**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2016 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**September 20, 2016**

The regular meeting of the 2016 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, 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 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

President Alvarez stated that he wanted to begin by saying thank you to the military for all the work that they do to keep us safe and free. He noted that the problem is always somewhere else but here. For that we have our Police, and in Linden we have a hell of a police department. He thanked them for all that they accomplished in the last twenty-four hours.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Beyer moved for approval of the minutes of the August 16, 2016 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PULASKI DAY**

**Linden Marshall Jeffery B. Krowicki**

**Miss Polonia Alexandra Paige Krowicki**

President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead, Mr. Sadowski, and Mrs. Yamakaitis to make presentations to Mr. Jeffery Krowicki, and Madison Krowicki, sister of Alexandra as Linden Marshall and Miss Polonia. He noted that Alexandra was away and school and not able to attend. Also called up was Mindi Kuzniak, Secretary to the Parade Committee. Mrs. Yamakaitis read the resolution honoring Alexandra Krowicki, as Miss Polonia. Madison thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of her sister. Mrs. Yamakaitis read the resolution honoring Jeffery Krowicki as Linden Marshall. Mr. Krowicki thanked the Linden Pulaski Parade Committee for choosing him, and the citizens of Linden for the honor of representing them. He invited anyone, wishing to march to do so, and provided details on how to participate.

**100th Birthday Celebrations**

**Arthur T. Klose 100th Birthday**

**Bernice Bedrick 100th Birthday**

President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead, Mrs. Yamakaitis and Mr. Medina to come forward to make presentations marking the occasions of the 100th birthday of Arthur Klose and Bernice Bedrick. President Alvarez noted that Mrs. Bedrick was not present, and the presentation would be done, at a family celebration, but asked that the resolution be read into the record. Mayor Armstead did so.

President Alvarez called upon Mr. Klose to come up for a presentation. Mr. Medina spoke about what a great honor it was to read the resolution honoring Mr. Klose on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Mr. Klose spoke about some of his experiences, in Linden, after he moved here in 1949. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

**Library Card Sign-Up Month**

**Declaring September as**

**Library Card Sign-Up Month in the City of Linden**

President Alvarez called upon the Mayor, Mrs. Yamakaitis, Mr. Medina to make a presentation to the Library Director Dennis Purves and President of the Friends of Linden Library, Dawn Beviano. Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about the importance of having a library card and read the resolution being presented.

**Police Officer of the Year 2016**

**Kenneth Mikolajczyk**

President Alvarez asked Mayor Armstead and Police Chief Jonathan Parham to make the presentation to Officer Mikolajczk. The Mayor detailed the events that led up to Detective Mikolzjczk selection as Police Officer of the Year 2016, and the reasons for his selection. Detective Mikolzjczk thanked the Mayor and Council for this recognition, and how proud he was to be a member of the Linden Police Department. Chief Parham spoke about the men and women of the Linden Police Department and how they give 100% to bring to justice those that commit horrific crimes.

**MISS TEEN NEW JERSEY**

President Alvarez recognized Mayor Armstead to make a present a proclamation to Miss Junior Teen New Jersey, Arena Moore. The Mayor read the proclamation and spoke about the importance of being a role model. He spoke about her need to raise funds so that she can travel to Florida to the nationals. He explained how people can donate. Arena spoke how proud she was to be representing Linden, and the State of New Jersey as Miss Junior Teen.

**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.

**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 $66,000.00 for acquisition of computer equipment for various non-public safety departments and authorizing the issuance of $62,700.00 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. Beyer moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was unanimously ordered approved.

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

* 1. An Ordinance to amend Chapter II, Administration, of the City of Linden.

Delete section 2-8.3 Qualifications of Article III

Add new Section 2-8.3 Qualifications of Article III

(Revises the qualifications for the City Administrator)

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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, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved, with all voting in favor, except Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sadowski, Mr. Strano, and Mrs. Yamakaitis, who voted no.

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

* 1. 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 by adding schedule 4-KK-6 (Salary of Police Chief and Deputy Chief).

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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, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved, with all voting in favor, except for 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 to amend and supplement Chapter VI, Traffic.

ADD: 7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

Name of Street Spaces No. of Location

321 Ashton Ave 1 Pm the northeasterly sideline of Ashton Avenue, 271

Feet more or less southeasterly from the projection of

The projection of the southeasterly curbline of E. Linden Linden Ave in front of 321 Ashton Ave for a length of 22

Feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for a vehicle for Carlos Chamizo to identified by licensed plate number and 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.

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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, Mrs. Yamakaitis moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano 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. An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter V, Animal Control, of an ordinance adopting and enacting the revised general ordinances of the City of Linden.

ADD Section 5-5 (prohibiting the feeding of unconfined wildlife and stray animals on any public or private property).

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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, Mrs. Yamakaitis moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was unanimously ordered approved.

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

* 1. An Ordinance amending Chapter VII, Traffic. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-13, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

ADD

Street Side Hours Days Location

Stiles Street Both 7:00 am to 12:00 pm Mon & Tues. From W. Curtis St. to W. St. Georges Ave

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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. Strano 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. An ordinance amending Chapter Two of the City Code as follows:

2-12 Department of Police, section 2-12.1 Adding (1) Deputy Chief and increasing the compliment of Police Officers.

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

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Brown moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered defeated, with all voting yes except Mr. Beyer, Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling, Mr. Medina, Mrs. Hickey and President Alvarez, 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 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

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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 tabled to the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks and on a roll call vote the motion to table was unanimously ordered approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. treasurer’s office is as follows:

2017 Taxes $7,268.31

2016 Taxes $27,104,871.96

2015 Taxes $3,957.37

Garbage Fee Payments $17,880.73

Garbage Fee Penalty $470.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $0.00

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $10.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $100.00

Year End Penalty $0.00

Returned Check Fee Paid $60.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $20.00

Returned Check 2016 ($6,393.82)

Returned Check Interest ($0.00)

Returned Online Payment 2016 Taxes ($2,469.52)

Returned Online Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($65.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $0.00

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $2,250.00

DPW Reso payments $510.00

Interest $20,782.80

Total $27,149,252.83

**Tax** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 & 2016 tax sale on the following block & **Safe** lot.

Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium

4 22 8/15/16 15-00003 $1,300.00

30 7 8/22/16 15-00017 $2,200.00

51 30 8/3/16 15-00028 $700.00

64 4 8/24/16 15-00037 $2,700.00

85 5 8/3/16 15-00052 $3,400.00

87 12 8/3/16 15-00053 $1,600.00

116 17.01 8/3/16 15-00076 $1,500.00

118 17 8/4/16 15-00079 $800.00

131 9 8/29/16 14-00099 $40,800.00

132 12 8/3/16 15-00089 $2,200.00

141 7 8/5/16 15-00094 $1,300.00

159 2 8/3/16 15-00109 $1,300.00

164 2 8/15/16 15-00111 $1,800.00

207 21.01 8/3/16 15-00144 $1,300.00

218 8 8/3/16 15-00153 $1,300.00

270 20 8/23/16 15-00175 $19,500.00

378 4.02 8/3/16 15-00218 $1,300.00

381 8 8/24/16 15-00221 $1,500.00

440 22 9/6/16 15-00250 $2,000.00

465 18.01 8/24/16 15-00264 $1,000.00

475 25 8/18/16 15-00273 $1,800.00

479 19 8/3/16 15-00282 $1,400.00

500 7 8/10/16 15-00288 $1,300.00

531 9 8/26/16 15-00307 $3,600.00

549 4 8/29/16 15-00320 $1,300.00

549 15 8/3/16 15-00322 $1,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $100,200.00 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** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

**Sale**

Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

12 22 8/15/16 15-00008 $300.00

27 23 8/25/16 15-00016 $400.00

148 1 8/8/16 15-00097 $1,400.00

156 14 8/24/16 15-00107 $1,700.00

194 3 8/23/16 15-00129 $1,800.00

222 24 8/24/16 15-00155 $300.00

298 5.01 8/15/16 15-00183 $1,500.00

472 27 8/17/16 15-00270 $1,600.00

475 26 8/16/16 15-00274 $1,700.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $10,700.00 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** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

43 1 8/9/16 14-00037 $900.00

143 19 8/5/16 14-00110 $900.00

180 25 8/22/16 14-00149 $900.00

208 22 9/2/16 14-00172 $900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $3,600.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC5 Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

60 4 9/6/16 13-00071 $7,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $7,500.00 payable to FNA Jersey Lien Services, LLC, 575 Route # 70, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723 ,charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

62 13 8/9/16 15-00035 $14,200.00

121 11 8/8/16 15-00084 $25,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $39,400.00 payable to: US Bank Cust. for Phoenix, 2 Liberty Place-TLSG 50 South 16th Street-Ste 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Sale**  Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

64 3 8/3/16 15-00036 $1,400.00

88 4 8/23/16 15-00055 $1,100.00

109 6 8/25/16 15-00070 $1,300.00

152 4 8/22/16 15-00104 $1,200.00

201 11C032 9/2/16 15-00138 $1,000.00

223 7 8/4/16 15-00156 $200.00

292 8 8/12/16 15-00180 $1,100.00

303 4 8/3/16 15-00186 $1,100.00

439 3 8/3/16 15-00248 $1,100.00

443 11 8/29/16 15-00251 $1,100.00

463 31 8/23/16 15-00261 $1,100.00

562 17 9/2/16 15-00333 $1,100.00

563 5 8/15/16 15-00334 $1,500.00

577 8 8/9/16 15-00342 $1,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $15,500.00 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** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

72 11 9/2/16 15-00040 $8,300.00

212 1 8/3/16 15-00147 $900.00

225 2 9/2/16 15-00158 $900.00

303 13 8/24/16 15-00187 $900.00

399 8 8/22/16 15-00232 $900.00

475 3 8/8/16 15-00272 $900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $12,800.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC6, LLC Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

73 12 9/2/16 13-00090 $25,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $25,100.00 payable to: DBW TL HOLDCO 2014 LLC, US Bank Cust. For DBW IV 2014, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 205, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

114 15 8/15/16 15-00074 $64,600.00

114 16 8/24/16 15-00075 $59,700.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $124,300.00 payable to: C & E Tax Lien Funds, I, P.O. Box 9, Short Hills, NJ 07078, charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

188 5 8/4/16 15-00124 $4,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,600.00 payable to US Bank Cust BV002 Trst & Crdtrs, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

198 57 8/26/16 14-00166 $2,000.00

393 25 8/22/16 14-00272 $2,500.00

555 24 8/3/16 14-00349 $2,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $6,900.00 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** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

220 5 8/10/16 12-00262 $57,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $57,500.00 payable to: 72 Oak Street Holdings, LLC, P.O. Box 653, **Montvale,** NJ 07645, charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

308 14 9/6/16 13-00305 $800.00

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

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

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

478 16 8/22/16 15-00277 $200.00

549 11 8/24/16 15-00321 $200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $400.00 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** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Sale** Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

572 17 8/10/16 14-00366 $13,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $13,300.00 payable to: PFS Financial 1, LLC US Bank Custodian, 50 South 16th Street-Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Credit** Block 18 Lot 12, 110 Adams Street

**Balance** There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lots due to the owner’s

Mortgage Company and the owner paying the 2016 3rd disallowed deduction twice in the amount of $280.82.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $280.82 payable to: Fabio D. Pinto, 110 Adams Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #-6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 107 Lot 8, 812 Lincoln Street

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the new owner’s mortgage company have paid the 2016 1st quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the old owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $12.64.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 12.64, 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** Block 109 Lot 2, 613 Carnegie Street

**Balance** There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lots due to the owner’s

Mortgage Company and the owner’s title agency paying the 2016 3rd quarter twice in the amount of $2,220.49.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,220.49 payable to: Brian Lee & Melissa Garcia, 613 Carnegie Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #-6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 152 Lot 20, 626 E. Curtis Street

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the new owner’s Attorney have paid the 2016 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the old owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $2,888.81.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 2,888.81, 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 172 Lot 8, 5841 E. Blancke Street

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the attorney have paid the 2016 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $2,147.63.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 2,147.63, 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 181 Lot 5, 900 Maple Avenue

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 $2,071.69.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 2,071.69 payable to: Ramon & Nimfa Tinana, 900 Maple Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to # 6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 225 Lot 15, 8 Pallant Avenue

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the title agency have paid the 2015 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of $2,162.65.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 2,162.65 payable to: Pamela Scanlon & Nicholas Scanlon,8 Pallant Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to # 6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 253 Lot 11 CB05, 28 W. Elizabeth Avenue

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the new owner’s have paid the 2016 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the old owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $924.42.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of 924.42, 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 266 Lot 18, 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.

**Refund** Block 289 Lot 4, 212 Springfield Road

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the new owner’s title agency have paid the 2016 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the old owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $2,269.78.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,269.78, 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 370 Lot 2, 510 Exeter Road

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the title agency have paid the 2016 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the new owners’ are entitled a refund in the amount of $2,118.14.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 2,118.14 payable to: Barri Rifkin & Susan Rifkin, 510 Exeter Road, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to # 6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 469 Lot 29.01, 500 West Edgar Road, LLC

384-412 S. Stiles Street - Count Board Judgment #-09-1500076L

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a County Board Judgment reducing the assessment by 70,000 for the tax year 2015 creating a small overpayment of $315.57.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $315.57 payable to: Law office of Nathan P. Wolf, LLC & 500 West Edgar Road, LLC, 673 Morris Avenue, Springfield, NJ, 07081, charging same to account #3-01-55-275-999-000.

**Payment Adjustment** Block 489 Lot 7, 2005 Grier Avenue

LRSA-Vendor #01534

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to a posting error paid towards the Property Taxes instead of the Sewer billing. The overpayment amount is $100.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $100.00, payable to L.R.S.A., 5005 South Wood Avenue, P.O. Box 4118, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account #6-01-08-607-011.

**Credit** Block 524 Lot 76.02, 937 Woodlawn Avenue

**Balance**

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment Mortgage Company for the 2013-4th quarter. The overpayment amount is $1,772.15.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1772.15, 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** Block 524 Lot 76.02, 937 Woodlawn Avenue

**Balance**

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by Mortgage Company for the 2013-4th quarter. The overpayment amount is $1,772.15.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1772.15, 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.

**Refund** Block 541 Lot 5, 26 E. 20th Street

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the new owner’s title company have paid the 2016 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the old owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $1,655.70.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 1,655.70, 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 573 Lot 20.02, 3207 Fedor Avenue

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the new owner’s title company have paid the 2016 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the old owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $1,464.11.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 1,464.11, 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 577 Lot 15, 215 Monroe Street

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the title agency have paid the 2016 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the title agency is entitled a refund in the amount of $1,531.90.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 1,531.90 payable to: Simplicity Title, LLC, 70 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 charging same to # 6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 587 Lot 15.03, LBT Realty C/O Linden Motor Freight

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to a billing error for the 2013 through the 2016 garbage billing as this property was billed is error and the property owner had paid. The owner is entitled to a refund.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $420.00 payable to: Linden Bulk Transportation Co, Inc, 1300 Lower Road, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account *#*6-01-08-607-011.

**Disabled** Cancellation & Refund of Property Taxes, Block 570 Lot 22

**Veteran** 104 Main Street

This property owner has been deemed a 100% Disabled Veteran by the V.A. as of December 1, 969. Mr. Rosado is entitled to the 100% Disabled Veteran Status for 2015 & 2016 per Michael Frangella. The following is the amount billed that needs to be cancelled for 2015 & 2016. This will be tax exempt going further. The property owner is entitled to a refund in the amount of $ 8,769.62

2015 Entire Year 2016 February, May & August

**Refund $4,972.46** **Refund $3,797.16**

Cancel Balance of 2016

$1,382.47

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $8,769.62, payable to: Alfredo Rosado, 104 Main Street Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #-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-1523 Kiwanis Club 50/50 $20.00

RA-1524 NJ State Women’s Bowling 50/50 n/a

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

1. Requesting approval of the following refund:

AARP is entitled to a refund in the amount of $85.14 for service that was provided on April 17, 2016. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: AARP, PO Box 740819, Atlanta, GA 30374-0819 charging same to 6-01-08-629-011.

**(\*\*\*) FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

1. Requesting approval to close Wood Avenue from Elizabeth Avenue to Elm Street and Blancke Street from Wood Avenue to Helen Street between the hours of 4pm and 9pm to hold their annual Fire Prevention Night.

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:**

1. Requesting approval of the following Street Closure Applications which has been submitted to the Clerk’s Office:

Emmanual Tabernacle Church, 416 Bower Street is requesting to close East Blancke Street between Bower Street and McCandless Street on September 25, 2016 between the hours of 2pm and 6pm to hold their annual Cultural Day Picnic. The certificate of liability insurance has been approved by the Municipal Attorney and the application has been approved by the Police Chief.

Dorothy Honoghue, 339 Rosewood Terrace is requesting permission to close Rosewood Terrace between Myrtle Street and DeWitt Terrace on October 1, 2016 between the hours of 1pm and 9pm to hold a Block Party. The certificate of liability insurance has been approved by the Municipal Attorney and the application is pending approval of the Police Chief.

**(\*\*\*) Public Property & Community Services:**

1. Requesting permission to close Wood Avenue from Route 1&9 to Gibbons Street between the hours of 12noon and 6pm on Sunday, October 30, 2016 to hold the City of Linden Annual Halloween Parade. Additionally approving the Hold Harmless Agreement between the City and the Linden Board of Education for the use of two (2) Toro Work Carts for the parade.

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

1. Advising that the Board of Health has issued fifty-three (53) Certificates of Occupancy for the month of August, 2016.

Mr. Medina moved to approve consent items #1 to #7. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey, 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 offered congratulations to the Linden Police Officers on the outstanding job that they did yesterday. She commented that they shine like rock stars, and how proud she was to be a resident of Linden. Next she reminded all that school is open, keep your eyes open and be mindful of the children.

Next she thanked Chief Parham, and his staff, for attending the community meeting and speaking with the residents. Mrs. Ormon noted that video, of the meeting, was on various social media sites, and what they were. Next she thanked the DPW department, and the summer help, for the all of the work that was done over the ward over the summer.

Mrs. Ormon provided an update on the efforts to bring a new supermarket into the former Pathmark site. She announced that she would be begin distribution of her newsletter, in the next few weeks and encouraged residents to sign up for her email alerts.

President Alvarez commented on the messages that were received over the good work done by the Linden Police Department from all over the world, in regards to yesterday’s incident.

Second Ward

Mr. Beyer gave the report of the Construction Code Department for the month of August. They issued 246 permits, 116 certificates and collected $205,103.00 in fees. Next he reported on efforts to knock down the old United Lacquer building and redevelop the site. Next he spoke about several streets, in the Second Ward, that were supposed to be repaved with grants funds from the Department of Transportation, but the projects are on hold due to the Transportation Trust Fund running out of money.

Mr. Beyer gave his best wishes to the officers wounded in the capture of the terrorist. He noted that the police department is doing an excellent job, and that he would like to increase the compliment. He noted the emails, from around the world, congratulating the Linden Police Department on the fine job they did.

Third Ward

Mr. Brown gave the following report of the Finance Committee:

1. The payment of bills totaling $3,042,002.79 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 August at the rate of .15%

Mr. Brown moved for approval. 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 next spoke about the police department and the fine work that they do. He noted the diligence of Linden’s officers. He thanked Captain Parham for showing up at his community meeting. Mr. Brown stated that it was his job, as a councilman, to give Chief Parham the tools that he needs to do the job. Mr. Brown spoke about his reasons for supporting the ordinance creating the position of Deputy Police Chief, noting the cost of promoting a captain to the position to Deputy Chief is $19,000.00. He added that the Chief asked for this, and Council has to give him the tools that he needs to do the job. He noted how proud he was of the police department.

Fourth Ward

Mr. Brooks gave the monthly report of the Division of Transportation and Parking. A total of $55,060.13 was collected, from all sources for the month of August, 2016. He then talked about yesterday’s incident, and wished a speedy recovery to the officers injured. He also spoke about the resident who saw the person and reported, noting it is what we do in our City.

Mr. Brook reported on his annual Meet and Greet, which was held at Martin Luther King Park. He noted that he was able to give out fifty (50) gift certificates to various stores to help defer the cost to families of children returning to school. Next he spoke about the planned renovations to King Park, and the work starting in March, 2017. He spoke about the paving work that would be done, and the scope of the project.

Mr. Brooks provided his contact information, and noted that he welcomes phone calls.

Fifth Ward

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling reported on her Fifth Ward Community Cookout, and thanked all of the volunteers who came to show their support. She thanked the Fire Department for coming out, and doing a “cool down.” She also spoke about the two mile walk that was part of the event. She announced that October 20th would be the regularly scheduled community meeting, and noted what the discussion would be about. Next she spoke about her cancer awareness walk, how the funds would be distributed, and provided information on how to register.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling next noted the deadline to register to vote in the November election. She provided several methods by which people could obtain a voter registration form. She then spoke about the September to Remember event, which is going to be held this Saturday. She provided information on the event and on a booth that she was hosting. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling then announced that the County of Union was providing hay rides, and provided the details on them.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about the Pulaski Parade, her not being able to march, but she would be sponsoring four tickets for others wanting to go. She then spoke about issues regarding the sweeping of streets, the delay, and asked residents to be patient.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling then proceeded to the Personnel Report. She noted that the posting of the position of director of public works was being removed from the report, and explained why. She then gave the following Personnel Report:

**September 20, 2016 Personnel Report**

1. **Hires:** Pending successful completion of the City’s Pre employment requirements.
2. Aja Faison Confidential Aide in the Mayor’s Office annual salary of $37,000.00

effective October 17, 2016

1. Curtis Humphrey PT per diem public works inspector for the Engineering Department at the

rate of $14.42 per hour effective September 21, 2016.

1. Thomas Gassler PT per diem public works inspector for the Engineering Department at the

rate of $14.42 per hour effective September 21, 2016.

1. Valetine Koltunowicz PT per diem public works inspector for the Engineering Department at the

rate of $14.42 per hour effective August 23, 2016.

1. Herron Anderson Laborer Tier 2 in Public Property at the rate of $14.00 per hour effective

October 5, 2016.

1. Masimo Rapisarda Laborer Tier 2 in Public Property at the rate of $14 per hour effective October 5, 2016.
2. **Seasonal Hires Recreation/Public Works**
   1. Arsola Hooper Recreation Leader at the rate of $12.00 per hour September 20, 2016 – March 31, 2017.
   2. George Merette Recreation Leader (soccer) September 20, 2016 – March 31, 2017.
3. **FMLA/NJFLA**
4. Employee #000182 Intermittent FMLA 8/10/2016 to 11/10/2016
5. Employee #106909 Intermittent FMLA/NJFLA 3/2/2016 to 04/04/2016
6. Employee #000129 Intermittent FMLA 9/6/2016 to 1/6/2017
7. Employee #908991 Intermittent FMLA 5/18/2016 to 11/18/2016
8. **Publicly Advertise Employment Opportunities:**
   1. Post for a clerk 1 in the Records Bureau
   2. Post for Parking Enforcement Officer
   3. Repost for Recreation Supervisor

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Ms. Malik, asked if this was in addition to the two people already working in the office. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling explained that one of the persons had left, a few months ago, and this was the replacement.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for approval of the personnel report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon, and was ordered approved, with Mr. Medina voting yes on all and abstaining on 1F.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about the work that her committee was doing, including initiatives and training of staff. She spoke about revisions that the committee was recommending to the Business Administrator ordinance, particularly to the education requirements. She commended Mrs. Yamakaitis for the recommendations she had made regarding the educational requirements.

Sixth Ward

Mr. Sadowski gave the report of the City Clerk’s office, for the month of August. A total of $4,811.25 was collected from all sources. Next he gave the report of the Clerk’s office, Licensing Division for the month of August. A total of $1,411.00 was collected. Mr. Sadowski reminded all that this Saturday, was the September to Remember. He spoke about how entertaining it was, and urged all to attend. Next he informed all about the upcoming Fire Prevention act ivies, and that the Fire Department would soon be in the Six Ward giving out smoke detectors.

Mr. Sadowski noted that trees are still being trimmed and sidewalks being repaired in the Sixth Ward. Next he reported that the Senior Men’s Club has resumed it meeting. He urged all eligible to join as it is a fun time. He also stated that Sixth Ward residents, needing voter registration forms, or vote by mail forms, to give him a call and he would bring them to their house.

Mr. Sadowski spoke about how proud he was to be a Linden resident. He thanked the three linden officer who were injured, for their dedication to their jobs.

Seventh Ward

Mr. Strano echoed the allocates that his colleagues gave the Police Department for the job that they did yesterday. He spoke about the school lock down that occurred as a result of the incident, and its impact on students and parents. Mr. Strano stated that he does support the new Police Chief and his request to continue to build the police department. He spoke about supporting the request for a deputy chief, and more importantly the increase in the compliment. The increase in the compliment was important, important enough to vote for even over the issue of whether or not a deputy chief was wanted.

Mr. Strano next reported on the issue of the railroad crossing, on Lower Road, and the creation of a quite zone. Plans have been submitted, to the railroad, and we are awaiting for a response to those plans. He also noted that one of the consultants is working on a grant to pay for the work needed. He was hopeful that work could start soon. Mr. Strano announced that the refinery would be shutting down and retooling their plant. He noted the work that was being done, and all that was involved. The work would be done in February, and would involve the refinery bringing in 900 outside contractors. He spoke about his efforts to plan for it to avoid issues for the Seventh Ward residents.

Eighth Ward

Mrs. Yamakaitis noted that despite the horrific occurrence, yesterday, it was a great day for the City. She spoke about how the Police Department was able to shine, and congratulated them on a job well done. Next she spoke about the 9-1-1 vigil that she conducts every year, and her reasons for doing it when so many others have stopped. She spoke about the need to keep vigilant, and report what you observe to the Linden Police.

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave the report of the Fire Prevention Bureau next. The Bureau collected a total of $6,255.61 for the month of August, 2016. The ambulance reimbursement system collect a total of $66,927.85, for the month of August, bringing the year to date total to $452,262.77. Mrs. Yamakaitis announced that Fire Prevention Night would be held on October 7, 2016 and would be returning to Wood Ave, in front of City Hall.

Mrs. Yamakaitis informed all about the flu vaccination program that the Board of Health would be running, this year, and how to participate. She also announced that the Pulaski Parade Committee would be running buses to New York City for the parade. Tickets are $10.00 each, and include a light meal upon return. She next spoke about how the efforts to move forward, with the demolition of Park Plastics building are progressing. There are now several developers interested in the property. Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about repairs being made, by the gas and water companies to the streets that they dug up.

Mrs. Yamakaitis announced that FOLAS was having a fundraiser on September 26th. She provided details on the event. Next she noted that her name was mentioned during the Personnel Report. She noted that she was not going to be bullied by anyone, stating she has a right to vote the way that she wants to vote. She spoke about the Personnel report being read tonight, and reflected on the reasons why.

Ninth Ward

Mr. Medina echoed what his colleagues stated about the Linden Police Department. He spoke about being proud of the Linden Police Department. He thanked the Chief and the Mayor for the great job they did in speaking with the media, and keeping people updated. Mr. Medina spoke about the ordinance increasing the police compliment and creating a Deputy Police Chief. He noted that last night he had told the Chief that he would support it, but after thinking about it some more, it did not make sense to him. He would like to revisit the position of Deputy Chief, later, after the compliment has been increased. He then announced fundraising events that the Friends of the Linden Library would be hosting.

Mr. Medina spoke about a fundraiser to assist the family of the late Seventh Ward Councilman Jack Sheehy. He provided details on the event. Next he spoke about the three Ninth Ward residents, who were recognized early this evening. Mr. Medina noted that the tree crew is out in the Ninth Ward, and working on the list that he submitted. He thanked the DPW for their work in the Ninth Ward.

Mr. Medina reminded all that school are open, and that he would be requesting enforcement regarding speeding and the four way stop signs. He concluded by providing his contact information, and spoke about a new app, called Next Door.

Tenth Ward

Mrs. Hickey thanked all of those involved in yesterday’s event, especially the first responders. She noted her presence at the event, and the efforts that took place. She spoke about her passion for the police department, especially knowing what goes on behind the scene. She spoke about the difference that has occurred, since September 1st, when the new chief was sworn in. Next she spoke about her vote on the position of deputy police chiefH

. She noted that the Chief Parham has been on the job three weeks, and now is not the time for him to say whether or not he needs a deputy chief. In three months or six months when he gets his feet wet, and he says that he needs a deputy chief, then I will support it.

Mrs. Hickey spoke about the various roads, in the Tenth Ward, that have been paved. She spoke about other roads that she hopes to address in the near future. Next she announced that on October 1st and 2nd there would be a garage sale in the Ninth and Tenth Wards. There will be no charge for any permits. Mrs. Hickey spoke about the new Facebook page she and Mr. Medina created.

Mrs. Hickey announced that on September 29th the Chamber of Commerce would be hosting their annual October fest. She provided details on the event, and how to obtain tickets. Next she announced details on the Ninth and Tenth Wards community meeting. Mrs. Hickey noted her repeated request to have curbs painted and it was finally done this year.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead thanked everyone who participated in the Mayor’s Backpack to School event. He noted the companies that assisted in giving out nearly 800 backpacks. He next spoke about the Mayor’s Youth Commissions fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings, thanked them, and spoke about the purpose the funds would be put to. Mayor Armstead reminded all of that the September to Remember would be held on September 24th and urged residents to come out and show their support.

Mayor Armstead spoke about yesterday’s events, the great police department Linden has and how thankful he was that the two officers, who were wounded, are back home with their families. He then addressed the issue of the vote on the Deputy Police Chief, his disappointment in his colleagues that voted, noting each by name. He explained that had opposed the creation of a Police Director stated they were in favor of a deputy police chief. The Mayor stated that in order to have a great police department, we need a great chief. The chief recommended the creation of a deputy chief, a tool that he needs to run the department. The additional cost of having a deputy chief, was $19,000.00, a small amount to pay. He spoke about the role of the deputy chief, in risk management. The Mayor asked Chief Parham to stand and be recognized at his first council meeting, since becoming chief.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Alvarez announced that September to Remember will be held this Saturday, and urged all to come out and have a good time. He spoke about his participation in the pie throwing event. Next he announced that the Friends of Linden Library Murder Mystery Fundraiser has been rescheduled to November 18, 2016. He provided details on the event and how to obtain tickets.

**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.

Mrs. Ormon moved to remove resolution 2016-307 from consideration. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Strano and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Mrs. Ormon moved to approve resolution #2016-301 through #2016-339 with the exception of 301, 311, 319, 321, 322, 333, 337 and 339. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was ordered approved, with all voting in favor, except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and Mrs. Hickey who abstained on resolution 2016-314.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked to remove resolutions 2016-301, 2016-311, 2016-319, 2016-321, 2016-322, 2016-333, 2016-337 and 2016-339.

Resolution 2016- 301

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. In response to Mrs. Malik’s question as to why the promenade needs fencing now, Mrs. Ormon responded that it was the area around the seating, with Mr. Brown noting the funds were coming out of a trust fund set up by the Bauer family. (see vote after resolution 2016-339).

Resolution 2016-311

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Mr. Brown and Mr. Vircik responded to Mrs. Malik’s question as to why the cost was so high, noting that the funds were coming out of a grant the city received. . (see vote after resolution 2016-339).

Resolution 2016-319

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. In response to Mrs. Malik’s question, Mrs. Zack explained the purpose of the grant. . (see vote after resolution 2016-339).

Resolution 2016-321

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. In response to Mrs. Malik, Mr. Micucci explained that the equipment was for the Municipal Garage, and it allowed them to tow the new police cars. (see vote after resolution 2016-339).

Resolution 2016-322

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Mrs. Zack explained to Mrs. Malik what the purpose of the resolution was, and it was allowing the City to go before the Local Finance Board to see if they would allow us to establish a Parking Authority. In response to further questions, Mrs. Zack explained why the City was looking at creating a parking authority. (see vote after resolution 2016-339).

Resolution 2016-333

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Ms. Malik asked if we currently have cameras, at the library, and what prompted this. Mr. Brown, this is a result of an incident that happened a few months ago. The City is revamping its camera system, city wide, and it was thought that giving the police better access to the library would be a good thing. (see vote after resolution 2016-339).

Resolution 2016-337

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Mrs. Zack explained, in response to Mrs. Malik, the type of services that C2 Creative Group, LLC would be providing to the City. (see vote after resolution 2016-339).

Resolution 2016-339

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Mrs. Malik asked why now and what for was this stipend being provided. Mrs. Zack, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Hickey and Mr. Roth responded to the question.

Mrs. Ormon moved for approval of Resolutions #2016-301, 2016-311, 2016-319, 2016-321, 2016-322, 2016-322, 2016-333, 2016-337 and 2016-339. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beyer, and approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Mr. Beyer who voted no to #337, and Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no to #322 and #337 and abstained on #339.

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

**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 asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none. Ordinance #60-68 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

**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 asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none. Ordinance #60-69 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Beyer, the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote unanimously ordered approved.

**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 asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none. Ordinance #60-70 was introduced by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling

Upon motion of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling, seconded by Mr. Strano, the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote ordered approved, with all voting in favor, except Mrs. Ormon, who abstained.

**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 asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none. Ordinance #60-71 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was ordered approved, with all voting in favor except Mr. Beyer, who voted no, and Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who abstained.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Alvarez announced that comments from members of the public in attendance would be permitted on City Business only. No personal, political or derogatory comments. Not to exceed five (5) minutes.

Henry Mack. Mr. Mack spoke about the “peoples” appreciation of the Chief of Police, the Mayor, and staff. He noted how proud the “peoples” were during the past 48 hours. He then addressed the Council members who voted against the ordinance about the chief was trying to fix what was broken but he cannot do it without the right tools. He added that Chief Parham has the experience and knowledge and Council needs to get behind him.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved to close the Public Portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

President Alvarez announced that comments from members of the Governing Body would be allowed, for one (1) minute each.

Mrs. Ormon stated that in her newsletter, to the First Ward Residents, she would include information on the defeat of the ordinance creating the position of deputy police chief, what the savings would be, and noted her surprise, after members of council who voted no, indicated their support for the Chief’s request on Monday night. Mrs. Ormond added that when she gives Chief Parham a commitment, he can count on her to stick to it.

Mr. Beyer explained his reasons for voting no to the position of deputy chief, stating that he did a survey of police officers and that not one of them thought it was needed right away. They all requested an increase in the compliment.

Mr. Brown spoke about the lowest tax increase, in ten years, and that with that more police officers have been hired. Cops were hired twice this year. He noted that Chief Parham’s credentials, and that he has proven himself a leader. Mr. Brown asked who was council to tell the chief how to run the department.

Mr. Brooks stated that he votes his conscious, votes what is best for his ward and he will always do that.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling stated that she did not think she was bulling Mrs. Yamakaitis, but if Mrs. Yamakaitis thought that she was offended, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling offered her apologizes. She also explained her reasons for summarizing the Personnel report a couple of months before, and because of the criticism, from that night, she would read every item.

Mrs. Yamakaitis stated that this Council charged the new police chief with running the police department. She spoke about needing to give Chief Parham the tools that he needs to run the department.

Mr. Sadowski gave his reasons for voting yes to the deputy chief position, ant the need to give him what he wants to be successful.

Mrs. Hickey noted that the police chief has been here for three weeks, and he probably doesn’t need captains or lieutenants to run the department because he is that well educated. She then stated that since she started on Council, she has had to put up with post from the Mayor’s wife on Facebook. She read Mrs. Armstead’s post and criticized her for it.

Mayor Armstead asked Mr. Beyer’s to stop by his office, so that Mr. Beyer’s could arrange for the Mayor to speak with the police officers that Mr. Beyer’s did. Mayor Armstead stated that the stench of politics permeates this room, and it smells bad.

Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Cosby-Hurling stated that the fish stinks from the head.

President Alvarez recognized Chief Parham. Chief Parham He thanked all for supporting the department over the last twelve (12) hours. He stated that he was not going to speak on the deputy chief’s position as it is divisive. We need to move forward, and work together to address the mission of the police department to reduce crime.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Alvarez made the following announcements:

\*Council Conference meeting: Monday, October 17, 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, October 18, 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, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling 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 10:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk