

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Councilwoman June Byrnes called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Matt Levinson led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Councilman Todd Michael.

Absent: Mayor Darren Matik.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

187-2022 A Resolution authorizing 2022 Budget Appropriation transfers

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 187 of 2022 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 187. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

188-2022 A Resolution canceling appropriation balances

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 188 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 188. A roll call vote was heard with six 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.

181-2022 A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Valerie Marchitto, Barbara Lynn O'Donnell, Suzanne Marie Mooney, and Victor Manuel Pena as Substitute School Crossing Guards for the City of Linwood

182-2022 A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1-Final with South State, Inc. with regard to the 2022 Road Program

183-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2023-03, to Egg Harbor Township High School Crew Booster Club

184-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-04, to Egg Harbor Township High School Crew Booster Club

185-2022 A Resolution scheduling the 2023 Reorganization Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Linwood

186-2022 A Resolution authorizing and scheduling paid holidays for Calendar Year 2023

190-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2023-04, to the Seahawks Swim Team

191-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-05, to the Seahawks Swim Team

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

192-2022 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-06, to the Seahawks Swim Team

193-2022 A Resolution authorizing the 2023 salary for the Chief of Police

Councilwoman Byrnes asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolutions No. 183-186, 190-193 of 2022. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

Councilwoman Byrnes announced that Ralph Paolone resigned from City Council on November 22, 2022. Pursuant to the Municipal Vacancy Law, the municipal party of the party of which Mr. Paolone was a member, was to present names to City Council to fill the vacancy. That party is the Republican Party and they presented the name of Adam Walcoff.

189-2022 A Resolution appointing Adam M. Walcoff to fill the vacancy on Linwood City Council created by the resignation of Ralph A. Paolone

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 189 of 2022 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolution No. 189. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative. Motion was approved. Judge Danielle Walcoff administered the Oath of Office to Adam Walcoff.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,549,931.40

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, two abstentions from Councilwoman Albright and Councilman Walcoff. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Byrnes opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Kathleen Spaeth 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood

Mrs. Spaeth welcomed Councilman Walcoff and congratulated and thanked former Councilman Ralph Paolone.

Joe Hess, Planet Networks

Mr. Hess advised that his company is requesting the City grant them access to the right-of-way for the installation of fiber optics in the City.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Byrnes closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson welcomed Councilman Walcoff and looks forward to working with him. He also congratulated Judge Ralph Paolone.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael congratulated Councilman Walcoff and is looking forward to working with him.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford congratulated Councilman Walcoff. He also congratulated Tim Donovan and the Recreation Board on the Tree Lighting noting that it was a great event.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright congratulated Judge Ralph Paolone. She welcomed Councilman Walcoff to City Council. The Tree Lighting was great. She commended Public Works on assisting with the electrical issues at the hockey rink over Thanksgiving weekend.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis welcomed Councilman Walcoff. She also commended Councilwoman Byrnes and the Senior Committee on the Senior Luncheon. It was very well attended and successful. She also commended everyone on the Tree Lighting. She advised that Public Works will continue to pick up leaves through January 6.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff thanked his fellow Councilmembers. He also thanked Senator Vince Polistina and his wife Carolyn for attending the meeting.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked everyone for attending. The Senior Luncheon was great. She thanked the Senior Committee, Public Works, Police Department, and City Clerk for all their help with the event. She commended Tim Donovan on the Tree Lighting. She advised that Chief Cunningham and the Police Department will be hosting an Elder Fraud Seminar at City Hall on January 9. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk