**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2015 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**June 16, 2015**

The regular meeting of the 2015 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Jorge Alvarez and he announced that the notice of this meeting stating the date, place and time, has been disseminated as required under the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

The Clerk rendered the opening prayer, after which the members of the Governing Body and the persons in attendance saluted the flag.

Council President Jorge Alvarez informed those present of the proper procedures for exiting the room in the event of an emergency.

Council President Jorge Alvarez asked all members of the public, wishing to speak during the public comment session to please sign in on the sign-in white sheets provided in the front of the room.

Council President Alvarez asked all to place their cell phones on vibrate, and if they must take a call to please leave the room to do so.

A roll call showed the following members were present:

Councilman Christopher Kolibas

“ Donald Beyer

“ Peter Brown

“ Monty Brooks

Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby- Hurling

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Dereck Armstead

Mr. Sadowski, Mr. Minarchenko and Mr. Medina were excused from the meeting, as was Mayor Armstead.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for the approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks and was ordered approved on a roll call vote with all present members voting yes with the exception of Mr. Minarchenko and Mr. Medina, who abstained.

**PRESENTATION**

**LHS Varsity Basketball Coach**

**Philip Colicchio**

**Linden High School Varsity**

**Boys Basketball Team**

President Alvarez called Mayor Armstead and Mr. Kolibas, as well as Coach Colicchio to the front of the room.

Mayor Armstead noted that tonight we are here to give a special recognition to Coach Colicchio. He spoke about the accomplishments of the Linden team under the Coach’s leadership. He talked about how much Coach Colicchio cares for the children and has earned Linden a national reputation for being one of the premiere basketball programs in the Country. The Mayor read the resolution honoring Coach Colicchio, and presented it to him. Mayor Armstead then read the resolution honoring the Linden High School team and provided copies of it to Coach Colicchio to present to the team.

**ORDINANCE – HEARING**

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#59-26 Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of $55,000.00 for the acquisition of**

**computer equipment for the Finance Department and authorizing the issuance of $52,250.00 in bonds or notes to finance part of the appropriation.**

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the hearing was now open, that all persons interested would be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the Ordinance and the Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Brown moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was unanimously ordered approved.

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#59-27 Bond Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of various items of Capital**

**Equipment for the Public Property Department and appropriating $271,700.00 and authorizing the issuance of $258,115.00 in bonds or notes to finance part of the cost.**

**Exercise Equipment $82,500.00**

**Pick-Up Truck $35,200.00**

**Tractor with Hitch $49,500.00**

**Senior Citizen Bus $104,500.00**

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None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

Pat Hero, 1009 Wheatsheaf Rd. Ms. Hero announced that she was going to exercise without any cost to the City of Linden and the taxpayers. She objected to the spending of $82,500.00 for exercise equipment, and provided her reasons, and asked a number of questions about the equipment and program. Mr. Brown noted the yearly cost of the bond, and the cost of maintaining the current twenty year old equipment. Mr. Sadowski noted that he was Council liaison to the various senior clubs, and the current equipment is in bad shape, unsafe. The seniors cannot use it, and they cannot afford to join health clubs. The equipment is needed. Mr. MacDonald spoke about the age of the equipment, its condition and the number of people who use it. If the equipment is not replaced, then the programs should be ended.

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Brooks moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beyer and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was unanimously ordered approved.

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#59-28 Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-12 Parking Time Limited shall be amended as follows: Add to 7-12.1, 15 Minute Parking**

**Street Side Hours Days Location**

**South Wood Avenue East 5am-3pm Mon-Fri From a point 28 feet**

**South of the southern curbline of E. 18th Street to a point 37 feet**

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None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Brooks moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was unanimously ordered approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(\*\*\*) TAX COLLECTOR:**

1. The amount of money collected during the month of May 2015 and turned over to the treasurer’s office is as follows:

2015 Taxes $21,337,825.80

2014 Taxes $167,814.61

2013 Taxes $250.00

Garbage Fee Payments $90,648.19

Garbage Fee Penalty $6,060.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $8,966.48

Tax Search $10.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $50.00

Year End Penalty $2,982.37

Returned Check Fee Paid $20.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $20.00

Returned Check 2015 ($1,728.60)

Returned Check Interest ($0.00)

Returned Online Payment 2015 Taxes ($2,380.45)

Returned Online Interest ($13.15)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($120.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($5.00)

Counterfeit Funds ($0.00)

Arrears $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $2,317.38

DPW 2014 Reso payments $251.15

State Audit Payment/Disallowed Deductions $0.00

Tax Sale Cost/Before Tax Sale Cost $12,584.95

Premium $0.00

Interest $37,041.53

Total $21,662,595.26

**Tax Court** Block 582 Lot 27

**Refund** Elnore Moustafa- Bankers Trust of CA

Tax Court Docket #-013220-2014

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a Tax Court of New Jersey judgment reducing the assessment by 12,000 for 2014.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $738.60, payable to: Jacobus & Associates, LLC, T

rustee for Moustafa, Elnore, 301 South Livingston Avenue, Suite #105, Livingston, NJ 07039, charging same to account #5-01-55-275-999-000.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

5 15 5/12/15 13-00005 $1,400.00

148 5 5/22/15 13-00191 $1,300.00

432 13 5/29/15 13-00389 $1,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,000.00 payable to: MTAG Cust Fig Cap Invest NJ, 13, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #5-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2012 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

29 22 5/27/15 11-00016 $500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $500.00 payable to: US Bank/Cust-Pro Capital I, LLC, US Bank TLSG, 50 South 16th Street-Ste 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 charging same to account #5-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

51 33 5/22/15 13-00056 $100.00

66 7 5/22/15 13-00084 $1,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,700.00 payable to: US Bank Cust BV001 Trust, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #19, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-5-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

52 12 5/29/15 13-00058 $2,600.00

306 7 5/29/15 13-00303 $2,900.00

359 10 5/29/15 13-00335 $2,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $7,800.00 payable to: TTLBL, LLC, Attention: John Lemkey, 4747 Executive Drive, Suite 1, San Diego, CA 92121 charging same to account #-5-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block &

Lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

121 13 5/29/15 12-00093 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,000.00 payable to: FWDSL & Associates, LP, Attention: Jared Cucci, 5 Cold Hill Road, S. #11, Mendham, NJ 07945 charging same to account ##5-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2007 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

128 10 10/1/08 060091 $100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $100.00 payable to: Frederick H. Schieferstein, 385 Madison Hill Road, Clark, NJ 07066 charging same to account #5-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale**  Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

226 8 5/22/15 13-00268 $23,600.00

464 12 5/22/15 13-00408 $700.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $24,300.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC4 Firstrust, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-5-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2008 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

507 11 6/1/15 07-00198 $500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $500.00 payable to: MACWCP II, LLC, 8895 N. Military Trail, Suite # 23-D, Gardens, FL.,33410, charging same to account #-5-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2011 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

573 8 5/22/15 10-00274 $6,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $6,000.00 payable to: US Bank-Cust/Sass Muni VI DTR, TLSG- 2 Liberty Place- 50 South 16th Street-Ste 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 charging same to account # 5-01-55-276-999-956.

**(\*\*\*) STREET CLOSURE APPLICATION, 201 SHERMAN STREET:**

1. Requesting permission to close Sherman Street between Essex Avenue and Bergen Avenue to hold a BBQ on Saturday, July 4, 2015 between the hours of 12noon and 10pm. The application has been approved by the Police Chief and the Certificate of Liability Insurance has been received and approved by the Municipal Attorney.

**STREET CLOSURE APPLICATION, MORNINGSTAR COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Requesting permission to close Chandler Avenue from Union Street to Middlesex Street, Middlesex Street at Chandler Avenue to Bishop Evans Way and Paul Street between Union and Middlesex Street on Saturday, August 29, 2015 between the hours of 10am and 5pm. The application has been approved by the Police Chief and the Certificate of Liability Insurance has been received and approved by the Municipal Attorney.

**STREET CLOSURE APPLICATION, 1213 BOWER STREET:**

Requesting permission to close Bower Street, on July 18, 2015.

\*The application has not been signed off on by the Police Chief, the Certificate of Liability Insurance has been received and approved by the Municipal Attorney.

**(\*\*\*) LINDEN MAYOR’S YOUTH COMMISSION:**

1. Advising that on April 29, 2015 the Mayor’s Youth Commission voted on and approved the following appointments to the commission:

Mayor Armstead 3yr term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2017

Reverend Donelson 3yr term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2017

Lt. Keith Aslin 3yr term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2017

Laura Lee Wade 2yr term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2016

J. Gary Luciano 2yr term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2016

Lolita Slater 2yr term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2016

Franchette Black 1yr term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015

Estelle Maynarde 1yr term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015

Lisa Ormon 1yr term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015

**(\*\*\*) MUNICIPAL TREASURER:**

1. Requesting a refund in the amount of $25.00 for a Taxi Cab License payable to Lionel Prophete, 751 Vine Street, 1B, Elizabeth, NJ 07202. (The Records Bureau collected payment for a taxi cab license on error, said fee is collected by the City Clerk’s Office)

**(\*\*\*) MUNICIPAL TREASURER:**

1. Advising that the following City employee has filed for retirement:

Department Employee Title Date

Municipal Court Leslie MacDonald Principal Acct Clerk July 1, 2015

**(\*\*\*) BOARD OF HEALTH:**

1. Advising that the Board of Health issued fifty-four (54) Certificates of Occupancy for the month of May.

**(\*\*\*) MUNICIPAL TREASURER:**

1. Requesting approval to reimburse retired employees who paid for Medicare coverage in accordance with Chapters 88, 54 & 436 for the period of January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 for a total amount of $203,846.20. The list is on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

Pat Hero, 1009 Wheatsheaf Road – Items #5 and #7. Ms. Hero commended Ms. Leslie MacDonald on the service she provided the City and wished her well in her retirement. Ms. Hero then asked questions regarding the payments reimbursing retired employees for Medicare coverage. Mr. Roth explained the reasons for the payments, and the making of the payments cannot be done away with.

Mr. Sadowski moved for approval of Consent Items #1 through #7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Minarchenko and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fist Ward**

Mr. Kolibas gave the report of the City Clerk’s office for the month of May. A total of $6752.82 was collected for 421 transactions conducted in the Clerk’s office. Next he gave the report of the Licensing Division in the City Clerk’s office. A total of $8,513.00 was collected for the month of May. Mr. Kolibas gave a report on dog licensing for the month of May.

Mr. Kolibas gave the following report of the Personnel Committee:

1. In the Fire Department - the appointment of Firefighter Michael Smith as Fire Lieutenant effective July 3, 2015 replacing a retirement at the pro-rated salary of $104,382.00.

2. The approval of FMLA/NJFLA and unpaid sick leaves for the following

Personnel:

* Employee #909065, FMLA/NJFLA leave from 4/24/15 through 6/24/15;
* Employee #000906, intermittent FMLA/NJFLA leave from 5/18/15 through 12/31/15;
* Employee #108047, FMLA/NJFLA leave from 4/24/15 through 6/7/15;
* Employee #090569, intermittent FMLA/NJFLA leave from 6/1/15 through 5/31/16;
* Employee #006134, intermittent FMLA/NJFLA leave from 6/1/15 through 5/31/16

3. The approval of the Public Property & Community Services and in the Division of DPW the seasonal list which is on file in the Treasurer’s Office.

4. In the Department of Public Property & Community Services – the appointment of Tywanda Gadson-Passmore as Senior Account Clerk effective June 17, 2015 at the pro-rated salary of $45,685.00 which reflects no increase in salary.

5. In the Police Department – the appointment of Kayla Mehalick as a student intern from Rowan University at no cost to the City effective June 17, 2015

6. In the Office of the City Clerk – the increase of hours of student assistant Chelsea Libreros not exceed 35 hours per week for the period June 15, 2015 through August 31, 2015.

7. In the Office of Construction Code – accept the voluntary resignation of Joseph Delgrosso from the position of elevator sub-code official effective May 20, 2015.

8. In the Division of Personnel – the amendment of the Nepotism policy.

9. In the Department of Engineering, the approval of the Clean Communities the workers’ list which is on file in the Treasurer’s Office.

10. In the Board of Health – the appointment of Fred Morton and Antonio Taylor as Housing Inspector Trainees at the rate of $17.45 per hour, not to exceed 19.5 hours per week.

11. In the Department of Construction Code – the temporary appointment of Jonathon Faerber as an elevator sub-code official at the rate of $40.00 per hour not to exceed $10,000.00, retroactive to June 13, 2015. A residency waiver is granted for the duration of the temporary appointment.

12. In the Police Department – the appointment of the following individuals as Police Officers effective July 8, 2015, subject to final background checks and the results of the psychological examinations at the pro-rated annual rate of $48,081.00:

* Wayne HF. Hanns, Jr. of Linden, NJ
* Nicole D. Andrews of Linden, NJ
* Jeffery F. Anderson of Linden, NJ
* Anthony E. Matusawicz of Linden, NJ
* Sonia Viegacano of Linden, NJ
* David Guzman of Linden, NJ
* Nektarios Philippakos of Linden, NJ
* Daniel P. Hemenway of Linden, NJ

Mr. Kolibas moved for approval of Personnel Items #1 through #12. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was ordered approved on a roll call vote, with all voting in favor of all items, except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no on item #2.

Mr. Kolibas asked the new police recruits to stand and be recognized. He then congratulated Lisa Ormon on her victory in the primary, and stated that she will do a great job as councilwoman. He provided his contact information for any First Ward residents with questions or concerns.

**Second Ward**

Mr. Beyer stated that he had no report.

**Third Ward**

Mr. Brown gave the following report of the Budget Review and Finance Committee.

1. The payment of bills totaling $1,415,116.56. The bills have been signed by the Mayor, Council President and Finance Chairman and a detailed check register and vouchers are on file in the Clerk’s Office.
2. We are in receipt of the investments made by the City Treasurer for the month of May at the rate of .10%

Mr. Brown moved for approval of the Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**Fourth Ward**

Mr. Brooks gave the monthly report of the Division of Transportation and Parking. A total of $50,080.95 was collected for the month of May from all parking meters and lots.

Mr. Brooks announced that concerts in the park will begin on June 30th, and there will be twenty-one of them and two dance nights. He noted activities that would occur in the Bauer Promenade, and spoke about the various summer programs that the Recreation would be hosting. He noted that there are a lot of activities taking place in the parks, and that children, playing in the street, should be directed to the parks.

**Fifth Ward**

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling announced that applications for the Housing Authority are being taken, that she did have some for interested Fifth Ward residents. She explained how long the list will be open and the eligibility requirement. Next she spoke about the painting of bridges in the Fifth Ward, the repaving of Dill Avenue and the installation of speed humps for pedestrian safety.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling announced the next Fifth Ward meeting and noted the agenda for the same. She explained, that at the meeting there will be representatives of the County, who will speak about a program subsidizing the cost of summer camp for children under the age of twelve.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke in support of the purchase of the exercise equipment, and noted the need to provide seniors with equipment that is safe, at little or no cost to them. She then spoke about the need to establish a children’s center, one that will provide structure, and not just be a hang out. She noted her efforts to make this a reality. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling provided details on the structure she envisioned and concluded by providing her contact information.

**Sixth Ward**

Mr. Sadowski congratulated all of the new police personnel. He informed all that he had two summer job openings, in the Clean Communities Program, for individuals fifteen years of age or older. He provided his contact information for those interested.

Mr. Sadowski stated that people are upset over the installation of new sidewalks along Wood Avenue. He spoke about his meeting with the Principle of School Six regarding this matter. He noted that the sidewalks are being paid for by a grant and are not costing the City any money and that the work is almost complete.

Mr. Sadowski asked any resident of the Sixth Ward who wanted a tree, or a sidewalk replaced to please give him a call.

Mr. Sadowski provided details on an incident, in the Sixth Ward, involving the discharge of a weapon, by a parole officer. He then spoke about the senior clubs, in town, and that the programs are shut down for the summer. He urged all to be careful during the summer season, and to have a good summer.

**Seventh Ward**

Mr. Minarchenko provided additional details on the incident involving the discharge of a weapon. He then provided the report of the Construction Code Department. They processed 188 permits, issued 147 certificates and collected $93,756.00 in fees for the month of May.

Mr. Minarchenko spoke about the repaving of South Wood Ave, by the water company. Once South Wood Ave is done they will begin on the side streets. He offered congratulations to all of the new police recruits. He also congratulated Firefighter Smith on his promotion to Lieutenant.

Mr. Minarchenko provided his contact information for residents of the Seventh Ward

**Eighth Ward**

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave the report of the Fire Committee. The Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of $3,565.25 for the month of April. The ambulance reimbursement system collected a total of $44,403.07 for the month of May, bringing the yearly total to $257,284.65.

Mrs. Yamakaitis provided an update on the construction for the new Goethals Bridge. She noted the new traffic pattern that was implemented. She added that she has not received any updates on the status of the missing link process. As soon as she receives something she will inform the residents.

Mrs. Yamakaitis provided updates on paving projects for the Eighth Ward. Next she announced the start of the free playground programs on June 29, 2015. The programs are free to all Linden residents. She noted the parks, in the Eighth Ward, that would be participating. She informed all that McGillivary Park should be completed in the next week. She announced the details of the ribbon cutting ceremony that would take place to re-open the park. Renovation to Bachellor Ave Park are starting.

Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about the neighborhood watch program and the meetings that are scheduled. She offered congratulations to the new police officers and to the new fire lieutenant. She also offered her congratulations to the graduates of the class of 2015.

**Ninth Ward**

Mr. Medina offered his congratulations to the new police recruits, and the need for them. He wished them good luck during their training. He also offered congratulations to the new fire lieutenant. Next he gave a report on the activities that would be taking place at the Linden Library, in the coming weeks.

Mr. Medina reported on paving projects that would take place in the Ninth Ward. He noted that asked the Police Chief for assistance in enforcing traffic rules for the safety of pedestrians. The Chief had noted manpower shortages that make it difficult at times.

Mr. Medina asked residents to be aware of their neighbors, particularly those that are seniors due to the heat during this time of year. He asked residents to knock on the doors of their neighbors who are seniors and make sure they are ok. Mr. Medina announced that additional garbage cans are now available for purchase, information and forms are available on the City’s website. He also spoke about 65 gallon cans becoming available. Mr. Medina asked drivers to be extra cautious of children with school being out. He also spoke about plans for the Ninth Ward newsletter. He provided his contact information for those who needed to reach him.

**Tenth Ward**

Mrs. Hickey spoke about issues that residents have been contacting her about and her efforts to get them resolved. She also spoke about the issue of abandoned homes and the help of the Board of Health in getting them resolved.

Mrs. Hickey congratulated Leslie MacDonald on her retirement and lieutenant Smith on his promotion. She also spoke about the new police recruits and wished them the best. Mrs. Hickey spoke about complaints she is receiving about the blocking of driveway and cars parking too close to corners. She will be having a meeting, with Lt. Babulski over these issues and enforcement will begin in the near future. She asked all to be kind to their neighbors and not to block their driveways.

Mrs. Hickey announced that the S.I.D. district will be having a bash kickoff. She provided details on the event. She urged all to come out and enjoy. She provided her contact information for those who wanted to contact her.

Mr. Brooks thanked Mr. Vircik, Mr. Venditto and Mr. MacDonald for their help in addressing a flooding issue on Harrison Place. He then provided his contact information.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead thanked the residents of Linden and the employees for their kind works on the passing of his father. He congratulated Lisa Ormon on her election as First Ward Councilwoman and noted that she was his sister. The Mayor congratulated the eight new recruits in the Police Department and Lieutenant Smith on his promotion.

Mayor Armstead announced that on June 19th Linden First training program will take place at the LMPC. He provided details on the program, which was designed to help Linden residents to obtain jobs with Linden companies. He provided contact information, for those interested, so that they could get started in the program.

Mayor Armstead stated that in January of this year he had set forth a number of initiatives to help Linden be a better place and to bring revenue into our town, to help offset the budget crises we face. One of them was the creation of a second special improvement district along US Route 1&9. He noted the amount of City resources that are being used by this area of town. The Mayor noted some of the issues, with the area and how a S.I.D. can help improve the area and deal with the area. He spoke about the resolution that was supposed to be on the agenda, this evening, as a first step in the process, a study to see if would work. That resolution was pulled from the agenda, and he stated that he would like to hear some reasons as to why it pulled, and that it wasn’t pulled for the sake of pulling it. He thought that the public should hear those reasons. He concluded that after six months he would like to see the City move forward with some of these initiatives.

President Alvarez announced that the library would be hosting a program on social media and the details of the program. He congratulated the new fire lieutenant, the new police recruits and plugged the summer bash for Wood Avenue.

**RESOLUTIONS**

President Alvarez announced that public comment will be permitted for those specific resolutions to be removed from the consent approval. Please read the synopsis of the resolutions, which have been prepared by the City Clerk’s office. Each is informative and self-explanatory. However, if you wish to address a specific resolution, the Council, will entertain questions on it.

**Resolutions #2015-228, #2015-230 and #2015-242 were removed at the request of Ms. Murgo.**

**Resolutions #2015-243, #2015-245, #2015-246, #2015-250, #2015-251 were removed at the request of Ms. Hero.**

**Resolutions #2015-230, #2015-240, #2015-242 were removed at the request of Ms. Malik.**

**Resolution #2015-240 was removed at the request of Diane Wilverding.**

**Resolution #2015- 242 was removed at the request of a representative of Verizon Wireless, Mark Polcari.**

**Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of Resolutions #2015-227 through #2015-250 with the exception of Resolutions #2015-228, #2015-230, #2015-240, #2015-242, #2015-243, #2015-245, #2015-246, #2015-250 and #2015-251. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTION: 2015-227**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHEAL STATHUM**

**A CONSTABLE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**:

Section 1. That **MICHEAL STATHUM,** residing at 1220 Union Street, Linden, Union County, New Jersey, be and he hereby is appointed a constable, and that his qualifications, bond, duties and powers shall be as provided and required by law and usage of this state and as hereafter may be provided by law.

Section 2. Said constable shall hold office for the three‑year term commencing June 20, 2015 and terminating June 19, 2018.

Section 3. Said constable shall furnish a bond to the City of Linden in the sum of $1,000.00 with good freehold or other security, to be approved by the Council, which bond shall remain in full force during the term of office for which the said constable is appointed, and shall take, subscribe and file with the City Clerk of the City of Linden the required oath and shall meet the qualifications required by law, prior to commencing his duties and exercising his powers, and shall in all respects comply with the law in such case made and provided.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Resolution: 2015-228**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COORDINATOR TO OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN:**

That **JAMES SCHULHAFER**, be and hereby is appointed as the Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management for a three year term, commencing May 1, 2015 and expiring May 1, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualifies.

Patti Murgo, 2519 Grier Avenue. Ms. Murgo questioned the commencement date in the resolution. Mr. Antonelli noted it was a typo, and provided the correct date.

Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of Resolution #2015-228. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-229**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**CLEAN COMMUNITIES FY2015 GRANT**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS,** said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will receive $72,486.30 from the State of New Jersey Clean Communities Account Fund and wishes to amend its 2015 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of $ 72,486.30 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with

Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local

Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:

Clean Communities 2015

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $ 72,486.30 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:

Clean Communities 2015

**RESOLUTION: 2015-230**

**RESOLUTION FOR CASE CRACKER INTERVIEW SYSTEM SOLICIATED BY QUOTATIONS FROM MACK CAMERA & VIDEO SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to purchase a Case Cracker Interview System from Mack Camera & Video Services, 200 Morris Avenue, Springfield NJ for the Police ; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the solicitation of competitive quotes and the award to a vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS,** Mack Camera & Video Systems was solicited for quotations; and

**WHEREAS,** Mack Camera & Video Systems provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed $17,940.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to C-04-55-902-539-919; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Mack Camera & Video Systems be awarded a contract to supply a Case Cracker Interview System at the low quote of $17,940.00;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Council President, City Clerk and/or such other city officials as is necessary and proper be authorized to execute such documents as necessary to implement this resolution.

**Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. . Chief Schulhafer explained to Ms. Malik what the Case Cracker System is and what it is used for.**

**Patti Murgo, 2519 Grier Avenue. Ms. Murgo stated her questions were answered.**

**Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of Resolution #2015-230. The motion was seconded by Mr. Median and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTION: 2015-231**

**RESOLUTION FOR ONE 4 TON FALCON RME HOT PATCH RECYCING TRAILER SOLICIATED BY QUOTATIONS FROM MCGRATH MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to purchase a 4 ton Falcon RME Asphalt Hot Patch Recycling Dump Trailer from McGrath Municipal Equipment, Inc., PO Box 422, Springfield, NJ 07081-0422 for the Public Works Dept.; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the solicitation of competitive quotes and the award to a vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS,** McGrath Municipal Equipment was solicited for quotations; and

**WHEREAS,** McGrath Municipal Equipment provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed $33,582.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to C-04-55-907-616-919; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** McGrath Municipal Equipment be awarded a contract to supply services for one 4 ton Falcon RME Asphalt Hot Patch Recycling Trailer at the low quote of $33,582.00;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Council President, City Clerk and/or such other city officials as is necessary and proper be authorized to execute such documents as necessary to implement this resolution.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-232**

**RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF ONE TORO GROUNDMASTER 3280 - FROM STORR TRACTOR THROUGH THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL CO-OP PRICING SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services from an authorized vendor under the Middlesex Regional Co-op, MRESC #65 bid MRESC12/1324. Awarded to Storr Tractor Company, 3191 Route #22 Somerville, NJ , an authorized vendor and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and,

**WHEREAS**, Storr Tractor Company, has been awarded Contract No. #65 MRESC 12/13-24 for the provision of tractors; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best means available to obtain services for; and,

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the service is not to exceed $20,351.85 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-907-615-919 and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Storr Tractor be awarded a contract for a term of one year or until new awards are made; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor, Council President, City Clerk and/or such other city officials as is necessary and proper be authorized to execute such documents as necessary to implement this resolution.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-233**

**A RESOLUTION ON THE 2014**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – Audit Recommendations**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Linden that:

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 Annual Audit of the City of Linden, conducted by Suplee, Clooney and Company, contained certain recommendations requiring action; and

**WHEREAS**, these recommendations have been reviewed by the City’s Chief Financial Officer / Municipal Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chief Financial Officer /Municipal Treasurer, in accordance with the requirement promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services, has developed a plan to address the recommendations listed by the auditors;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Linden that the Corrective Action Plan for the 2014 Annual Municipal Audit, hereto attached, is hereby approved and accepted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution and its attachments to the Division of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-234**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2014 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the City of Linden’s Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS,** R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:50-6.5, a regulation requiring that the Governing Body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

**WHEREAS,** such Resolution and Certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five (45) days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS,** all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS,** failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local Governing Body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52-27BB52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who,

after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the

director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of

this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be

fined not more that one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) or imprisoned for not

more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16, 2015.**

**RESOLUTION: 2015-235**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PREMIUM MONIES**

**WHEREAS**, a tax sale certificate #08-00217 on block 439, lot 14 was sold on June 3, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, a premium of $ 20,000.00 was paid on this certificate; and

**WHEREAS**, Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector has verified that no redemption has taken place and the lien holder, Royal Tax Lien Services, LLC d/b/a Crusader Lien Services has foreclosed on March 6, 2015 and recommends said premium, totaling $20,000.00, be canceled and turned over the City Treasurer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that it does hereby authorize the cancellation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector and the City Treasurer.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-236**

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE DEDICATION OF THE ZIGA ROSHANSKI MIKVAH BY CONGREGRATION ANSHE CHESED**

**WHEREAS,** Congregation Anshe Chesed has served as a bastion of Orthodox Judaism for over one hundred years, providing the Linden Jewish community with a place of spirituality, warmth, learning and culture; and

**WHEREAS,** the use of a Mikvah, is of primary importance in Jewish life and law, by offering the individual, and the community, the gift of purity and holiness as no other religious establishment, structure or rite in Jewish law can and on such an essential level; and

**WHEREAS,** the extraordinary power of the Mikvah is contingent on its construction in accordance with the numerous and complex specifications as outlined in Halachah, or Jewish Law; and

**WHEREAS,** after five years of planning, and two years of construction, and the expenditure of a half million dollars Congregation Anshe Chesed dedicated its first ever mikvah tahara, as a stunning edifice of prominence in the spiritual life of every Orthodox Jewish family; and

**WHEREAS,** the mikvah was lovingly dedicated by the Roshanski family in memory of Ziga Roshanski, a longtime Anshe Chesed member who passed away in December 2011, and whose company, American Dream Properties, did the construction work; and

**WHEREAS,** the dedication of the Ziga Roshanski Mikvah will help attract new members, to the congregation, and encourage participation in Jewish tradition; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden wish to recognize this glorious and important achievement for the Linden Jewish Community and Congregation Anshe Chesed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate Congregation Anshe Chesed, and it’s spiritual leader, Rabbi Joshua Hess, for the outstanding achievement in the opening of the Ziga Roshanski Mikvah; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** a copy of this resolution be placed in the minute of the Council of the City of Linden in permanent recognition of this occasion and a copy be fittingly presented to Congregation Anshe Chesed.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-237**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAREN LUKENDA A MEMBER OF THE**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that Karen Lukenda, residing at 5 Furber Avenue, in the City of Linden, shall be and she hereby is appointed a member of the Housing Authority of the City of Linden to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Sharkey, which commenced June 15, 2014 and terminates June 14, 2019, and until his/her successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this appointment is made pursuant to the Ordinance of the City of Linden entitled, “An Ordinance Creating the Housing Authority of the City of Linden,” approved May 7, 1065, and that said member shall have and exercise all powers and duties prescribed by said ordinance ant the “Local Housing Authority Law” (N.J.S.A. 55:14A-1 et. seq.), including, by not limited to the educational requirements for Commissioners.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-238**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACTING PUBLIC DEFENDERS FOR 2015**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden passed Resolution No. 2015-48 on January 20, 2015 retaining the services Afonso & Afonso, Edward Cooper, Esq., Cottrell Solensky & Semple, PA and Bruno & Ferraro Esqs., as temporary public defender in Linden Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS,** because of the ongoing nature of the services for Edward Cooper, Esq., there is a need for additional funds not to exceed $1,200.00 for legal services relative to the aforesaid matter; and

**WHEREAS,** inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures paid to date to Edward Cooper, Esq. for services rendered under the original or substantially related contract is $6,200.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 5-01-20-155-123-255**;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement for Professional Services consistent with the above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH**

**UNDERGROUND UTILITIES CORP FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE DILL AVENUE SANITARY SEWER IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden passed Resolution No. 2015-202 on April 21, 2015 approving an award of a contract Underground Utilities Corp for emergency repairs to the Dill Avenue Sanitary Sewer in the City of Linden in the amount of $54,800.00; and

**WHEREAS,** a change order in the amount of $2,925.00 is required for an additional 3 feet of sewer; and

**WHEREAS,** inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures for said contract is $57,725.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-605-919;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement awarded to Underground Utilities Corp., 711 Commerce Road, Linden, New Jersey 07036 is hereby amended to increase the contract by the additional sum of $2,925.00, for a total contract of $57,725.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between P Underground Utilities Corp and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement with Underground Utilities Corp; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-240**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT WITH CME ASSOCIATES**

**FOR SERVICES RELATED TO LANDFILL ENGINEERING IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden passed a Resolution on April 21, 2015, No. 2015-188, retaining the services related to landfill engineering for a period of 4 months in the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, qualifications have been received through fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, CME Associates, 3759 Rt. 1 South, Suite 100, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey 08852 submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid service for 2014, and

**WHEREAS**, the City is extending the contract until December 31, 2015 and it is necessary to provide for additional funds for said purpose in an amount not to exceed $153,975.00; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures paid to date to CME Associates for services rendered under the original or substantially related contract is

$230,975.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or his designee has certified to the

availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No.C-04-55-907-523-919.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**

**LINDEN** that they do hereby approve the additional amount not to exceed $153,975.00 for

services rendered by CME Associates for the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the

negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between CME Associates and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement consistent with the above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

**Diane Wilverding, 1633 Lenape Road. Ms. Wilverding suggested that the City hire an engineer, as an employee, who specializes in this area, as it would save the City a lot of money.**

**Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of Resolution #2015-240. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved.**

**RESOLUTION**: **2015-241**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ENTERING INTO A**

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR WORK ON A SECTIONS OF CURB ON SOUTH WOOD AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden, through its Wood Avenue Streetscape Project, will be reconstructing sections of curb on South Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS,** said property is a County Road; and

**WHEREAS,** the County requires the City of Linden to execute a Hold Harmless Agreement for said work;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Hold Harmless Agreement with the County of Union for the work on South Wood Avenue, as approved by the Law Department.

2. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-242**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A LEASE A**

**AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK SMSA, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS FOR REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF LINDEN LOCATED AT 302 S. WOOD AVENUE, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS FIREHOUSE #1, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A ROOFTOP WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY**

**WHEREAS,** sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on May 19,

2015 for the lease of 302 S. Wood Avenue, in the City of Linden more commonly known as Firehouse #1; and

**WHEREAS,** a notice to bidders for said purpose was properly and legally advertised in the official publication(s); and

**WHEREAS**, New York SMSA, Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless was the highest bidder at their bid of $9,600.00 per year; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that Council pass a Resolution authorizing the award of contracts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** as follows:

1. A contract is awarded to New York SMSA, Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless at their bid of $5,350.00 per year.

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between New York SMSA, Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and the City of Linden.

3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Ms. Malik asked how this affects the lease with the S. Wood Ave developer. Mr. Bodek pointed out this lease was for the new firehouse, not the old one. In response to questions from Ms. Malik, Mr. Antonelli explained what the equipment was that was being placed on the roof of the firehouse.

Patti Murgo, Grier Avenue. Ms. Murgo stated that her questions were answered.

Mark Polcari (Verizon Representative). Mr. Polcari stated that his questions were answered. .

Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of Resolution #2015-242. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote, with Mr. Sadowski clarifying his vote, stating that he was voting yes, because he was promised that it would not affect any Sixth Ward resident.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-243**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT TO T&M ASSOCIATES FOR THE DESIGN REVIEW SERVICES OF THE PROPOSED BRIDGE AT TREMLEY POINT ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY LINDEN PROPERTY HOLDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for consulting services for design review service of the Linden Property Holdings bridge; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, qualifications have been received through a fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, T&M Associates, submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), such services are considered "Professional Services" as within the scope of a licensed and regulated profession, and same may be awarded without competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. T-17-55-800-999-499;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to T&M Associates, 11 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748, at a fee not to exceed $24,563.00 in accordance with their proposal dated August 21, 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between T&M Associates and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute a contract with T&M Associates to effectuate the foregoing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be published according to law.

**FOR COMMENTS AND ROLL CALL REFER TO RESOLUTION #2015-250**

**RESOLUTION: 2015-244**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** there were certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of January 2015 through May 2015 which do not appear on the Claims list,

**WHEREAS,** said payment must be ratified by the Governing Body of the City of Linden,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following payments be and hereby are approved:

**CURRENT**

**CK# DATE PAYABLE TO: PURPOSE AMOUNT**

1/14/15 Treasurer State of NJ training fees 20,048.00

1/14/15 Treasurer State of NJ training fees 4,093.00

1/26/15 John Venditto petty cash 200.00

1/26/15 MTAG Cust Caz Creek refund premium 1,200.00

2/4/15 Linden Municipal Court refund bail 228.00

2/4/15 Verizon Business refund bail 2,308.73

2/11/15 Rahway Post Office annual chp 75 notice 3,548.33

2/11/15 Township of Randolph co-op membership 1,100.00

2/25/15 Mary Ellen Tango petty cash 100.00

2/25/15 LEDC 2014 contribution 35,000.00

3/24/15 NJ American Water REPLACEMENT CK 46,375.00

3/24/15 Michele Espino refund 35.00

3/24/15 NJ EZ Pass city account 350.00

4/1/15 Police Unity Tour 2015 P.U.T. 500.00

4/1/15 Lutte Licensing Group, Inc. REPLACEMENT CK 2,600.00

4/1/15 National Terminal, Inc. REPLACEMENT CK 13,500.54

4/1/15 Treasurer State of NJ surcharge fees 16,300.00

4/8/15 Treasurer State of NJ training fees 16,949.00

4/8/15 ETI Management REPLACEMENT CK 1,750.00

4/28/15 Rutgers conference 200.00

4/29/15 NJ Transit 1st quarter 55,754.45

4/29/15 C & B Patel refund 327.58

4/29/15 Sandra McClain refund 310.11

4/29/15 Harmon & Elizabeth Maurer refund 606.74

4/29/15 PNC Mortgage refund 77.23

4/29/15 MTAG Cust. Fig Cap Invest NJ refund 15,300.00

4/29/15 US Bank Cust for Phoenix refund 8,500.00

4/29/15 TTLBL, LLC refund 26,100.00

4/29/15 Us Bank Cust for PC4 Firs trust refund 700.00

4/29/15 US Bank Cust BV001 Trust refund 59,300.00

4/29/15 Tower Lien, LLC refund 4,100.00

5/7/15 NJMVC titles for motorcycles 180.00

5/21/15 Superior Court of NJ recording 49,000.00

5/27/15 NJ EZ Pass (LPD) city account 25.00

5/5/15 Worker’s Comp. claims 53,111.26

5/7/15 Payroll payroll 53,503.51

5/7/15 Payroll payroll 1,436,915.09

5/13/15 Worker’s Comp. claims 20,225.11

5/13/15 Medco claims 90,612.39

5/13/15 Delta Dental claims 44,479.21

5/14/15 County of Union County taxes 6,702,676.83

5/14/15 County of Union open space 197,291.32

5/14/15 Payroll payroll 7,637.68

5/14/15 Payroll payroll 95,583.49

5/15/15 SHBP Retirees May health premiums 529,344.49

5/15/15 SHBP Active March health premiums 660,333.15

5/19/15 Worker’s Comp. claims 7,709.03

5/21/15 Payroll payroll/FICA 54,193.49

5/21/15 Payroll payroll 1,447,964.86

5/28/15 Payroll payroll/FICA 7,794.68

5/28/15 Payroll payroll 83,383.88

5/29/15 Worker’s Comp. claims 12,495.27

5/29/15 Medco claims 87,279.57

**TRUST**

5/7/15 Payroll payroll 4,345.12

5/14/15 Payroll payroll 31,141.00

5/21/15 Payroll payroll 4,649.72

5/28/15 Payroll payroll 99,600.50

**GRANT**

5/7/15 Payroll payroll 27,087.67

5/7/15 Division of Motor Vehicles titles 180.00

5/21/15 Payroll payroll 32,524.63

5/28/15 Payroll payroll 676.85

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

5/7/15 Payroll payroll 4,739.04

5/14/15 Payroll payroll 1,199.20

5/21/15 Payroll payroll 4,277.28

5/28/15 Payroll payroll 1,199.20

**CAPITAL**

1/26/15 Muller Bohlin invoice 6,470.00

5/7/15 Payroll payroll 115.36

**NPP**

4/29/15 County of Union recap funds 170,564.00

**RESOLUTION: 2015-245**

**RESOLUTION HONORING COACH PHILIP COLICCHIO FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS, Philip Colicchio** has been in the Linden School District for eighteen years; and

**WHEREAS, Philip Colicchio** during his tenure as the Linden High School Basketball Coach has won the Union County Championship, Section II Group IV Championship three years in a row; and

**WHEREAS, Philip Colicchio** has been selected Union County Coach of the Year, Tri-State Coach of the Year, Union County Coaches Association of the Year, MSG Varsity New Jersey Coach of the Year and was inducted into the New Jersey Coach’s Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS,** because if his dedication, **Coach Colicchio and the Linden High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team** have been State Champions in 2000, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2013 and 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** through their hard work they **Linden High School Varsity Basketball Team** were ranked in the national polls, USA Today Super 25 at #20 in the Country; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I DEREK ARMSTEAD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY** do hereby congratulate **Philip Collichio** for the wonderful responsibility of creating a very successful LHS Varsity Boys Basketball Team and extend best wishes for continued success and blessings in the years ahead.

**FOR COMMENTS AND ROLL CALL REFER TO RESOLUTION #2015-250**

**RESOLUTION: 2015-246**

**LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL 2014-2015 VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS,** under the direction of Coach Phil Colicchio, the **2014-2015 Linden High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team** had a very exciting and successful basketball season; and

**WHEREAS,** the **Linden High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team** won the Union County Championship. Through their hard work they were able to win the North Jersey Section II, Group IV Championship for the third year in a row; and

**WHEREAS,** the **LHS Basketball Team** was able to achieve these accomplishments with a dedicated team of staff under the guidance of Coach Colicchio; Assistant Coaches Anthony Drejaj, Jason Fekete, Desmond Wade, Jeff Kelly, Marty Luc and Mike Campo; Managers Cliffy Garlic and Steve Dodge; and Trainers Roger Rotondi and Marissa Radice; and

**WHEREAS, Linden High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team 2014-2015** team roster: Juwan Dolbrice, Otis Livingston, Josh Carter, James Julius, Quinton Dixon, Corey Ampey, Travis Wint, Fritz Moncion, William Phelps, Guirveseont Guillaume, Trevonne Judson, Joseph Krempa, Khalief Crawford and Tavon Jones; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I DEREK ARMSTEAD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** do hereby congratulate the **LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND STAFF** on their successful basketball season. This 2014-2015 basketball team and season will be remembered for many years.

**FOR COMMENTS AND ROLL CALL REFER TO RESOLUTION #2015-250**

**RESOLUTION: 2015-247**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO**

**MARK PAVING CO., INC FOR RESURFACING OF DILL AVENUE, CHARLES STREET, GARFIELD STREET, EDGEWOOD ROAD, LUCIEN PLACE, CHATHAM PLACE, HILLSIDE ROAD, PALISADE ROAD AND CENTER STREET IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on June 9, 2015 for the resurfacing of Dill Avenue, Charles Street, Garfield Street, Edgewood Road, Lucien Place, Chatham Place, Hillside Road, Palisade Road and Center Street, in the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** a notice to bidders for said purpose was properly and legally advertised in the official publications(s); and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item C-04-55-901-613-919 ($385,627.25) and N-18-55-014-231-018 ($63,500.00); and

**WHEREAS,** Mark Paving Co., Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $449,127.25; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that Council pass a resolution authorizing the award of contracts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** as follows:

1. A contract is awarded to Mark Paving Co., Inc. at their bid of $449,127.25.

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Mark Paving Co., Inc. and the City of Linden.

3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

## RESOLUTION: 2015-248

# Resolution Supporting the *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization of May 18 – 31, 2015

**Whereas**, there were 556 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2014; and

**Whereas**, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

**Whereas**, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

**Whereas**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

**Whereas**, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 18 – 31, 2015 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

**Whereas**, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 88% to 90%; and

**Whereas**, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

**Now Therefore** **Be It Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden declares it’s support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 18 – 31, 2015 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-249**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REFUND OF DEPOSITS

FROM THE 2015 ONLINE TAX SALE

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2015 an On-Line Tax Sale was conducted by Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector of the City of Linden and;

WHEREAS, due to multiple unsuccessful bidders, permission is requested to refund all deposits from the Tax Sale Account held by the Tax Collector and;

WHEREAS, due to said circumstances, the City is desirous of refunding said monies:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN as follows:

1. The Municipal Attorney has directed the Tax Collector to refund

all monies being held in the Tax Sale Account.

1. This resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2015-250**

**RESOLUTION FOR STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF CITYWIDE FIRST RESPONDER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; for citywide first responder emergency communication system from Motorola Solutions, Inc. , an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and,

**WHEREAS**, Motorola Solutions, Inc., 5 Paragon Drive, Suite 200, Montvale, NJ 07645 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 83909 for radio communication equipment and accessories ; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best means available to obtain services for; and,

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the service is not to exceed $1,932,251.88; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-902-622-919; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Motorola Solutions, Inc. be awarded a contract for a term of one year or until new awards are made; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor, Council President, City Clerk and/or such other city officials as is necessary and proper be authorized to execute such documents as necessary to implement this resolution.

**Pat Hero, 1009 Wheatsheaf Road. Ms. Hero questioned why, in resolution #243, Linden Property Holdings was not hiring T&M Associates, and the City was. Mr. Antonelli explained and noted that they are reimbursing the City the cost.**

**Regarding resolutions #245 and #246 Ms. Hero congratulated Mr. Colicchio and the basketball team on their accomplishments.**

**Regarding resolutions #250 Mr. Bodek explained, in responses to Ms. Hero, what a State Contract Purchase was. Chief Dooley explained the cost of the system, why it was so expensive, and what departments would be using the equipment.**

**Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of Resolutions #2015-243, #2015-245, #2015-246 and #2015-250. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.**

**The Clerk read the following resolution, into the record, as it was not summarized on the agenda.**

**RESOLUTION: 2015-251**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THE RODGERS GROUP, LLC FOR THE RETENTION OF CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST IN SECURING STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE ACCREDITATION**

**WHEREAS,** sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on June 16,

2015 for the retention of consulting services to assist in securing State Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation; and

**WHEREAS,** a notice to bidders for said purpose was properly and legally advertised in the official publication(s); and

**WHEREAS**, The Rodgers Group, LLC was the only bidder at their bid of $66,420.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that Council pass a Resolution authorizing the award of contracts.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. T-03-56-802-100-019 ($47,000.00) and 5-01-25-250-314-265 ($19,420.00);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** as follows:

1. A contract is awarded to The Rodgers Group, LLC at their bid of $66,420.00.

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between The Rodgers Group, LLC and the City of Linden.

3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

After the Clerk read the resolution he noted that the one account being used was a confiscated funds account, whose use was authorized by the Union County Prosecutor.

**Pat Hero, 1009 Wheatsheaf Road. Chief Schulhafer explained the accreditation, it’s process and what the Rodgers Group would be doing. Ms. Hero noted her objections to confiscated funds.**

**Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of Resolution #2015-251. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.**

**ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

President Alvarez announced that public comment would be permitted on the ordinances on First Reading, however the Council does not answer questions or respond to comment.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#59-29 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF $82,500.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PICK UP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND TURF TRACTOR FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $78,375.00 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST.**

President Alvarez asked if there were comments from the public.

Was introduced by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling seconded by Mr. Beyer, the foregoing Ordinance was on a roll call vote unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**59-30 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF $99,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PORTABLE TRUCK LIFTS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $94,050.00 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST.**

President Alvarez asked if there were comments from the public.

Was introduced by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling seconded by Mr. Beyer, the foregoing Ordinance was on a roll call vote unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

* 1. **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF $497,200.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN AUTOMATED SANITATION TRUCK AND SANITATION CONTAINERS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $472,340.00 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST.**

President Alvarez asked if there were comments from the public.

**Patti Murgo, Grier Avenue. Ms. Murgo noted the total amount of dollars authorized in the last three ordinances, and expressed the opinion that it was an awful lot of money, and that she hoped it would be saving us money down the road.**

Was introduced by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling seconded by Mr. Beyer, the foregoing Ordinance was on a roll call vote unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

* 1. **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER XVII, SEWER AND WATER, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999,” PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED.**

**AMEND SECTION 17-14, CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION.**

President Alvarez asked if there were comments from the public.

Was introduced by Mr. Minarchenko and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Minarchenko seconded by Mr. Beyer, the foregoing Ordinance was on a roll call vote unanimously ordered approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Alvarez read the rules under which public comment would be allowed.

Judy Miller, Fernwood Terrace. Ms. Miller stated that she would like to receive a Ninth or Tenth Ward newsletter and the reasons why. She added that since she does not have Facebook, she misses information that is provided there. Next she spoke about attending a meeting, at the Library, and spoke to three gentlemen about yard waste, and that she still does not know what to do with her yard waste. She pointed out the difficulty she was having in disposing of yard waste. Lastly Ms. Miller asked why the S.I.D’s resolution was pulled. Mr. Medina spoke about the newsletter and invited anyone wishing to receive the 9th Ward newsletter to send him an email and he will provide it by email. President Alvarez asked that Public Works provide Ms. Miller a schedule for the pickup of yard waste.

Pat Hero, 1009 Wheatsheaf Rd. Ms. Hero stated that she was dedicating her speech to two individuals, Rubin Henry Armstead and Mary Hero. Ms. Hero spoke about the many attributes of Mr. Armstead and how, as an older individual, servicing a mostly Polish community, he learned to speak Polish. She spoke about how loved Mr. Armstead was. Next Ms. Hero spoke about her Aunt Mary Hero, how she was the matriarch of the Hero family, and how hard it was to say goodbye to her. She spoke about her aunt’s service to the community, her party and her church. Next Ms. Hero spoke on the S.I.D. issue, the problems in Rahway, with the expansion of the S.I.D. and property owners filing a lawsuit to stop it. She provided comments on the purchase of the exercise equipment.

There being no further members of the public wishing to speak, Mr. Brown moved to close the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Minarchenko, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMENTS BY THE GOVERNING BODY**

President Alvarez stated that he would be providing one minute to any member of the governing body who has something to say. He noted that the representatives of the 3rd, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th wards had comments to make.

Mr. Brown stated that he was going to address the issue of the exercise equipment raised by Ms. Hero. He explained the process for the funds to be approved through the budget process, and that it did not provide the department heads with a free pass to but what they wanted. Regarding the expansion of S.I.D. he provided a quote regarding taking action and noted that the Mayor has been talking about the expansion of S.I.D. since January. President Alvarez stopped Mr. Brown, as his minute was up. Mr. Brown objected and stated that he would post his response on Facebook.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling stated that for those who do not have Facebook, she noted that the City is looking to use U.C. First Alert more frequently, to alert residents to thinks that are happening in the City. Mrs. Coby-Hurling and Mrs. Hickey were looking into how the use could be expanded and how the system works. She noted that she also has an email list for distribution of her newsletter.

Mr. Minarchenko offered his condolences to the Hero family and the Gurcheck family, as he knew them very well. Regarding S.I.D. he stated that he was not against the expansion, but are trying to obtain information relative to the study, such as how much it is going to cost.

Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about Ms. Hero comments on the Rahway S.I.D. and that is why the City needs to do a study, before it moves forward with the S.I.D. She noted that it was first brought up, by the Mayor, at the January meeting, and the can is getting kicked down the road. She added that the City does need to get a price on the cost of the study, and she hoped that that information would be available by next month.

Mr. Medina explained that he had voted yes to the exercise equipment as he believed it was providing a service to the residents of Linden. He offered his condolence to the Hero family. He also expressed his condolence to Mayor Armstead, and that he had met the Mayor’s father and he was a hard working gentlemen and was still working for his community at the age of 84.

Mrs. Hickey stated that she also is not against the S.I.D. II program. She said she wanted to investigate it further, and expressed her concern over how the S.I.D. I program was operating, and how Wood Ave looks. She is concerned about the Council not doing its homework. She noted her problems with the resolutions that was pulled.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President Alvarez announced that the next Council Meetings will be as follows:**

**\*Council Conference meeting:**

**Monday, July 20, 2015, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Conference Room,**

**City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**\*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting:**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**\*Council Meeting:**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk