

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2013**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Darren Matik led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:28 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; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; Councilman Tim Tighe; and Council President Donna Taylor.

Absent: None.

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 Tighe, to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2013 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with three abstentions from Councilwoman DeDomenicis, and Councilmen Gordon and Matik. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION:

Stephen Mazur, Dixon Associates – Stormwater Management

Mr. Mazur gave a presentation on the City's Stormwater Management Compliance Requirements pursuant to State's standards. A copy of the presentation is attached as Exhibit B.

ORDINANCES

20 of 2013 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD FROM COAST COMMERCIAL, LLC AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 20 of 2013 by title only. Councilman Tighe motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 20 for final reading. Councilman Tighe explained that this purchase is for the north woods next to Cornerstone. Council has been trying to preserve that land for some time in order to protect the wildlife and maintain the northern buffer for the neighborhood. The purchase will be funded through grant money. Council President Taylor opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 20. 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 seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

159-2013 A Resolution canceling Appropriation Balances

The Clerk read Resolution No. 159 of 2013 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 159. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

158-2013 A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Glenn Insurance as the Risk Management Consultant for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

160-2013 A Resolution approving a Limited Waiver of the Attorney Client Privilege

Council President Taylor asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 158 and 160 of 2013. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$239,385.43

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor commended the Redevelopment Committee on their hard work negotiating the purchase of the northern woods section of property at Cornerstone. This allows Council to fulfill its promise to the residents that the buffer will remain. The tree lighting was held last Friday night and was a huge success even though it was inside due to the inclement weather. He thanked the Recreation Board and Fire Department for their efforts.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Tighe – Councilman Tighe wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest thanked everyone for their efforts with the tree lighting and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis reminded the residents that as of January 20, 2014 recycling and trash will be collected on the same day two times a month. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon wished everyone Happy Holidays. He thanked the Fire Department for driving Santa around the City. He thanked Public Works for the leaf clean up and also thanked the Redevelopment Committee for their hard work on negotiations with Cornerstone.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone met with the ACUA for their annual budget meeting. He stressed the importance of notifying the residents regarding the recycling collection change. Ads will be in The Current for five weeks, a flyer was mailed out with the sewer bills to all property owners, it's on the City's web site, and community e-mail blasts will be sent. He suggested that residents go to the City's web site so that they can sign up for community notices. He also advised that residents can sign up for Nixle to receive public safety notices.

Council President Taylor – Council President Taylor wished Councilman Paolone Happy Birthday. She also announced that the next Council meeting will be the Reorganization meeting on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Tighe, to adjourn at 6:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk