**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2016 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**December 20, 2016**

The regular meeting of the 2016 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm The meeting was called to order by Council President 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 Jorge 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:

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Lisa Ormon

Councilman Donald Beyer

“ Peter Brown

“ Monty Brooks

Councilwoman Cosby-Hurling

Councilman Robert Sadowski

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Medina moved for approval of the minutes of the November 22, 2016 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Recognizing the services of Councilman Donald Beyer**

Mayor Armstead and Council President Alvarez presented Councilman Beyer with a resolution honoring him for his service, as Councilman, and thanked him for his service to the residents of the Second Ward and the City of Linden. President Alvarez spoke about how difficult the job was in being an elected official and the responsibility that those individuals have to people they serve. Mr. Beyer spoke about how it was an honor and privilege to have served on this Council. He then spoke about some of the things that he accomplished. He thanked the members of Council for working with him over the past three years.

**Recognizing Bruce Jenkins as 2016 Fifth Ward Good Neighbor**

President Alvarez called upon Mrs. Cosby-Hurling. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling announce that Mr. Jenkins was not able to be present this evening, so she would hand deliver the resolution to him. She thanked Mr. Jenkins for being a Fifth Ward Good neighbor, and spoke about the reasons that Mr. Jenkins was being recognized. She stated that she had also purchased a pair of binoculars for Mr. Jenkins so that he could further his neighborhood watch efforts. She thanked him for his service to the Community. Mayor Armstead spoke about his long relationship with Mr. Jenkins, how Mr. Jenkins was an all-around great guy, and Mr. Jenkins long relationship with the Armstead family.

**2016 Employee of the Year Roxy B. Billups, Jr.**

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling asked Mr. Roxy Billups to come forward and be recognized as 2016 Employee of the year. She spoke about the reasons that the Personnel Committee implemented this concept. She noted that Mr. Billups was nominated by a co-worker. She congratulated Mr. Billups on his selection. Mayor Armstead spoke about his family’s history with Billups family.

**ORDINANCE CONTINUED FROM THE MEETING OF JULY 19, 2016**

#60-53Ordinance amending Chapter II, Department of Police, establishing the position of

Police Director and providing for the Directors duties and responsibilities.

Council President Alvarez noted that the ordinance would continue on the table.

Council President Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE CONTINUED FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2016**

#60-73An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter II, administration.

Delete Section 2-27.3 Division of Public Works, ADD New Section 2-28, Department of Public Works, as amended last month.

Council President 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 Council President Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. Council President 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, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by President Alvarez and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved with all voting in favor except Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sadowski, Mr. Strano, and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no.

**ORDINANCES ON HEARING**

Council President Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#60-77 An ordinance creating a Parking Authority in the City of Linden pursuant to P.L. 1948, c.198 (Parking Authority Law)

Council President 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 Council President Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. Council President 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 defeated with all voting in favor except Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Sadowski, Mr. Strano, and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no.

Council President Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#60-78 An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-14.4, Parking for Fire Department Use Only, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

ADD:

Name of Street Side Location

E. Linden Avenue South From the projected curbline of S.

Wood Avenue to a point 175 feet

easterly

E. Morris Avenue North From the projected curbline of S.

Wood Avenue to a point 135 feet

easterly

S. Wood Avenue East From a point 75 feet from the

Projected curbline of E. Morris

Avenue to a point northerly

Council President 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 Council President Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. Council President 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, Mrs. Yamakaitis moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks and on a roll call vote the ordinance was unanimously ordered approved.

Council President Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#60-79 An Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance establishing a schedule of titles, salary ranges and regulations for maintaining the classification and salary standardization plan of all employees of the City of Linden.

Amending and modifying schedule 4-KK-7

Council President 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 Council President Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. Council President 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, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks and on a roll call was unanimously ordered approved.

Council President Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#60-80 An Ordinance amending the Redevelopment Plan for the St. Georges Avenue Redevelopment Area – Phase II (amending use on certain parcels with the Redevelopment Area)

Mrs. Ormon moved to table Ordinance #60-80. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beyer and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Council President Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#60-81 An Ordinance to amend the Redevelopment Plan for the Linden Theater Redevelopment Area, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (revising the Redevelopment Plan)

Council President 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 Council President Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. Council President 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, Mrs. Ormon 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.

Council President Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#60-82 An Ordinance amending Chapter II, Administration of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999, as amended pertaining to background checks of certain employees and volunteers in the city of Linden.

Delete Paragraph 1 of Section 2-27.4.1 in its entirety and add new Paragraph 1 of Section 2-27.4.1

Delete Paragraph 4 of Section 2-27.4.3 in its entirety.

Council President 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 Council President Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. Council President 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, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was unanimously ordered approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(\*\*\*)** The amount of money collected during the month of November 2016 and turned over to the

1. treasurer’s office is as follows:

2017 Taxes $81,002.67

2016 Taxes $22,918,028.14

2015 Taxes $1,357.29

Garbage Fee Payments $85,656.29

Garbage Fee Penalty $6,710.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $1,577.46

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $0.00

Year End Penalty $0.00

Returned Check Fee Paid $60.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $20.00

Returned Check 2017 (14.94)

Returned Check 2016 ($12,942.03)

Returned Check Interest ($27.19)

Returned Online Payment 2016 Taxes ($5,229.37)

Returned Online Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($120.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($10.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $0.00

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $1,000.00

DPW Reso payments $150.00

Interest $29,713.98

Total $23,106,932.30

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 & 2016 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium**

25 7 11/10/16 15-00015 $1,900.00

52 12 11/10/16 15-00029 $1,300.00

53 4 12/2/16 15-00031 $1,000.00

103 20 11/10/16 15-00061 $1,900.00

148 7 11/10/16 15-00099 $1,800.00

149 21 11/10/16 15-00101 $1,300.00

167 6 11/10/16 15-00113 $1,900.00

192 14 11/10/16 15-00128 $1,800.00

212 6 11/23/16 13-00257 $1,300.00

238 34 11/10/16 15-00164 $1,300.00

291 8 11/10/16 15-00179 $1,400.00

377 13 11/10/16 15-00216 $1,300.00

385 23 11/10/16 15-00225 $1,700.00

471 13.02 11/10/16 15-00268 $4,000.00

472 20 11/29/16 15-00269 $13,900.00

475 31 11/10/16 15-00275 $2,400.00

495 12 11/10/16 15-00286 $1,200.00

506 9 11/10/16 15-00291 $1,300.00

507 12 11/10/16 15-00294 $1,300.00

547 10 11/10/16 15-00318 $25,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the

amount of $69,900.00 payable to: MTAG Cust Fig Cap Invest NJ, 13, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

35 18 11/10/16 15-00021 $800.00

209 28 11/10/16 15-00145 $1,200.00

455 5 11/22/16 15-00258 $35,800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $37,800.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC6, LLC Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

47 10 12/2/16 14-00041 $900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $900.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC5 Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**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**

51 3 12/1/16 07-00023 $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: The Approved Realty Group, P.O Box 869, Lakewood, NJ 08701 charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

62 2 11/10/16 15-00033 $200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $200.00 payable to: Actlien Holding, US Bank Cust, Actlien Holding, Tower DBW VI 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

75 16 12/2/16 15-00045 $1,000.00

107 12 11/10/16 15-00066 $1,500.00

108 1 12/9/16 15-00068 $1,100.00

213 8 11/10/16 15-00148 $1,000.00

333 14 11/10/16 15-00200 $1,100.00

359 10 11/10/16 15-00209 $1,000.00

419 35 12/2/16 15-00241 $1,000.00

439 70 11/10/16 15-00249 $1,300.00

547 20 12/2/16 15-00319 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $10,000.00 payable to: FWDSL & Associates, LP, Attention: Jared Cucci, 17 W. Cliff Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale Please see municipality spelling correction**

Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

100 11 11/9/16 13-00124 $30,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $30,000.00 payable to: 72 Oak Street Holdings, LLC, P.O. Box 653, **Montvale,** NJ 07645, charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

141 5 11/10/16 15-00093 $200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $200.00 payable to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC., 575 Route #-7, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 103, Brick, NJ 08723, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**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**

297 8 12/1/16 13-00298 $800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $800.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for Pro Cap 4 & Crdtrs, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

309 2 12/2/16 15-00191 $3,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $3,600.00 payable to: KCC Promised Lands, LLC, 2560 Route 22 East, # 175, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

377 28 11/30/16 14-00255 $45,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $45,100.00 payable to: PFS Financial 1, LLC US Bank Custodian, 50 South 16th Street-Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Credit Balance** Cheryl A. Bragg, Block 156 Lot 3 - 719 Harrison Place

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lots due to the owner and the mortgage company paying creating the overpayment in the amount of $116.44 on the 2016 4th quarter.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $116.44 payable to: Cheryl A. Bragg, 719 Harrison Place, Linden NJ 07036, charging same to account #-6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit Balance** Helen Cubala, Block 191 Lot 7 - 217 11st Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lots due to the owner paying online and again at the Tax Collectors window creating the overpayment in the amount of $1,868.47.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,868.47 payable to: Helen Cubala, 217 1st Avenue, NJ 07036, charging same to account #-6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit Balance** Marina Shiplova, Block 201 Lot 11 C0302 - 102 E. Elizabeth Avenue, Unit#-302

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lots due to the Title Agency overpaying the 2016 3rd quarter property taxed creating the overpayment in the amount of $816.81.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $816.81 payable to: Marina Shiplova. 102 E. Elizabeth Avenue, Unit # 302, Linden NJ 07036, charging same to account #-6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Veteran’s Deduction** Cancellation & Refund of Property Taxes - Block 305 Lot 13

Donald Lombardi, 231 Yale Terrace

This property owner has been deemed a 100% Disabled Veteran by the V.A. as of July 21, 2016. Mr. Lombardi is entitled to the 100% Disabled Veteran Status for part of 2016 per Michael Frangella. The following is the amount billed that needs to be cancelled for 2016. This will be tax exempt going further. The property owner is entitled to a refund in the amount of $3,909.68

Partial 2015 July 21, 2016- December 31, 2016 **Refund $3,909.68**

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $3,909.68 payable to: Donald Lombardi, 231 Yale Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #-6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 447 Lot 3.04, Mark Hunt - 130 Liberty Avenue

The above referenced owner’s old Mortgage Company and owner’s new mortgage company have paid a partial payment on the 2016 4th quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the new owner’s mortgage company is entitled a refund in the amount of $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: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Tax/Escrow Dept, 1661 Worthington Road, Suite #-100, West Palm Beach, FL 33409, charging same to # 6-01-55-288-999-904.

**County Board Judgment** Block 40, Lot 3 - St. Georges/ Linden Ctr Associates

1600 E. St George Avenue

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a County Board Judgment reducing the assessment by 375,500 for the tax years 2012, 2013 & 2016 creating a total overpayment of $68,209.58 ($21,418.52, $22,285.93 & $24,505.13).

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $68,209.58 payable to: Bruce J. Stavitsky, Esq & St. Georges/Linden Center Assocaites, LP, 350 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, NJ 07004, charging same to account #6-01-55-275-999-000.

**County Board Judgment** Block 338, Lot 5 - BBP Real Estate, LLC

324-340 W. St. George Avenue

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a County Board Judgment reducing the assessment by 125,000 for the tax years 2014, 2015 & 2016 creating a total overpayment of $23,697.50 ($7,693.75 , $7,46.25 & 8,157.50).

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $23,697.50 payable to: Zipp, Tannenbaum & Caccavelli, LLC Attorney Trust Account, 280 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837, charging same to account #6-01-55-275-999-000.

**County Board Judgment** Block 432 Lot 2.01 - NELS Property Holdings, LLC

2400 E. Linden Avenue

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a County Board Judgment reducing the assessment by 639,500 for 2015 & 723,600 for 2016 creating a total overpayment of $87,363.56 ($40,141.42 & 47,222.14).

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $87,363.56 payable to: Greer Scocca & Lau, LLC, Attorney Trust Account and NELS Holdings, LLC, 525Route # 73, Suite #-309, Marlton, NJ 08053, charging same to account #6-01-55-275-999-000.

**Tax Court Judgment** Block 436 Lot 6 - 1420 E. Linden Avenue Realty, LLC

1420 E. Linden Avenue

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a Tax Court of New Jersey judgment reducing the assessment by 51,700 for the tax years 2013 & 2014 creating a total overpayment of $6,250.54 ($3,068.40 & 3,182.14).

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $6,250.54 payable to: Michael I. Schneck, Trustee for 1420 E. Linden Avenue Realty, LLC, 301 South Livingston Avenue, Suite #105, Livingston, NJ 07039 charging same to account #6-01-55-275-999-000.

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

1. Requesting approval of the following reimbursements:
   1. Oscar Ins Corp is entitled to a refund in the amount of $348.54 for service that was provided on 7/12/2016.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to Oscar Ins Corp, PO Box 278, New York, NY 10013 charging same to 6-01-08-629-011.

* 1. United Healthcare Ins. Co is entitled to a refund in the amount of $481.37 for service that was provided on 6/29/2016.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: United Healthcare Ins. Co., PO Box 740800, Atlanta, GA 30374 charging same to 6-01-08-629-011.

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

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

Department Employee Title Date

Public Property Wayne Olesinski Sr. Rec. Maint. Worker Dec. 1, 2016

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

1. Advising that under Chapter 88, 54 & 436, the City of Linden reimburses

retired employees for the monthly premiums which the retiree paid to Social Securityfor his/her Part B coverage, and that of his/her spouse, under the Federal Medicare Program. Total reimbursements $226,134.50. (List is on file in the City Clerk’s Office).

Mr. Beyer moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, Items #1 through #4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

First Ward

Mrs. Ormon expressed her deepest condolences to the Kabala and Kroboth families on the loss of their loved ones. She asked all to keep the families in their thoughts and prayers. Next she spoke about the trees that were cut down in the First Ward, and the grinding of the stumps was still ongoing. She noted that tree planting has been suspended and will resume in the spring. Next she spoke about the placing of holiday lights on City trees. She explained what a city tree was, and that there is an ordinance prohibiting the placing of lights on those trees. She also asked residents to refrain from placing mulch around City trees.

Mrs. Ormon noted that several streets, in the First Ward, were being considered for paving, and she would have a final list by February/March. She spoke about the virtual neighborhood watch, and that the Mayor would further details on it. Lastly she spoke about the past twelve months, how fast they have gone by, and thanked the residents of the First Ward for welcoming her into their homes and hearts. She wished all a wonderful holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Second Ward

Mr. Beyer gave the report of the Construction Code Department. They issued 203 permits, 98 certificates and collected $655,403.00 in fees for the month of November. Mr. Beyer wished all a happy holiday, and to be happy. He spoke about himself and that he will be staying active and a part of our community.

Third Ward

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

1. The payment of bills totaling $1,569,342.24 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 November at the rate of .15%

Mr. Brown moved for approval of the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and Mrs. Hickey abstaining.

Fourth Ward

Mr. Brooks wished all Happy Holidays to all. He asked all to enjoy the holiday, their families and their friends. He thanked all for the opportunity to serve and urged residents to keep the phone calls coming, as they let him know what is going on in the Ward. Mr. Brooks thanked those Fourth Ward residents who attended the community meeting on December 1st. He concluded by telling all to be safe, and to enjoy their families.

Fifth Ward

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling gave the following Personnel Report:

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| **December 20,2016 Personnel Report** | | **Councilwoman Cosby-Hurling Chairperson** | |  | | |  | |
| Pending successful completion of the City’s Pre employment requirements | | | | | |  | | |
| **Hire** | **Title** | | **Salary** | | **Dept** | | | **Effective** |
| Paulina Pereira | Probational Police Officer | | $40,000 | | Police | | | 12/17/16 |
| Mikael Diaz | Probational Police Officer | | $40,000 | | Police | | | 12/17/16 |
| Victoria Vazquez | Probational Police Officer | | $40,000 | | Police | | | 12/17/16 |
| Kevin Stanicki | Probational Police Officer | | $40,000 | | Police | | | 12/17/16 |
| George Soberal | Probational Police Officer | | $40,000 | | Police | | | 12/17/16 |
| Michelle Bonilla | Probational Police Officer | | $40,000 | | Police | | | 12/17/16 |
| Ryan Zaccaro | Probational Police Officer | | $40,000 | | Police | | | 12/17/16 |
| Paul Tarnawski | Per Diem Public Safety Telecommunicator | | $15.00 per hour | | Police | | | 12/27/16 |
| **Season Staff Hiring** |  | |  | |  | | |  |
| Austin Frank | Day Camp/Playground Supervisor | | $20.00 per hour | | Recreation | | | 12/20/16 |
| Jennifer MacDonald | Day Camp/Playground Supervisor | | $25.00 per hour | | Recreation | | | 12/20/16 |
| Ronald Green | Recreation Leader | | $12.00 per hour | | Recreation | | | 12/20/16 |
| Aderson S. Germain | Recreation Leader | | $12.00 per hour | | Recreation | | | 12/20/16 |
| **Separation of Employment** |  | |  | |  | | |  |
| Viviana Bertani | Clerk 1 Bi-Lingual Spanish | |  | | Clerk | | | 12/22/16 |
| Ryan Slovinski | Parking Enforcement Officer | |  | | Police | | | 12/02/16 |
| Wayne Hanns Jr | Police Officer | |  | | Police | | | 12/15/16 |
| **FMLA - NJ FLA** |  | |  | |  | | |  |
| Employee 000848 |  | |  | | Fire | | | 10/26/16 to 1/11/17 |
| Employee 000358 |  | |  | | Fire | | | 11/1/16 to 2/1/17 |
| Employee 909203 |  | |  | | Court | | | 12/19/17 to 1/20/17 |
| **Advertise Employment Opportunities** |  | |  | |  | | |  |
| Clerk 1 Bi-Lingual Spanish | Applications due 1-10-17 | | $34,548 | | Clerk | | |  |
| Clerk 1 Records Bureau | Applications due 1-10-17 | | $34,548 | | Police | | |  |
| Parking Enforcement Officer | Applications due 1-10-17 | | $34,548 | | Police | | |  |
| **5** Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee Full Time | Applications due 1-10-17 | | $35,000 | | Police | | |  |
| **Administrative** |  | |  | |  | | |  |
| Chelsea A. Libreros- Cortes | Part Time Clerk 1 | | increase hours; not to exceed 29 | | Clerk | | | 12-20-16 to 1-17-17 |
| **Approval of Carry over time requested; to be used before April 1, 2017** | | | |  | | | | |
| Rebecca Kerins-Tattoli | 2 Vacation days | |  | | Mayor | | |  |
| Nancy Koblis | 5 Vacation days | |  | | Board of Health | | |  |
| Michael Frangella | 3 Vacation days | |  | | Tax Assessor | | |  |
| Mary Ellen Tango | 4 Vacation days | |  | | City Welfare | | |  |
| Paula Salerno | 2 Vacation days | |  | | Clerk | | |  |
| Jennifer Honan | 3.5 Vacation day | |  | | Clerk | | |  |
| Joseph Bodek | 4.5 Vacation days | |  | | Clerk | | |  |
| Angelo Antanasio | 3 Vacation days | |  | | DPW | | |  |
| Daniel Frankel | 3 Vacation days | |  | | DPW | | |  |
| Oscar Goff | 3 Vacation days | |  | | DPW | | |  |
| Craig Lampert | 3 Vacation days | |  | | DPW | | |  |
| Alexandro Primavera | 3 Vacation days | |  | | DPW | | |  |
| Frank Miccucci | 7 Vacation days | |  | | DPW | | |  |
| Mark Orcutt | 3 Vacation days | |  | | DPW | | |  |
| Michael Rizzo | 2 Vacation days | |  | | Police | | |  |
| Nicholas Philippakos | 5.5 Holiday+4.5 Vacation | |  | | Police | | |  |
| Aneesha Jones | 4 Vacation days | |  | | Police | | |  |
|  |  | |  | |  | | |  |
| Jeffrey Anderson | 5 Holiday+1.5 vacation | |  | | Police | | |  |
| **Approval of Carry over time requested; to be used before April 1, 2017** | | | |  | | | | |
| Daniel Diaz | 6 Holiday+4 vacation | |  | | Police | | |  |
| Angel Padilla | 3 Holiday+ 4 vacation | |  | | Police | | |  |
| Jeffrey Searles | 3 Holiday+6 vacation | |  | | Police | | |  |
| Robert Smith Jr. | 1 Holiday+ 1 vacation | |  | | Police | | |  |
| Oliveira-Mendes | 2 Holiday+ 2 vacation | |  | | Police | | |  |
| Mark Kahana | 4 Vacation Days | |  | | Police | | |  |
| Joseph Kaulfers | 3 Vacation days | |  | | Police | | |  |
| Abdul Williams | 2 Vacation days | |  | | Police | | |  |
| Andrew Bara | 1 Holiday | |  | | Police | | |  |
| James Sarnicki | 5 Holiday+5 vacation | |  | | Police | | |  |
| David Hart | 3 Vacation days | |  | | Police | | |  |

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for approval of the Personnel report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks and was ordered approved, by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no to the seasonal hires.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling stated that Ordinance #60-73, creating the Department of Public Works was approved, as well as Salary Ordinance #60-79. Since there is now a separate Department of Public Works it needed a leader. She then moved to name Frank Micucci provisional head of Public Works, until a test is called. Mr. Brown asked for a point of order. President Alvarez recognized Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown noted that the ordinance does not take effect upon approval by council, therefore Mrs. Cosby-Hurling’s motion was out of order. He also noted this appointment had not been discussed by council. Mr. Antonelli responded that while the ordinance was approved by Council the Mayor has the ability to veto it, if he so choses. Therefore until the Mayor takes action, there is position to be filled. President Alvarez noted the appointment is provisional, and therefore does not need the ordinance. Mr. Antonelli responded that without the ordinance there is no position. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling apologized and stated that she was just thinking ahead. She spoke about her hope that these ordinances do not get vetoed. She compared it to having a provisional police chief.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling wished all a happy holiday, which ever holiday they celebrate. She added that she would save the rest of her report, a wrap up of 2016 for 2017, when she took the oath of office for her third term.

Sixth Ward

Mr. Sadowski wished all a happy holiday, noted several of them, and stated that all should have a good holiday season. Mr. Sadowski gave the report of the City Clerk’s office, where $3053.68 was collected for the month of November 2016. Next he provided an update on the operations on the Linden-Roselle Sewerage Authority.

Mr. Sadowski about issues related to trucks using residential streets. The police had setup a sting, and issued a number of summons to trucks using residential streets. He then reported that the mailbox on Cedar Ave will be replaced.

Mr. Sadowski wished Don Beyer his best, and noted it was a pleasure serving with him.

Seventh Ward

Mr. Strano informed all that there is a change in the garbage schedules from what was printed. He noted that while the schedule calls for a pickup on December 23, 2016, that would not be occurring. He then reviewed the revised schedule for all residents. He apologized for any inconvenience this caused. Mr. Strano wished Mr. Beyer’s well in his future endeavors and al have a happy and safe holiday.

Eighth Ward.

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave the report of the Fire Committee. The Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of $5,253.55 for the month of November 2016. The ambulance reimbursement system collected a total of $53,221.31 for the month of November 2016, bringing the year to date total of $611,972.52. She reviewed a list of items from the Linden FMBA 34 and 234 of various community service projects they have undertaken. Of particular note was their work with the Toys for Tots campaign, and spoke about the efforts of firefighter Mike Jackson and Linden Welfare Director Maryellen Tango to make sure the list of Linden’s less fortunate residents gets fulfilled. She thanked Mrs. Tango and the Linden Fire Department.

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave the report of the Eighth Ward, noting that Linden Ave has finally been paved. In the spring of 2017 the County of Union would be paving an additional section of Linden Ave. She then announced that she is awaiting the demolition of Park Plastics, which should occur any day now, and provided a status update.

Mrs. Yamakaitis wish all a happy holiday and a safe and prosperous new year.

Ninth Ward

Mr. Medina wished Deputy Clerk Jennifer Honan a happy belated birthday. He noted how hard she works for the residents of Linden.

Mr. Medina thanked the Walmart store manager for his help with providing toys for the Linden Presbyterian Church. He detailed what the manager, Dave, did to brighten the holidays of twenty-eight Linden kids, from all wards. He also thanked the Reverend Weaver.

Mr. Medina gave a Ninth Ward report, noting that there will be a few streets in the Ninth Ward paved in 2017. He thought that 2017 would be a good year. He then spoke about the loss of families and friends, especially around the holidays. He asked all to pray for these families and not to be ashamed to say that you love someone, because tomorrow is never guaranteed. He wished all a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Tenth Ward

Mrs. Hickey spoke about the gas line replacement taking place in the Tenth Ward. She added that she has some money reserved, in the budget, for next year, when phase one and phase two of this work is finished. Mrs. Hickey announced that on January 28, 2017, the Linden Housing Authority would be hosting its annual casino night. She explained what the funds would be used for and how to obtain tickets.

Mrs. Hickey spoke about the department of public works and how there are many employees who have worked their way up through the ranks and are responsible and well deserved personal to head the ship. She said that she wanted to make sure that the employees are treated properly. Next she spoke about the ROTC raffle and the efforts of her son, Patrick, and Brendan Birch. Mrs. Hickey talked about how amazing the ROTC program was.

Mrs. Hickey recognized Anthony Wohlrab, her sister Jennifer Brook, and Natile Sybilski for the time they have given to collecting presents for needy families in Linden, and the Christmas Caroling efforts of Mr. Wohlrab. She offered her congratulations to Mr. Billups on being chosen Employee of the Year, 2016, and wished good luck to Councilman Beyer, noting it was a pleasure working with him. She wished all happy holidays.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead congratulated the six individuals who recently completed their training to become police officers. He noted that one of the Linden Officer, Raymond Wegrzynek, received the prestigious John Stamler Award, from his peers at the Police Academy. Next he thanked the Chief for moving forward with the virtual block watch program. He thanked all of the City employees and residents who came together to hold the City’s First Annual Block Party. He spoke about the success the party was.

Mayor Armstead wished Councilman Beyer well in his future endeavors, and spoke about the amount of time that elected officials give up, from their families. He thanked Mr. Beyer for his dedication to the City. He concluded by wishing all happy holidays, and prosperous new year. He urged all not to forget the intentions of these holidays.

President Alvarez wished all a Merry Christmas, and happy holidays. He spoke about Mr. Beyer and wished him well.

**RESOLUTIONS**

President Alvarez announced:

Public comments 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.

No members of the public asked to remove a resolution.

Mr. Brooks moved to approve Resolutions #2016-406 through #2016-433. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who abstained on Resolutions #2016-414 and #2016-415; Mr. Strano who abstained on Resolution #2016-407; and Mrs. Hickey who abstained on resolution #2016-414.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-406**

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| **CITY OF LINDEN** | | | |
| **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER 2016 APPROPRIATIONS** | | | |
| **BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, that the following transfers of 2016 appropriations be made in accordance with the provisions of Revised Statute 40A: 4-58. | | | |
|  | **CURRENT BUDGET** |  |  |
| From: | Social Security System - Other Expenses | $ 10,000.00 |  |
| To: | Payroll Services - Other Expenses |  | $ 10,000.00 |
| From: | Other Public Work Functions - Salaries & Wages | $ 142,700.00 |  |
| To: | Payment of BAN - Other Expenses |  | $ 100,000.00 |
| To: | Printing/Advertising - Other Expenses |  | $ 1,000.00 |
| To: | Purchasing - Other Expenses |  | $ 36,000.00 |
| To: | DCRP Contribution - Other Expenses |  | $ 5,700.00 |
| From: | Municipal Garage - Salaries & Wages | $ 100,000.00 |  |
| To: | Police Department - Salaries & Wages |  | $ 100,000.00 |
| From: | Other Public Work Functions - Other Expenses | $ 3,100.00 |  |
| To: | Street & Road Maintenance - Other Expenses |  | $ 3,100.00 |
|  | Total Transfers Needed: | $ 255,800.00 | $ 255,800.00 |

**RESOLUTION: 2016-407**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNION COUNTY DEER CONTROL PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the overpopulation of white-tailed deer in the Hawkrise Sanctuary and the Linden Municipal Landfill has resulted in overbrowsing of native vegetation in this largely undeveloped area; and

**WHEREAS**, the overpopulation impacts the Hawkrise Sanctuary and the Linden Municipal Landfill in the form of damage to greens and ornamental vegetation; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden feels it is in the best interests of the City to evoke services of individuals who are licensed hunters to remove deer from the Hawkrise Sanctuary and the Linden Municipal Landfill during the Permit Shotgun Season of 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden is aware that the County of Union has the resources and experience to manage same:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City Council hereby requests the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorize the County of Union staff to conduct deer management activity on the aforementioned City property, to remove white-tailed deer from said property, in the manner prescribed by the Fish and Game Code of the State of New Jersey, during the Permit Shotgun Season of 2017; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Linden authorizes the Acting Director of Public Property/Community Services to coordinate with the County of Union through the County Department of Parks and Community Renewal, to provide adequate oversight and coordination in the conduct of the deer removal activity, to maximize the success of their efforts while ensuring the safety of the Hawkrise Sanctuary and Linden Municipal Landfill users and neighbors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any deer which are harvested from Hawkrise Sanctuary as a result of this program, are the property and responsibility of said licensed hunters in accordance with the conduct of deer removal at Hawkrise Sanctuary and the Linden Municipal Landfill; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Chosen Freeholder of the County of Union, the County Manager, and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-408**

**RESOLUTION QUALIFYING CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017**

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) the City of Linden (the “City”), County of Union, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, instituted a policy to negotiate agreements for Professional Services on the basis of demonstrated confidence and qualifications for types of Professional Services required by the City pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

**WHEREAS,** the Purchasing Agent of the City of Linden has received in accordance with a published notice, sealed qualifications for various positions; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the fair and open process, and based upon review of the qualifications and recommendations therefore, certain professionals are qualified for certain positions for the calendar year 2017;

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**Psychological Services**

**Metropolitan Center for Forensic Pyschol**

**10 Ivy Lane**

**Englewood, NJ 07631**

**Computer Services**

**Pascack Data Services, Inc.**

**55 Harristown Road**

**Glen Rock, NJ 07452**

**710 Route #46**

**Fairfield, NJ 07004**

**Redevelopment Litigation Counsel Services**

**McManimon & Scotland, LLC**

**One Riverfront Plaza, Fourth Floor**

**Newark, NJ 07102-5408**

**Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader, LLC**

**218 Route #17 North**

**Suite 410**

**Rochelle Park, NJ 07662**

**Redevelopment Specialist Services**

**Greener by Design, LLC**

**94 Church Street**

**Suite 402**

**New Brunswick, NJ 08901**

**Housing Rehabilitation Consulting**

**Development Directions, LLC**

**2109 St. George Avenue**

**Rahway, NJ 07065**

**Special Counsel Services**

**Kologi Simitz Counsellors at Law**

**923 North Wood Avenue**

**Linden, NJ 07036**

**McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC**

**75 Livingston Avenue #201**

**Roseland, NJ 07068**

**Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader LLC**

**218 route 17 North**

**Rochelle Park, NJ 07662**

**Palumbo & Renaud & Deappolonio LLC**

**190 North Avenue**

**Cranford, NJ 07016**

**Florio Kenny Raval**

**5 Marine View Plaza**

**Suite 103**

**Hoboken, NJ 07030**

**La Corte, Bundy Varady & Kinsella**

**898 Bonnel Court**

**Union, NJ 07083**

**Goldenberg, Mackler Sayegh Mintz Pfeffer Bonchi Gill**

**660 New Road**

**Northfield, NJ 08225**

**Methfessel & Werbel**

**2025 Lincoln Highway Suite 200**

**PO Box 3012**

**Edison, NJ 08818**

**Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala Taylor, LLC**

**600 Parsippany Road**

**Suite 204**

**Parsippany, NJ 07054**

**Sobel Han, LLP**

**120 Sylvan Avenue**

**Suite 304**

**Engelwood Cliffs, NJ 07632**

**Insurance Commission Attorney Services**

**Jardim, Meiser & Susser PC**

**30B Vreeland Road Suite 201**

**Florham Park, NJ 07932**

**Methfessel & Werbel**

**2025 Lincoln Highway Suite 200**

**PO Box 3012**

**Edison, NJ 08818**

**Kologi Simitz Counsellors at Law**

**923 North Wood Avenue**

**Linden, NJ 07036**

**Environmental Litigation Attorney Services**

**McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC**

**75 Livingston Avenue**

**Roseland, NJ 07068**

**Retirement Services “The Hartford”**

**Wells Fargo Advisors**

**600 South Avenue**

**Westfield, NJ**

**Retirement Services “Voya Financial”**

**Voya Holdings Inc**

**One Orange Way**

**Windsor, CT 06095**

**EPG Brokerage**

**333 Thornall Street**

**Suite 9B**

**Edison, NJ 08837**

**Banking**

**Northfield Bank**

**501 N. Wood Avenue**

**Linden, NJ 07036**

**Ambulance Billing Services**

**Ambulance Reimbursement Systems, Inc.**

**5925 W. Tilghman Street Suite 1000**

**Allentown, PA 18104-9161**

**Debt Collection Services**

**Commercial Acceptance Company**

**2 W. Main Street**

**Shiremanstown, PA 17011-6326**

**Title Agency Services**

**Lafayette General Title Agency**

**614 Main Street**

**Toms River, NJ 08753**

**Performance Management Services**

**LA Harris Corporation**

**725 School Street 2227**

**Rahway, NJ 07065**

**Municipal Marketing Services**

**C2 Creative Group, Inc.**

**418 Spruce Street**

**Linden, NJ 07036**

**Direction Development**

**1340 Highway 36**

**Hazlet, NJ 07730**

**Bellweather LLC**

**10-16 46th Avenue #6**

**New York, NY 11101**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** thatin accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) on such basis as necessary, and for each of the approved and qualified vendors, a resolution approving each individual specific contract shall be considered by the Mayor and Council;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-409**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM EMAA FUNDING FOR FY16 ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden, on behalf of the Office of Emergency Management is

applying for funding from the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program EMAA for FY2016; and

**WHEREAS,** the Office of Emergency Management and the City of Linden is

desirous of applying for said grant;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF**

**THE CITY OF LINDEN** as follows:

1. That the City of Linden will accept the $9,400.00 grant on behalf of the local Office of Emergency Management, and provide that the $9,400.00 required non-federal match for the Emergency Management Performance Grant EMAA FY 2016 funding as the subgrantee from the from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police.

2. That the Mayor, City Clerk, Chief Financial Officer or other City Official

as required are hereby directed and empowered to execute any documents,

as needed, to effectuate the foregoing.

3. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-410**

**RESOLUTION** **APPOINTING RICHARD DAVIS AS DEPUTY**

**COORDINATOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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

That **RICHARD A. DAVIS**, Chief of Public Safety and Security Manager for the local Merck Plant, be and hereby is appointed as Deputy Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management for a three year term commencing December 1, 2016 and terminating November 30, 2019 or until his successor shall be appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-411**­

Resolution Authorizing Tax Collector

to forward monies to lien holders for Block 200 Lot16 C2036

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has held tax sales, where bidders purchased certificates, where the property owners have filed for bankruptcy, and

WHEREAS, the City has filed a proof of claim on behalf the lien holder, Amaco and Trustees have forwarded monies to the Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the monies should have been sent directly to the lien holders, for Block 200 Lot 16 C2036 in the amount of $503.44.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check from the Tax Collector Tax Sale Redemption Account in the amount of $503.44 to Amaco, 125 Rocky Boulevard # 623, Bear, DE, 19701.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-412**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SAILE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING & DESIGN, LLC**

**FOR CREATION OF A CLASSIFICATION EXEMPTION AREA AT the Municipal Garage, 1901 Lower Road**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for creation of a classification exemption area at the Municipal Garage, 1901 Lower Road; 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**, Saile Environmental Engineering & Design, LLC, 222 Yale Terrace, Linden, New Jersey 07036 submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid service for 2016, 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 or his designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to charged to Account No. C-04-55-905-588-919;

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

**LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Saile Environmental Engineering & Design, LLC, 222 Yale Terrace, Linden, New Jersey 07036 at a fee not to exceed $30,735.00 in accordance with their proposal dated October 26, 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Saile Environmental Engineering & Design, LLC 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 Saile Environmental Engineering & Design, LLC to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

# **RESOLUTION: 2016-413**

# **Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2016 Year End Holiday**

# **Crackdown**

**Whereas**, impaired drivers on our nation’s roads kill more than 10,000 people each year and cost our society more than $37 billion annually; and

**Whereas**, 29% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2014 were alcohol-related; and

**Whereas**, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

**Whereas**, the season at the end of the year is traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol; and

**Whereas**, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown*; and

**Whereas**, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 9, 2016 through January 1, 2017; and

**Whereas**, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden declares it’s support for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2016 Year End Holiday Crackdown* from December 9, 2016 through January 1, 2017 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-414**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** there were certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of November, 2016 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**

11/2/16 Worker’s Comp. claims 39,020.36

11/2/16 Medco claims 74,424.88

11/2/16 Payroll payroll 1,711,617.35

11/10/16 Worker’s Comp. claims 13,438.62

11/14/16 County of Union County taxes 7,520,707.59

11/14/16 County of Union open space 215,082.72

11/15/16 SHBP Retirees Nov. Health Premium 591,865.63

11/15/16 SHBP Active Sept. Health Premium 658,493.98

11/16/16 Worker’s Comp. claims 4,090.46

11/17/16 Vision Service Plan claims 4,126.22

11/17/16 Vision Service Plan claims 4,108.98

11/17/16 Medco claims 75,127.01

11/18/16 Payroll payroll 1,712,226.41

11/22/16 Worker’s Comp. claims 33,011.78

163876 11/22/16 Seal Plastics REPLACEMENT CHECK

163875 11/22/16 NJDMV title 60.00

11/23/16 Councilman Peter Brown Reimb. A.C. 251.05

11/23/16 Delta Dental Sept. Premium 37,824.41

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 3,058.67

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 1,347.45

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 831.74

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 136.98

11/23/16 Delta Dental Oct. Premium 37,941.69

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 2,939.22

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 1,347.45

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 831.74

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 136.98

11/23/16 Delta Dental Nov. Premium 37,776.89

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 3,846.63

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 1,767.95

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 1,190.09

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 136.98

11/23/16 Delta Dental Dec. Premium 38,801.20

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 3,264.52

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 1,692.29

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 951.19

11/23/16 Delta Dental “ 136.98

11/28/16 Medco claims 78,987.84

11/30/16 Worker’s Comp. claims 21,908.05

**TRUST**

11/2/16 Payroll payroll 109,469.50

11/18/16 Payroll payroll 40,461.00

**GRANT**

11/2/16 Payroll payroll 6,565.21

11/18/16 Payroll payroll 6,161.03

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

11/2/16 Payroll payroll 3,834.54

11/18/16 Payroll payroll 6,333.32

**CAPITAL**

11/2/16 Payroll payroll 497.49

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

11/2/16 Payroll payroll 123.65

11/18/16 Payroll payroll 102.29

**RESOLUTION: 2016-415**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT APPOINTING EDWARD KOLOGI, ESQ OF THE FIRM KOLOGI-SIMITZ**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden passed Resolution No. 2014-177 on April 15, 2014 retaining the services of Edward Kologi, Esq. of Kologi-Simitz to represent Councilman Peter Brown in the matter relating to charges filed by the Local Ethics Board in the Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** because of the ongoing nature of the services in this matter, there is a need for additional funds not to exceed $2,000.00 for legal services relative to the aforesaid matter; 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**, Kologi-Simitz submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures paid to date to Edward Kologi, Esq. for services rendered under the original or substantially related contract is $13,798.37.00; 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. 6-01-20-155-123-255;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that they do hereby approve the additional amount not to exceed $2,000.00 for services rendered by Kologi-Simitz.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amendatory contract documents between Kologi-Simitz 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 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: 2016-416**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT WITH CME ASSOCIATES FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK INVESTIGATION AT THE JOHN STREET MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden passed a resolution on July 16, 2013, No. 2013-263 retaining the services related to the underground storage tank investigation at John Street Multi-Purpose Center 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 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the ongoing nature of various work, it is necessary to provide for additional funds for said purpose in an amount not to exceed $168,904.00; 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 $246,190.00; 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 No. C-04-55-901-596-919 ($15,304.00), C-04-55-901-611-919 ($54,600.00), and C-04-55-901-658-919 ($99,000.00).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that they do hereby approve the additional amount not to exceed $168,904.00 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 agreements 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 copy of this Resolution be published according to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-417**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT WITH CME ASSOCIATES FOR THE DESIGN, PERMITTING AND INSPECTION OF TWO GENERATORS FOR CITY HALL AND THE JTG CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden passed Resolution, No. 2016-396 at the November 22, 2016 Council meeting amending a contract with CME Associates for the design, permitting and inspection of two generators for City Hall and the JTG Center; and

**WHEREAS**, said amount to be amended was incorrect; and

**WHEREAS**, an amended resolution is needed for said purpose;

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

1. A change in the total amended amount to reflect $34,000.00, for a total contract of $75,925.00 .

1. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-418**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THAT A LIEN** **BE PLACED**

**ON VARIOUS PREMISES FOR WORK COMPLETED BY THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC**

**PROPERTY AND DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** premises known and designated as follows have been the subject of

much controversy as said premises had a heavy growth of weeds, grass and debris thereon and/or unsafe and hazardous conditions; and

Block 78 Lot 11 1123 Hussa Street

Block 134 Lot 18 717 Union Street

Block 51 Lot 3/4 1212-1214 E. St. Georges Avenue

Block 438 Lot 1 1 Carteret Street

Block 112 Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue

Block 207 Lot 24 830 N. Wood Avenue

**WHEREAS,** proper notice has been provided to the owners of said properties to have said premises cleaned up, as this was in violation of a City Ordinance, and the owners have not complied with the request; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with City Ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto, the City may remove or cause to be removed said heavy growth of weeds, grass and debris when the owners have refused or neglected to do so; and

**WHEREAS,** the condition of said lots had become a health hazard and safety hazard, and for the best interests of the City of Linden it was necessary for the City of Linden to have said

properties cleaned up by the Department of Public Property and Division of Public Works employees at the cost as follows:

Block 78 Lot 11 1123 Hussa Street $360.00

Block 134 Lot 18 717 Union Street $300.00

Block 51Lot 3/4 1212-1214 E. St. Georges Avenue $210.00

Block 438 Lot 1 1 Carteret Street $480.00

Block 112Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue $1,560.00

Block 207Lot 24 830 N. Wood Avenue $750.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF** **LINDEN,** that it hereby directs the Receiver of Taxes to place a lien against the aforementioned properties, at the amount noted above, and such liens shall become and form part of the taxes levied upon such properties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the owners of the properties or their agent.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-419**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER YEAREND HOLIDAY**

**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 $5,000.00 from the State of New Jersey Law and Public Safety and wishes to amend its 2016 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 2016 in the sum of $5,000.00 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:

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER YEAR END HOLIDAY

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $5,000.00 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:

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER YEAR END HOLIDAY

**RESOLUTION: ­\_2016-420**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF BARRY JAVICK MEMBER OF THE LINDEN RENT LEVELING BOARD**

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

That **BARRY JAVICK,**  has tendered his resignation as a landlord member of the Rent Leveling Board and said resignation is hereby accepted effective as of December 20, 2016.

**RESOLUTION: ­\_2016-421**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF BARRY JAVICK MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

That **BARRY JAVICK,**  has tendered his resignation as a landlord member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and said resignation is hereby accepted effective as of December 20, 2016.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-422**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ANDREW BENO**

**AS MEMBER OF THE**

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

That **ANDREW BENO** residing in the City of Linden, New Jersey, be and he hereby is appointed as A Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Linden to serve the unexpired term of Richard Guerra for a term which commenced January 1, 2016 and terminating December 31, 2019, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualifies.

No member or alternate member shall be permitted to act on any matter in which he has directly or indirectly any personal or financial interest.

These appointments are made in accordance with Chapter 216, Laws of New Jersey, 1979 (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69).

All resolutions or ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-423**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ANTHONY PATTI**

**ALTERNATE MEMBER No. 1 TO THE**

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

That **ANTHONY PATTI** residing in the City of Linden, New Jersey, be and he hereby is appointed as Alternate Member No. 1 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Linden to serve the unexpired term of Barry E. Javick for a term which commenced January 1, 2016 and terminating December 31, 2017, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualifies.

Alternate members may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member. In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member is to vote, Alternate No. 1shall vote.

No member or alternate member shall be permitted to act on any matter in which he has directly or indirectly any personal or financial interest.

These appointments are made in accordance with Chapter 216, Laws of New Jersey, 1979 (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69).

All resolutions or ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-424**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RICHARD KOZIOL**

**ALTERNATE MEMBER No. 2 TO THE**

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

That **RICHARD KOZIOL** residing in the City of Linden, New Jersey, be and he hereby is appointed as Alternate Member No. 2 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Linden to serve the unexpired term of Andrew Beno for a term which commenced January 1, 2016 and terminating December 31, 2016, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualifies.

Alternate members may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member. In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member is to vote, Alternate No. 2 shall vote.

No member or alternate member shall be permitted to act on any matter in which he has directly or indirectly any personal or financial interest.

These appointments are made in accordance with Chapter 216, Laws of New Jersey, 1979 (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69).

All resolutions or ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-425**

**STATE CONTRACT RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL BODY CAMERAS AND THE REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM TASER INTERNATIONAL**

**WHEREAS,** a resolution was approved on September 16, 2015 (resolution: 2015-328) for an agreement between the County of Union and the City of Linden for the Union County Prosecutors Office to subsidize all first year cost of implementing a body-worn camera system in the Linden Police Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain additional body cameras and required infrastructure for the Police Department and from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey contract 81321 awarded to Taser International, 1700 N. 85th Street, Scottsdale Arizona 85255 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**, Taser International has been awarded Contract No 81321 for the provision of radio communications accessories and service; 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 $47,914.13 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-902-648-919.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Taser International 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: 2016-426**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2016-393 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PREMIUM MONIES**

**WHEREAS,** on November 22, 2016 City Council approved Resolution 2016-393 authorizing the cancelation of tax sale certificate premium monies; and

**WHEREAS**, a tax sale certificate #10-00031 on block 51 lot 2 was sold on June 3, 2011; and a tax sale certificate #-08-00038 on block 51 lot 2 was sold on June 3, 2009

**WHEREAS**, a premium of $ 10,000.00 (10-00031) & $ 300.00 (08-00038) were paid on these certificates; and

**WHEREAS,** said resolution contained a typographical error and shall be amended as follows: a premium of $10,000.00 (10-00031) & 100.00 (08-00038) were paid on these certificates; and

**WHEREAS**, Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector has verified that no redemption has taken place, and the lien holder of tax sale certificate #10-00031 TLR-VI, LLC has foreclosed on October 6, 2016 and recommends said premium, totaling $10,100.00, 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: 2016-427**

**Resolution Recognizing Bruce Jenkins as 2016**

**Good Neighbor in the Fifth Ward, City of Linden**

**WHEREAS,** Nelson Mandela once said “Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear;” and

**WHEREAS,** many of our fellow citizens have adopted this philosophy, doing things, not for recognition but as a statement about the type of community they want to live in; and

**WHEREAS,** Bruce Jenkins, a longtime resident of Linden, has quietly taken on the role block watch, looking out and reporting all suspicious activity, making his neighborhood, and the City of Linden a better place for its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Bruce Jenkins has assisted with the minimizing the level of fear felt by his neighbors and the reduction of litter thus, improving the overall quality of life, not just for himself and his family, but for the entire community; and

**WHEREAS,** Bruce’s unselfish actions have made the Fifth Ward a better place and Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby-Hurling wishes to acknowledge Bruce Jenkins as Good Neighbor for his initiative and consistence in helping to report these issues to the Linden Police and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden wish to express their heartfelt appreciation to Bruce Jenkins for his neighborhood watch efforts.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they hereby thank Bruce Jenkins for his unsolicited efforts that have made the area safer, for no other reason than the desire to have and maintain a safe and clean community and expressing the City’s gratitude for his efforts in making Linden a better place; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution be entered into the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden and that a copies be presented Bruce Jenkins in permanent recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-428**

**RESOLUTION HONORING DONALD BEYER FOR**

**HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS COUNCILMAN OF**

**THE SECOND WARD**

**WHEREAS,** Councilman Donald Beyer will be concluding his third year of service as Councilman of the Second Ward on December 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald Beyer was first elected Councilman of the Second Ward in November 2013, and began his service to the residents of the Second Ward, and the City of Linden, on January 1, 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald Beyer has served on numerous Councilmanic Committees, and chaired various committees including Construction Code and Street Lighting; Public Works and Clean Communities; Engineering and Affordable Housing among others; and Linden Greenway/Landfill; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald Beyer had also served as a member of the Planning Board, and continued his service on this Board as the Council Representative; and

**WHEREAS,** his dedication and commitment has benefited the Citizens of the Second Ward and those of the City of Linden, in many ways, has contributed to the efficiency in the operations of Linden Government and to improving the quality of life for all Linden residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Councilman Beyer has discharged his duties with great diligence, compassion, diplomacy and faithful dedication to the residents of the Second Ward, and all of Linden.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that Councilman Donald Beyer be and hereby is thanked and congratulated for his years of distinguished public service to the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be entered into the minutes of Council of the City of Linden and that a copy be presented to Second Ward Councilman Donald Beyer in recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-429**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF LINDEN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RULES, REGUALTIONS AND POLICIES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Council approves and adopts the City of Linden Department of Public Works Rules, Regulations and Policies as attached.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-430**

**RESOLUTION QUALIFYING CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY SERVICES FOR 2017**

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) the City of Linden (the “City”), County of Union, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, instituted a policy to negotiate agreements for Professional Services on the basis of demonstrated confidence and qualifications for types of Professional Services required by the City pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

**WHEREAS,** the Purchasing Agent of the City of Linden has received in accordance with a published notice, sealed qualifications for various positions; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the fair and open process, and based upon review of the qualifications and recommendations therefore, certain professionals are qualified for certain positions for the calendar year 2017;

**VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY SERVICES**

**Borgers, Saunders, Taylor & Associates, Inc.**

**144 Carteret Street**

**Glen Ridge, NJ 07028**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** thatin accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) on such basis as necessary, and for each of the approved and qualified vendors, a resolution approving each individual specific contract shall be considered by the Mayor and Council;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Resolution:2016-431**

**RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE SOLICIATED BY QUOTATIONS FROM PROPERTY PILOT LLC**

**WHEREAS ,** the City of Linden in the County of Union wishes to subscribe to GIS Municipal Management System software to be utilized in various departments; 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,** Property Pilot LLC, 79 Hudson Street, Suite 503, Hoboken, NJ 07030 will provide the software for an annual fee not to exceed $17,000.00 for 3 processes; and

**WHEREAS,** the availability of funds in the 2016 Municipal Budget has been certified by the Local Finance Officer in the amount of $17,000.00 and will be charged to 6-01-20-131-113-273; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Governing Body of the City of Linden hereby authorizes said purchase.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-432**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESTROOM LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND NORTHWOOD AVENUE LLC**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., (the “**Local Redevelopment and Housing Law**”), the City by Resolution dated May 20, 2003 designated the Linden Theater Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment now known as the Linden Theater Redevelopment Area (the “**Redevelopment Area**”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of its establishment, the Redevelopment Area included the properties then-known as Block 212, Lots 24.01, 24.04, 26, 27 and 28 as shown of the official tax map of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2005, the property commonly known as Block 212, Lot 24.04 on the tax map of the City was subdivided to create Block 212, new Lots 24.05 and 24.06 resulting in a Redevelopment Area which now consists of the following parcels commonly known as Block 212, Lots 24.01, 24.05, 24.06, 26, 27 and 28 on the tax map of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about August 4, 2004, the Union+ County Improvement Authority (the “**Authority**”), the City, and Blancke Street Partners, L.L.C. (“**Original Redeveloper**”) entered into that certain Redevelopment Agreement concerning the redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area (“**Original Redevelopment Agreement**”), a copy of which was recorded in the Office of the Union County Clerk in Deed Book 5460, Page 624; and

**WHEREAS**, the Original Redevelopment Agreement required that the Original Redeveloper enter into a Public Restroom Lease Agreement with the Authority, as tenant, providing a public restroom located within the building situated on the property now known as Block 212, Lot 24.05 in the City (the “**Property**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2005, in fulfillment of the Original Redevelopment Agreement, the Authority and the Original Developer entered into that certain Public Restroom Lease Agreement (“**Lease**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2005, the Authority assigned its interest in the Lease to the City by virtue of that certain Assignment and Assumption of Public Restroom Lease Agreement recorded on May 27, 2005 in the Union County Clerk’s Office at Book 5505, Page 0912; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 2016, the City adopted Resolution No. 2016-433+ which, among other things, (a) authorized the amendment of the Redevelopment Agreement with respect to the Property to remove the public bathroom condition; and (b) appointed the

Redeveloper as the designated redeveloper; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redeveloper is the contract purchaser of the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties are desirous of terminating the Lease in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the Public Restroom Lease Termination Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City hereby consents to the termination of the Lease and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver to the Redeveloper the Public Restroom Lease Termination Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A on behalf of the City.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-433**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING A REDEVELOPER AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE SECOND AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 212, LOT 24.05 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time (the “**Redevelopment Law**”) authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute “areas in need of redevelopment,” as defined in the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the City of Linden (the “**City**”) by Resolution dated May 20, 2003, designated the Linden Theater Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment now known as the Linden Theater Redevelopment Area (the “**Redevelopment Area**”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of its establishment, the Redevelopment Area included the properties then-known as Block 212, Lots 24.01, 24.04, 26, 27 and 28 as shown of the official tax map of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2005, the property commonly known as Block 212, Lot 24.04 on the tax map of the City was subdivided to create Block 212, new Lots 24.05 and 24.06 resulting in a Redevelopment Area which now consists of the following parcels commonly known as Block 212, Lots 24.01, 24.05, 24.06, 26, 27 and 28 on the tax map of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the City Council on October 22, 2003, by Ordinance 47-73, adopted a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area (the “**Original Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the City Council on December 20, 2016, by Ordinance No. 60-81, adopted an amendment to the Original Redevelopment Plan for the Redevelopment Area (the “**Redevelopment Plan Amendment**”, together with the Original Redevelopment Plan, the “**Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on or about August 4, 2004, the Union County Improvement Authority (the “**Authority**”), the City, and Blancke Street Partners, L.L.C. (“**Original Redeveloper**”) entered into a redevelopment agreement concerning the redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area (“**Original** **Redevelopment Agreement**”), a copy of which was recorded in the Office of the Union County Clerk in Deed Book 5460, Page 624; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about May 25, 2005, the Authority, the City and the Original Developer entered into that certain First Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement, a copy of which was recorded in the Office of the Union County Clerk in Deed Book 5505, Page 698 (“**First Amendment**”); and

**WHEREAS**, Northwood Avenue, LLC (the “**Redeveloper**”) is the contract purchaser of Block 212, Lot 24.05 (the “**Property**”) and, with respect to that Property, will be the successor-in-interest to Original Developer following the closing of purchase of the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Redeveloper desire to enter into an amendment to the Original Redevelopment Agreement to address matters concerning the redevelopment of the Property (the “**Second Amendment**”, together with the Original Redevelopment Agreement and the First Amendment, the “**Lot 24.05 Redevelopment Agreement**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties intend that the Second Amendment, be effective only with respect to the Property, and that this Second Amendment be of no consequence to any other lot located within the Redevelopment Area including, but not limited to, Block 212, Lots 24.01, 24.06, 26, 27 and 28 (the “**Severed Properties**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Lot 24.05 Redevelopment Agreement will apply to the Property only and shall constitute a separate and distinct agreement; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:l2A-4, the City Council has designated the City to act as the “Redevelopment Entity” (as such term is defined at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-3) for the Redevelopment Area and to exercise the powers contained in the Act to facilitate the development of the Project (as defined herein), in substitution of the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Redeveloper has made application to be designated as the redeveloper for the Redevelopment Area, for which Redeveloper is the contract purchaser, and Redeveloper has provided information consisting of documentation evidencing financial responsibility and capability with respect to the Project (as defined herein), estimated total development costs, and estimated time schedule for commencement and completion of construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that Redeveloper meets all necessary criteria, including financial capabilities, experience, expertise and project concept descriptions, and, as a result, has determined enter into a redevelopment agreement to designate Redeveloper as the exclusive redeveloper of the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, Redeveloper has agreed to develop a project on the Property consistent with the Redevelopment Plan (as more fully defined in the redevelopment agreement, the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to implement the development, financing, construction, operation and management of the Project, the City now desires to enter into the Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for Block 212, Lot 24.05, a form of which amended redevelopment agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and which amended redevelopment agreement specifies the rights and responsibilities of the City, designates Redeveloper as redeveloper of the Project and specifies the rights and responsibilities of Redeveloper with respect to the Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for Block 212, Lot 24.05 substantially in the form as attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to such additions, deletions, modifications or amendments deemed necessary by the Mayor in his discretion, in consultation with the City’s professionals, which additions, deletions, modifications or amendments do not alter the substantive rights and obligations of the parties thereto, and to take all other necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the Agreement.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

President Alvarez announced that comments from members of the public in attendance would be permitted, on City business only, not to exceed five (5) minutes.

Ed Kominski, Mr. Kominski spoke about Veterans Day, and the nice ceremony that Council held last month for the veterans who are City Employees. He noted what one of the other Union County towns to honor their veteran, and asked for Linden to consider doing the same. Mr. Sadowski noted the Linden library does the same thing on a smaller scale. Mr. Kominski asked about the potential for Linden to be re-assed, and has anyone been following what the potential impact in Linden would be.

President Alvarez recognized Mrs. Hickey. Mrs. Hickey stated that she wished to change her vote, on resolution #2016-414 to an abstention.

Michael Jackson, Linden FMBA 34 and 234. Mr. Jackson wished the Mayor and Council, City Department heads and employees a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a happy and healthy New Years. Mr. Jackson stated that he was here this evening to give a report on the annual Toys for Tots Program. Before giving the report, he gave a history of the program, nationwide and in Linden.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved to close the public comment portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Chief Parham wished the Mayor and Council a happy holiday, and thanked them for the new police hires.

Mr. Brown responded to the issue raised by Mr. Kaminski, regarding re-assement.

Mr. Brooks wish a happy holiday to all.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling thanked Mr. Beyer for working as hard as he did. She noted his participation in the Fishing Club, and added, for the record, that Mr. Beyer is a registered Democratic and she would be encouraging him to look into the Democratic Organization. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling welcomed Councilman-elect Javick, noted she was glad that he has been taking an active role to learn what is going on.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling also stated her hope that the Mayor did not veto the ordinance separating DPW and the reasons why.

Mr. Medina wished Mr. Beyer a good retirement, and stated that he hoped that Mr. Beyer stayed active. Mr. Medina also wished all the Police and Fire persons a happy and safe holiday as they worked to protect the City.

Mrs. Hickey recognized Mr. Jackson and Ms. Vasquez, and spoke about how wonderful they are for all they do for Linden and its residents.

President Alvarez wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Alvarez made the following announcements:

Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting: December 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave. These meetings will only be held if needed.

The following Council Meetings will be as follows:

Council Conference meeting prior to the Reorganization meeting: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Reorganization of the 2017 Council: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk