

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
December 13, 2017

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 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; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Matik. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Beinfest discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the submission of a grant extension for the Municipal Alliance Grant.
2. Councilman Beinfest advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing an agreement with Animal Control of South Jersey.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a Resolution on the agenda to advertise for bids for snow removal services. This contract would be for the shoveling of City properties so the Public Works Department can take care of the streets and bike path.

5. Councilman Ford

A. Planning & Development

1. Councilman Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda to refund unused escrow funds for dumpster permits.

6. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon announced that a public hearing will be held tonight on the City's application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for the proposed disposal of parkland owned by the City. No changes will occur.
2. Councilman Gordon advised of a Resolution on the agenda to reject the bids for the Linwood Baseball Building renovations. Council President Paolone asked if the project would be re-bid. Councilman Matik responded in the affirmative advising that there will be changes made to the specifications. Councilman Gordon indicated that \$150,000 has been approved for the renovations.
3. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Utilities Authority for the sanitary sewer system. He indicated that discussions on this service have been ongoing for the last few years. They have been very satisfied with the service provided by Northfield. It has been a very successful Interlocal. Linwood heard that Northfield was looking to sell their system, so Linwood had to begin looking in other areas. Linwood was looking for the same services. Once they received a proposal from the EHT MUA, they asked if Northfield could match the price and they were unable to do so. Councilman Matik indicated that Northfield was offered the same

deal and if they took it, they could have saved up to \$400,000. Councilman Gordon discussed the terms of the agreement and advised that the City will continue a separate agreement with Northfield for the 31 Linwood homes that are connected to the Northfield system.

7. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda to reappoint Belford Rivera as a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III. He is the officer at Mainland High School and the school pays his salary.

8. Councilman Matik

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund of a tax prepayment for 3 Hollycroft Lane.
2. Councilman Matik reported on a meeting held with the ACUA regarding Linwood's costs for 2018. The costs will increase approximately by \$500. They continue to do a good job.
3. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution on the agenda reappointing Glenn Insurance as the Risk Management Consultant for the JIF. They do a great job at a good cost for the City.
4. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution canceling appropriation balances that is done at the end of every year.

9. Council President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the 2018 Reorganization Meeting. The meeting will be held on January 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Council President Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the renewal of the Shared Municipal Court Agreement with Northfield. The increase is nominal.
3. Council President Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing and scheduling the 2018 paid holidays.

At 6:20 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk