**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2016 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**October 18, 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, September20, 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 (7:15 pm)

Councilman Robert Sadowski

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling was excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Ormon moved for approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2016 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Miss New Jersey Princess 2017**

**Savannah Margarida Solano**

Mayor Armstead called up Savannah Margarida Solano, to present a proclamation to her on the occasion of her being chosen as Miss New Jersey Princess. He spoke about Ms. Solano, and all that she has done at her young age.

**FRIENDS OF LINDEN LIBRARY – NATIONAL FRIENDS WEEK**

**Dawn Beviano**

President Alvarez called up Mayor Armstead, Mr. Medina and Ms. Beviano, for a presentation recognizing National Friends of Library week in Linden. The Mayor read the resolution and presented it, along with Mr. Medina to Ms. Beviano, President of the Friends of Linden library. (Mrs. Crosby-Hurling arrived)

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about breast cancer awareness and honoring the survivors. She also informed all about the cancer awareness walk that she would be holding this weekend, and it pertains to all types of cancer. She noted how the below survivors were chosen.

**Lea Celestin**

**Patricia Brown**

**Jacqueline Barksdale**

**Rose M. Beckman-Dulko**

**Gretchen Hickey**

**Aida Alvarez**

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling stated that each resolution would be read, as it detailed each women’s experience. Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Yamakaitis joined her at the podium and help present each of the resolutions, individually. Each of the recipients spoke after receiving their resolution.

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

* 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 Ordinance #60-53 would be continued to the October meeting.

**ORDINANCE CONTINUED FROM THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

**60-67** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-22.1 Four-Way Stop

Intersections shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

7-22-1 Four-way stop intersections.

Intersections Stop signs to be located on:

ADD:

E. Blancke Street and E. Blancke Street and Maple Avenue

Maple Avenue Maple Avenue and E. Blancke Street

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 vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who abstained.

**ORDINANCES ON HEARING**

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

**#60-68 Bond Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance Number 57-44 finally adopted by the City Council on August 20, 2013. (Authorizing the demolition of unsafe buildings for the Engineering Department changing the amount).**

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.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked about the project, and why it was necessary to change the amount. Mrs. Zack responded.

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. 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:

**#60-69 Bond Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance Number 60-06 adopted by the City Council on March 15, 2016. (Bond Ordinance authorizing the resurfacing of certain streets. Deleting certain streets and adding certain streets).**

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 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:

**#60-70 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,” passed August 15, 1995 and approved August 16, 1995.**

**ADD: Public Safety Tele-communicator Per Diem**

**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 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:

**#60-71 An Ordinance approving the application for a long term tax exemption and authorizing the execution of financial agreement with SAMTD Acquisitions Linden 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.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Ms. Malik asked what entitles SAMTD Acquisitions to get this tax holiday. Mrs. Zack responded, as well as to other questions that Ms. Malik asked.

Diane Wilverding, 150 E. Morris Ave. Ms. Wilverding asked what a payment in lieu of taxes means. Mrs. Zack responded and provided an explanation.

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. Sadowski and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Beyer who voted no.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. treasurer’s office is as follows:

2017 Taxes $16,459.50

2016 Taxes $780,306.33

2015 Taxes $0.00

Garbage Fee Payments $39,922.55

Garbage Fee Penalty $340.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $4,498.27

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $10.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $50.00

Year End Penalty $0.00

Returned Check Fee Paid $0.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $0.00

Returned Check 2016 ($0.00)

Returned Check Interest ($0.00)

Returned Online Payment 2016 Taxes ($995.73)

Returned Online Interest ($4.27)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($65.95)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $0.00

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $850.00

DPW Reso payments $295.00

Interest $16,460.88

Total $858,126.58

**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

16 18 9/12/16 15-00010 $900.00

134 13 10/5/16 15-00091 $33,900.00

309 1 9/30/16 15-00190 $76,800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $111,600.00 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 & 2016 tax sale on the following

block & lot.

Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium

41 11 9/23/16 15-00023 $1,000.00

448 10 10/6/16 15-00254 $2,400.00

485 16 9/19/16 15-00283 $16,600.00

573 20.02 9/12/16 15-00340 $1,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $21,300.00 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 2013 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

41 32 9/21/16 12-00029 $1,000.00

107 6 9/21/16 12-00078 $900.00

109 9 9/21/16 12-00081 $900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,800.00 payable to: Cazenovia Creek Funding I, LLC, P.O. Box 54897, 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 2014 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

51 2 9/29/16 13-00054 $10,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $10,100.00 payable to: Ace Plus, LLC, 1416 Ave L, Brooklyn, NY 11230, 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

200 55 10/6/16 14-00167 $1,800.00

555 23 9/30/16 14-00348 $2,700.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,500.00 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 block &

lot.

Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

432 14 10/3/16 15-00245 $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

500 4 9/30/16 14-00312 $82,700.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $82,700.00 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.

**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

502 5 10/3/16 15-00289 $1,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,300.00 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.

**Refund** Block 159 Lot 6, Hesler Cardona & Hesler Cardona Jr.

619 Ziegler Avenue - 2013 Overbill

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company have paid the 2013 property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner’s mortgage company is entitled a refund in the amount of $393.15.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 393.15, 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 258 Lot 4, Melvin Rodgers

2711 Orchard Terrace

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the title agency have paid the 2014 1st quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of $2,375.49.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 2,375.49 payable to: Melvin Rodgers, 2711 Orchard Terrace, Linden,NJ 07036 charging same to # 6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 266 Lot 18, Artemio & Catherine Nuesa

111 Robbinwood Terrace

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the title agency have paid the 2016 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of $2,479.43.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 2,479.43 payable to: Artemio & Catherine Nuesa, 111 Robbinwood Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to # 6-01-55-288-999-904.

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:**

1. Requesting approval of the follow bingo/raffle applications which were submitted to the

Clerk’s Office:

Application Number Applicant Game Fees Collected

RA-1525 NJROTC 50/50 $20.00

BA-1526 NJROTC Bingo $20.00

RA-1526 Soehl Middle School 50/50 $20.00

RA-1527 Strike Nation Bowling Club 50/50 n/a

RA-1528 Linden Pres Chruch 50/50 $20.00

RA-1529 Linden Pres Church Tricky Tray $20.00

RA-1530 Mongil Corp. 50/50 $20.00

RA-1531 Mongil Corp. Casino Night $100.00

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

1. Requesting approval of the following refund:
2. NJ Manufacturers Insurance Company is entitled to a refund of $745.00 for ambulance service that was provided on February 2, 2016. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check to: NJ Manufacturers Insurance Company, PO Box 928, West Trenton, NJ 08628 charging account 6-01-08-629-011.
3. Peter Fiorini 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 customer agency. 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: Peter Fiorini, 34 Junction Road, Flemington, NJ 08822 charging same to 6-01-09-699-069.
4. Grigori Kletsman is entitled to a refund of $250.00 for a duplicate CCO and Zoning application for US Gas and Petroleum, LLC 2000 E. Edgar Road. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Grigori Kletsman, 29 S. Syracuse Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 charging same to 6-01-09-699-094.

**(\*\*\*) Board of Health:**

1. Advising that the Board of Health has issued seventy-four (74) Certificates of Occupancy for the month of September, 2016.

(\*\*\*) **Municipal Treasurer:**

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

DepartmentEmployeeTitleDate

Public Property Nathan Vetrano Rec. Leader P/T Oct. 1, 2016

**(\*\*\*) MAYOR ARMSTEAD:**

1. Advising that he has appointed Captain Dave Hart of the Linden Police Department as the City of Linden OEM Coordinator due to the retirement of Chief James Schulhafer from a three (3) year term effective October 12, 2016.

**Mrs. Hickey moved for approval of Consent Items #1 through #6. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved on roll call vote.**

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

**FIRST WARD**

Mrs. Ormon congratulated all of the breast cancer survivor honored here tonight, and reminded all that tonight is the last night to register to vote for the November election. She also spoke about the importance to vote in the Board of Education election, and to become familiar with the candidates, before voting. Next she announced a town hall meeting that would be held this Thursday, at City Hall, to explain the recently issued tax bills. Mrs. Ormon spoke about the tree trimming that has gone on in the First Ward, thanked the Shade Tree Commission for the outstanding job they have done, and noted that the work is ongoing, so be patient. She also addressed the issue of leaf collection, and asked that leaves not be blown into the catch basins.

Mrs. Ormon then spoke about dangerous intersections, throughout the First Ward, that residents have been contacting her about. Most of the solutions require traffic studies, and those have been suspended due to manpower shortages in the Police Department. Hopefully they will resume shortly. She reminded all about the Halloween Parade, this Sunday, and urged all to come and support this activity. Next she spoke about car break-ins that were occurring, and asked all citizens to make sure they lock their house doors. Mrs. Ormon warned residents about door to door sales persons, to be cautious, and not let them into your house.

Mrs. Ormon thanked the residents of the First Ward for being so receptive to her as she walked the ward and talked to them.

**SECOND WARD**

Mr. Beyer gave the report of the Construction Code and Lighting Committee. He reported that 154 permit and 108 certificates were issued, and $76,378.00 in fees were collected. Next he noted that he had received request for additional street lighting. Mr. Beyer moved that street lights be installed at the following location: 515 Dewitt St., poll 61648; and poll numbers A64370LD and 60194LD on the 3200 block of Tremely Point Rd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. He noted that previously approved street lights installation had been delayed, but the problem has been resolved and the lights should be installed shortly.

Mr. Beyer informed Second Ward residents that he had leaf bags available, and provided his contact information for those who wanted them dropped off. The bags are also available at the recycling center, for pickup. Proof of residency is required.

**THIRD WARD**

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

1. The payment of bills totaling $1,838,940.29 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 September at the rate of .15%
3. In the Department of Finance the approval is granted for the CFO to submit the Best Practices worksheet to the Division of Local Government Services by the October 21, 2016 deadline.

Mr. Brown moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon, and was ordered approved with Mrs. Cosby-Hurling voting no and Mrs. Hickey abstaining.

Mr. Brown informed all about the upcoming town hall meeting, on Thursday. He explained the purpose of the meeting and what the topic of discussion would be. Next he provided details, regarding trick or treating on Wood Ave, for Halloween. This efforts was being promoted by the SID, and noted other activities by SID.

Mr. Brown informed Third Ward residents regarding the tree planting and the sidewalk replacement program that is taking place. He also had reached out to St. Elizabeth’s Church and discuss the hosting of a community meeting, regarding the police department. He is awaiting a response.

**FOURTH WARD**

Mr. Brooks gave the report of the Public Property and Community Services Committee. The Division of Transportation and Parking collected a total of $87,746.24 from all sources. He next provided Fourth Ward news. He first spoke about the correction of the paving problem on one block of Lincoln Street. Next he announced that a tutorial program would be starting at the LMPC. He provided information on who was eligible to attend, and that the tutoring would be provided by Linden High School Honor students.

Mr. Brooks thanked the DPW for their cleanup efforts in the Fourth Ward. He noted that the incidents of dumping, along the railroad tracks, has decreased, but asked citizens to be observant, and what they should do should they observe illegal dumping taking place. Next he spoke about younger drivers who want to use City streets as raceways. He noted his efforts to discourage this activity, and how it could end in death. He asked residents, who observe this activity, to get a plate number and provide it to him. He provided his contact information.

**FIFTH WARD**

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about the Linden Housing Authority, and promised to have an update for the December meeting. She noted that one of the buildings needed repairs, and as residents vacated, residents from that building were being moved into the other building so that the repairs could be done. This impacted on new admissions, and would so for the next eighteen months.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling gave the following report of the Personnel Committee:

1. Hires: Pending successful completion of the City’s Pre-employment requirements
2. George Alves – laborer tier 2 in the DPW $14.00 per hour effective 10/24/2016
3. Ron C. Storey – laborer tier 2 in the DPW $14.00 per hour effective 10/24/2016
4. Seasonal Hires/Public Property/DPW/REC:
5. Yvonne Gregis – Recreation Leader $12.00
6. Theresa Vircik – Recreation Leader $12.00
7. Antonio Wilson – Recreation Leader $12.00
8. Adam Aburtamond – DPW Seasonal
9. Anthony Sestito – DPW Seasonal
10. Kahalil Ganies – DPW Seasonal
11. FMLA/NJFLA:
12. Employee #001057 – intermittent FMLA 9/6/16 to 3/7/17
13. Separation of Employment:
14. Jose Hernandez – accept separation of employment in the Police Department effective 10/5/2016
15. Publicly Advertise Employment Opportunities:
16. Repost statewide for pre diem dispatchers
17. Administrative approvals:
18. Permission to start background checks to hire (6) police officers for the November 22, 2016 Council meeting.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis, and was ordered approved with all voting in favor, except Mr. Medina, who abstained on item 2E.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling continued the report of the Personnel Committee, discussing topics related to employee of the year, employee surveys, and other activities of the Personnel Committee. Next announced that the upcoming Fifth Ward Community meeting, and that the Police Chief will be there, as will the proposed developer of the St. Georges Ave redevelopment site. Also, at the meeting, Hispanic Heritage will be celebrated.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling next spoke about the first Cancer Walk, in the City of Linden. She noted how the funds collected would be distributed. Next she spoke about the Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs program. Linden had thirteen participants. The State, recently took them on a camping trip to Fairview Lakes, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling provided high lights of the trip, stated that she wants to continue the program, and noted what the program teaches the kids. She added that the children would also be eligible for a trip to the aquarium in Camden.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling gave a thank you to Councilman Brooks for the getting things done at the LMPC, regarding programing. She spoke about the need to get things done, for the betterment of the Community. She also urged residents to look at what the various candidates, for the Board of Education offer, and make a decision of who is best for the betterment of the schools. She concluded by providing her contact information.

**SIXTH WARD**

Mr. Sadowski gave the report of the City Clerk’s office, License Division. A total of $3,944.11 was collected. In addition the City Clerk’s office also collected $3,495.00 in fees. Next he gave the report of the Sewerage Authority, including the bid for aggregation of electric energy for use by the Authority, the City and the Linden Housing Authority. He also spoke about compliance issues at the plant, and other activities at the sewer plant.

Mr. Sadowski next gave the Sixth Ward report, speaking in particular about the sidewalk and curb replacement program in the Sixth Ward. He also informed Sixth Ward residents that the Red Cross would not be returning, to Linden, until March to continue its smoke detector distribution program. Mr. Sadowski spoke about the Blue Acres program and houses effected in the Sixth Ward. Lastly, with Halloween coming up, he asked all to be cautious of the children out Trick or Treating. He noted that he has leaf bags available, and provided his contact information.

**SEVENTH WARD**

Mr. Strano provided an update on the status of the Quite Zone. He informed all that the first phase of the blue acres buyout is progressing, and the first ten houses, in the Seventh Ward, have been demolished. He spoke about the efficiency of the company, and its workers, doing the demolish work. He called upon Mr. Vircik, on this issue, who noted that twenty more houses would be taken down. Mr. Strano informed residents of the availability of leaf bags, either at the recycling center, or though himself.

**EIGHTH WARD**

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave the report of the Fire Prevention Bureau, noting that $4,236.51 was collected in the month of September. She also reported that $49,821.99 was collected in the month of September, for the ambulance reimbursement program, bringing the year to date total to $502,084.76. Next she reported on Fire Prevention night, which was held on October 2, on N. Wood Ave. She also congratulated the Fire Department on their work at a fire on Roselle Street, that same evening.

Mrs. Yamakaitis stated that Phillips 66 and Infintium made a donation of a refrigerator to the Eighth Ward Community center. She then moved to accept the donation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. Next she reported on a request of the Chandler Avenue Community Coalition to use the LMPC. She noted the purpose that the center would be used for. She then moved a motion to approve the Chandler Avenue Community Coalition, Two Loaves, Five Fish Event to be held at the Linden Multi-purpose center on November 1, 2016 through November 5, 2016, subject to the availability of the facility and further authorizing a matching grant of $500.00 to fund the event to be utilized for framing, event materials and refreshments and further authorizing an in-kind contribution of City Personnel to held with staging and execution of the event. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who abstained and Mr. Sadowski, who was absent from the room.

Mrs. Yamakaitis informed all that the Health Department was offering free flu shots, and provided details on how to obtain them.

Mrs. Yamakaitis informed Eighth Ward residents of the upcoming Eighth Ward Community meeting on October 26th. The new police chief, Johnathan Parham, has been invited to attend the event. She also noted that the paving of Linden Avenue, will finally begin, and spoke about the reasons for the delays. Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about her request for a four way stop sign at Bachelor and Klem Avenue, and that the introduction of the ordinance, allowing for it, was on tonight’s agenda. In conclusion she advised Eighth Ward residents of the availability of leaf bags, and to reach out for her, and provided her contact information.

**NINTH WARD**

Mr. Medina offered his congratulations to the Breast Cancer survivors. He thanked Mrs. Cosby-Hurling for her dedication, for starting the recognition program. He spoke about car break-ins, in the Ninth Ward, and the need to lock car doors, as most of the cars hit, had unlocked car doors. Mr. Medina noted that the road restoration work, being done by the gas company, is wrapping up, and should be completed tomorrow.

Mr. Medina spoke about last month’s Ninth and Tenth Wards joint community meeting. He thanked the police chief, for his great presentation, and community interaction. Next he spoke about the issue of speeding in the Tenth Ward and the need to pay attention to the stop signs. Next he spoke about the loss of a life of a twenty-three year old Linden resident in an accident on St. Georges Ave, in Roselle. He spoke about the tragedy and the need to careful when driving. He provided his contact information.

**TENTH WARD**

Mrs. Hickey spoke about leaf collection, how hard it is for them to schedule, the cleanup, but DPW will work to keep residents informed, using social media of collection dates. Next she spoke about the work, by the gas company, that will be done in the Tenth Ward. She will wait for that work to be completed before allowing street repaving to begin in the Ward. She asked Tenth Ward residents, wanting a tree planted to please call her.

Mrs. Hickey gave a short report on OEM, the selection of Dave Hart, as the new OEM Coordinator, and the training that OEM is receiving. She also congratulated Mr. Chabak and Mr. Stigliano on their reappointments as deputy OEM coordinators.

Mrs. Hickey offered her congratulations to all of the cancer survivors and urged all to attend the Cancer Walk on Saturday at Peach Orchard Park. She announced a number of events, coming up, in support of ROTC, McManus, and School Ten PTA. She also announced the Diamond Gloves event that would be held this Friday, which supports the Linden Recreation Department and various youth activities. Mrs. Hickey also provided information on “Kickball for A Cause,” which would be held on Saturday. She spoke about the Kiwanis Club “Taste of the Town” event. In conclusion she provided her contract information.

Mr. Brooks was recognized, and he spoke about the Roselle Street fire, and the efforts of several persons, in alternating the residents to the fire.

Mr. Medina provided information on the Touch a Truck fundraising event that would be held at the Linden Library on Saturday. He also thanked Mayor Armstead for attending last month’s Tenth Ward Community meeting.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead spoke about the $.23 increase in New Jersey’s gas tax, how he thought it an unfair tax, but how it would benefit Linden, in regards to the Turnpike connector road. The road would now be funded. Next he spoke about an article in the Local Source regarding actions taken by the NJ Environmental Works Council and the Teamsters against Linden. He explained the information that they requested and why the request for the information was denied. He noted the denial was to protect the citizens of Linden.

Mayor Armstead then talked about the Linden landfill, and developing a solar farm on it. He noted the power will be sold to a local company, at a rate higher than they would have been paid, if it was sold to the grid. The same company was interested in buying City property, for the expansion of their plant, and how it would benefit the City.

Mayor Armstead reported on the St. Georges Ave redevelopment area, and the plan that a private company was presenting to develop the site. The Mayor also thanked City employees, for the breast cancer awareness program that they held at City Hall.

Mayor Armstead provided details on the following events: Kiwians Club Taste of the Towns; A car show, at Linden Airport, to benefit a police department scholarship fund; and Thursday night’s town hall meeting, at City Hall. Mayor Armstead then spoke about individuals doing door-to-door soliciting, if they do not have a City issued license, then residents should not open the door. He added, that in all cases, if the resident does not feel safe, then they should not open the door.

Mayor Armstead announced that on October 14, 2016 he became full time as Mayor.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Alvarez announced that he would be honoring veterans at the November Council meeting. Also the TAP newspaper was looking to establish a branch in Linden, and was looking for investors. He next spoke about the Linden Halloween Parade and provided details on it. He all urged all to come out and attend.

President Alvarez announced his family’s annual Halloween haunted house and that it would be held at the Gregorio Center. He provided details on the event.

**RESOLUTIONS+**

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

**The following asked to remove resolutions from consideration.**

**Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. 2016-348, 350, 353, 355, 357, 362 and 363.**

**Miguel Ocasio 2016-353**

**John Roman, 23 Union Ave., 2016-363**

**Henry Mack, 2016-351 and 363.**

**Mr. Beyer moved to approve resolutions 2016-340 through 2016-372, with the exception of 2016-348, 350, 351, 352, 353, 355, 357, 362, and 363. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was ordered approved with all voting in favor except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no to 2016-348, Mrs. Yamakaitis who abstained on 2016-359 and Mrs. Hickey who abstained on 2016-349.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-340**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS FOR SALE OR DISPOSITION NOT NEEDED FOR GOVERNMENT USE**

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:11-36 provides for the sale/disposal of surplus property not needed for government use; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Linden desires to sell certain surplus property or dispose; and**

**WHEREAS, the items listed below are being declared surplus and not needed for municipal purpose; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to sell at public action or by other means as provided for in the statue using their best business discretion for the following items:**

1. **Dell Optiplex GX620 – FKBMP81 computer**
2. **Dell Optiplex 960 DCSMTK1 computer**
3. **Dell Poweredge 2950 6GVXMH1 computer**
4. **Dell PowerVault MD1000 CR6LKH1**
5. **Dell PowerVault TL2000 8GXC3M1**
6. **Benq Q7T3 99L83721GA25301429TABIGA**
7. **Lexmark E232 Printer**
8. **Alertex DVC/CD copy cruiser Pro HS 00372-003092**
9. **HP xw4300 Workstation 2VA6281CXR**

**10 ICOP 20/20W DVR – D0780208, D0820063, D0780201, D0820064, D07800200, D07800202, D0820066, D1030270, D0820065, D08800039**

**In car camera systems**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to confirm the sale of said items.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-341**

**RESOLUTION FOR STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF FIREARMS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM ATLANTIC TACTICAL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to purchase firearms from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey contract A81297, awarded to Atlantic Tactical, 14 Worlds Fair Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873, 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**, Atlantic Tactical has been awarded Contract No A81297 for the provision of Police and Homeland Security 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 $28,917.00 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-902-654-919.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Atlantic Tactical 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: 2016-342**

**RESOLUTION FOR STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF DELL RUGGED LAPTOPS AND TABLETS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES FROM PASCACK DATA SERVICES, AN AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to purchase Dell Rugged Laptops and Tablets for Police Vehicles 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 $86,071.64 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-902-646-919.

**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: 2016-343**

**STATE CONTRACT RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES - POLICE & FIRE SYSTEMS FROM QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain maintenance services for Police and Fire systems from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey contract A83889 awarded to Queues Enforth Development, Inc., 92 Montvale Avenue Suite 4350, Stoneham, MA 02180-3647 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**, Queues Enforth Development, Inc. has been awarded Contract No A83889 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 $43,036.00 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number 6-01-25-250-314-273.

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2016-344**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT GRANT**

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will receive $10,364.43 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 $10,364.43 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:

Body Armor Replacement Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $10,364.43 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:

Body Armor Replacement Grant

**RESOLUTION: 2016-345**

**NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK**

**Whereas,** Friends of the Linden Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children’s summer reading, and special events throughout the year;

**Whereas,** the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present;

**Whereas,** the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers’ advisory, and children’s services;

**Whereas,** the Friends’ gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved that** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden declare October 16-22, 2016, as Friends of Libraries week in City of Linden, Union County, New Jersey and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-346**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING A REDEVELOPER AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 288, LOTS 1, 2, 13, 14 AND 15; BLOCK 254, LOTS 12, 13 AND 16 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,** the City Council of the City of Linden (the “**City Council**”) authorized the Planning Board of the City of Linden (the “**Planning Board**”) to conduct a preliminary investigation a preliminary investigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6 of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et seq.* (the “**Act**”) to determine whether certain parcels in the City of Linden (the “**City**”) constituted areas in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Planning Board undertook said investigation and conducted a public hearing, all in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, and found that the properties commonly known as Block 288, Lots 1, 2, 13, 14 and 15 and Block 254, Lots 12, 13 and 16 on the tax maps of the Township (“**Study Area**”) satisfied certain statutory criteria and thus constituted an area in need of redevelopment and in accordance with *N.J.S.A* 40A:12A-5 and *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12-6 recommended its findings to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 16, 2016, the City Council accepted the findings of the Planning Board and designated the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment (the “**Redevelopment Area**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Act, a redevelopment plan was prepared by Ricci Planning entitled ‘Redevelopment Plan Block 288, Lots 1, 2, 13, 14, and 15; Block 254, Lots 12, 13, and 16’ dated April 15, 2016 (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”) for the Redevelopment Area and was adopted by ordinance of the City Council on May 17, 2016; 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); and

**WHEREAS**, SAMTD Acquisitions Linden Urban Renewal, LLC (the “**Redeveloper**”) has made application to be designated as the redeveloper for the Redevelopment Area, for which Redeveloper is the owner or 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 the Entity 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 the Entity as the exclusive redeveloper of the Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, Redeveloper has agreed to develop a project on the Redevelopment Area 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 a redevelopment agreement with Redeveloper, a form of which redevelopment agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and which redevelopment agreement specifies the rights and responsibilities of the City, designates Redeveloper as redeveloper of the Project Area 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 redevelopment agreement 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.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-347**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACTING PUBLIC DEFENDERS FOR 2016**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden passed Resolution No. 2016-40 on January 19, 2016 retaining the services Afonso & Afonso, Edward Cooper, Esq., Thomas Koehl, Esq. and Charney Roberts, LLC Esqs., as temporary public defender in Linden Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS,** because of the ongoing nature of the services for Edward Cooper, Esq., there is a need for additional funds not to exceed $5,000.00 for legal services relative to the aforesaid matter; and

**WHEREAS,** inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures paid to date to Edward Cooper, Esq. for services rendered under the original or substantially related contract is $17,000.00; 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**;**

**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: 2016-348**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT**

**WITH PASCACK DATA FOR COMPUTER CONSULTING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** on January 19, 2016, the City passed a Resolution, No. 2016-27, entering into a Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services contract for services with Pascack Data for computer consulting services; and

**WHEREAS,** the term of the Contract is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a need for an additional funds remaining under the original contract with Pascack Data to continue to provide the required services through December 31, 2016 for the Disaster Recovery Project; and.

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds, account/line item No. C-04-55-902-647-919 ($45,000.00) and C-04-55-902-637-919 ($51,022.14).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement awarded to Pascack Data, 200 Central Avenue, Suite 100, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 is hereby amended to increase the contract by the addition sum of $96,022.14 for the period of August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for the Disaster Recovery Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between Pascack Data 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 said amendatory agreement with Pascack Data to effectuate the foregoing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be published in accordance with applicable law.

**Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked specifically what the $200,000.00 would be spent on for the disaster recovery project. Mrs. Zack provided an explanation.**

**See the vote after 2016-363.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-349**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

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

8/31/16 Police Dept. PAL 20,000.00

8/31/16 Pascack Data services 17,446.33

9/2/16 Vision Service Plan claims 4,085.02

9/6/16 Payroll payroll 1,809,762.25

163343 9/7/16 Estate of Edwards replace Medicare ck 419.60

163344 9/7/16 TD Wealth Operations admin fees 3,000.00

9/9/16 Worker’s comp. claims 19,653.49

9/9/16 Medco claims 100,372.49

9/16/16 SHBP Retirees Sept. Health Premium 579,792.17

9/16/16 SHBP Active July Health Premium 665,136.28

9/21/16 Worker’s Comp. claims 35,342.29

9/21/16 Payroll payroll 1,692,950.25

9/28/16 Medco claims 58,373.34

9/28/16 Worker’s Comp. claims 13,425.25

**TRUST**

8/31/16 I Play America day camp 3,192.50

8/31/16 State of NJ Sept. to Rem. 150.00

9/6/16 Payroll payroll 73,223.58

9/21/16 Payroll payroll 54,273.84

**GRANT**

9/6/16 Payroll payroll 9,072.96

9/21/16 Payroll payroll 8,557.11

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

9/6/16 Payroll payroll 2,536.88

9/21/16 Payroll payroll 2,520.00

**CAPITAL**

9/6/16 Payroll payroll 1,146.39

9/21/16 Payroll payroll 1,103.13

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

9/6/16 Payroll payroll 194.82

9/21/16 Payroll payroll 150.00

**RESOLUTION: 2016-350**

**RESOLUTION FOR STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF EXTENDED MAINTENANCE 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, 200 Central Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506, 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 $104,790.00 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number: C-04-55-900-626-919 $29,228.63 & C-04-55-902-647-919 $75,557.62

**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: 2016-351**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH MUSIAL GROUP ARCHITECTURE FOR DESIGN AND INSPECTION SERVICES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EVIDENCE LOCKER IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the design and inspection services for the Police Department Evidence Locker 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**, Musial Group Architecture, 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-04-55-902-650-919;

**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 Musial Group Architecture, 191 Mill Lane, Mountainside, NJ 07092, at a fee not to exceed $9,000.00 in accordance with their proposal dated September 29, 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Musial Group Architecture 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 Musial Group Architecture to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**Henry Mack, Mr. Mack asked if this was about a locker room for the Police Department. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling responded not a locker room, evidence lockers. Chief Parham added that this work is needed in order for the Linden Police department to achieve accreditation.**

**See the vote after 2016-363.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-352**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO KONKUS CORPORATION FOR RESURFACING OF E. LINDEN AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on October 7, 2016 for resurfacing of E. Linden Avenue 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-04-55-901-613-919 ($100,000) and C-04-55-901-638-919 ($36,635.40); and

**WHEREAS,** Konkus Corporation was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $136,635.40; 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 E. Linden Avenue, be and hereby, is awarded to Konkus Corporation, 245 Main Street, Suite 202, Chester, New Jersey 07930, at a fee not to exceed $136,635.40 in accordance with their bid dated October 7, 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between Konkus Corporation 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 Konkus Corporation to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**Henry Mack. Mr. Mack asked if the project would make Wood Ave narrower. Mr. Brown noted that the project calls for the extension of the sidewalks, to provide for pedestrian safety. He also addressed Mr. Mack’s concerns over parking on Wood Ave.**

**John Roman, Union Ave. Mr. Roman stated that his questions had been answered. He did ask if there were any plans to put out temporary extensions to see if the plan worked on Wood Ave. Mr. Brown responded and also to additional questions that Mr. Roman had.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-353**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT**

**WITH PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT AT 11OO E. ST. GEORGES AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for environmental site assessment at 1100 E. St. Georges Avenue; 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**, Pennoni Associates, 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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or his 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 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Pennoni Associates, Inc., 24 Commerce Street, Suite 300, Newark, New Jersey 07102, at a fee not to exceed $19,700.00 in accordance with their proposal dated August 12, 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between Pennoni Associates, 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 Pennoni Associates, Inc. effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked where the property was and why the City is paying for the environmental work. Mr. Brown responded that it was the St. Georges Ave redevelopment area, and that the City is doing the work, but it is being paid for through an escrow account that the developer funds. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling also commented on the site.**

**Miguel Ocasio. Mr. Ocasio expressed his concerns over project on East St. Georges Ave, and asked several questions about the site. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling responded to the questions, and provided a brief history of the site. She also invited him to a community meeting, where the developer would be present. Mr. Brown responded to the concerns, raised by Mr. Ocasio, about the redevelopment.**

**See the vote after 2016-363.**

**RESOLUTION:2016-354**

**A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 2016-292 ENTITLED,**

**“AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2016-27 AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PASCACK DATA SERVICES FOR COMPUTER CONSULTING SERVICES” PASSED AUGUST 16, 2016**

**AND APPROVED AUGUST 17, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, at the August 16, 2016 Council Meeting, City Council passed Resolution No. 2016-292 approving the amendment to Resolution 2016-27 awarding a contract to Pascack Data Services for computer consulting services ; and

**WHEREAS**, said Resolution was not in the correct format; and

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

1. That Resolution No. 2016-292 entitled **"** AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2016-27 AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PASCACK DATA SERVICES FOR COMPUTER CONSULTING SERVICES” passed August 16, 2016 and approved August 17, 2016 shall be and the same is hereby rescinded.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-355**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNIFER HONAN DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135 provides that a Governing Body may, by ordinance create the office of Deputy Municipal Clerk and provide for appointments thereto; and

**WHEREAS,** Municipal Ordinance 2-34 et seq. creates such position and provides for such appointment by Resolution of the City Council for a three (3) year term;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that Jennifer Honan, 136 Birchwood Road, Linden, New Jersey be and hereby is appointed Deputy Municipal Clerk of the City of Linden for a three (3) year term commencing November 1, 2016 and ending October 31, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the salary of the Deputy Municipal Clerk shall be established by the applicable salary ordinance; and

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

**Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. In response to Ms. Malik, President Alvarez responded that it is the same position that Mrs. Honan currently holds. Mr. Bodek noted that the appointment of a deputy clerk is only for a term of three years at a time, and Mrs. Honan current term is expiring. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling noted that Mrs. Honan was Employee of the year, last year.**

**See the vote after 2016-363.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-356**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO**

**FORWARD MONIES TO LIEN HOLDER AMACO**

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: 2016-357**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CEASE OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVER REIMBURSEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Local Finance Notice 2016-10, local units have sole discretion as to whether or not to offer employees a reimbursement for waiving their health benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests if the City to cease said reimbursement for waiving employee health benefits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** hereby ceases reimbursement for waiving employee health benefits effective immediately.

**Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked what the consequence of ceasing the health benefit waiver, was for the City. Mrs. Zack responded and noted the savings to the City in ending this benefit.**

**See the vote after 2016-363.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-358**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS**

**AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTER LOCAL 469, WHITE COLLAR**

Whereas the Council of the City of Linden has a collective negotiations agreement with the Teamster Local 469 White Collar; and

Whereas, the prior agreement expired on December 31, 2013; and

Whereas the Council and the Union have negotiated a successor agreement.

Now therefore be it resolved that this Council approves the Teamsters Local 469 White Collar collective negotiations agreement effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

Be it resolved that the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Linden to execute the attached collective negotiations agreement, subject to ratification by Teamsters Local 469 White Collar.

Be it further resolved that this resolution is effective subject to the aforementioned provisions.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-359**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS**

**AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTER LOCAL 469, BLUE COLLAR**

Whereas the Council of the City of Linden has a collective negotiations agreement with the Teamster Local 469 Blue Collar; and

Whereas, the prior agreement expired on December 31, 2013; and

Whereas the Council and the Union have negotiated a successor agreement.

Now therefore be it resolved that this Council approves the Teamsters Local 469 Blue Collar collective negotiations agreement effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

Be it resolved that the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Linden to execute the attached collective negotiations agreement, subject to ratification by Teamsters Local 469 Blue Collar.

Be it further resolved that this resolution is effective subject to the aforementioned provisions.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-360**

**RESOLUION APPROVING A COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS**

**AGREEMENT WITH LSA LOCAL 125 AND LOCAL 125A**

Whereas the Council of the City of Linden has a collective negotiations agreement with the LSA Local 125 and Local 125A; and

Whereas, the prior agreement expired on December 31, 2013; and

Whereas the Council and the Union have negotiated a successor agreement.

Now therefore be it resolved that this Council approves the LSA Local 125 and Local 125A collective negotiations agreement effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

Be it resolved that the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Linden to execute the attached collective negotiations agreement, subject to ratification by LSA Local 125 and Local 125A.

Be it further resolved that this resolution is effective subject to the aforementioned provisions.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-361**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF A DELL LAPTOP FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Linden Public Schools wishes to donate a Dell Latitude E6400 Service Tag to the City of Linden Office of Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden is desirous of accepting the aforesaid donation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF**

**THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden shall accept the aforesaid donation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, if necessary, to effectuate the foregoing as approved by the City of Linden Law Department.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-362**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN ALLOWING ACN TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE CITY’S ENERGY AND ELECTRIC USAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the City has a desire to review the City’s energy and electric usage; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to effectuate same, an audit of the energy and electric usage is necessary in order to implement any cost savings to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, ACN is qualified to conduct such an audit; and

**WHEREAS**, said audit will be at no cost to the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that ACN, having its business at 314 Paterson Plank Road Unit 1B Union City, NJ 07087, is hereby authorized to conduct an audit of the City’s energy and electric usage at no cost to the City of Linden.

**Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked if any other companies were solicited. Mayor Armstead responded that it had to do with the Energy Aggregation program, and that he hoped to get better rates for the residents. A discussion followed, between the Mayor and Ms. Malik, over the benefit to the citizens.**

**See the vote after 2016-363.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-363**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT 2016-DT-BLA-209 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey Department of Transportation has offered the City of Linden $1,000,000 for the project known as A Transit Village Streetscape along North and South Wood Avenue under agreement 2016-DT-BLA-209 (Federal Project No. TAP-0617 (300); and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden accepts said grant;

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

**THE CITY OF LINDEN** as follows:

1. That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby directed and empowered to execute any documents, as needed, to effectuate the foregoing.

2. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. In response to Ms. Malik’s question, Mr. Brown provided a detailed explanation of the project. He also answered her questions regarding the hiring of outside engineers to direct the project.**

**Henry Mack. Mr. Mack asked if the sitting judge was aware of all this conversations. President Alvarez noted that the resolution number was 2016-347, which was already voted on, but he would permit Mr. Mack to ask his questions. Mr. McCarthy responded that this is not within the purview of the Judge, and noted that the law required the City to provide public defenders for certain types of defendants.**

**Mr. Beyer moved for approval of resolutions 2016-348, 350, 351, 353, 355, 357, 362 and 363. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting yes, except Mr. Sadowski, Mr. Strano, and Mrs. Yamakaitis, who voted yes to all except 2016-357, to which they voted no.**

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

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.

**An Ordinance Entitled:**

**#60-72** Bond Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance Number 60-41, finally adopted by the City Council on June 21, 2016. (Providing for the acquisition of Firearms and associated equipment for the Police Department. Changing the appropriation and estimated cost from $121,000 to $195,000, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes from $114,950 to $185,250, the down payment from $6,050 to $9,750, and the section 20 cost from $12,100 to $19,500.

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

none. Ordinance #60-72 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.

**An Ordinance Entitled:**

**#60-73** An 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.

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

Ordinance #60-73 was introduced by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling, seconded by Mr. Alvarez the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sadowski, Mr. Strano, and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling stated that she was grateful that this was here, after there had been two months of review on it, which followed two years of review. She provided a history of the review. She explained that the City was looking to put a director in charge, and they have to be in charge of a department. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling explained her reasons for supporting this ordinance.

Mr. Brown spoke about the Council working through committees, and this has not yet been approved by the DPW committee. He also noted his role as chairman of the finance committee, and he wanted more time to look at this and if it was going to cost more money. Two committees wanted this held, and he did not know why the chairman of one committee was trying to push through something.

On motion of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling, seconded by Mr. Alvarez the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sadowski, Mr. Strano, and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no.

**An Ordinance Entitled:**

**#60-74** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic.

Amending 7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulations

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking on-street, as follows:

Name of Street Spaces No. of location

ADD:

1009 Bower St 1 On the southwesterly sideline of Bower Street, 84 feet more or less northwesterly from

The curbline of Middlesex Street in front of

1009 Bower Street for a length of 22 feet. The

Aforesaid space is specifically reserved and

Designated for Emma L. Massey to be identified

By license plate number and a placard to be

Issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing

Or displaying handicapped license plates and/or

Placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in

Such space.

DELETE:

1400 Eddy Ave 1 On the southwesterly sideline of Eddy Avenue, 202 feet more or less northwesterly

From the curbline of W. 15th Street in front of

1400 Eddy Avenue for a length of 22 feet. The

Aforesaid space is specifically reserved and

Designated for Carl Gunshore to be identified by license plate number and a placard to be issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing

Or displaying handicapped license plates and/or

Placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.

3014 Fedor Ave 1 On the southwesterly sidelines of Fedor Avenue, 27 feet more or less northwesterly from the projection of the northwesterly curbline of Arthur Street, in front of 3014 Fedor Avenue for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for a vehicle for Alice Stiles/Robert Squires, to be identified by license plate number and a placard to be issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing and displaying handicapped licensed plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.

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

none. Ordinance #60-74 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.

**An Ordinance Entitled:**

**#60-75** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter II, Administration.

Amending Section 2-12.1 as follows:

The Department of Police shall consist of the following positions: (1) Chief; (5) Captains; (12) Lieutenants; (19) Sergeants; (116) Patrol Officers.

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

Ordinance #60-75 was introduced by Mr. Brooks and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

Henry Mack. Mr. Mack asked if the chief was fully and completely informed of this ordinance. President Alvarez responded yes. Mr. Mack asked if it had been discusses with the Chief, and the answer was again yes. Mayor Armstead spoke in support of the ordinance.

Cleadel Waye, 1027 Essex Ave. Ms. Waye thought this was a good way to move the town forward, especially in light of what had recently happened. She thanked the Captain, the Mayor and the officers involved. She noted her personal experience involving that event. Chief Parham explained the change in the compliment for the Police Department, and why it is necessary.

On motion of Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Strano the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sadowski, Mr. Strano, and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no.

**An Ordinance Entitled:**

**#60-76** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-22.1 Four-Way stop intersections shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

7-22.1 Four-way stop intersections.

Intersections Stop signs to be located on:

ADD:

Bacheller Avenue and Klem Avenue Bacheller Avenue and Klem Avenue

Klem Avenue and Bacheller Avenue

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

Ordinance #60-76 was introduced by Mr. Brooks and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

Mrs. Ormon asked Lt. Babulski to confirm that a complete and comprehensive traffic study was done on that intersection. Lt. Babulski responded yes.

On motion of Mrs. Yamakaitis, seconded by Mr. Strano the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sadowski, Mr. Strano, and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Ocasio, 806 Maple Avenue. Mr. Ocasio noted that he is getting complaints, from his neighbors that their garbage is not getting picked up. He faulted the lack of pickup on the use of the one arm garbage trucks. Mr. Ocasio stated that he had a list of names of neighbors who have had a problem. Mr. Brown recommended that he give the list to the head of the department so that it can be addressed. Mr. Brown noted that until it is given to the department head, no one in the City knows there is a problem. Mr. Ocasio spoke about the change in garbage pickups causing issues.

Richard Gerbounka, 617 Princeton Road. Mr. Gerbounka spoke about the fundraiser for the late Jack Sheehy’s family, a former councilman. He spoke about the event, and how successful it was, netting a little over $16,000.00. He noted that the success was due to the hard work of the Committee and those that participated in the event. He thanked everyone, on his behalf and that of the Sheehy family. Mr. Gerbounka added that the committee still had not closed out the account, were accepting donations and noted how to make donations

Cleadel Way, 1027 Essex Avenue. Mrs. Way again spoke about the need to have enough police officers in town. She noted how pleased she was with the Council supporting the hiring of additional officers.

Henry Mack, Linden. Mr. Mack stated that he was here on behalf of the peoples. He noted that while here tonight he did not hear anything that was not deserving of praise. Next he spoke about Blancke St. and how it beautiful it looks. Next Mr. Mack spoke about the shoot out the Linden Police had with the terrorist suspect, and how the people of Linden are rejoicing over the efficient and quick response of the Linden Police. Next Mr. Mack stated that the peoples told him to tell the Council people that they are a team, and if they cannot work together as a team, then they should resign and go home. He added that the peoples were getting tired of the disunity between members of the governing body.

Mark Manuzza, 2616 Orchard Terrace. Mr. Manuzza spoke about the upcoming car show, at Linden Airport. He requested that the fire chief send a fire truck to help support the show. He thanked the Council and the Mayor’s office for backing him up on the show. He predicted this year’s show would be a huge success.

Laure Lee Wade, 2419 E. Price St. Miss Wade stated that she just wanted to speak about the garbage issue. She noted that half the time it is not getting pickup it is because residents are still putting it out in bags. She spoke about the need to use the new cans that the City supplied, and the cans must be placed at the curb in the correct manner.

Mrs. Ormon made a motion to close the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mr. Medina noted the start of the sidewalk replacement program, in the Ninth Ward. He noted he had more request then there were funds available, so some of the work would be done in 2017, out of that budget. He then spoke about when the new garbage collection system was implemented, in the Ninth Ward, there was a learning curve. He talked about the need to communicate, with public works, the problems and they will deal with them.

Mrs. Ormon noted that the first and third ward went on the new garbage collection system together, and DPW is doing a phenomenal job, in making sure they get all of the garbage. She spoke about the need for residents to follow the directions of DPW in placing the cans out for collection. Mrs. Ormon talked about the need to place the garbage at the curb in a timely manner.

Mr. Brown explained the reasons Linden shifted to the one arm garbage collection system, and the use of these trucks will make Public Works more pro-active then re-active, with other services they are providing.

Mayor Armstead spoke about a number of council members, who had campaigned on the elimination of the garbage fee, how this needs to be done, and how the Council members need to put their heads together and work on it.

Mr. Brooks spoke about the renovations that are to be done to Dr. Martin Luther King Park, and that they should be starting soon. He noted the work that will be done.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about due diligence, committee chairpersons and their role. She made her comments in reference to the ordinance separating DPW from the Public Properties and Community Services Department. She also spoke about the calendar of events she does, for the Fifth Ward, for the upcoming year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Alvarez made the following announcements:

\*Council Conference meeting: Monday, November 21, 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, October 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 22, 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. Strano moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk