

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2017**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Brian Heun led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:47 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 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; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on the City of Linwood's Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for the proposed major disposal of parkland owned by the City of Linwood.

Roger Steedle, Linwood Planning Board Chairman – Mr. Steedle indicated that the Board reviewed the City's application and is in favor of the plan.

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

RESOLUTIONS

195-2017 A Resolution canceling appropriation balances

The Clerk read Resolution No. 195, 2017 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 195 of 2017. 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.

187-2017 A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Belford Rivera as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood

188-2017 A Resolution authorizing submission of a grant extension for the Linwood Municipal Alliance Grant

189-2017 A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Tax Prepayment of 2018 1st Quarter Tax Payment made for Block 16.01, Lot 41.04, located at 3 Hollycroft Lane in the City of Linwood

190-2017 A Resolution authorizing an amended Agreement for Shared Municipal Court for the municipalities of the City of Northfield and the City of Linwood

191-2017 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Animal Control of South Jersey

- 192-2017** A Resolution scheduling the 2018 Reorganization meeting of the Common Council of the City of Linwood
- 193-2017** A Resolution authorizing and scheduling paid holidays for Calendar Year 2018
- 194-2017** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Glenn Insurance as the Risk Management Consultant for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 196-2017** A Resolution rejecting the bids for Contract No. 16 – Linwood Baseball Building Renovation in the City of Linwood
- 197-2017** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for furnishing of snow removal services for the City of Linwood
- 198-2017** A Resolution approving an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Utilities Authority for Sanitary Sewer System Inspections, Routine Maintenance, Emergency Response and Additional Services for the City of Linwood
- 199-2017** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Premier Computer Services
- 200-2017** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused escrow funds posted as part of a Dumpster Permit Application at 43 Dawn Drive in the City of Linwood
- 201-2017** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused escrow funds posted as part of a Dumpster Permit Application at 303 Wabash Avenue in the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 187-194, 196-201 of 2017. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,236,619.00

Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, 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.

Sue Marino, 618 Vernon Avenue, Linwood – Mrs. Marino complimented the Recreation Board on the decorations at the park and on the bike path. They look great.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Richard L. DePamphilis – The Mayor echoed what Mrs. Marino said. He noted that the tree lighting gets better every year. He commended the Recreation Board and the Park Director, Laurie Montgomery on their efforts with the event. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun echoed what the Mayor and Mrs. Marino said. Everything looks great. He also complimented the new playground. He wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest commended the Recreation Board. They did a great job. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis also noted how nice the tree lighting was and commended all the volunteers that made the event happen. She noted that members of the Library also helped with the event. She advised that Public Works will continue to pick up leaves until the end of the year. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik echoed everyone else's comments. He also discussed the completion of the new playground and thanked the Recreation Board and Mrs. Napoli for their efforts. There will be more improvements to the park in 2018. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford echoed everyone else’s comments. The Recreation Board did a great job as did the Friends of the Arboretum. George Butrus continues to do a great job. He also noted that Tim Longnecker has video of the lighting from his drone and it looks great.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon also discussed the tree lighting, noting that there were over 200 children that attended. Everyone did a great job. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone also noted that every year the tree lighting gets better and better. It is a tremendous event. The Arboretum looks stunning. It is as Dr. Lacy had envisioned it and it gets more beautiful every season. It is the jewel of Linwood and Atlantic County. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk