb he feels was damaged by snow plows that he would like the City to replace.

Dave Bishop, 124 Cheltenham Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Bishop commended the Mayor, Clerk's Office, and all City staff for their communication efforts during the hurricane.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Taylor closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest announced that the Linwood Library is hosting gingerbread house making classes. Reservations are required. The Linwood Historical Society is hosting cookies and coco with Santa on December 8. Reservations are also required for that event. The annual tree lighting is Friday, December 7 at the Linwood Arboretum.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked the committee that negotiated the PBA agreement, noting that a lot of time was involved. He believes the agreement is good for the City and the PBA. Councilman Gordon advised Mr. Zambetoglou that he would meet with him after tonight's meeting to discuss his concerns.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone is glad that the PBA negotiations are completed.

Council President Taylor – Council President Taylor thanked everyone involved in the PBA negotiations for their cooperation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 6:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk