**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2017 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**April 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the 2017 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:01 pm. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jorge Alvarez and she 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 Barry Javick

Peter Brown

“ Monty Brooks

Councilwoman Cosby-Hurling

Councilman Robert Sadowski

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the minutes of the March 21, 2017 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Posthumously Recognizing**

**Linden Police Officer John Byko**

President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead and Chief Parham forward to speak about the only Police Officer to loss his life in the line of duty, John Byko, and explain why this presentation was taking place this evening. Chief Parham explained that the officer was killed in a head on collision with a drunk driver, and spoke about not forgetting an individual who made the ultimate sacrifice. Mayor Armstead read the resolution recognizing the sacrifice made by Officer Byko.

**Autism Awareness Month**

President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead and Mrs. Ormon relative to a Resolution recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Linden. Mayor Armstead spoke about Autism, the reasons for the declaration and how his family is personally affected by this disease. Mrs. Ormon read the resolution, regarding Autism. She then spoke about her children, and how Autism is affecting the family.

**ORDINANCE ON HEARING**

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-12 An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitle, “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

Adding Schedule 4-LL-3

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

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mrs. Yamakaitis 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.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-13 Ordinance to Establish a CAP Bank for the calendar year 2017 as provided for in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.24.

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

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

Virginia Malik 1633 Lenape Road, Mrs. Malik asked what a CAP Bank was. Mrs. Zack provided the explanation.

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-14 Bond Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance Number 60-25 finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Linden, on April 19, 2016. Amending the appropriation to $159,500 and the estimated amount of bond or notes to $151,525 and substituting $7,975 as the amount of the down payment and changing the Section 20 costs to $14,500. (Ordinance is for the purchase of various items of capital equipment for the Police Department)

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

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-15 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, traffic as follows:

That Chapter VII, Section 7-13, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

DELETE:

**STREET SIDE HOURS DAYS LOCATION**

S. Wood Ave 7:00 am to 8:00 am Highway to 21st Street

Windsor Rd South 7:00 am to 11:00 am Thursday Linden Ave to 21st Street

Wood Avenue North 7:00 am to 11:00 am Tuesday Linden Ave to 21st Street

Wood Avenue South 7:00 am to 11:00 am Friday Linden Ave to 21st Street

ADD:

Windsor Road South 7:00 am to 11:00 am Thurs Stiles Street to Stiles St.

Bedle Place East 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Mon From Allan St. to Park Ave.

Bedle Place West 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Thrus From Allan St. to Park Ave.

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

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Medina moved to remove the ordinance from consideration. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and on a roll call vote the foregoing motion was unanimously ordered approved.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-16 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, as follows:

That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-13, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance.

DELETE:

**Street SIDE Hours DAYS LOCATION**

Linden Avenue South 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Pleasant Street to

Stiles St.

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Medina 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.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-17 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, as follows:

That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-11, Stopping or Standing Prohibited, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

ADD:

**Street SIDE LOCATION**

Linden Avenue South From S. Stiles St. to Pleasant Street

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Medina 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.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-18 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, as follows:

That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-14, Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

ADD:

**STREET SIDE HOURS DAYS LOCATION**

S. Wood Ave West 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Tuesday 21st Street to U.S. No. 1

(Edgar Road)

S. Wood Ave East 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Friday 21st Street to U.S. No. 1

(Edgar Road)

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Medina 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.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-19 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, as follows:

That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-26 Loading Zone, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

**AMEND SECTION 7-26.1, Pickup and Drop OFF Zones – Schools**

**DELETE:**

**NAME OF STREET TIME SIDE LOCATION**

Lafayette Street Monday – Friday East Beginning at a point 36 feet north of the

8:00 am to 9:00 am north curbline of W. Blancke Street and

Extending to a point 168 feet northerly

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm therefrom.

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

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Medina 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.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-20 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter II, Administration.

ADD NEW SECTION: 2-66, Linden Historical Society Committee as follows:

* 1. Linden Historical Society for Historic Preservation Committee

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

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

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-21 An ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter XXXI, Zoning.

That Chapter XXXI, Zoning, Section 6, Reserved, shall be and the same and is hereby amended as follows:

DELETE 31-6, RESERVED

ADD NEW SECTION, 31-6 TEMPORARY STORAGE UNITS OR PODS

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

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling 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.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-22 An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter IV, General Licensing.

Section 1. That Chapter IV, General Licensing, shall be and the same is hereby amended

As follows:

Amend Chapter IV, General Licensing, Section 4.1, General Provisions as follows:

Section 4.1-1, Provisions.

Delete Section 4-33 Reserved

ADD Section 4-33, Permit Requirement to Operate a Crane.

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

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling 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.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-23 Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of $335,500 for the acquisition of various items of capital equipment for the Police Department and authorizing the issuance of $318,725 bonds or notes for financing part of the appropriation.

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

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

Virginian Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Ms. Malik inquired as to items that would be purchased. Mrs. Zack provided the details.

Thelma Stokes, 116 North Wood Ave. Ms. Stokes wanted to speak on Ordinance 61-15. President Alvarez informed her that the hearing, on that ordinance, has been closed and the ordinance adopted. He further informed her that copies of the ordinance could be obtained from the City Clerk’s office in the morning.

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-24 An Ordinance authorizing exemptions from taxes and the execution of tax agreements for the payments in Lieu of Taxes for new industrial structures on an individual basis after review, evaluation and approval of each application by the City Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-7. (Five year short term tax abatement)

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

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

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Mrs. Malik commented on the South Wood Ave developer being given a tax holiday, and wasn’t the City disappointed in the performance. Mr. Brown explained that there is a cost benefit analysis done, and the professionals determine if there is a benefit to the City. One of the objects of this type of program is spur development in the City of Linden.

John Roman, 15 W. Linden Ave., #2. Mr. Roman asked for clarification that this was only for industrial properties and not for any residential. Mr. Antonelli responded that was correct. He explained the program, that this ordinance only put in place the process for the abatement, and that each specific project would have to come back to Council for approval.

John Principato, 1706 Westover Road. Mr. Principato stated that he had a problem with this. He thought it to be vague, and questioned why this was needed now. He thought that each property should be voted on a case by case basis. Mr. Antonelli responded, explaining that each would be voted on, once the process was approved, on a case by case basis.

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-25 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter II, Administration of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised general ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

Delete Section 2-13.5B Third Party Payment Plan for Emergency Medical Services.

Add Section 2-13.5B Third Party Payment Plan for Emergency Medical Services.

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

John Principato, 1706 Westover Road. Mr. Principato asked for an explanation of what the changes were. Chief Dooley explained the changes, and how the sections differ.

There being no other persons to be heard, Mr. Sadowski 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.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-26 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter XIV, Fire Prevention and Protection of an ordinance entitled, “an ordinance adopting and enacting the revised general ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999,, and as amended and supplemented.

Delete Section 14-1.12, Permits

Add Section 14-1.12, Permits.

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

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Sadowski 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.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-27 An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter VII, Traffic:

That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-10, Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Name of Street Side Location

DELETE:

Elizabeth Avenue South From a point 500 feet east of Wood Avenue to a point

500 feet west of Wood Avenue.

ADD:

Elizabeth Avenue South From a point 720 feet east of Wood Avenue to a point

500 feet west of Wood Avenue.

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

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

Cherlyn Volden, 16 W. Price St. Ms. Volden asked where the Ordinances are published and posted. Mr. Bodek provided a response.

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. Ormon and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was unanimously ordered approved.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-28 An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter VII, Traffic

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-12, Parking Time Limited shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

7-12.1, Two Hour Parking

Two Hour Parking

DELETE

Street Side Hours Days Location

E. Elizabeth Ave. South 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Mon-Sat From a point 362 feet east of

(except Friday) Wood Ave to a point 424 feet east of Wood Ave and from a point 720 Feet east of Wood Ave to a

Point opposite Todd Place

E. Elizabeth Ave. South 8:00 am to 9:00 pm Friday From a point 362 feet east of

Wood Ave to a point 424 feet east of Wood Ave and from a point 720 Feet east of Wood Avenue to a Point opposite Todd Place

ADD:

Street Side Hours Days Location

E. Elizabeth Ave. South 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Mon-Sat From a point 720 feet east of Wood (except Fri) Ave to a point opposite Todd Place

E. Elizabeth Ave South 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Friday From a point 720 feet east of

Wood Avenue to a point opposite

Todd Place.

Section 2. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-12, Parking Time Limited, shall be and the same is

Hereby amended as follows:

7-12.2B1 Two Hour Zones

DELETE:

Street Side Hours Days Location

E. Elizabeth Ave South 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Mon-Sat From a point 362 feet east of Wood Ave

(Except Friday) to a point 424 feet east of Wood Ave

And from a point 720 east of Wood

Avenue to a point opposite Todd Place

E. Elizabeth Ave South 8:00 am to 9:00 pm Friday From a point 362 feet east of Wood

Ave. to a point 424 feet east of Wood

Ave. and from a point 720 feet east of

Wood to a point opposite Todd Place

ADD:

Street Side Hours Days Location

E. Elizabeth Ave South 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Mon-Sat From a point 720 feet east of Wood

(except Friday) Ave to a point opposite Todd Place

E. Elizabeth Ave South 8:00 am to 9:00 pm Friday From a point 720 feet east of Wood

Ave to a point opposite Todd Place.

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

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

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-29 An Ordinace to Amend and Supplement Chapter VII, Traffic

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-15, Parking by Permit Only in Designated Residential

Areas, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

7-15.1e Parking Decals:

DELETE:

East Elizabeth Avenue, South Side, from a point 424 feet east of Wood Avenue to a point 720 feet

East of Wood Avenue.

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

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

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#61-30 An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter II, Administration.

Section 1. That Chapter II, Administration, Article IV, Department Established, Section 2-27.3,

Division of Public Works, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Delete: Section 27.3, Division of Public Works in its entirety.

Add: Section 2-28, Department of Public Works.

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

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Javick 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 ordered approved, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(\*\*\*) Tax Collector:**

1. The amount of money collected during the month of March 2017 and turned over to the treasurer’s office is as follows:

2017 Taxes $1,235,735.96

2016 Taxes $357,471.39

2015 Taxes $250.00

Garbage Fee Payments $633,561.63

Garbage Fee Penalty $2,510.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $0.00

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $0.00

Year End Penalty $9,215.26

Returned Check Fee Paid $20.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $0.00

Returned Check 2017 (325.74)

Returned Check 2016 ($0.00)

Returned Check Interest ($.94)

Returned Online Payment 2017 Taxes ($122.88)

Returned Online Interest ($1.17)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($180.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $0.00

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $1,920.00

DPW Reso payments $0.00

Interest $53,140.05

Total $2,293,193.56

**Credit Balance** Block 247 Lot 11, 411 Helen Street

2017 Partial Garbage Fee Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to a property being listed as a 2 family and is utilized as a 1 family per documentation provided from the owner. The property owner has paid the entire amount due and is entitled to a refund of $120.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $120.00 payable to: Jose & Adelaide Dominguez, 411 Helen Street, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account #-7-01-08-607-011.

**Credit Balance** Block 342 Lot 11, 410 W. Gibbons Street

2017 Garbage Fee Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to a property being listed as a 1 family but is not using the Garbage service and has refused the cart. The property was being renovated. The property owner has paid the entire amount due and is entitled to a refund of $120.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $120.00 payable to: John Zawojski, Equity Trust Co, Custodian for account #-Z105133, 410 W. Gibbons Street, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account #-7-01-08-607-011.

**Refund** Block 433 Lot 10, Cousin’s Mall Inc.

423 Bacheller Avenue

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a Tax Court of New Jersey judgment reducing the assessment by 34,000 for the tax years 2012 & 2013 creating a total overpayment of $ 4,027.10 (1,973.59 + 2,053.51).

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 4,027.10 payable to: Cousin’s Mall Inc., C/O Zipp, Tannenbaum & Caccavelli, LLC Attorney Trust Account, 280 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837, charging same to account #7-01-55-275-999-000.

**Refund** Block 434 Lot 10, 7 Eleven Inc.

424 Bacheller Avenue

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a Tax Court of New Jersey judgment reducing the assessment by 10,000 for the tax years 2014, 2015 & 2016 creating a total overpayment of $ 1,895.80 ($615.50 + 627.70 + 652.60).

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 1,895.80 payable to: Pearce Realty, LLC /7 Eleven, Inc., C/O Zipp, Tannenbaum & Caccavelli, LLC Attorney Trust Account, 280 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837, charging same to account #7-01-55-275-999-000.

**Refund** Block 434 Lot 11, Pearce Realty, LLC

2321 E. Edgar Road

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a Tax Court of New Jersey judgment reducing the assessment by 10,000 for the tax years 2014, 2015 & 2016 creating a total overpayment of $ 1,895.80 ($615.50 + 627.70 + 652.60).

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 1,895.80 payable to: Pearce Realty, LLC., C/O Zipp, Tannenbaum & Caccavelli, LLC Attorney Trust Account, 280 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837, charging same to account #7-01-55-275-999-000.

**Refund** Block 434 Lot 12, 7 Eleven, Inc.

2309 E. Edgar Road

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a Tax Court of New Jersey judgment reducing the assessment by 19,300 for 2014, 29,300 for 2015 & 29,300 for 2016 creating a total overpayment of $ 4,939.21 ($1,187.92 + 1,839.17 + 1,912.12).

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 4,939.21 payable to: Pearce Realty/ 7 Eleven, Inc., LLC., C/O Zipp, Tannenbaum & Caccavelli, LLC Attorney Trust Account, 280 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837, charging same to account #7-01-55-275-999-000.

**Credit** Block 503 Lot 7, 840 Mack Place

2017 Partial Garbage Fee Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to a property being listed as a 2 family and is utilized as a 1 family per documentation provided from the owner. The property owner has paid the entire amount due and is entitled to a refund of $120.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $120.00 payable to: Adell A. Elgazar, 840 Mack Place, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account #-7-01-08-607-011.

**(\*\*\*) Police Unity Tour:**

1. Requesting approval to hang a banner across Wood Avenue at Curtis Street and

Elizabeth Avenue from April 21st through May 10th to promote the Police Unity Tour which will ride through the City on May 9, 2017. Additionally advising that on May 15th there will be a ceremony to honor the Linden Police Officers involved in the capture of bombing suspect Rahimi in front of City Hall.

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

1. Advising that the following City employees have filed for retirement:

**Department** **Employee** **Title** **Date**

Fire Department Brian Krakovsky Captain May 1, 2017

Fire Department Stanley Yashay Fire Fighter May 1, 2017

Municipal Garage Joseph Labiak Computer Service Tech May 1, 2017

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

1. A. Vincent Polakowski is entitled to a refund in the amount of $88.00

for service that was provided on 12/23/2016. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Vincent Polakowski, 1839 Dill Avenue, Linden NJ 07036 charging same to 7-01-08-629-011.

B. Myles Hearns is entitled to a refund in the amount of $ 80.00 for  
service that was provided on 12/13/2016. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Myles Hearns, 588 Harvard Avenue, Hillside,, NJ 07205 charging same to 7-01-08-629-011.

C. Jocelyn Rivera is entitled to a refund in the amount of $ 220.07 for

service that was provided on 11/26/2013. Therefore, it would be in order

for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to:

Jocelyn Rivera, 309 East Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 charging

same to 7-01-08-629-011.

D. Margaret Smith is entitled to a refund in the amount of $50.00 for

service that was provided on 1/1/2016. Therefore, it would be in

order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check

payable to: Margaret Smith, 818 Allen St, Apt K, Linden, NJ 07036

charging same to 7-01-08-629-011.

E. Anthony Bestreski is entitled to a refund in the amount of $ 66.00

for service that was provided on 11/24/2015. Therefore, it would be

in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Anthony Bestreski, 1190 W St George Ave, Apt A37, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 7-01-08-629-011.

F. Peter Cataldo is entitled to a refund in the amount of $ 200.00 for service that was provided on 5/20/2010. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Peter Cataldo, 31 Highland Dr., Jackson, NJ 08527 charging same to 7-01-08-629-011

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

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

First Ward

Mrs. Ormon stated that she hoped that all had a blessed Easter and Passover. Next she thanked Mr. Micucci, and Union County DPW, for the recent paper shredding event, held in the City. She explained Mr. Micucci’s role in putting it together. Next she reported on the joint Easter Egg Hunt that the First, Second and Third Wards held. She thanked the parents for bringing the children out. She then thanked a number of individuals, and organizations, for their help with the event.

Mrs. Ormon spoke on roads in the First Ward, that are to be repaved, and the issue of potholes in the ward. She then spoke on a number of issues of concern to the First Ward. She thanked the Mayor and Council for the resolution acknowledging Autism Awareness Month, spoke about the growing number of individuals affected by it, and issues that individuals with Autism are faced with.

Mrs. Ormon spoke about the issue of illegal dumping that is occurring in the First Ward. She asked residents to be an extra set of eyes, in those areas affected, to call her so the matter could be dealt with. She next spoke about collections of recycling day, and how to properly place the material at the curb.

Mrs. Ormon announced that the First and Third Ward will be having their community barbeque on June 3rd, and was inviting the Second Ward to also participate.

Second Ward

Mr. Javick thanked all those who participated in the First and Second Ward First Annual Easter egg hunt. Next he talked about safety, noting a recent fire, in the Second Ward, as an example. Mr. Javick also spoke about a recent dog attack in the Second Ward. He noted the importance of getting dogs licensed, and getting them all of their shots.

Mr. Javick noted that a developer will be in place for the United Lacquer site, and how it will improve the area. He then reported on the landfill, the selling of some property associated with the landfill, and the solar project for the landfill.

Third Ward

Mr. Brown did not have a report.

Fourth Ward

Mr. Brooks gave the monthly report of the Division of Transportation and Parking for the month of March. A total of $92,829.37 was collected from all sources. He then gave the report of the City Clerk’s Office, for the month of March. A total of $4372.50 in City Revenue was collected. Next he gave the report of the City’s Clerks office, Licensing Division. A total of $3,280.00 was collected for the month of February, and $9806.00 for the month of March.

Mr. Brooks gave his report on the Fourth Ward. He spoke about the issue of illegal dumping, not the area of concern and asked residents to keep an eye out, and inform him or the Police Department when dumping occurs. He thanked those that have helped and noted that the incidents of illegal dumping have decreased. Next he spoke about street closures for the repaving of streets as a result of the work done by the gas and water companies. He discussed an issue relative to the excessive amount of time that a street was to be closed, but thanks to residents alerting him the issue was resolved.

Mr. Brook next spoke about the roof repairs, at LMPC, and praised Mr. MacDonald for his efforts in getting the project in place and at a reasonable price. He then addressed an issue regarding flooding on a sidewalk on East Curtis St. He assured residents he was working on the issue with Engineering. Mr. Brooks announced that he would be hosting the First Annual Fourth Ward Classic Car Show and Picnic at Martin Luther King Park. There would be no charge. He concluded by speaking about the issue of people walking their dogs in Hattie Johnson Park and not picking up after their dogs. He noted that he will go after those who do not follow the park rules.

Fifth Ward

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling noted she had requested sidewalks to be installed at Middlesex St. and Cranford Ave, as there are no sidewalks in the area. She noted other projects that would be taking place in the Fifth Ward. She thanked those that came out to attend the Community meeting on block watch. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about her goal to revitalize the Block Watch in her neighborhood and the reasons why.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling noted that she was liaison to the Housing Authority, attended the last meeting of the Authority and provided a report on the meeting. She explained that she was also liaison to the Sewerage Authority, but was not able to attend the last meeting of the Authority. As liaison to the Board of Health she informed residents of the dates for the upcoming rabies vaccination program. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling explained that the vaccinations are free, and that dog licenses will also be sold at the event.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling gave the report of the Construction Code Department for the month of March. A total of $117,753.00 for permits and applications. She provided an update on the efforts of the Committee to streamline reporting of violations by members of the public. The Committee also hoped to have an ordinance drafted, for next month’s meeting, creating a CO for business properties and the reasons why.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling announced that there would be open registration for the fishing team. She explained that the Board of Education would be running the event this year, and provided details on it. It was part of the Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs program. Lastly she announced that June 10th was the Relay for Life event and that the Fifth Ward would have a team.

Sixth Ward

Mr. Sadowski gave the report of the Fire Department. The Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of $5,580.81 in fees for the month of March. The ambulance reimbursement system collected a total of $86,255.00 for the month of March, bringing the year to date total to $212,889.85. Next he informed all that eleven members of the Linden Fire Department would receive awards at the State FMBA annual awards dinner. He noted the awards that they would be receiving. Mr. Sadowski also announced that the Fire Prevention Bureau and American Red Cross would be sponsoring a smoke detector installation and inspection event, in sections of the Sixth Ward and Seventh Wards beginning on April 28th.

Mr. Sadowski announced a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the baseball team at Applebees and provided details. Next he reported on the meeting of the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority and noted that one of the Linden members, of the Authority, passed away. He informed all that the Charter School looking to go into the old St. Theresa’s School has been asked to provide a traffic study. He altered Sixth Ward residents to the flushing of the water lines that would be occurring.

Mr. Sadowski provided an update on the start of automated collection of garbage collection in the Sixth Ward. Next Mr. Sadowski noted he would be speaking on a serious matter of concern to himself. He then read a letter, to Council President Alvarez, regarding the Council Presidents constant remarks about Mr. Sadowski’s age. Mr. Sadowski stated that he considered the remarks discriminating and harassing.

President Alvarez stated that there will be no more remarks.

Seventh Ward

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

1. The payment of bills totaling $2,421,986.63, 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 April at the rate of .50%

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yaamakaitis and was ordered approved, with Mrs. Cosby-Hurling voting no, and Mr. Strano and Mrs. Hickey abstaining.

Mr. Strano noted that there was a resolution on the agenda authorizing a community wide yard sale for the Tremely Point area. The event was sponsored by the Tremely Point Civic Group and this is the first one of its kind for this area. Mr. Strano then spoke about the recent passing of a former Public Works employee, Dennis Sheehy. He noted his condolences to the family, and how tragic the passing was.

Eighth Ward

Mrs. Yamakaitis asked if there was any questions on the report.

Virginia Malik – Ms. Malik stated that she had questions on items #4 and #5, as to if they were temporary. Mr. Roth and Mrs. Yamakaitis provided answers. Ms. Malik then asked, on item #3 the length of employment. Mr. Vircik responded.

Thomas Swingarten, 2424 Central Ave, Westfield, NJ. Mr. Swingarten noted that he was sitting number one on the promotional list for lieutenant, and was being skipped for third time. Mr. Roth responded. Mr. Swingartener noted that he had nothing against the people being promoted, but this was not fair to him. He noted that he has reached out for the State FMBA, and the issue of his being skipped.

Mrs. Yamakaitis read the following Personnel Report

1. From the Personnel Division:
   * 1. FMLA/NJFLA requests:

Employee ID# 000958, Intermittent FMLA 2/17/17-12/31/17;

Employee ID# 000170 FMLA 1/24/17- 4/20/17

Employee ID# 106994 FMLA 3/20/17 – 7/21/17

1. In the Police Department – accept the resignation of Katarzyna Kozak, tele-communicator, effective May 1, 2017. Chief Parham is hereby authorized to fill the vacancy.
2. In the Department of Engineering – approve the appointment of Sarah Demarco, a college intern, to serve as a per diem engineering aide, effective April 19, 2017, at the rate of $15.00 per hour not to exceed 19.5 hours per week.
3. In the Division of Public Works – approve the permanent appointment of Roxy Billups as a radio dispatcher, effective April 19, 2017, at the annual salary of $44,720.
4. In the Division of Recreation – approve the permanent appointment of Nancy Braxton as a Recreation Supervisor, effective retroactive to March 28, 2017, at the salary of $73,034
5. In the Division of Municipal Garage – accept the voluntary resignation of Edgar Bowley, Jr. effective March 2, 2017.
6. In the Department of Public Works – the temporary appointment of Alfred MacDonald as the acting department head, subject to the appointment of a provisional Superintendent, at no increase in salary.
7. In the Fire Department the promotion of Lieutenant Pericone to Fire Captain at the annual salary of $124,000 and promotion of Carl Tattoli to Fire Lieutenant at the annual salary of $108,000 to replace the vacancy created by the retirement of Captain Brian Krakovsky effective May 1, 2017.
8. In the Division of Municipal Garage the title change for Christopher Horvath to Diesel Mechanic Tier 2 at the hourly rate of $ 21.00 effective April 21, 2017 and the granting of a $5,000 stipend to Christopher Horvath to conduct diesel inspections as required by law.
9. In the Department of Public Works/Division of Public Property/Division of Recreation – the approval of the seasonal employee list as attached an available in the Treasurer’s Office.
10. Permission to post on the Civil Service Website for (5) lateral police officers

Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes except for Mr. Brooks, who abstained on item #5 and Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no to item #7 and abstained on items #5 and #8.

Mrs. Yamakaitis asked those promoted to stand and be recognized.

Mrs. Yamakaitis provided information on her upcoming community meeting. She spoke about the Eighth Ward Easter Egg hunt, the great turnout, and thanked all those that helped out. She congratulated Mr. Richard Puschel for being selected as Economic Development Director of the year in Union County by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Yamakaitis noted that it was now time to renew dog licenses, spoke about complaints, she was getting, about dog being allowed to do their business anywhere they wanted to. She stated that summons will be issued. Dogs should be on a leash and not running loose. Mrs. Yamakaitis informed all that FOLAS would be having a tricky tray. The event is sold out and no tickets would be sold at the door. She provided her contact information.

Ninth Ward

Mr. Medina stated that he hoped that all had a great Easter weekend. He reminded all that the weather is getting warmer, the kids are out, so be careful of the kids playing. He gave a report on the Ninth and Tenth Ward Easter Egg hunt.

Mr. Medina urged residents to visit the Linden Library and take advantage of all that they offer. He concluded by asking all to be safe on the roads.

Tenth Ward

Mrs. Hickey stated that she hopes that all had a wonderful Easter and a happy Passover. She gave a report on the First Annual Ninth and Tenth Ward Easter Egg hunt. Due to the response, she noted that she and Mr. Medina would be planning more events for the future. Next she thanked a number of individuals for their help with the event. She also thanked a number of groups and companies for their help and support.

Mrs. Hickey noted that this past weekend there was a number of issues with signs falling down in the ward, and thanked Mr. Givens for putting them back up, and DPW for cleaning up the branches that were down. She noted the efforts of DPW to fill potholes. Mrs. Hickey also addressed the issue of street paving in the Tenth Ward, adding that some of the projects were being held up due to the gas and water company projects. She also provided an update on those projects.

Mrs. Hickey informed all that DPW will be removing a number of trees at McManus, and trees at Al Kalla Park will be trimmed shortly. She offered her promotions to those promoted this evening, and spoke about Carl Tattoli. Next she spoke about the pending appointment of Joseph Birch as OEM deputy coordinator.

Mrs. Hickey spoke about the upcoming Relay for Life, at Rahway River Stadium and the groups that she would be supporting. Next she detailed a number of fundraising events that were being held by various community groups and urged all to help support them.

Mrs. Hickey talked about the look of McManus Middle School and that she would be meeting with the Superintendent of Schools to address those issues and get the school back into shape.

Mr. Medina was recognized to report on some items that he had left off of his report.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead reported on the upcoming Kids to Parks program, and provided details on the event. He explained that it was sponsored by the Mayors Youth Commission and why the event was important. The Mayor thanked Chief Parham for reopening the COP building, on East St. Georges Ave. Mayor Armstead announced that the Galloping Hill Cruisers would be hosting a car show at Aviation Plaza, on Monday evenings. All money raised will assist disadvantaged children with cancer.

Mayor Armstead gave a special thanks to Mrs. Yamakaitis for the outstanding job she did in getting the old Park Plastics building knocked down and improving her ward. There are now developers interested in the site. Mayor Armstead also thanked Mr. Javick and Mr. Strano for their efforts to place solar panels at the landfill. He noted that the proposed relocation of the compost pile would allow the purchase of land by a neighboring company. He thanked Mr. Brown for his help with getting the redevelopment of St. Georges Ave moving.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the individual skipped on the fire promotion list and the reasons for skipping on a civil service list.

President Alvarez announced that the special needs soccer clink would be starting soon and provided details on it. He then spoke about his trip to Haiti, last year, the work done there and the church from Old Bridge that sponsored the event. The church is now organizing another event that they need volunteers to help put boxes together for meals. He provided details on the event.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**President Alvarez Statedpublic comments will be permitted for those specific resolutions to be removed from the consent approval. Please read the synopsis of the resolutions, which have been prepared by the City Clerk’s office. Each is informative and**

**Self-explanatory However, if you wish to address a specific resolution, the Council, will entertain questions on it.**

**Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for approval of Resolutions #2017-171 through #2017-198. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sadowski and was ordered approved on a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no on Resolution #2017-171 and Mrs. Hickey who abstained.**

**Resolution #2017-175 was removed by Mr. Roman.**

**Resolution #2017-178 was removed by Ms. Malik.**

**Resolution #2017-184 and #2017-192 were removed by Ms. Diane Wilverding.**

**RESOLUTION: 2017-171**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** there were certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of March, 2017 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**

165301 3/1/17 Muller Bohlin grant writer 8,166.25

165302 3/1/17 NJMVC LPD vehicles 120.00

165304 3/1/17 Alpha Dog final payment 17,750.00

165303 3/1/17 US Postal Service post office fee 234.00

3/1/17 Medco claims 69,912.35

3/7/17 Vision Service Plan claims 4,199.30

3/8/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 17,203.82

3/10/17 Payroll payroll 1,970,423.18

3/13/17 SHBP Retires health premium 617,325.99

3/13/17 SHBP Active health premium 665,072.37

3/16/17 Medco claims 68,391.55

3/16/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 42,896.31

165300 3/20/17 GPANJ claims 390.00

165307 3/20/17 GPANJ claims 100.00

3/23/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 9,266.87

3/24/17 Payroll payroll 1,802,771.42

3/29/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 5,350.43

3/29/17 Medco claims 83,629.80

3/29/17 Vision Service Plan claims 4,489.00

3/30/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 34,051.14

**TRUST**

3/10/17 Payroll payroll 78,273.54

3/24/17 Payroll payroll 86,976.13

**GRANT**

3/10/17 Payroll payroll 4,046.13

3/24/17 Payroll payroll 3,423.26

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

3/10/17 Payroll payroll 2,656.00

3/24/17 Payroll payroll 2,680.00

**CAPITAL**

165305 3/2/17 Eliztown Gas new equip. 2,660.61

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

3/10/17 Payroll payroll 1,858.28

**RESOLUTION: 2017-172**

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

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

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

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

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

Block 112 Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue

Block 135 Lot 12 1104 Bower Street

Block 280 Lot 5 307 W. Henry Street

Block 582 Lot 53 219 Irene Street

Block 387 Lot 15 603 Morristown Road

Block 329 Lot 9 1901 Verona Avenue

Block 178 Lot 19 1112 Walnut Street

Block 539 Lot 21 1829 S. Wood Avenue

Block 263 Lot 3 2301 Orchard Terrace

Block 322 Lot 7 316 Springfield Road

Block 20 Lot 12 612 Alexander Avenue

Block 289 Lot 9 238 Springfield Road

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

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

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

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

Block 112 Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue $295.00

Block 135 Lot 12 1104 Bower Street $245.00

Block 280 Lot 5 307 W. Henry Street $295.00

Block 582 Lot 53 219 Irene Street $150.00

Block 387 Lot 15 603 Morristown Road $120.00

Block 329 Lot 9 1901 Verona Avenue $425.00

Block 178 Lot 19 1112 Walnut Street $160.00

Block 539 Lot 21 1829 S. Wood Avenue $385.00

Block 263 Lot 3 2301 Orchard Terrace $270.00

Block 322 Lot 7 316 Springfield Road $270.00

Block 20 Lot 12 612 Alexander Avenue $70.00

Block 289 Lot 9 238 Springfield Road $220.00

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-173**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ACTING**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR 2017**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden passed Resolution No. 2017-82 on January 17, 2017 retaining the services Edward Cooper, Esq., 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 $10,000.00; 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. T-03-56-806-000-126**;**

**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: 2017-174**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT APPOINTING MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN AS SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY IN THE VARIOUS REDEVELOPMENT MATTERS PENDING IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden passed a resolution on retaining the services of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, as Special Redevelopment Counsel representing the City in various redevelopment matters pending in the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** because of the ongoing nature of the services in this matter, there is a need for additional funds not to exceed $15,000.00 for legal services relative to the aforesaid matter; and

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

**WHEREAS**, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures paid to date to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC for services rendered is $15,000.00 for 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 7-01-20-155-123-255;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that they do hereby approve the additional amount not to exceed $15,000.00 for services rendered by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amendatory contract documents between McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute 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:** **2017-175**

**RESOLUTION ENGAGING APPRAISAL CONSULTANTS CORP. TO CONDUCT AN**

**APPRAISAL ON BLOCK 450, LOT 1 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 201 S. WOOD AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, there exists within the City of Linden the need for a consultant in order to conduct an appraisal on block 450, lot 1 more commonly known as 201 S. Wood 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**, Appraisal Consultants Corp. submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2017; 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**, Appraisal Consultants Corp., having offices at 293 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 200, Livingston, New Jersey 07039, possesses the requisite professional certification and experience necessary to serve in said position; and

**WHEREAS**, funds will be made available for this purpose to be charged to Account No: 7-01-20-155-123-255;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Appraisal Consultants Corp at a fee not to exceed $3,500.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute a contract with Appraisal Consultants Corp. to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**John Roman.**  Mr. Roman asked if this the old fire house that the developer was occupying. The answer was yes. Mr. Roman asked why this was being appraised now, and what the term of the lease was. Mr. Antonelli responded that the developer was interested in purchasing the property, and that the term of the lease was more than likely ten years. He noted an appraiser was needed as the developer had made improvements to the property. Mr. Brown also responded explaining that the term to be five years, and in addition to the lease payment of a $1.00 per year, the developer was paying property tax on it to the City.

**Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for approval of Resolution #2017-175. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sadowski and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTION: 2017-176**

**RESOLTUION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ASSIGNMENT OF MEDICARE BILLING AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

**WHEREAS,** the Hospital provides Mobile Intensive Care Units (MICU) that render pre-hospital Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergency care services to the general public as provided for under the laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Linden Fire Department provides emergency medical transportation services through the Linden Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Linden Fire Department is in the business of providing Basic Life Support (BLS) medical transportation services in compliance with the licensing requirements of the Department of Health of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hospital and the Linden Fire Department are desirous of entering into this Agreement to jointly provide pre-hospital ALS and BLS emergency medical services in the regions where the Linden Fire Department provides pre-hospital BLS services by utilizing emergency vehicles to transport ALS patients being treated by the Hospital MICU’s; and

**WHEREAS**, under this cooperative arrangement the Hospital and the Linden Fire Department agree that in order to comply with the applicable Medical billing requirements for the joint rendering of ALS and BLS services, the Linden Fire Department will hereby agree to relinquish their billing rights to the Hospital in accordance with the provisions set forth herein.

**NOW THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the Mayor hereby be authorized to sign said agreement between the City of Linden and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, as approved by the City Law Department, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to same and affix the City Seal thereon.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-177**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CHARLES E. HECK ASSIST THE TAX ASSESSOR IN THE DEFENSE OF ALL UNION COUNTY TAX BOARD APPEALS FOR 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden has determined that it would be advisable and in the best interests of the City to retain the services of an appraiser/expert witness/consultant for defense of 2017 Union County tax appeals and assist the Tax Assessor; 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**, Charles E. Heck, CTA submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2017; 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, to be charged to the Account No. 7-01-20-156-117-273;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Charles E. Heck, CTA, 506 Thompson Place, Middletown, New Jersey 07748, appraiser/consultant/expert witness at a fee not to exceed $16,500.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Charles E. Heck, CTA 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 Charles E. Heck, CTA to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-178**

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

**JTG CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON AVENUE, W. 11TH STREET AND DILL AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on March 31, 2017

for the resurfacing of Washington Avenue, W. 11th Street and Dill 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/line item No. C-04-55-901-664-919; and

**WHEREAS**, JTG Construction, Inc.was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $231,235.00; and

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

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

1. A contract is awarded to JTG Construction, Inc. at their bid of $231,235.00.

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

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

Vircik Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Mrs. Malik asked if there were other bids for this project. Mr. Vircik responded that there were ten other bidders for the work.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for approval of Resolution #2017-178. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sadowski and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-179**

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

**CIPRIANO ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE REMOVAL OF TWO TANKS AND CONTAMINATED SOIL AT THE JTG CENTER & ANIMAL CONTROL CENTER IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** three (3) quotations were received by the Purchasing Agent for the removal of two tanks and contaminated soil at the JTG Center and Animal Control Center in the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. C-04-55-901-666-919; and

**WHEREAS**, Cipriano Enterprises, Inc. was the lowest responsible firm at their quote of $22,255.00; and

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

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

1. A contract is awarded to Cipriano Enterprises, Inc. at their quote of $22,255.00.

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-180**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BUS STOPS**

**IN THE CITY OF LINDEN PASSED JULY 19, 1994** **AND APPROVED**

**JULY 20, 1994 AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED**

**WHEREAS,** the Governing Body of the City of Linden, County of Union, State of New Jersey has received a proposal to relocate certain bus stop locations along W. Elizabeth Avenue and S. Wood Avenue;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8(e), the following described location is deleted as a bus stop:

**COUNTY ROAD:**

DELETED BUS STOP:

1. Along W. Elizabeth Avenue, northbound, on the easterly side thereof at:

A. **Lumber Street-Near Side**

Beginning at the southerly curbline of Lumber Street and

extending 105 feet southerly therefrom.

That pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8(e), the following described location is added as a bus stop:

ADDED BUS STOP:

1. Along W. Elizabeth Avenue, northbound, on the easterly side thereof at:

A. **Donaldson Place – Mid Block**

Beginning 401 feet from the northerly curbline of Donaldson Place and extending 135 feet northerly therefrom.

2. Along S. Wood Avenue, westbound, on the northerly side thereof at:

**A. East Morris Avenue – Far Side**

Beginning at the westerly curbline of East Morris Avenue and extending 105 feet westerly therefrom.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden will enforce the required traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop location and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-181**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH DEBT SERVICE FOR SANITARY LANDFILL**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S. 40-A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20, of the year preceding the beginning of the calendar year; and

**WHEREAS,** the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 20, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 inclusive:

**DEBT SERVICE-CITY OF LINDEN - DEDICATED LANDFILL BUDGET**

Payment of Bonds $194,000.00

Interest on Bonds $ 16,200.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for their record.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-182**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN OF ITS INTENTION TO RENEW THE COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CABLE SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden wishes to state its intention to renew the franchise agreement with Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC for the construction and operation of a cable television system within City of Linden.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** it is the intention of the City of Linden to renew the franchise agreement with Comcast Cable of New Jersey II, LLC.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the City of Linden will enter into good faith informal renewal negotiations on the terms of said agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Linden does not waive any rights the City may have under the Franchise or applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-183**

**RESOLUTION** **APPOINTING JOSEPH BIRCH AS DEPUTY**

**COORDINATOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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

That **JOSEPH BIRCH**, of Linden, New Jersey 07036, be and hereby is appointed as Deputy Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management for a three year term commencing April 1, 2017 and terminating March 31, 2020 or until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. Said appointment shall be with a $5,000.00 stipend.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-184**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LINDEN TO ACCEPT SUBAWARD FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF**

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden has applied for funding for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program under Grant No. P-6673-17; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Law and Public Safety has reviewed the application and has approved the subaward as attached hereto and made part of, and has approved said request; and

**WHEREAS,** the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the City of Linden Police Department for the purpose described in the application.

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

1. As a matter of public policy, the City of Linden Police Department wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety and is authorized to accept the subaward from Grant No. P-6673-17 in the amount of $60,000.00 under the Safe and Secure Communities Program, along with the City of Linden matching the fringe benefits of $242,366.68 for same.

2. The period for said subaward is January 4, 2017 to January 3, 2018.

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

Diane Wilmerding. Ms. Wilmerding asked what the program was, that is being funded. Mrs. Explained, noting that the money is used to offset a police officer’s salary. Ms. Wilmerding asked if the officers were doing anything different. Mrs. Zack explained the program and how it worked.

**FOR ROLL CALL AND COMMENTS REFER TO RESOLUTION #2017-192**.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-185**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF DIANE DILEO, A MEMBER OF SID**

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

That **DIANE DILEO ,** resident of the City of Linden, New Jersey, has tendered her resignation as a member of the Special Improvement District of the City of Linden, and said resignation is hereby accepted effective as of the date of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-186**

# **Resolution Supporting the**

***2017 UDrive. UText. UPay. Distracted Driving Crackdown* April 1 - 21, 2017**

**Whereas**, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

**Whereas**, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

**Whereas**, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

**Whereas**, in 2014 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,179 deaths and 431,000 injuries on our nation’s roads; and

**Whereas**, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in more than 800,000 crashes between 2010-2014; and

**Whereas**, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2017 Crackdown* from April 1 - 21, 2017 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

**Whereas**, the national slogan for the campaign is *UDrive. UText. UPay*; and

**Whereas** a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden declares it’s support for the *Distracted Driving 2017 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 - 21, 2017 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-187**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS SCRAP FOR**

**SALE OR DISPOSITION**

**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 or dispose of certain surplus property; and **WHEREAS,** the item listed below is being declared surplus and not needed for municipal purpose;

Brother MFC 5460CN

Muratec F300 (ditto #03379)

(3) Dell Monitors

Optiplex Service Tags: BB3FHB1, 3VP6H71, 4VP6H71

Intellifax Laserfax 2840 (ditto# 07318)

HP Laser Jet 4250n (ditto# 07576)

HP Laser Jet 4250 S/N: CNGXM10141

OKI Microline 390 Turbo AE69003761FO

Swintec 7000 Typewriter

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY 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 auction or dispose of, as appropriate, the attached items; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to confirm the sale/disposal of said item as scrap.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-188**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO**

**ESTABLISH THE CURRENT FUND**

**OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2017 Current Operating Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS,** the total appropriations in the 2016 Current Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund, pension, and public assistance, is the sum of $93,479,660.34 and

**WHEREAS,** five months of the total appropriations in the 2016 Current Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund, pension, and public assistance in said Current Operating Budget is the sum of $35,553,245.98; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appropriations be made for current fund and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-189**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AUTISM AWARNESS**

**MONTH IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected, and;

**WHEREAS,** Autism affects an estimated 1 in 68 births nationally and 1 in 45 in the State of New Jersey, and as more health care professionals become proficient in diagnosing children on the Autism Spectrum this number could surely rise, and;

**WHEREAS,** Autism affects every member of the family in different ways, parents must now place their primary focus on helping their child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which puts stress on their marriage, other children, work, finances, and personal relationships and responsibilities, and;

**WHEREAS,** Autism has no cure, it is well-documented that if individuals with Autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives, and;

**WHEREAS,** Autism requires a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety, and being a part of a community and feeling included is extremely important in people’s lives, and;

**WHEREAS,** Autism New Jersey is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about Autism and its effects, and this is the perfect opportunity to promote Awareness, Acceptance, Appreciation, Inclusion and to draw attention to the tens of thousands facing an autism diagnosis each year, and;

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden wishes to actively promote Autism Awareness Month in order to better educate its residents about autism and create a better community for individuals with autism.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby declare and proclaim the month of April, 2017 as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH, and encourages its citizens to learn more about autism and what they can do to support individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-190**

**RESOLUTION**

**TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2017**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden desires to introduce the 2017 Temporary Capital budget of said municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden introduces the 2017 Temporary Capital Budget follows:

**Section 1.** The 2017 Temporary Capital Budget of the City of Linden is hereby introduced to read as follows:

**METHOD OF FINANCING**

**Est. Budget Capital Grant Debt**

**Project Costs Approp. Impr. Fund in Aid Authorized**

SCBA Cylinders, Air Packs & $902,000.00 $902,000.00 $45,100.00 $0.00 $856,900.00

Associated Equipment Fire Department

**Section 2.** The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of these projects for 2017 Capital Budget, to be included in the 2017 Capital Budget as adopted.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-191**

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

**PACIFIC CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on March 31, 2017 for the reconstruction of sanitary sewers at various locations 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/line item No. C-04-55-901-666-919; and

**WHEREAS**, Pacific Construction, LLC was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $106,600.26; and

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

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

1. A contract is awarded to Pacific Construction, LLC at their bid of $106,600.26.

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-192**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT TO CME ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATIVE TO RELOCATING THE COMPOST FACILITY AT THE LINDEN LANDFILL**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for consulting services for relocation of the Compost Facility; 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**, CME Associates, submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2017; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. C-04-55-907-665-919;

**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 CME Associates, 3759 Highway 1 South, Suite 100, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey 08852, at a fee not to exceed $48,500.00 in accordance with their proposal dated April 10, 2017; and

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

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

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

Diane Wilverdine. Asked to be provided more information on this facility and why it was costing the City so much money. Mr. Vircik explained that there is a company interested in purchasing this land from the City and would be reimbursing us all of these cost. He then detailed the work that was being done.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for approval of Resolutions #2017-184 and #2017-192. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sadowski and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-193**

**STATE CONTRACT RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR CITYWIDE FIRST RESPONDER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the service is not to exceed $31,082.04; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number 7-01-25-250-314-275; and,

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-194**

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTY SECOND ANNIVERSARY**

**OF THE DEATH OF LINDEN PATROLMAN JOHN BYKO, JR. WHO WAS**

**KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON JUNE 14, 1935**

**WHEREAS,** the men and women of law enforcement make sacrifices both big and small, frequently missing family celebrations and holidays because they believe in serving something greater than themselves. Sadly, far too many of these dedicated public servants paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities safe. The work of law enforcement is not just a job, it is a calling and every day police officers risk their lives to protect the safety of our community; and

**WHEREAS, John Byko, Jr.** was one such individual who made that ultimate sacrifice. John Bykowas born in Elizabeth, New Jersey to Mr. John Byko, Sr. and Mary Shugart and became a member of the Linden Police Department in January of 1928; and

**WHEREAS,** on June 14, 1935 **Officer John Byko** was killed in the line of duty, in an automobile crash when the patrol car he was driving was struck head-on by another vehicle on Route 1, formerly known as Route 25, Linden. His partner Officer Harry Weitzman was also injured in the accident but survived; and

**WHEREAS,** the driver of that vehicle plead guilty to a charge of causing death by automobile, was jailed for six months and deprived of his right to drive; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice made by Officer John Byko and the sacrifices made by countless other men and women, in blue, serving their communities; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby express their appreciation to **Officer John Byko,** the Linden Police Department and all law enforcement officers who work diligently, risking their lives to keep us safe; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the Minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden, and a copy be fittingly presented to the family of **Fallen Officer John Byko**.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-195**

**RESOLUTION WAIVING FEES FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE**

**TO BE HELD IN TREMELY POINT**

WHEREAS, the city council has determined to allow a community wide garage sale in Tremely Point on May 20, 2017 with a rain date of May 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden shall waive all fees for permits for a garage sale including the completion of an application form pursuant to City Code 4-3.1 entitled “Garage Sales”; and

WHEREAS, the city wide garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year; and

WHEREAS, chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.

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

1. The City of Linden hereby waives fees for permits for a community wide garage sale in Tremely Point to be held on May 20, 2017 with a rain date on May 21, 2017.
2. The city wide garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year.
3. Chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.
4. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-196**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LINDEN TO PROCESS AN INVOLUNTARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has employed a Patrol Officer in its Police Department; and

WHEREAS, this Patrol Officer is an active member of the PFRS; and

WHEREAS, this Patrol Officer has over five (5) years of PFRS service credit, meeting the minimum service credit requirement of at least four (4) years for PFRS members; and

WHEREAS, the City is of the opinion that this Patrol Officer is totally and permanently disabled and can no longer perform the assigned duties based on the documentation supplied by professionals retained by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden is unable to provide an alternative to the PFRS covered position with duties capable of being performed by said Patrol Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, who is statutorily the Director of the Police Department, and the Chief of Police have consented to the processing of this Involuntary Disability Retirement Application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Linden, accepts the determination of the Mayor, and authorized the staff of the Personnel Division and any other necessary personnel take all actions necessary to process an Involuntary Disability Retirement Application for this Patrol Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all parties involved in the administration of this action.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-197**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE SANITARY LANDFILL UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET**

**FOR THE PERlOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH MAY 30, 2017**

**WHEREAS,** N.J..S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 201. 7 Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for thepurpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS,** the total appropriations in the 2016 Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, cap ft a l improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of 286,700.00; and **WHEREAS,** five months of the total temporary appropriations for the Sanitary

Landfill Utility Operating Budget cannot exceed the· sum of $119,458.33; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following temporary appropriations be made in the amount of $119,458.33 and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-198**

**RESOLUTION WAIVING FEES FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE**

**TO BE HELD IN THE NINTH AND TENTH WARDS**

WHEREAS, the city council has determined to allow a community wide garage sale in the Ninth and Tenth Wards on May 6, 2017 with a rain date of May 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden shall waive all fees for permits for a garage sale including the completion of an application form pursuant to City Code 4-3.1 entitled “Garage Sales”; and

WHEREAS, the city wide garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year; and

WHEREAS, chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.

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

1. The City of Linden hereby waives fees for permits for a community wide garage sale in the Ninth and Tenth Wards to be held on May 6, 2017 with a rain date on May 7, 2017.
2. The city wide garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year.
3. Chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.
4. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**An Ordinance Entitled:**

**#61-31 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.**

**Amend and Modify Schedule 4-LL-4.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #61-31 was introduced by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Yamakaitis, seconded by Mr. Strano the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

Unanimously Ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#61-32 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter III, Police Regulations of an ordinance entitled, “an ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed to November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.**

**DELETE 3-31 REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE IN ITS ENTIRETY**

**ADD NEW 3-31 REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE.**

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

Mrs. Cosby- Hurling commented

Ordinance #61-32 was introduced by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was read on first reading by the Deputy

Clerk.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling stated that she was excited about this ordinance, and that she hoped there would be more enforcement.

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

Unanimously Ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#61-33 Bond ordinance authorizing the acquisition of SCBA cylinders, air packs and associated equipment for the Fire Department in and for the City of Linden, appropriating $902,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $856,900 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

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

Ms. Malik commented that she wanted to find out more information about this. President Alvarez directed her to speak to the Fire Chief, after the meeting.

Ordinance #61-33 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Strano the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#61-34 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic. That Chapter VII, Traffic, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:**

**7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulations**

**7-33.1A Handicapped Parking on-street**

**Name of Street Spaces**

**Delete:**

**513 Alexander Avenue 1**

**ADD:**

**513 Alexander Avenue 1**

**818 Chandler Avenue 1**

**418 Hussa Street 1**

**(Maple Avenue Side)**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #61-34 was introduced by Mr. Medina and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Medina, seconded by Mrs. Ormon the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously Ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#61-35 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic.**

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

**DELETE:**

*Street Side Hours Days Location*

S. Wood Avenue 7:00 am to 8:00 am Highway to

1. Street

Windsor Road South 7:00 am to 11:00 am Thurs Linden Avenue to

21st Street

Wood Avenue West 7:00 am to 11:00 am Tue Linden Avenue

To 21st Street

Wood Avenue East 7:00 am to 11:00 am Fri Linden Avenue to

21st Street

**ADD:**

*Street Side Hours Days Location*

Windsor Road South 7:00 am to 11:00 am Thurs Stiles Street

to Stiles Street

Bedle Place East 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Mon From Grier Avenue to Allen Street

Bedle Place West 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Thurs From Grier Avenue to Allen Street

Wood Avenue West 6:00 am to 7:00 am Tue Linden Avenue to Edgar Road

Wood Avenue East 6:00 am to 7:00 am Tue Linden Avenue to Edgar Road

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #61-35 was introduced by Mr. Medina and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Medina, seconded by Mrs. Ormon the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously Ordered approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Alvarez announced that

Cheryl Volden, 16 W. Price Street. Ms. Volden stated her concern was with the traffic light on Price St. and N. Wood Ave. She noted that the light was three to five minutes long, and that when you are going to work in the morning, that is in creditable. She noted that it is out of sync with the rest of lights on Wood Ave. She asked what could be done with it. President Alvarez noted that Wood Ave is a County Road. Mr. Brown noted that the traffic department would have to look into, and provided background on the issues involved.

Thelma Stokes, 116 N. Wood Avenue. Ms. Stokes stated that she lives on North Wood Ave, and parking is a problem. She spoke about the number of tickets that she was receiving and asked where she can park. She noted her frustrations with receiving $30.00 parking tickets on a regular business. A discuss followed as to a possible solution to her problem.

John Francis Roman, 15 W. Linden Avenue. Mr. Roman stated that people in Linden are getting tickets, and they don’t know why. Next he spoke about the street scape project, for Wood Ave, from Blancke St. to Elizabeth Ave, and that the residents and businesses don’t know about it. He described the project, and asked a number of questions related to the planning of the project and how the issue of dealing with traffic on narrowed roadway would be dealt with. Chief Parham, Chief Dooley, Mr. Vircik and Mr. Brown responded. Mr. Vircik detailed the notifications that were provided to business and residents in the area.

Ronald Martins, 328 Miner Terrace. Mr. Martins spoke about the issue of the traffic lights on Wood Ave, and the long amount of time they take. Next he spoke on the issues at the train station and noted that a month has changed he spoke about them last month. He talked about the train station and the problems there.

John Principato, 1307 Westover Road. Mr. Principato spoke about the promotions, in the Fire Department, made by Council this evening, and thanked them for them. He noted that both individuals do a great job. Next he talked about the Ninth and Tenth Ward joint Easter egg hunt and the great job that Mr. Medina and Mrs. Hickey did on putting it together. Mr. Principato than talked about Mr. Brown, his not giving a Council report and that he felt that the constituents of the Third Ward deserve a report.

Chief Parham, 301 N. Wood Ave. Chief Parham commended the dispatchers and clerical staff, in the Police Department for the job they do. He also commended the police officers that go out every day and put their lives on the line. He described a new program, Coffee with Cops that he is implementing and invited all to attend. He announced the reopening of the COP building, on St. Georges Ave.

Mrs. Ormon moved to close the public comment session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

President Alvarez reminded the member of Council that comments were limited to one minute.

Mrs. Ormon congratulated Nancy Braxton, Captain Perricone and Lt. Tattoli on their promotions, and stated she knew that they would make great leaders. Next she spoke about Police Lt. Williams and his volunteering of his time to run an Easter egg hunt for children on the Autism spectrum. She also thanked Mr. Al MacDonald for the bowling team Recreation sponsors for children with special needs. She noted the accomplishments of the team.

Mr. Brooks gave a quick thank you to the residents of the Fourth Ward and to the residents of the City. He noted that he is the liaison for financial aid, for post-secondary education, for the Board of Education. He provided his contact information for those needing assistance and added that he can also assist those seeking to return to school, after a period of time.

Mr. Brown stated his agreement with the comments Mr. Martins made regarding the condition of the train station. He noted that length of time some of the issues go back. He also agreed with the issue of purchasing of bike lockers.

Mr. Strano congratulated the firemen, and Ms. Braxton, on their promotions.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling welcomed those who came to the Council meeting for the first time. She noted that she enjoys when residents show up and speak about their concerns. Next she expressed her disappointment that the employee satisfaction survey will not be pursued by this year’s Personnel Committee. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling announced that the employee handbook will be made public, and the reasons why. She also stated her disappointment with how the City goes by the Civil Service rules. She called for an investigation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council President Pro Tempore Yamakaitis made the following announcements:

**The following Council Meetings will be held as follows:**

**\*Council Conference meeting:**

**Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

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

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mr. Strano moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk