

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:18 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Brian Heun led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2018 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Council President Paolone. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

222-2018 A Resolution honoring Charles (Chick) Kisby

The Clerk read Resolution No. 222 of 2018 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Resolution No. 222. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Heun read and presented the Resolution to Mr. Kisby. Mr. Kisby thanked the Mayor and Council, as well as other City Departments, for their years of support and cooperation. The Mayor and each member of City Council thanked Mr. Kisby for his years of service to the City and congratulated him upon his retirement.

235-2018 A Resolution authorizing 2018 budget appropriation transfers

The Clerk read Resolution No. 235 of 2018 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 235. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

236-2018 A Resolution canceling appropriation balances

The Clerk read Resolution No. 236 of 2018 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 236. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

24 OF 2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 263-4, PROHIBITED PARKING; STOPPING OR STANDING; TIME LIMIT PARKING; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 24 of 2018 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 24 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 24. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. 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.

- 223-2018** A Resolution authorizing submission of a grant extension for the Linwood Municipal Alliance Grant
- 224-2018** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Donald Auge as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class II, for the City of Linwood
- 225-2018** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused escrow funds posted as part of an application to build a new single family home at 928 Oak Grove Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 226-2018** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Silvia L. Washington as Tax Collector for the City of Linwood
- 227-2018** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment and the cancellation of 2019 taxes due to the Tax Exempt Status for Block 103 Lot 2 located at 940 Oak Grove Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 228-2018** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Premier Computer Services
- 229-2018** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Anthony Disciascio as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood
- 230-2018** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Belford Rivera as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood
- 231-2018** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Glenn Insurance as the Risk Management Consultant for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 232-2018** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Leigh Ann Napoli as the Fund Commissioner to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 233-2018** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Anthony Strazzeri as the Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 234-2018** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Mary Cole as Safety Coordinator to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 237-2018** A Resolution authorizing a Grant Agreement between the City of Linwood and the Frank H. Stewart Trust for the Seaview Landing Open Space Acquisition
- 238-2018** A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Judge Richard J. Williams (Ret.) as a Hearing Officer for the City of Linwood
- 239-2018** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Thomas P. Flynn, Jr. as Fire Official for the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 223-234, 237-239 of 2018. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,219,018.68

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, 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 Paolone 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 Paolone closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor commended everyone involved with the tree lighting, noting it was a huge success. He wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest also commended the Recreation Board and Park Director on the tree lighting. He, too, noted it was a big success. Councilman Beinfest advised that tonight's meeting is his last regular City Council meeting as his term expires on December 31, 2018. He thanked the voters for having confidence in him and electing him all these years. He also thanked the Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun also wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He hopes to see everyone at the Reorganization meeting on January 3, 2019.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford echoed the Mayor's comments on the tree lighting. He said it was a culmination of work between a lot of people; the Recreation Board, Park Director, Police & Fire Departments, and Friends of the Arboretum. It was a great event. People move to Linwood for small time charm with events like the tree lighting. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon recognized the passing of Charles Auge. He was a long-time resident, volunteer, former Citizen of the Year, and a regular at City Council meetings. The Auge family is a great family. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone talked about the creation of the Arboretum with an idea from Dr. Allen Lacy. He thinks fondly of Dr. Lacy when he looks at how the Arboretum has become the gem of Linwood. He agrees with Councilman Ford that places like the Arboretum and the City events are why people want to live here. He hopes everyone attends the Reorganization meeting on January 3, 2019. Council will be saying goodbye to Councilman Beinfest who has been a member of Council for twenty-three years. He is a tremendous asset to the City and will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk