**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2016 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**July 19, 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, July 19, 2016 at 7:21 pm., prevailing time.

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 Rhashonna Cosby-Hurling

Councilman Robert Sadowski

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Brook moved for approval of the minutes of the June 21, 2016 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was ordered approved, with all voting in favor, except for President Alvarez, who abstained.

**PROCLAMATION**

President Alvarez invited himself, Mayor Armstead, Mrs. Yamakaitis and Chief Dooley to the podium for presentations regarding the Fire Departments 100 Anniversary Celebration. Mayor Armstead spoke about the parade, this past Saturday, and the events at the Bauer Promenade marking the anniversary. He talked about how wonderful the celebration was, and how it brought the community together. The Mayor commended the Fire Department for the fantastic job they did. He then read a proclamation noting the history of the department, it’s founding as a paid department, and its current status. President then read a joint resolution of the New Jersey Legislature honoring the Fire Department. The resolution was sponsored by Senator Scutari, and Assemblymen Green and Kennedy. Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about how spectacular the events on Saturday were and thanked the Chief and his staff on behalf of the council. Chief Dooley thanked the Mayor and City Council for all of their support in making this possible. He also noted the help of many other departments in pulling the day off. He commented on the day and his observations.

**ORDINANCES ON HEARING**

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

and further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

* 1. **Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of $121,000.00 for the Acquisition of two mason dump trucks with plows for the Public Works Department and authorizing the issuance of $114,950.00 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.**

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. Strano moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis 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:

* 1. **Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of $143,000.00 for the acquisition of various items of capital equipment for the Municipal Garage, and authorizing the issuance of $135,850.00 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

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. Beyer moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon 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:

* 1. **Ordinance approving the application for a long term tax exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with Grasselli Road Urban Renewal LLC.**

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:

* 1. **Ordinance amending Chapter II, Department of Police, establishing the position of Police Director and providing for the Directors duties and responsibilities.**

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 public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was ordered approved, by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no. Mr. Brown moved to table the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was ordered approved, by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no.

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

and further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

* 1. **Ordinance amending 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.” By adding Schedule 4-KK-4.**

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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 Mr. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no.

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

and further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

* 1. **An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-33 by adding Section 7-33.1A:**

**No.**

**Name of Street of Spaces Location**

**ADD:**

**1120 N. Stiles St. 1 Along the northeast curbline of N.**

**Stiles St. 267 feet northwest of the projected northwest curbing of Karen**

**Terrace continuing for a length of 22 feet in a northwest direction.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. the treasurer’s office is as follows:

2016 Taxes $1,314,044.22

2015 Taxes $430,570.79

2014 Taxes $250.00

Garbage Fee Payments $99,285.63

Garbage Fee Penalty $6,800.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $6,782.26

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $20.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $0.00

Year End Penalty $10,374.46

Returned Check Fee Paid $20.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $00.00

Returned Check 2016 ($0.00)

Returned Check Interest ($0.00)

Returned Online Payment 2016 Taxes ($5,675.44)

Returned Online Interest ($88.32)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($60.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($5.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $48,574.87

Premium $1,708,100.00

Sewer Clean out charge $3,615.00

DPW Reso payments $0.00

Interest $80,668.06

Total $3,703,276.53

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

block & lot.

**Block Lot Cert# Premium**

1 3 15-00001 $1,400.00

23 6 15-00014 $1,500.00

101 28 15-00059 $3,300.00

228 15 14-00187 $1,200.00

336 12 15-00202 $1,700.00

582 25 15-00345 $1,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $11,000.00 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**

20 6 6/16/16 15-00013 $1,000.00

40 43 6/22/16 15-00022 $1,000.00

112 14 7/1/16 15-00073 $1,300.00

174 24 6/28/16 15-00117 $900.00

201 11 C023 6/23/16 15-00137 $1,000.00

228 32 6/28/16 15-00162 $1,100.00

253 21 C2123 6/23/16 15-00168 $1,000.00

256 8 6/22/16 15-00171 $900.00

352 5 6/20/16 15-00205 $1,000.00

352 11 6/28/16 15-00206 $1,000.00

524 20 6/28/16 15-00303 $1,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $11,700.00 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** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2012 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

60 7 7/1/16 12-00047 $24,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $24,100.00 payable to: Sunshine State Certificates IV, LLLP, Bank United Trustee, 7900 Miami Lakes Drive West, Miami Lakes, FL 33016, charging same to account

#-6-1-55-276-999-956.

**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**

72 14.01 6/20/16 15-00041 $8,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $8,300.00 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 2014 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

100 17 6/15/16 14-00071 $2,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,500.00 payable to: TTLBL, LLC, Attention: John Lemkey, 4747 Executive Drive, Suite 1, San Diego, CA 92121 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**

104 1 6/20/16 15-00062 $29,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $29,500.00 payable to: Tower DBW VI Trust 2016-1, US Bank Cust. For 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 blocks & lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

308 15 6/30/16 15-00189 $300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $300.00 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 2015 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

400 22 6/22/16 14-00275 $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.

**Credit Balance** Block 128 Lot 16, 814 Bergen Avenue

Old Owner: Bernadette Pierre New Owner: Secretary of Housing &Urban Dev

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by old owners Mortgage Company paid twice 2015-3rd quarter. The overpayment amount is $1,539.46.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,539.46, payable to Core Logic Tax Services, Attention: Kathy Bishop, 92-16 220th Street, Queens Village, NY 11428 charging same to account #6-01-55-288-999-904..

**Credit Balance** Block 193 Lot 7, Estate of Zglobicki - 611 Maple Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by Mortgage Company for the 2010-3rd quarter. The overpayment amount is $1,896.60

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,896.60 payable to: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Attention: Financial Support, 1 Home Campus, MAC X 2302-04D, Des Moines IA, 50328, charging same to account 6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit Balance** Block 526 Lot 1, Old Owner: Sara Victoria

New Owner: Dagoberto Hernandez - 1001 Clinton Street

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by old owners Mortgage Company for the 2015-4th quarter. The overpayment amount is $2,407.47.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,407.47, payable to Core Logic Tax Services, Attention: Kathy Bishop, 92-16 220th Street, Queens Village, NY 11428 charging same to account #6-01-55-288-999-904..

**Refund** Block 424 Lot 1, 1601 W. Blancke Street

After reviewing a lien account, it was found a lien was sold void abinitio on the above property at the 2016 tax sale, and just being notified. As advised by legal council, this certificate has to be cancelled and the monies must be refunded to the outside lien holder.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $90.53 payable to: MTAG Cust Fig Cap Invest NJ, 13, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #-6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 & 2015 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

319 13 5/24/16 12-00183 $9,400.00

347 10 5/24/16 14-00240 $3,500.00

381 1 5/11/16 11-00159 $16,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $29,000.00 payable to US Bank Cust BV Trst 2015-1, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #19, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:**

**(2)** Requesting approval of the follow bingo/raffle applications which were submitted to the

Clerk’s Office:

Application Number Applicant Game Fees Collected

RA-1517 Retired Men’s Club 50/50 n/a

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

**(3)** Advising that they issued sixty (60) Certificates of Occupancy during the

month of May 2016.

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

**(4)** Requesting approval to issue a refund:

1. Izzy Azevedo is entitled to a refund of $35.00 for a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance that was already completed and paid for by the previous bank owner.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $35.00 payable to: Izzy Azevedo, PO Box 3041, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 6-01-09-699-069.

1. Joanna Augustynowicz is entitled to a refund of $190.00 for a quarterly parking permit.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $190.00 payable to: Joanna Augustynowicz, 628 Inman Avenue, Colonia, NJ 07067 charging same to 6-01-08-609-013.

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

**(5)** Advising that the following City employees have filed for retirement:

**Department              Employee                             Title                                        Date**

Public Properties        Donna Olynyk              Principal Acct. Clerk Typing      August 1, 2016

DPW                           Louis Scaldino              Acting Superintendent DPW      August 1, 2016

DPW                           Peter Zevlikaris             Tree Trimmer (Tier 2)                August 1, 2016

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis 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 stated that the Mayor would give the report relative to the Revenue Enhancement. She reported on a meeting, held on June 29th, with all parties regarding a parking authority. Next she noted that the East side of the First Ward would begin participating in the automated trash pick-up system. She noted the streets involved and provided details on the pickup process. Mrs. Ormon informed all that during the summer, sanitation pickups begin at 6:00 am, so the cans need to be out early, or the night before. She next explained the circumstances under which special trash pickups would occur.

Mrs. Ormon announced that the summer help program has begun painting yellow curbs, in the First Ward and throughout the City. She thanked DPW. She noted her request, for certain streets, in the First Ward, for blinking stop signs that did not qualify for four way stop signs. Mrs. Ormon thanked the executive board of the Mayor’s Youth commission for Project Graduation, and spoke about how specular the event was. She applauded their efforts and congratulated the Fire Department on their celebration. She also congratulated the new police recruits, sworn-in earlier this month and spoke about the ceremony and the men.

**Second Ward**

Mr. Beyer noted the Construction Code and Street Lighting Committee had approved a street light, requested by Mr. Brooks, for 926 Middlesex St, pole #63094. Mr. Beyer moved for approval of said street light. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Mr. Beyer informed Second Ward residents that if they had broken limbs from the recent storm to give him a call and he would have Public Works pick them up. He provided his contact information.

Mr. Beyer reported on the activity of the Construction Code Department. During the month of June the department issued 194 permits, 81 certificates and collected $68,658.00 in fees.

**Third Ward**

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

Approval is requested for the following finance actions:

1. The payment of bills totaling $1,867,351.68. The bills have been signed by the Mayor, Council President and the 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 June at the rate of .15%.

Mr. Brown moved for approval of the finance report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Mr. Brown informed all that his Third Ward newsletter would be going out next week.

**Fourth Ward**

Mr. Brooks gave the report of the Division of Transportation and Parking. A total of $89,295.03 was collected from all sources for the month of June. He next spoke about the damage done by the storm, yesterday, and thanked various City Departments for the quick response in removing downed trees and branches.

Mr. Brooks spoke about the residents of West Baltimore Ave, in the area of the railroad tracks, and Baltimore Avenue around Union and Henry Streets and thanked them for keeping their eyes open for illegal dumping. As a result there has not been a single instance of illegal dumping. He asked them to keep up the good work. Mr. Brooks then spoke about Michael Petti Holmes, a Linden High School graduate, recognized last year by Council, with a resolution. He noted Mr. Holmes recent accomplishments and that he just missed out on a spot on the Olympic team.

Mr. Brooks talked about the summer, and children coming out, being in the parks, and participating in the various summer programs the City offers. He then noted his concerns regarding children using motorized vehicles and asked their parents to have a serious conversation with them over the proper usage. Next he recognized the residents of Lincoln St. and Carnegie St. for providing water to the workers, paving streets and doing other outside activities, in the 95 degree heat,

President Alvarez recognized Mr. Brown for an additional report. Mr. Brown called upon Mr. Micucci to give a report to First, Third and Fourth Ward residents on the use of the new automated garbage cans.

**Fifth Ward**

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling began by giving the following report of the Personnel Committee:

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| Personnel Report: | 7/19/2016 Chairwoman Cosby-Hurling | |  |  |
| Final Version |  |  |  |  |
| **Hire** |  |  |  |  |
| Joshua Reyes | Tier 2 laborers | $14 hour | DPW | Must pass preemployment screening |
| Robert Thieling | Tier 2 laborers | $14 hour | DPW | Must pass preemployment screening |
| Susan Hudak | part time clerk 1 | $15 hour | DPW | Effective July 20,2016 |
| Jarrell VanDevere | summer help | minimum wage | Public Property | Effective June 22,2016 |
| DeAnte Britton | summer help | minimum wage | Public Property | Effective June 22,2016 |
| Vincent Farley | Clean Communities | minimum wage | Engineering | Effective July 20,2016 |
| Jasper McCullough | Clean Communities | minimum wage | Engineering | Effective July 20,2016 |
| Joseph Sobanjo | Clean Communities | minimum wage | Engineering | Effective July 20,2016 |
| Christopher Devalme | Clean Communities | minimum wage | Engineering | Effective July 20,2016 |
| Anthony Brant | Clean Communities | minimum wage | Engineering | Effective July 20,2016 |
| Maleek Mickell | Clean Communities | minimum wage | Engineering | Effective July 20,2016 |
| Jeylin McClary-Trotter | Clean Communities | minimum wage | Engineering | Effective July 20,2016 |
| Gary Hickman | a seasonal part-time property clerk | $25 hour | Police | Effective July 20,2016 |
| Anthony Drejaj | Recreation Leader | $15.00 hour | Recreation | Must pass preemployment screening |
| Ryan Vasquez | Assistant Director Playgrounds/Day Camps | $12.00 | Recreation | Must pass preemployment screening |
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| **Unpaid Interns** |  |  |  |  |
| Andres Rivas | Kean Intern | no compensation | Mayor's Office | July 11,2016 |
| Bryan Wild | Internships | no compensation | Engineering | June 27,2016 |
| Bianca Thalia Green | Internships | no compensation | Engineering | June 27,2016 |
| Brian Luster | Internships | no compensation | Engineering | June 27,2016 |
| Christopher Petrucci | Internships | no compensation | Engineering | June 27,2016 |
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| **FMLA** |  |  |  |  |
| NONE |  |  |  |  |
| **The acceptance of the separation of employment from the City of Linden** |  |  |  |  |
| Renee Banks | Confidential Aide |  | Mayor's Office | June 30, 2016 |
| Justin A. Peters | Police Officer |  | Police Department | July 5, 2016 |
| Frank Koscinski | Police Officer |  | Police Department | July 5, 2016 |
| William F. Turbett III | Police Sgt |  | Police Department | May 25,2016 |
| Daniel Brown | Sanitation laborer |  | DPW | July 13,2016 |
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| **Staff Transfers** |  |  |  |  |
| Mindi Kuzniak | Principal Account Clerk | 78,283 | to Recreation | September 1,2016 |
| Diana Menzel | title change to Clerk 2 | $39,321 | Municipal Garage | September 1,2016 |
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| **Title Changes** |  |  |  |  |
| Dan Bertani | Provisional Body and Fender Mechanic | 66,560 | Municipal Garage | July 20,2016 |
| James Ferretti | Provisional Supervisor of Motors | 115,000 | Municipal Garage | July 20,2016 |
| Ron Templeton | provisional Supervising Mechanic | 93,400 | Municipal Garage | July 20,2016 |
| Tracey Malosky | Heavy Equipment Operator Tier 1 | $36.50 hour | DPW | July 20,2016 |
| Mark Orcutt | Provisonal Heavy Equipment Operator Tier 2 | $26.00 hour | DPW | July 20,2016 |
| Ashton Giles | Sanitation Truck Driver Tier 2 | $22.00 hour | DPW | July 20,2016 |
| Roxy Billups Jr | Radio Dispatcher Tier 2 | $21.50 hour | DPW | July 20,2016 |
| John Schleckman | Sanitation Truck Driver Tier 1 | $34.00 hour | DPW | July 20,2016 |
| Robert Firestone | Provisonal Sanitation Drive Tier 1 | $27.50 hour | DPW | July 20,2016 |
| Phil Palma | to Sanitation Inspector | $72,800 | DPW | July 20,2016 |
| Robert Squelia | provisional Heavy Equipment Operator Tier 1 | 37.50 hour | DPW | July 20,2016 |
| Javier Rivera | Provisional tree trimmer Tier 2 | $26.50 | DPW | July 20,2016 |
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| **Publicly Advertise Empolyment Opportunites:** |  |  |  |  |
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| Truck driver | MUST HAVE CDL WITH A OR B | | DPW | Linden residents |
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| Assistant Engineer | Must meet education requirements | | Engineering | County and state |
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| **Administrative Changes** |  |  |  |  |
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| Monika Solarska Gnat | Clerical error | $39, 150 | correction of salary |  |
| Jonathon Parham | Change his date of retirement |  |  | June 1, 2017 |
| Rebecca Tattoli | Annual salary increase | $52,500 |  | July 20,2016 |
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Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded it Mrs. Ormon and was ordered approved, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Ormon who voted no to item 5 and yes to all other items; Mr. Brown and Mr. Strano who abstained on item 5A; Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no to item 8C and yes to all other items. Mr. Sadowski and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no to item 5A and yes to the rest.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about her annual community picnic and school supply give-a-way. She noted that when she found out about the city wide event, it was too late to cancel as she had already began to collect material and advertise the event. The event is planned for August 21st and added that she is all for the City doing it as a group. She provided details on the events planned for that day. Next Mrs. Cosby-Hurling reported that the July 30th event, a pond cleanup at Wilson Pond, for Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs, would be the last event of the year, and the program will start up again in the spring.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling talked about the speed humps, on Dill Ave., noted some concerns she had, but added that they are doing their job of slowing people down. Next she revised an issue she brought up a few years ago with the judge. The issue involved the startup of a SLAP program for municipal court violators. The last item that Mrs. Cosby-Hurling addressed was concerns raised by neighbors, on Dill Ave., over the gates at the back of the Housing Authority Property being locked. She spoke to the Housing Authority Director, and was informed that for safety reasons the Commissioners had decided to lock the gates during certain hours. She noted her efforts to resolve the issue.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling provided her contact information and wished happy birthday to her son.

**SIXTH WARD**

Mr. Sadowski gave the report of the City Clerk’s Licensing Division. The Division collected $2,580.00 for the month of June. Next he gave the report of the City Clerk’s Office. A total of $5,181.52 was collected in State and City revenue.

Mr. Sadowski announced that the American Red Cross and the Fire Department will be continuing the smoke detector installation program, in the early fall. The next canvassing area has yet to be determined. He noted the reasons that the fire department feels this a worthwhile program. He added that anyone in immediate need of a smoke detector should contact the Fire Chief’s office. Mr. Sadowski stated that the Sixth Ward will probably be canvassed in September. He congratulated the Fire Department on a wonderful parade

Mr. Sadowski gave a report of the accident review committee. He spoke on the number of parking issues in the City. He concluded by providing his contact information.

**SEVENTH WARD**

Mr. Strano asked Mr. Micucci to come up and give a report on the status of the cleanup from yesterday’s storm. Mr. Micucci reported on the DPW’s cleanup response. Mr. Strano thanked the department for the job they did with the cleanup.

Mr. Strano had Chief Dooley give a report on the status of establishment of the Quite Zone in the Seventh Ward. Mr. Strano also complimented Chief Dooley, and the Fire Department on the 100 year anniversary celebration. Next Mr. Strano spoke about how pleased he was with the actions of the police department in his ward. He explained that one day after receiving an anonymous tip, of suspicious activity, the narcotics division made a drug arrest.

Mr. Strano noted the passing of long time Linden resident and activist Beatrice Bernzott. He spoke about her passionate activism for the citizens of Linden, her role as his first campaign manager, her being the steward of Linden’s historical records via the Linden Historical Society, and her establishment of the Hawk Rise refuge area. He noted her ability to get donations from Linden’s corporate neighbors for the causes she championed, and how she often reached into her own pockets. He talked about her many accomplishments for the betterment of Linden and its residents.

**EIGHTH WARD**

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave the report of the Fire Prevention Bureau. For the month of June, the bureau collected $4,896.85 in fees. The ambulance reimbursement system collected $59,829.26 for the month of June, bringing the year to date total to $330,597.76. Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about the specular event that the Fire Department put on for their 100th birthday. She urged all to watch the video of the day’s activities.

Mrs. Yamakaitis announced that on August 29th the Mayor’s Youth Commission would be hosting it’s “Backpack to School” event and provided details. She explained the reasons for creating this City wide event and how donations could be made.

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave her Eighth Ward report. She noted that the ward did not have a lot of trees come down due to yesterday’s storm, and the efforts to clean up the branches that came down. Next she reported on upcoming paving projects in the Eighth Ward, noting the streets that would be paved. Mrs. Yamakaitis went on to speak about the work being done by the gas and water companies and issues that have arisen with that work.

Mrs. Yamakaitis stated that she has been getting a lot of calls about dogs in the park, and that while she is an animal lover, she asked all not to take dogs to the parks, as they are meant for the children. She noted that there is a dog park. Next she informed all that a traffic study has been regarding truck traffic in the Eighth Ward. She added that some of these issues involve the City of Elizabeth and spoke about the need for a joint meeting with Elizabeth. Mrs. Yamakaitis next addressed the issue of the Park Plastics building, noting the support of Council in addressing the issues, and that all are working together to find the quickest remedy to deal with this blight.

Mrs. Yamakaitis thanked the Bayway refinery for hosting the community meeting “Prepare for an emergency.” She noted that there was a great turnout, with important information given out. She added that there would be more information in her newsletter, and if a Eighth Ward resident wanted the handouts, they should call her and she will drop it to them. She then announced details on the Eighth Ward community picnic.

**NINTH WARD**

Mr. Medina thanked the DPW, for clearing the roads from last night’s storm. He also thanked OEM for their work. He then detailed various programs and activities that the Linden Library would be hosting. Mr. Medina then gave a report on Ninth Ward activities. He spoke about the new Pokémon game, and that kids are out late, playing the game and often walking in the middle of the street. He asked drivers to be careful of these kids, as they are concentrating on their phones and not their surroundings.

Mr. Medina reported that the Ninth Ward Community did lose a legend, Doris Henel. He noted that Ms. Henel sat on the Library Board for many years, and detailed her community service.

Mr. Medina informed the Ninth Ward community of resolution 2016-275, which provides for an agreement to upgrade the traffic light at DeWitt and Raritan Road, and on the Cranford side, Moen and Raritan. He detailed the reasons for the upgrade and what the replacement signal would be like. He then provided his contact information for those wanting to get a hold of him.

**TENTH WARD**

Mrs. Hickey began by thanking the Fire Department, and all the celebration committee members for the wonderful job they did with the 100th anniversary celebration. She described what an emotional experience it was for her. Next Mrs. Hickey spoke about her support of OEM, and introduced two OEM members in attendance. She then read a statement regarding the job being done by OEM at the Linden Fire Department’s 100th anniversary parade. Next she thanked Frank Micucci for the DPW’s efforts in the Tenth Ward cleaning up after yesterday’s storm. She noted some of the damage done to the ward, by the storm.

Mrs. Hickey offered condolence to the family of Tara Scutari and to Janet Zagorsk on the loss of her sister. She noted by the tragedy was compounded by the youthful age both of these individuals passed away at. She provided details on the lives of both of these individuals.

Mrs. Hickey noted that the Winfield Carnival was coming up, and that she would be meeting with Lt. Babulski to make sure that all of the signage was appropriate, and that the residents are kept safe. She informed all that tomorrow was her son’s twenty-first birthday.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Armstead thanked the DPW, OEM, and the Fire and Police Departments on the outstanding job they did in dealing with yesterday’s storm. He spoke about the issues that they faced. He then spoke about the installation of cameras throughout the City. The first location, to get the new cameras was the train station. He spoke about why they were being installed and what their installation would hope to accomplish.

Mayor Armstead spoke about work being done, in the Fourth Ward, and throughout the City, by utilities contractors, and city contractors replacing sidewalks, and how they were leaving the grass, on lawns and between the curbs and sidewalks. He noted his efforts to have these issues addressed by the various contractors.

Mayor Armstead thanked the members of the governing body, involved, and all those assisting in the City wide backpack giveaway event scheduled for August 28th. He explained the reasons for attempting to do one event, City wide. He thanked those that joined in.

Mayor Armstead announced that he had very good news for Linden residents. He presented a finalized rendering of the building for South Wood Ave Redevelopment, by Capodaglia, for Phase II of the project. He noted his concerns with the design of the first building, and why he requested changes to the design of the second building. It was his expectation that this design would be used in other development projects throughout the City. Mayor Armstead then talked about the St. Georges Ave redevelopment area, and how for years now the City has been trying to find someone who is seriously interested in that project. He noted the problems that were encountered. A possible developer has contacted the City and the Mayor provided details on the proposed project, noting that this was the very early stages. The Mayor announced that he would be holding a town hall meeting to get input on the proposed project from the neighbors, as to what they wanted. He displayed artist renderings of the proposed project.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the passing of Elijah “Mac” McDuffy. The Mayor related various stories about Mr. McDuffy, and the role that Mr. McDuffy played in his life and political career. He also spoke of Mr. McDuffy’s role in the community. He noted that the Fourth Ward has truly lost a great person.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

President Alvarez also urged drivers to be careful of children, and adults, playing the Pokémon game, who are not paying attention to their surroundings. President Alvarez expressed his thanks to DPW, OEM, and the Police and Fire Departments for all of the work they did in dealing with yesterday’s storms. He added that he would like to do something to thank the personnel involved.

President Alvarez next spoke about the extreme heat we have been having, and urged residents to look out for their neighbors, particularly the elderly. President Alvarez spoke about a call, from a resident regarding their front yard. He noted that whatever is on the front yard, is the property of the owner, and no one should go on the front yard to remove anything, including a political sign, as they are trespassing. He asked the Police department, if they see this happening, to enforce the law. He asked all to respect others and their property.

President Alvarez then recognized Mayor Armstead. The Mayor informed all that the last, and final, motorcycle ride of the 911 Foundation will take place on August 15th. It is also their fifteenth ride. He noted the reasons that this event was ending.

**RESOLUTIONS**

President Alvarez stated that 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. However, if you wish to address a specific resolution, the Council will entertain questions on it. He asked if anyone wished to remove a resolution. There were none.

Mr. Brooks moved for approval of resolutions 2016-258 through 2016-277. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-258**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

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

6/1/16 Worker’s Comp. claims 22,211.88

6/3/16 Payroll FICA 66,679.36

6/3/16 Payroll payroll 1,680,556.80

162277 6/9/16 Admin Fee claims 5,500.00

162278 6/9/16 Admin Fee claims 11,000.00

6/9/16 Worker’s Comp. claims 17,905.36

6/9/16 Medco claims 85,414.44

6/13/16 Dental Claims city 38,407.77

6/13/16 Dental Claims sewerage 3,023.23

6/13/16 Dental Claims housing 1,347.45

6/13/16 Dental Claims library 796.30

6/13/16 Dental Claims cobra 68.49

6/13/16 Dental Claims city 37,543.66

6/13/16 Dental Claims sewerage 3,023.23

6/13/16 Dental Claims housing 1,347.45

6/13/16 Dental Claims library 796.30

6/13/16 Dental Claims cobra 410.94

6/14/16 SHBP June health premium 603,992.33

6/14/16 SHBP Active April health premium 661,873.62

6/15/16 Workers Comp. claims 9,551.59

6/15/16 Workers Comp. claims 3,153.40

6/17/16 Payroll FICA 63,906.43

6/17/16 Payroll payroll 1,586,521.94

6/20/16 Court Superior claims 35.00

6/28/16 Workers Comp. claims 7,154.03

**TRUST**

6/3/16 Payroll payroll 112,528.40

6/17/16 Payroll payroll 82,473.00

**GRANT**

6/3/16 Payroll payroll 26,269.37

6/17/16 Payroll payroll 25,256.37

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

6/3/16 Payroll payroll 2,614.50

6/17/16 Payroll payroll 2,520.00

**CAPITAL**

6/3/16 Payroll payroll 1,023.82

6/17/16 Payroll payroll 1,467.24

**RESOLUTION: 2016-259**

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE ROID GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITITIES FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN’S DISBALED POPULATION**

Whereas, the **City of Linden** desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the ROID Grant Program for approximately **$20,000** to carry out a project to support the **Linden Recreational Activities for Children and Adults.**

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

1) that the **City of Linden** does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,

2) recognizes and accepts that the Grant Program may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the ROID Grant Program, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Grant Program, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between **The City of Linden** and the ROID Grant Program.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

**RESOLUTION: 2016-260**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH T&M ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN AND INSPECTION SERVICES OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVELS OF THE CITY HALL PARKING GARAGE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the design and inspection services of rehabilitation of the first and second levels of the City Hall Parking Garage 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 a fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, T&M Associates, submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services 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 her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-655-919;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to T&M Associates, 11 Tindal Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748, at a fee not to exceed $34,700.00 in accordance with their proposal dated April 26, 2016; and

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2016-261**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LINDEN BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL GLOBAL TUBERCULOSIS INSTITUTE AT RUTGERS BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES (RBHS) FOR 2016 FOR TB SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden is desirous of entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS) for TB services; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2), said contract is exempt from the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS,** funds are available for this purpose, to be charged to account/line item No. 6-01-27-330-183-255;

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

1. The City of Linden and the Linden Health Department hereby approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Linden and the New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS) providing for TB Services, attached hereto and made a part hereof, at a fee not to exceed $8,982.80.

2. The Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are directed, empowered and authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Linden.

3. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

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|  |  |  |  | **RESOLUTION: 2016-262** | |
| **CITY OF LINDEN** | | | | | |
| **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE OUT NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION ACCOUNTS** | | | | | |
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| **WHEREAS**, the City of Linden hereby authorizes the cancellation of various neighborhood preservation | | | | | |
| appropriations for 2016; |  |  |  |  |  |
| **WHEREAS**, there remains unused appropriation balances which can now be cancelled, | | | | | |
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| **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appropriation balances are hereby cancelled | | | | | |
| as set forth herein: | | | | | |
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| **Appropriation** | **Appropriation** | **Appropriation Balance** |  | **Receivable** | **Receivable Balance** |
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| Neighborhood Preservation 013-427 | N-18-55-013-231-011 | 15,000.00 |  | N-18-13-427-011 | 15,000.00 |
| Neighborhood Preservation 013-427 | N-18-55-013-231-012 | 113,369.00 |  | N-18-13-427-012 | 113,369.00 |
| Neighborhood Preservation 014-427 | N-18-55-014-231-011 | 15,000.00 |  | N-18-14-427-013 | 15,000.00 |
| Neighborhood Preservation 014-427 | N-18-55-014-231-012 | 124,373.00 |  | N-18-14-427-014 | 124,373.00 |
| Neighborhood Preservation 014-137 | N-18-55-014-231-018 | 25,033.14 |  | N-18-14-427-015 | 25,033.14 |
| Neighborhood Preservation 014-138 | N-18-55-014-231-020 | 14,440.86 |  | N-18-14-138-014 | 14,440.86 |
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|  | **TOTAL** | **$ 307,216.00** |  |  | **$ 307,216.00** |
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| **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Linden grand total of all appropriations to be cancelled are $ 307,216.00 | | | | | |

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|  |  | **RESOLUTION: 2016-263** | |
| **CITY OF LINDEN** |  |  |  |
| **RESOLUTION** |  |  |  |
| **TO CLOSE SECURITY ESCROW ACCOUNTS** | | |  |
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| **WHEREAS**, the City of Linden hereby authorizes the cancellation of various security escrow accounts, | | | |
| **WHEREAS**, there remains security balances which can now be cancelled, | | |  |
| **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following balances are hereby cancelled | | | |
| as set forth herein: |  |  |  |
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| **Escrow Account** | **Appropriation** | **Appropriation Balance** | |
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| Leisure Sports, Inc. #013-92 | S-09-56-850-999-013 | 490.46 |  |
| Champion Uniform #014-92 | S-09-56-850-999-014 | 312.00 |  |
| Vicon Corporation #015-92 | S-09-56-850-999-015 | 560.30 |  |
| Info 2000 Inc #024-92 | S-09-56-850-999-024 | 469.00 |  |
| Services Unlimited #031-93 | S-09-56-850-999-031 | 280.00 |  |
| Lee Uniforms #037-93 | S-09-56-850-999-037 | 650.00 |  |
| Zeneca Inc. #54-94 | S-09-56-850-999-054 | 1,938.00 |  |
| Amcest Corporation #084-92 | S-09-56-850-999-084 | 112.50 |  |
| Express Printing #715-98 | S-09-56-850-999-715 | 500.00 |  |
| LB Nails #731-05 | S-09-56-850-999-731 | 2,915.02 |  |
| North Creek LLC Sec 09 | S-09-56-850-999-901 | 1,000.00 |  |
| Custom Bandag, Inc. #67-95 | S-09-56-850-999-967 | 1,400.00 |  |
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| **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Linden security escrow | | | |
| appropriations are to be cancelled. |  |  |  |

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|  |  | **RESOLUTION: 2016-264** | |  |
| **CITY OF LINDEN** |  |  |  |  |
| **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION** | | | |  |
| **OF UNCASHED TAX COLLECTORS TAX SALE REDEMPTION ACCOUNT CHECKS** | | | | |
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| **WHEREAS**, the City of Linden hereby desires to cancel the following un-cashed checks | | | |  |
| from the City of Linden Tax Collectors Tax Sale Redemption Account, which are over one year old, | | | | |
| **WHEREAS**, these checks are outdated and hereby void, | | |  |  |
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| **Vendor Name** | **Check Date** | **Check Number** | **Check Amount** |  |
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| Huey Robinson | 10/24/2011 | 1043 | $ 0.35 |  |
| Grigory L. Gromov | 12/19/2011 | 1084 | $ 569.76 |  |
| First American Title Company | 7/11/2012 | 1193 | $ 16.71 |  |
| Citi Financial | 9/6/2012 | 1204 | $ 63.03 |  |
| Citi Financial | 9/6/2012 | 1206 | $ 40.86 |  |
| Powers Kirns, LLC | 4/29/2013 | 1380 | $ 5.26 |  |
| Lereta | 9/11/2013 | 1512 | $ 200.07 |  |
| Lereta | 10/8/2014 | 1727 | $ 6.76 |  |
| Martha Cox | 10/21/2014 | 1738 | $ 43.00 |  |
| Robert Sentra | 12/15/2014 | 1784 | $ 6.93 |  |
| Lereta | 1/21/2015 | 1829 | $ 4.31 |  |
| St. Marys Orthadox Church | 7/1/2015 | 1968 | $ 0.75 |  |
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|  | **TOTAL** |  | **$ 957.79** |  |
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| **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden is hereby | | | | |
| cancelling these checks from the City records. | |  |  |  |
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**RESOLUTION: 2016-265**

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

**ON VARIOUS PREMISES FOR SNOW REMOVAL IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

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

much controversy as said premises required snow removal to alleviate unsafe and hazardous conditions; and

Block 452 Lot 12 33 Cedar Avenue

Block 472 Lot 18 2521 Grier Avenue

Block 419 Lot 35 1122 Stuart Place

Block 179 Lot 5 1015 Clark Street

Block 178 Lot 19 1112 Walnut Street

Block 51 Lot 2 1206 E. St. Georges Avenue

Block 51 Lot 3 1212 E. St. Georges Avenue

Block 51 Lot 4 1214 E. St. Georges Avenue

Block 51 Lot 34 1201 Union Street

Block 488 Lot 11 639 S. Park Avenue

Block 488 Lot 13 629 S. Park 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 60-4, the City may undertake the removal of all snow and ice from the sidewalk abutting a public street or road, and the City may undertake the removal of all snow and ice from driveways, parking areas, walkways, steps and fire hydrants located upon any garden apartment development, nursing home, office building, shopping center or any other property within the City to which the public is invited for business purposes. The cost of such removal shall be certified to the City Committee by the Superintendent of the City Department of Public Works. The City Committee shall examine the certificate and, if found to be correct, shall cause the cost to be billed to the owner of such abutting premises or to the owner of any other premises mentioned in subsection 15-10 as to which snow or ice removal work has been performed by the City, as the owner appears from the latest City tax records. Unless promptly paid, such cost shall be charged against the premises and be added to and be part of the taxes next to be levied and assessed thereon, and enforced and collected with interest by the same officers and in the same manner as other taxes.; 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 at the cost as follows:

Block 452 Lot 12 33 Cedar Avenue $120.00

Block 472 Lot 19 2521 Grier Avenue $150.00

Block 419 Lot 35 1122 Stuart Place $120.00

Block 179 Lot 5 1015 Clark Street $150.00

Block 178 Lot 19 1112 Walnut Street $120.00

Block 51 Lot 2 1206 E. St. Georges Avenue $75.00

Block 51 Lot 3 1212 E. St. Georges Avenue $75.00

Block 51 Lot 4 1214 E. St. Georges Avenue $75.00

Block 51 Lot 34 1201 Union Street $75.00

Block 488 Lot 11 639 S. Park Avenue $120.00

Block 488 Lot 13 629 S. Park Avenue $120.00

**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: 2016-266**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED FEDERAL AID PROJECTS, DATED APRIL 19, 2016 IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) offers grants to municipalities that are funded in part by federal aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT requires municipalities to adopt Standard Operating Procedures as a condition of receiving said federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Linden Engineering Department prepared a manual entitled “Standard Operating Procedures for Locally Administered Federal Aid Projects”, dated April 19, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City adopts said procedures, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to same and affix the City Seal thereon.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-267**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR**

**TO FORWARD MONIES TO LEIN HOLDERS FOR**

**BLOCK 200 LOT 16 C2016**

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 $505.58.

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 $505.58 to Amaco, 125 Rocky Boulevard # 623, Bear, DE, 19701.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-268**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO P&A CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR RESURFACING ASHTON AVENUE AND E. CURTIS STREET IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on July 7, 2016 for resurfacing of Ashton Avenue and E. Curtis Street in the City of Linden: and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to Account Nos. C-04-55-901-638-919; and

**WHEREAS,** P&A Construction, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $99,470.95; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for resurfacing of Ashton Avenue and E. Curtis Street, be and hereby, is awarded to P&A Construction, Inc., 650 Leesville Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07065, at a fee not to exceed $99,470.95 in accordance with their bid dated July 7, 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between P&A Construction, Inc. 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 P&A Construction, Inc. to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2016-269**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO P&A CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR RESURFACING W. BALTIMORE AVENUE AND W. HENRY STREET IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on July 7, 2016 for resurfacing of W. Baltimore Avenue and W. Henry Street in the City of Linden: and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-638-919; and

**WHEREAS,** P&A Construction, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $397,139.75; and

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

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

1. The Council of the City of Linden hereby recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportationthat the contract for the resurfacing of W. Baltimore Avenue and W. Henry Street in the City of Linden, Union County be awarded to P&A Construction, Inc. whose bid amounted to $397,139.75, subject to approval of the Department.
2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between P&A Construction, Inc. and the City of Linden.
3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-270**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHIRLEY RUSE**

**A MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF**

**THE CITY OF LINDEN**

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

Section 1. That **Shirley Ruse** residing at 1425 Dill Ave, Apt. 420 in the City of Linden, shall be and she hereby is appointed a member of the Housing Authority of the City of Linden to serve a five year term beginning June 15, 2016, and terminating June 14, 2021 or until her successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

Section 2. This appointment is made pursuant to the Ordinance of the City of Linden entitled, "An Ordinance Creating the Housing Authority of the City of Linden," approved May 7, 1965, and the said member shall have and exercise all powers and duties prescribed by said ordinance and the "Local Housing Authority's Law" (N.J.S.A. 55:14A‑1 et seq.)

**RESOLUTION: 2016-271**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE**

**MUNICIPALITY OF LINDEN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT**

**WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION TO MODIFY THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

**DATED, JUNE 17, 2014**

**WHEREAS,** certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant program; and

**WHEREAS,** certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title II of THE National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnerships program; and

**WHEREAS,** substantial Federal funds provided through subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act commonly known as the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG) are allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to amend an existing Cooperative Agreement for the County of Union and its people to benefit from this program; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Municipality of Linden and the County of Union in cooperation with each other to enter into a modification of the existing Cooperative Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Municipality of Linden that the agreement entitled “**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES,”** DATED June 17, 2014, FOR THE Purpose of Inserting a Description of Activities for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 of the Union County Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG), a copy of which is attached hereto; be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-272**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE RENTAL OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AT THE LINDEN LANDFILL FOR FOLEY EQUIPMENT c/o GILLS AND RANSOM THROUGH THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION CO-OP FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services from an authorized vendor under the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Co-op (MRESC) Contract 15-16-08. Awarded to Foley Equipment, c/o Giles and Ransom, 855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08855-1555, 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**, Foley Equipment c/o Giles and Ransom, has been awarded Contract #15-16-08, for the provision of rentals for heavy equipment; 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 $100,000.00 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-907-614-919 and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Foley Equipment c/o Giles and Ransom 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: 2016-273**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR A GREENING UNION COUNTY GRANT FOR TREE PLANTING FOR 2016**

**WHEREAS,** the voters of Union County overwhelmingly voted in favor of the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in November of 2000; and

**WHEREAS,** Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders established the Trust Fund creating local funding opportunities such as Field of Dreams in 2001, Green the Streets in 2002, Preserve Union County in 2003, and Kids Recreation Trust Fund in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, and Greening Union County in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden wishes to apply to the Union County Trust Fund through the Greening Union County program for a matching grant in the amount of $11,500.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will match the Greening Union County grant program award for a total of $23,000.00, in accordance with the Grant Application attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will use the Trust Fund dollars in accordance with such rules and regulations governing the grant program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the Mayor or the successor to the Office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

1. Make application for the grant.

2. Provide additional application information and furnish such documents as

may be required.

3. Act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant.

4. A copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Victoria Durbin Drake, Trust Fund Administrator, Office of the Trust Fund/Greening Union County, Union County Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207.

5. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-274**

**RESOLUTION FOR STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF DELL COMPUTER HARDWARE FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT FROM PASCACK DATA SERVICES, AN AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to purchase Dell computer hardware from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey contract A89967 awarded to Pascack Data Services, 55 Harrison Road Suite 105, Glen Rock, NJ 07453, an authorized distributor 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**, Pascack Data Services has been awarded Contract No A89967 for the provision of Naspo Valuepoint Dell computer hardware; 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 $563,078.24 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account numbers:

C-04-55-902-637-919 $544,500.00

C-04-55-902-647-919 18,578.24

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Pascack Data Services 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: 2016-275**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD TO REPLACE AND REPAIR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF RARITAN ROAD AND DeWITT**

**WHEREAS**, The County of Union, the Township of Cranford and the City of Linden wish to upgrade the traffic signal at the intersection of Raritan Road and DeWitt by sharing in the cost to replace and repair the traffic signal; and

**WHEREAS**, The County of Union, the Township of Cranford and the City of Linden intend to enter into a Shared Services Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:65-4 as described herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the main purpose of this Shared Service Agreement is upgrade the aforementioned traffic signal, with an approximate cost of $12,689, of which the County of Union will contribute the sum of $5,000 and both the City of Linden and the Township of Cranford will contribute the sum of $3,844.50.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden find it to be in the best interest of the City and its residents to enter into this Shared Services Agreement with the County of Union and the Township of Cranford for the upgrade of the aforementioned traffic signal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Linden, in the County of Union, and the State of New Jersey that the Shared Services Agreement with the County of Union and the Township of Cranford for the upgrade of the aforementioned traffic signal be and hereby is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City of Clerk are hereby authorized to executive all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-276**

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

**REMEDY ANALYTICS, INC. FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a consultant for services to provide cost savings to the City of Linden regarding its employee prescription program 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 a fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, Remedy Analytics, Inc. submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services 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

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

1. A contract is awarded to Remedy Analytics, Inc. 1011 N. Mayfair Road, Suite 307, Milwaukee, WI 53226 in accordance with their total proposal of a 20% fee based upon the annual cost savings to the City of Linden.

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Remedy Analytics and the City Council, Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-277**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND**

**THE 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden, New Jersey desires to amend the 2016 Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon or correcting and deleting the items therein as shown in such budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Linden of the County of Union as follows:

**Section 1.** The 2016 Capital Budget of the City of Linden is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

**AMEND THE**

**CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE**

**CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

**Projects Schedules for 2016**

**Method of Financing**

**Est. Budget Capital Grants General**

**Project Cost Approp. Imp. Fund In Aid Bonds**

Gas Generator City Hall & $450,000.00 $450,000.00 $ 22,500.00 $ 427,500.00

JTG Center

**ORDINANCE OF FIRST READING**

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

* 1. **An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance establishing a schedule of Title, Salary Ranges and Regulations for maintaining the Classification and Salary Standardization plan of all employees of the City of Linden,” Passed August 15, 1995 and approved August 16, 1995 by amending and modifying Schedule 4-KK-5.**

Council President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were

none. Ordinance #60-56 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

* 1. **An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, 7-33.1A Handicapped Parking Regulations on-street as follows:**

Add:

Name of Street Spaces

628 E. Blancke St. 1

1119 Dill Avenue 1

504 Washington Ave 1

1. 18th St. 1

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Council President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were

none. Ordinance #60-57 was introduced by Mr. Brooks and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

* 1. **An ordinance providing an appropriation of $110,000.00 for the installation of Traffic Signals and related traffic improvements for the Police Department and authorizing the issuance of $104,500.00 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.**

Council President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were

none. Ordinance #60-58 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Hickey, the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote unanimously ordered approved.

* 1. **BOND ORDINANCE** **AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 58-27 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY ON MAY 20, 2014, AS AMENDED (generator project, additional funds in the amount of $450,000.00)**

Council President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were

none. Ordinance #60-59 was introduced by Mr. Brooks and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis, the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote unanimously ordered approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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.

Edward Kaminski, Maple Avenue. Mr. Kaminski stated he would echo some of the comments already made about OEM and Public Works, and congratulated them on a job well done, in handling yesterday’s storm. He congratulated the Fire Department on their 100th Anniversary. Next he spoke to Mr. Strano, making several recommendations dealing with traffic in Aviation Plaza. Mr. Kaminski spoke about the Nixie system and suggested that Linden become more robust in its use. He provided examples of how other towns use the system. He then spoke about development, in the City, complimented Mrs. Zack on the information she provided him regarding development projects and what money is being spent on. Mr. Kaminski also spoke about Wood Ave and the five different styles of sidewalks being used. He was critical of the lack of aesthetics, in the downtown development areas. He agreed with comments the Mayor had made on this subject. He also asked questions on the amount of money being spent on the downtown, and what it was being spent on.

Henry Mack. Mr. Mack spoke about the words, sent to him by the peoples, have already been expressed. Mr. Mack also commented on the loss of Eli McDuffy, and the Mayor’s comments. He thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts cleaning up from yesterday’s storm. He noted the peoples were happy with the work done. He addressed another of other issues, complimenting the City on their handling, particularly Mr. Brown’s paving of parking lots in the Third Ward.

Mr. Strano moved to close the public comment portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mr. Brown spoke about the work on Wood Ave, what has been done, and what will be done. He spoke about the issues, Mr. Kaminski brought up, outlined the work being planned and how it would address the issues. He also spoke the cause of the delays coming from agencies outside of the City of Linden.

Mr. Medina spoke about Mr. Kaminski comments on Aviation Plaza, and how he had reached out to the owners of Aviation Plaza, Millbrook Properties, on some of the same issues, and found them unresponsive. Mr. Medina added that Mr. Strano had also reached out to them regarding trucks parking in their parking lots and also had issues. Mr. Medina noted that his newsletter was in the print shop, and announced that he would be hosting Linden Board of Education night on August 17th for parents with concerns about their school children.

Mrs. Ormon expressed her condolences to the family of Joe Rutolo, a First Ward resident, who passed away last week. She spoke about Mr. Rutolo’s attributes and that he would be deeply missed.

Mr. Brooks provided his contact information and offered his condolences to the McDuffy Family on their loss.

Mrs. Hickey announced that the August 17th meeting that Mr. Medina spoke about, was a joint Ninth and Tenth Ward meeting. She announced that she had received a message, from OEM and DPW, that Elizabeth Ave., between Wood Ave and Ziegler Ave was closed due to an issue with a tree.

Mr. Alvarez advised Mr. Kaminski on getting his questions more fully answered.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President Alvarez made the following announcements:**

**Council Meetings will be as follows:**

**\*Council Conference:**

**Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the governing body, Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk