**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2017 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**December 19, 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, December 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jorge Alvarez and he announced that the notice of this meeting stating the date, place and time, has been disseminated as required under the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

The Clerk rendered the opening prayer, after which the members of the Governing Body and the persons in attendance saluted the flag. After which President Alvarez asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence, in honor of one of the City’s employee’s, Barbara Favor, who passed away.

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 Rhashonna Cosby

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. Medina moved for approval of the minutes of the November 21, 2017 Council Meeting and the Special Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Yamakaitis and Mr. Medina who abstained on the Minutes of December 7, 2017 Special Meeting and Mrs. Hickey who abstained on the Minutes of November 21, 2017 Regular Meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Monty Brooks – Service as Fourth Ward Councilman**

**Robert Sadowski – Service as Sixth Ward Councilman**

President Alvarez invited Mayor Armstead to join him in presenting resolutions honoring Mr. Brooks and Mr. Sadowski. The Mayor spoke about his representation of the Fourth Ward, for twenty-one years, and what that was like. He spoke about the difficulties of being an elected official, and those who take on this type of responsibility need to be commended. He thanked Mr. Brooks for his service, in the Fourth Ward, and wished him well as he moves on. President Alvarez read the resolution honoring Monty Brooks for his service as Fourth Ward Councilman, and present it to Mr. Brooks. President Alvarez spoke about the dedicated service of Mr. Brooks, and how he was a friend. Mr. Brooks wished all happy holiday, spoke about being a lifelong residents of the Fourth Ward, and the great opportunity that Linden gave him.

Mayor Armstead then spoke about his longtime relationship with Mr. Sadowski, and his family. He noted that politics can change people, and that it has not changed Mr. Sadowski one bit. He was always a nice man, and remains a nice man today. He spoke about Mr. Sadowski attributes in everyone that he deals with. He thanked Mr. Sadowski for serving this City and always being receptive of new ideas. The Mayor thanked Mr. Sadowski for his contributions to this City and this Council. President Alvarez read the resolution honoring Robert Sadowski for his service as Councilman of the Sixth Ward, and presented him with a copy. President Alvarez noted that Mr. Sadowski, was not only a teacher, but was also a veteran. He went to state that after his career and service to his country he came here and dedicated himself to the people of Linden. Mr. Sadowski thanked everyone, noting that he has lived in Linden for fifty-two years, he also wanted to thank the citizens of Linden, the Mayor, and added that he was able to help in any way that he could. President Alvarez recognized Chief Dooley to speak on behalf of himself and the Linden Fire Department. The Chief thanked Mr. Sadowski and Mr. Brooks. He noted that they both have both served on Fire Committee. The Chief noted that both would be missed.

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**Recognizing the 90th Anniversary of the Linden Free Public Library**

President Alvarez called the Mayor and Mr. Medina up, as well as a number of other individuals, for a presentation recognizing the 90th Anniversary of the Linden Library. Mayor Armstead, spoke about the decision, he had to make, a few years ago, as a councilman, to repair an old library, or go out and build a new library. The cost of the new library, was questioned, at first, but it was money well spent, as we have one of the nicest library in the State. He added that while it’s good to have a nice library, it is even nicer to have a group, inside the library, who work hard to maintain it and that it is used properly, called the Friends of the Linden Library. He detailed some of their efforts. The Mayor then read the resolution marking the 90th Anniversary of the Linden Free Public Library. Dennis Purvis, Library Director, thanked the Mayor and Council for the resolution, and spoke about what an honor it was.

At the conclusion of the presentation, President Alvarez congratulated Jennifer Honan on the occasion of her birthday. He also wished Mr. Sadowski, whose birthday was December 15th, a happy birthday.

**Neighbor of the Year – Ramses Estrada**

President Alvarez recognized Ms. Cosby. Ms. Cosby noted that the individual being recognized tonight, was ill and could not make it to the meeting. Ms. Cosby spoke about the history of this award and the reasons that she does this award. She read the resolution, honoring Ramses Estrada.

**ORDINANCE HELD FROM THE OCTOBER 17, 2017 MEETING**

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-48 A bond ordinance authorizing various capital improvements at the Linden Train Station, and appropriating $1,000,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $950,000. Bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

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. Ormon 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 by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

**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:

**#61-71 Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of $60,500 for the acquisition and installation of a salt dome for the Department of Public Works and authorizing the issuance of $57,475. Bonds or notes of the City 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.

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. Javick and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-72 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter XXIV, Cable Communications System, 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 24-1, FRANCHISE WITH COMCAST OF NEW JERSEY in its entirety**

**ADD:**

**NEW SECTION 24-1, FRANCHISE WITH COMCAST OF NEW JERSEY**

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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 Mr. Javick and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-73 An ordinance amending ordinance No. 61-54 Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Linden vacating the perpetual easement reserved for the benefit of public utility companies on a portion of Lumber Street Pursuant To N.J.S.A 40:67-1 et seq.**

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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, Mrs. Ormon moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-74 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:**

**2-66.2 Membership**

**ADD SECTION**

**2-66.2 membership.**

**(Correcting the number of public members of the Linden Historical Society)**

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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. Strano and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-75 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic 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.**

**7-10 Parking Prohibited At All Times on Certain Streets**

**Name of Street Side Location**

**ADD:**

**W. Elizabeth Avenue South Beginning at a point 450 feet west of N. Stiles**

**Street and continuing westerly a distance of**

1. **et.**

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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. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-76 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VI, Alcoholic Beverage Control, 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 amend and supplemented.**

**Amending Section 6-2.2**

**DELETE 6-2.2 CLASSES AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LICENSES; LICNESE FEES in its entirety.**

**ADD NEW SECTION 6-2.2 CLASSES AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LICENSES; License fees.**

**(Increase the annual renewal fee for certain classes of Licenses)**

**DELETE 6-4.1, EXCLUDED HOURS OF SALE in its entirety.**

**ADD NEW SECTION 6-4.1, EXCLUDED HOURS OF SALE**

**(Changing the hours of sale for Sundays, except January 1, to require that they be closed between 3:00 am and 10:00 am)**

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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. 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 by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Cosby who abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-77 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, 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.**

**7-20 ONE WAY STREETS**

**ADD:**

**Name of Street Direction Parking Permitted**

**Lafayette Street North From W. Blancke Street to**

**Knopf Street**

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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. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-78 Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of $93,500 for acquisition of a record storage carousel system in the Police Department and authorizing the issuance of $88,825 bonds or notes of the City 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.

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Strano moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-79 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic 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.**

**7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulations, 7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street**

**Name of Street Spaces Location**

**Delete:**

**500 W. Blancke St. 1 On the southwesterly sideline of Spruce Street,**

**(on Spruce Street) 74 feet more or less northwesterly from the**

**projection of the northwesterly curbline of W. Blancke Street on the side of School 8 (500 W. Blancke Street) for a length of 22 feet.**

**ADD:**

**201 W. 16ht St. 1 To a point on W. 16th Street from the south curb**

**Line of Winans Ave continuing along the as curb**

**Line of W. 16th Street for 229 feet, and from**

**That point for 33 feet on the south side of W.**

**16th Street.**

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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. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-80 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.**

**Section 1. That Chapter XIV, Fire Prevention and Protection, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:**

**DELETE SECTION 14-1.12 PERMITS in its entirety:**

**ADD NEW 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 Mrs. Yamakaitis and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-81 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.**

**Section 1. Add Schedule 4-LL-6**

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 by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained and Mrs. Cosby 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:

**#61-82 An Ordinance creating Chapter 2-25 entitled “Department of Community Service” by the City Council in the City of Linden. (Creating the Department of Community Services, with a Division of Engineering and the Division 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.

Diane Wilverding, 6th Ward. Ms. Wilverding asked if a new department was being created. Mr. Roth responded that it was a new department, but it was being created by combining two current departments. He detailed the actions being taken. Mr. Roth responded to Ms. Wilverding’s questions about who would be heading the new department. She responded by noting past efforts to reduce cost, and the combination of departments, under Mr. MacDonald. Mr. Roth responded to a number of questions about the organization of the departments and how they are being run. Mayor Armstead, explained the reasons for reconfiguring the department structure. Ms. Wilverding asked additional questions to clarify what is being done, to which she received responses from the Mayor and Mr. Roth. Mr. Strano, noted the study, of Public Works, done by ETI, and this is culmination of the recommendations made in that study. He answered questions, from Mrs. Wilverding, on the study recommendations. Mr. Brown, had a copy of the study with him, and that the study found some deficiencies, in Public Works, that the Council is trying to address. He also spoke about the reasons for combining Public Works and Engineering.

John Principato, 1706 Westover Rd. Mr. Principato stated that he had about a thousand questions on this action. He asked questions about the structure, and what would happen to current employees, next he stated his disagreement with Engineering and Public Works being a natural fit. He believed, a number of the issues being discussed, do not have anything to do with Engineering. Mr. Principato spoke about being bothered about the fact that we were not promoting from within, and according to his research, he doesn’t believe that it has never been done before. He spoke about the use of catch phases, and that mean nothing in explaining anything. He noted the starting pay, of the new person, and that he found that unconceivable. The Mayor responded, noting all of the benefits that the new employee would not be getting. Next he questioned the job that was posted, and it was not the head of Community Services. Mr. Roth responded. Mr. Principato also questioned the waiver of the residency requirement for this individual. Mr. Strano, noted that the two individuals from within, are not city residents either. Mr. Brown noted that this was a process that has gone on for months. He read from the report, about the issues that the Council was trying to address. Mr. Brown and Mr. Principato debated the reasons for the problems in public works.

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 by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained and Ms. Cosby who voted no. Ms. Cosby, upon casting her vote, noted that the City has a hiring policy, noted what it said, and how it was changed. She added that she understood that no interviews were held. She compared some of the differences between the actions on this search and that for a BA. She noted the reasons that she would not be voting for this ordinance. Mr. Strano, upon his vote, stated that he stakes his integrity, and reputation, on this vote, as he is that confident this is the right decision for the City.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-83 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.**

**Section 1 Add Schedule 4-JJ-5**

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 by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained and Mrs. Cosby 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:

**#61-84 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an Ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 199,” passed November 23, 1999 and as amended and supplemented.**

**ADD TO 7-14.2 NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS as follows:**

**Street Side Hours Days Location**

**West 18th Street Both 7:30 am -4:00 pm School Between South Wood Avenue**

**Days and Winans Avenue**

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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. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained and Mrs. Cosby 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:

**61-85 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic 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.**

**7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulations, 7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street**

**Name of Street Spaces Location**

**Delete:**

**933 Baldwin Avenue 1 On the southwesterly sideline of Baldwin Avenue**

**177 feet more or less southeasterly from the projection**

**Of the southeasterly curbline of East St. Georges Avenue in front of 933 Baldwin Avenue for a length of**

**22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and**

**Designated for a vehicle for Elaine Matarazzo to be identified by license plate number and a placard to be issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing or displaying handicapped license plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such place.**

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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, 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 ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained and Mr. Medina who was absent from the room.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**61-86 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic 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 7-15.7 RESIDENTIAL OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMIT in its entirety:**

**ADD SECTION 7-15.7 RESIDENTIAL OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMIT.**

**(adding Elmwood Terr to the residential parking zone in the area of N. Wood Ave and a section regarding the dismissal of summons issued in accordance with the Ordinance)**

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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, Mrs. Yamakaitis moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained and Mrs. Cosby 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:

**61-87 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic 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.**

**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:**

**DELETE SECTIONSN 7-15.1 PARKING DECALS in its entirety.**

**ADD SECTION 7-15.1 PARKING DECALS**

**(Adding residential parking to Ercma St., Erudo St., and Keep St.)**

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 ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained and Mrs. Cosby 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:

**61-88 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic 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.**

**Section 1. 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:**

**7-10 PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS**

**Name of Street Side Location**

**ADD:**

**Louis Avenue East From Grier Avenue to Bedle 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. Medina moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

(\*\*\*) The amount of money collected during the month of November 2017 and turned over to the

1. treasurer’s office is as follows:

2018 Taxes $254,468.52

2017 Taxes $26,574,019.35

2016 Taxes $59.60

Garbage Fee Payments $54,893.45

Garbage Fee Penalty $4,355.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $2,445.20

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $100.00

Year End Penalty $0.00

Returned Check Fee Paid $100.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $0.00

Returned Check 2016 (Disallowed) ($0.00)

Returned Check 2017 ($13,766.35)

Returned Check Interest ($.02)

Returned Online Payment 2017 Taxes ($0.00)

Returned Online Interest (S0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($125.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($10.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $0.00

State Audit Payment $275.00

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $1,998.36

DPW Reso payments $0.00

Interest $22,773.24

Total $26,901,586.35

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2017 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

134 10 11/20/17 16-00103 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,000.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC6, LLC Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

183 5 11/28/17 15-00123 $28,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $28,400.00 payable to US Bank Cust BV002 Trst & Crdtrs, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 & 2017 tax sale on the following

block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

138 4 11/20/17 16-00108 $1,500.00

189 12 11/20/17 16-00147 $15,800.00

197 27 C004 11/9/17 15-00131 $1,000.00

344 1 11/20/17 16-00227 $1,400.00

524 30 11/30/17 16-00324 $1,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $20,800.00 payable to: FWDSL & Associates, LP, Attention: Jared Cucci, 17 W. Cliff Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2017 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

194 3 11/27/17 16-00151 $100.00

359 59.01 11/22/17 16-00238 $1,100.00

377 26 12/4/17 16-00247 $800.00

524 64 11/30/17 16-00325 $1,100.00

571 3 11/27/17 16-00364 $800.00

557 10 11/30/17 16-00352 $1,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $5,500.00 payable to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC., 575 Route #-70, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2017 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

270 20 12/6/17 16-00194 $21,700.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $21,700.00 payable to: Murray Hill Investments, LLC, 83 Hunterdon Boulevard, Murray Hill, NJ, 07974, charging same to account #-7-1-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

183 5 11/28/17 15-00123 $28,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $28,400.00 payable to US Bank Cust BV002 Trst & Crdtrs, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2017 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

446 14 11/20/17 15-00253 $1,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,500.00 payable to: Actlien Holding, US Bank Cust, Actlien Holding, Tower DBW VI 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

528 9 11/28/17 15-00306 $17,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $17,600.00 payable to: CFT Services, LLC, Cust for Phoenix Funding, Inc, 917 Mountain Avenue, Suite #-1A, Mountainside, NJ 07092 charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Municipal Tax Sale Certificates**

The following properties had outstanding municipally held tax sale

certificates, and they were foreclosed in 2017. I am requesting for cancellation of the property taxes not accrued to the tax sale certificates at the time the final judgement was rendered. The information is listed below:

**Block Lot Address Certificate Amount**

73 15 1149 E. Henry Street 89-113 $243.25

95 2 1011 Dill Avenue 90-109 $941.72

103 13 913 Union Street 89-118 $4,173.47

287 1 301 W. Price Street 280 $142.47

322 9 2800 Highland Avenue 89-193 $312.75

423 4.02 1001 W. Elizabeth Ave 89-204 $22,379.00

496 3 940 S. Park Avenue 07-00192 $6,483.92

537 11 1610 Clinton Street 166 $1,442.12

The 2018 property taxes will be exempt.

**Sub-Division** Block-196 Lot(s)-29.01 through 29.11, Sub Division

Lots Sold to Board of Education

The above referenced properties were sub divided and 4 lots were sold to Linden Board of Education from Peter Matlosz on April 18, 2017. The following lots need to be cancelled from April 19, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The amounts are as follows:

Block-196 Lot-29.03 Cancel $2,111.19

Block-196 Lot-29.04 Cancel $2,111.19

Block-196 Lot-29.05 Cancel $2,111.19

Block-196 Lot-29.06 Cancel $2,111.19

Mother Lot- Refund Required

Block-196 Lot-29.02 Refund Owner Peter Matlosz $ 15,610.50

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $15,610.50.payable to: Peter Matlosz, 4 Skyline Drive, Warren, NJ 07059, charging same to # 7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit Balance** Block 231 Lot 24, Joel P. & Damaris Andrade

33 Robbinwood Terrace, 2017 Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the owner making partial payments towards the Garbage Fee, as this is no longer being billed, I am requesting that this overpayment in the amount of $ 110.00 be refunded and made payable to LRSA (Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority) to remove the credit and pre-pay the 2018 amounts due.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $110.00 payable to: L.R.S.A., 5005 South Wood Avenue, P.O. Box 4118, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #7-01-08-607-011.

**Overpayment** Block 268 Lot 8, Paul V. Castillo

126 Palisade Road, 2017 4th Qtr

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company have paid the 2017 4th quarter property taxes twice creating this overpayment and the old owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $2,855.13.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,855.13, payable to: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Attention: Financial Support, 1 Home Campus, MAC X 2302-04D, Des Moines IA, 50328, charging same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit Balance** Block 408 Lot 1, Old Owner: Aliseo/ Federal National Mortgage

New Owner: James & Deliris Vela, 701 Haven Place

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the overpayment by the title agency on the 2017 4th. The overpayment amount is $2,464.47.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,464.47 payable to: Main Street Title & Settlement Services, LLC, 190 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601, charging same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Overpayment** Block 445 Lot 1, Edwin Ramos - 104 Cedar Avenue

The above referenced old owners Mortgage Company and the new owner’s title agency have paid the 2017 4th quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the new owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $2,721.03.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,721.03, payable to Core Logic Tax Services, Attention: Kathy Bishop, 92-16 220th Street, Queens Village, NY 11428 charging same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Tax Exempt** Block 463 Lot 37, NJ Housing & Mortgage Finance

345 Mitchell Avenue

The above referenced owner Mortgage Company has paid the 2017 1st & 2nd quarter original billing. This property has become tax exempt and will no longer be billed property taxes. The owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $3,099.85.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $3,099.85, payable to Core Logic Tax Services, Attention: Kathy Bishop, 92-16 220th Street, Queens Village, NY 11428 charging same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Overpayment** Block 531 Lot 7, Oscar Martinez

1000 Clinton Street, 2017 4th qtr. overpayment

The above referenced owner’s Mortgage Company and the owner have paid the 2017 4th quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of $1,917.19.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,917.19.payable to: Oscar Martinez, 1000 Clinton Street, Linden NJ 07036, charging same to # 7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Overpayment** Block 569 Lot 7, Former Owner: Teddy Lech

Current Owner: Wood Avenue Assets, LLC - 3012 S. Wood Avenue

The above referenced old owner’s Mortgage Company and the new owner’s title agency have paid part of the 2017 2nd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the new owner’s mortgage company is entitled a refund in the amount of $3,181.42.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $3,181.42 payable to: Lereta, LLC, Returns & Refunds,1123 Park View Drive, Covina, CA 91724 charging same to # 7-01-55-288-999-904.

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

1. Requesting approval of the following refunds:
2. Laura Lopez is entitled to a refund in the amount of $ 350.00 for service that was provided on 6/22/2016. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Laura Lopez, 200 W Elm St, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 7-01-08-629-011.

1. Horizon BC BS NJ is entitled to a refund in the amount of $ 379.20 for service that was provided on 2/23/2017. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Horizon BCBS NJ, PO Box 420, Newark, NJ 07101-0420 charging same to 7-01-08-629-011.

1. Regence BC/BS of Utah is entitled to a refund in the amount of $ 86.12 for service that was provided on 9/6/2017. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Regence BC/BS of Utah, PO Box 30270, Salt Lake City, UT 84130 charging same to 7-01-08-629-011.

**(\*\*\*) MUNICIPAL TREASURER:  
(3)** Advising that the following City of Linden employees have filed for retirement:

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

Fire Dept. Daniel Berlinski Fire Fighter Jan. 1, 2018

Public Works Edward Cesareo Truck Driver (Tier 1) Jan. 1, 2018

Police Dept. William Mack Police Lieutenant Jan. 1, 2018

Fire Dept. Cynthia Mahar Sr. Clerk Jan. 1, 2018

Tax Collector Carolyn Malanda Clerk Typist Jan. 1, 2018

Police Dept. Jonathan Parham Police Chief Jan. 1, 2018

Police Dept. William Turbett Police Captain Jan. 1, 2018

Public Property Richard Weber Spr. Parks/Rec. Maintenance Jan. 1, 2018

Mr. Javick moved for approval of Consent Items #1 through #3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks who abstained.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FIRST WARD**

Mrs. Ormon wished the best of luck to Mr. Brooks and Mr. Sadowski, and thanked them for their years of service to the City of Linden. Next she spoke about the passage of ordinance 61-87. The ordinance is to address parking issues on Erudo, Ercama and Keep Streets. She then spoke about the parking situation on Summit St., and that it is being worked on. When a few items are tweaked, the residents can be granted the same type of courtesy.

Mrs. Ormon informed residents that this will be the last week that the trucks will be vacuuming leaves, after Friday, they will be picked up, but will have to be in bags. She concluded by wishing the residents of the First Ward a happy holiday and for making these past two years absolutely wonderful.

**SECOND WARD**

Mr. Javick noted that this past year has been a very productive one in the City of Linden. All of the plans, initiated are moving along, but some, particularly those in the Second Ward, he thought should have been moving faster. It takes time. He added that with the New Year upon us we need to realize we are blessed and have turned the corner in our City. Mr. Javick noted that he was thankful for the opportunity to represent the Second Ward, and thanked everyone. Mr. Javick then expressed his condolences to the family of Barbara Favor, a second ward resident, city employee, and a great friend. She will be deeply missed, and had a heart of gold. He concluded by wishing all a happy holiday.

**THIRD WARD**

Mr. Brown had no report.

**FOURTH WARD**

Mr. Brooks gave the report of the City Clerk’s office. The office collected a total of $5252.34 for the month of November, and the revenue has been turned over to the Treasures Office.

Mr. Brooks stated that he has already thanked the residents of the Fourth Ward. He noted that he has seen many great things from our City. He detailed a number of them. He spoke with pride about the renovations to Dr. King Park. Mr. Brooks stated that before he came here he was a resident and a great neighbor, and that after leaving here he would still be a resident, and hopefully, a great neighbor. He thanked everyone in the Fourth Ward and in the City.

**FIFTH WARD**

Ms. Cosby noted that the report of the Construction Code Department was on file in the City Clerk’s office. Next Ms. Cosby moved for the installation of a street light on Pole #1848LD, nearest 1 Newton St. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis, and was ordered approved, with all voting in favor, except Mr. Brooks who abstained.

Ms. Cosby noted that the water company has been doing work, in the Fifth Ward, and there have been questions on when they would be completing it. She gave an update, and noted the temporary lifting of parking restrictions, for the holidays. Ms. Cosby noted that she had an awesome Santa event, over the weekend. She thanked everyone involved, and gave a special thanks to the Mayor, and the Mayor’s Youth Commission, for bring the extra toys left from their event.

Ms. Cosby said that every year she sends out an email, looking for input, from the neighbors. However, she is talking to the same people, so this year she would do a public survey. She detailed the survey and how to take it. Next she spoke about a petition being done by some of the Fifth Ward neighbors as they are now in a new flood zone and are experiencing large insurance prices. Ms. Cosby added that unless the brook is addressed these people will still be suffering with these high fees.

(Mr. Brooks was excused from the meeting)

Ms. Cosby informed all that the Hooked On Fishing Program is having open registration for volunteers, and that the program is open to all children under 18 years of age. She urged those who like to fish, and work with children to volunteer. Next she spoke about this being the Holiday Season, and spoke about the efforts of Board of Education Member Anthony Wohlrab, and his volunteers in collecting toys for the disadvantageous children of Linden. She called this selfless, and awesome, and speaks well for Linden. She thanked all for their efforts.

Ms. Cosby noted that for 2018 we need to stop using buzz words and get the work done. She noted that she votes her conscious, provided her telephone number for those with questions on how she votes. Next she talked about offering her wellness program, again, possibly bring it City wide. She spoke about the calendar she did, for the year, so that events don’t conflict. Next she announced that the Housing Authority would be hosting their annual Casino Night. She stated that she would be again raffling off two tickets to the event to a Fifth Ward resident. She explained how to participate.

Ms. Cosby, on behalf of Mr. Brooks, read the report of the Clerk’s Licensing Division. The Division collected a total of $1,925.00 for the month of November 2017.

**SIXTH WARD**

Mr. Sadowski gave the report of the Fire Committee. The Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of $4,956.13 in fees and penalties. The ambulance reimbursement system collected $49,413.59 for the month of November bring the year to date total to $719,272.27. Mr. Sadowski informed all that the Fire Department would be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program ran by the Marine Corp., and how to donate.

Mr. Sadowski congratulated Alfred Mohammed in the Fourth Ward, and John Roman in the Sixth Ward and stated he was sure they would do the City proud. He thanked all of the Council people he served with over his nine years plus, especially this council. He thanked Mr. Bodek, and his office, for putting up with him. He thanked Mayor Armstead for opportunity for he has given him, and congratulate him on a job well done. Mr. Sadowski thanked the voters of the Sixth Ward for believing in him. Lastly he thanked his family, all of his children for supporting him, and especially his wife, because without her he could not have done this. He wished all a happy and safe holiday.

**SEVENTH WARD**

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

The payment of bills totaling $1,736,164.30 in 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.

We are in receipt of the investments made by the City Treasurer for the month of November at the rate of 1.00%

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis, and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with Mr. Brooks absent, and Ms. Cosby and Mrs. Hickey abstaining.

Mr. Strano wished Mr. Brooks and Mr. Sadowski the best in the future. He noted that they both served their constituents well and their integrity is without question. He added they did a great job representing the City. He wished all a happy holiday.

**EIGHT WARD**

Mrs. Yamakaitis asked if there were any questions on the Personnel Report.

Diane Wilverding, 150 E. Morris Ave. Ms. Wilverding about the appointment of Frank Dann as head of the Department of Community Services. Mr. Roth responded to her question about why no health or medical cost, was because he was already retired. Ms. Wilverding suggested to Council that they look at bring down the salary. She next asked about the posting of the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, and the role of Mr. Micucci, to which Mr. Roth responded. Mr. Roth responded to other questions regarding various personnel in Public Works.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. In response to Ms. Malik, Mr. Roth explained why there was no residency requirement, where he currently resides. She then asked how Mr. Dann was vetted. Mr. Strano responded that he was recruited by a head hunter. Ms. Malik had a discussion, with Mrs. Hickey about other candidates, and who may have been interviewed. She then asked the Mayor as to why this process took so long to address the issues that have been brought forward. Ms. Malik raised a number of issues of concern, to her, about this situation. Ms. Cosby responded and spoke about having to fix the culture that allows this to occur. Ms. Malik expressed her views and concerns over the actions of Council. Mrs. Hickey responded and provided her opinion on why these issues are occurring, and the changes she hopes to see occur with the new director. A dialog continued between Mrs. Hickey and Ms. Malik. Mr. Brown thanked Ms. Malik for her comments, and agreed with her that we should not wait for things to fall apart before we fix them. He spoke about the research done, by looking at other towns, and how they handle these matters. He talked about the hard work of Mr. Strano to take the bull by the horn and address this issue. Mayor Armstead also responded. The Mayor stated that the Fifth Ward Councilperson said that things were not getting done, because of a culture, and it is for that very reason that we needed to go to the outside, to fix it. Mayor Armstead spoke about using the model, from other towns, were it is working, to fix our problems.

Sal Renna, Emma Place. Mr. Renna asked what a director is. He noted that the City never had one before, and why aren’t we hiring a Superintendent, as we had done in the past. Mr. Roth responded, explaining that a director is not a civil service title. Mr. Brown added that the difference between civil service and non-civil service, has to do with the Council’s ability to fire. It is easier to remove a director for non-performance. Mr. Roth expanded upon the explanation, noting that a director is an at will employee. Mr. Renna asked why a director, when the system worked, previously, with a superintendent. Mr. Strano responded and explained the reasons for this title. Mr. Strano stated that it has to do with holding the persons accountability, and noted this individuals abilities. Mr. Brown addressed concerns of Mr. Renna regarding the merger of the Engineering Department into this new department. Mr. Strano also explained the operations of the two departments. Ms. Cosby stated that she agreed with Mr. Renna about the replacement of the superintendent. She clarified her statement, on culture, and that she did not mean this particular department, but the City as a whole. She added that the individuals, who have been acting, have made many good strides. She explained the reasons that position was created. The discussion continued between Ms. Cosby and Mr. Renna over the appointment, with both agreeing that the position should be that of Superintendent and not of Director. Mr. Brown suggested that Mr. Dann come up and speak about his knowledge of Linden. President Alvarez, left it up to Mr. Dann, as to whether or not he would speak. Mr. Dann spoke, and noted that he was born and raised in Linden, and his family’s history in Linden. Mr. Renna again questioned what a director could do, that a superintendent could not. President Alvarez related his review of Mr. Dann’s record and reasons for supporting his appointment, with this title. Mr. Renna continued a discussion on the appointment, hiring from outside, and the proper title. Mr. Renna continued to express his disagreement with this appointment and process. Mrs. Ormon commented on the appointment and what she hoped would be accomplished.

Henry Mack. Mr. Mack asked the legal team about the use of the words affirmative action and civil service, is it true, according to humanity, that we have outlived it. He asked if we are drifting away from civil service and affirmative action. In response, Mr. Roth stated we were not moving away from civil service or affirmative action. Mr. Mack went into a speech, about what the people wanted from public works.

John Principato, 1706 Westover Rd. Mr. Principato stated that he does not know the gentleman being selected tonight, but had to say that not promoting, from within, was a slap in the face to everyone working in that department and in the engineering department. Without coming up through the ranks how could they know the inner workings of the departments they are going to head. He noted the cuts, in DPW, and how council did not give them the right tools, which created the failures. Mr. Principato asked the makeup of the Personnel Committee, to which Mrs. Yamakaitis responded. Mr. Principatp asked if anyone was friends with this person, as it would be a conflict of interest. He suggested that this item should be pulled. Referring to Facebook post, he noted Mr. Strano was personnel friend with Mr. Dann, and had a conflict. He warned council that what they are doing is dangerous, and this is slap in the face to all those who work in DPW.

1. In the Department of Public Property/Community Services – approval of the following:
2. Amending the hiring date of Jerry Aquino, Audio Visual Specialist, 12/4/17 to 12/11/17.
3. Rescinding the appointment of Joseph Wnek, as an Electrician, effective 12/20/2017.
4. Appointment of John Sheehy as a permanent mechanic in the Municipal Garage, at his current annual salary of $39,520.00 effective 11/20/17.
5. Change in title for Dwayne Jones from Recreation Maintenance Worker to Building Maintenance worker1 (tier 2) at no change in salary, effective 12/20/2017
6. Change in title for Bruce Leboff from Recreation Maintenance Worker to Building Maintenance worker 1 (tier 1) at no change in Salary effective 12/20/2017.
7. Change in title for Gene Slater from Senior Maintenance Worker to Maintenance Worker 2 Grounds (tier 1) at no change in salary effective 12/20/2017.
8. In the Municipal Court – approval of the following:
9. Change in title for Iwona Chimelewska from Clerk Typist to Clerk 2, effective 1/2/2018 at no change in salary
10. Change in title for Daniela Berube from Clerk Typist to Clerk 2, effective 1/2/2018 at no change in salary.
11. Change in title for Lindsey Parker from Clerk 2 to Clerk 3, effective 1/2/2018 at the salary of $49,451.00
12. Change in status for Lakhisha Wheeler from Part time to full time, effective 1/2/2018 at the salary of $34,548.00
13. Change in status for Tracey Jones from part time to full time, effective 1/2/2018 at the salary of $34,548.00.
14. Permission to post internally and externally for a part-time Clerk 1.
15. Change in salary for Tyrell Smalls, Municipal Court Attendant to $20.00/hr effective January 2, 2018.
16. In the Engineering Department – the change in title for Steven Brodman from Drafting Technician to Senior Drafting Technician, effective 1/2/2018 at the annual salary of $51,000.
17. In the Personnel Division – the following actions to be taken:
18. The following FMLA/NJFLA leave request:
19. Employee # 001006 from 11/6/17 to 1/19/18
20. Employee #107463 from 10/26/17 to 12/5/17
21. Employee #000942 from 1/4/18 to 3/6/18
22. Employee #000945 from Intermittent FMLA 11/7/17 to 10/31/18
23. Approving the donation of sick time to Employee #107463.
24. Permission to post, internally for 10 days, then externally (provided there are no qualified candidates internally, the position of full-time clerk 1).
25. In the Fire Department – the following actions to be taken:
26. The hiring of two of the following candidates as fire fighters effective 1/1/2018: Ryan Evan, Joseph P. Conte, Justin A Peters, Sr., Alan Kielian, Patrick J. Valenza, Robert C. Hendricksen, and Michale D. Viana. At the annual salary of $40,000 pending completion of successful completion of the medical evaluation and the City’s background check.
27. In the Police Department –the following actions to be taken:
28. The hiring of ten of the following candidates as police officers effective December 26, 2017 pending the successful completion of medical examination and City’s background check: Michale, Mutz, Maria Mercado, Michael Stuart, Marco Abrantes, Michael Amaral, Antonio Wilson, Adrian Gomez, Richard Isidoro, Erick Deryce, Gabrielle Mesaros, Randee Sanders, Juan Aviles, Jr., Jeffrey Nadler Jr, Katarzyna Kozak, Matthew Martins, at the annual salary of $40,000.
29. Accepting the resignation of Erick Deryce, as Parking Enforcement Officer effective December 25, 2017, subject to his permanent appointment as a Police Officer effective December 26, 2017.
30. In the Department of Community Services –the following actions to be taken:
31. The hiring of Frank Dann as Director of Community Services effective 1/2/2018 at the annual salary of $155,000, with employment terms per his individual employment agreement. The City waives the City of Linden’s residency requirement.
32. The internal posting for the position of Assistant Superintendent of public works.
33. The hiring of two seasonal employees pending the successful completion of the City’s pre-employment examinations effective January 2, 2018 as follows:
34. Jose Santana as Laborer (tier 2) at the hourly rate of $15.00.
35. Ruben Lopes as Truck Driver (tier 2) at the hourly rate of $21.00.

Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of Personnel Items #1 through #7. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brooks and Ms. Cosby who were excused from the room. Before Mr. Strano voted, he asked for a clarification from the City Attorney on any conflict of interest. Mr. Antonelli noted that the officials are governed by the Local Government Ethics Law, about what they can or cannot do. He explained what the law says and its application. At the conclusion he ruled that he saw no reason for Mr. Strano not to vote for Mr. Dann. Mrs. Hickey wished that all would tell the truth and communicate with each other.

Mrs. Yamakaitis next gave her Eighth Ward report. She informed residents, after this week, and they should not rake anymore leaves out to the curb. She noted that if they needed leaf bags, to call her and she would get them to her. She also spoke about large trees, in her ward that need to be addressed, and she would be going over her list with the new department head. Mrs. Yamakaitis thanked the Eighth Ward resident, who decorated their homes, as it makes the season more festive.

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave a report on the visit, by Santa, to the Eighth Ward, and thanked a number of individuals for their help. Next she spoke about FOLAS, their 2018 calendar, and asked people to consider buying as a gift to give out. Mrs. Yamakaitis extended her best wishes to Mr. Brooks on his future endeavors. Next she spoke about Mr. Sadowski and acknowledged the deep gratitude for his unwavering support through all of the years that they worked on Council. She spoke about their relationship, and thanked him for his kindness and support.

**NINTH WARD**

Mr. Medina gave the November report of the Division of Transportation and Parking. The Division collected a total of $44,234.53 from all sources. He added that the meters have been bagged for the holidays, giving all two hour free parking. Next he addressed the issue, raised at the special meeting, about parking on W. Elizabeth Ave. The supervisor of the division wanted it clarified that the ordinance was adopted. The signs were done correctly.

Mr. Medina gave the library report, noting a number of programs that would be held in conjunction with the 90th Anniversary celebration of the Library. He noted that information, on the programs, was available at the front desk.

Mr. Medina reported that there are some roads that are scheduled to be paved, in the Ninth Ward. The curbing and sidewalks were done, but then the cold weather came and delayed the paving till the spring. He reviewed the list of streets. Mr. Medina thanked Mr. Sadowski, and Mr. Brooks, for everything. He noted that he learned a lot from Mr. Sadowski. He concluded by wishing all a happy holiday.

**TENTH WARD**

Mrs. Hickey reminded Tenth Ward residents that DPW was making it last round, picking up piles of leaves. She asked residents to be considerate of their neighbors, with the coming snow. She noted that, like in the Ninth Ward, there were roads that were scheduled to be paved, that would now wait till the spring. Mrs. Hickey thanked Merck for the donation of a Tahoe to OEM.

Mrs. Hickey spoke about Anthony Wohlarb’s collection of 1500 toys, for the disadvantaged children of Linden, and what he, and his crew, did to collect those toys. She called the job amazing. Next she addressed Mr. Sadowski, and spoke about what a great man he was.

Mr. Hickey announced the annual Casino Night being held by the Linden Housing Authority. She provided details, how to get tickets, and what a wonderful time it is. She also noted that she sees many employees here tonight, and then spoke about negotiations and the need to take care of our employees. The contracts should be settled by the end of the year. She wished all a happy holiday.

Mr. Brown took a moment to congratulate Mr. MacDonald’s daughter, Jen, on being selected as teacher of the year at Sohel Middle School.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead spoke about a statement, made earlier, that Mr. Dann was being hired because he was a friend. He told a story, from 25 years ago, about Barbara Favor, explaining that he had been out campaigning alone, and Mrs. Favor started coming over to the Fourth Ward to help him campaign. He spoke about the role she played, and how she was a friend. The Mayor spoke about her getting laid off from her job, at City Hall, and him working to get her job back, because she was a friend. We help our friends. He referred to Mr. Principato, and the friends he had, to help him get hired as a fireman. He spoke about the ruckus that Mr. Principato caused this evening. Mayor Armstead stated no one is perfect.

Mayor Armstead wished all a happy holiday season, and reminded them to hug their family and friends.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR THOSE SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT APPROVAL. PLEASE READ THE SYNOPSIS OF THE RESOLUTIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE. EACH IS INFORMATIVE AND SELF-EXPLANATORY. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION, THE COUNCIL, WILL ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS ON IT.**

**Ms. Cosby moved for approval of Resolutions #2017-397 through #2017-422 with the exception of Resolutions #2017-403, #2017-408, #2017-415, #2017-416, #2017-421. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was ordered approved on a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception on Ms. Cosby who abstained on Resolutions #2017-397 and #2017-404 and Mr. Strano who abstained on Resolution #2017-401.**

**Resolutions #2017-403, #2017-408, #2017-415, #2017-416 and #2017-421 were removed at the request of Ms. Malik.**

**Resolution #2017-418 was removed at the request of John Roman and Ms. Wilverding.**

**RESOLUTION: 2017-397**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

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

11/3/17 Payroll payroll 1,739,358.35

11/8/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 15,104.50

11/8/17 Medco claims 58,807.42

11/9/17 SHBP Retirees Nov premium 632,165.36

11/9/17 SHBP Active Sept premium 656,982.18

11/14/15 County of Union County taxes 7,540,912.90

11/14/17 County of Union open space 216,071.95

11/15/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 94,837.96

11/17/17 Payroll payroll 1,735,142.23

11/22/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 27,304.37

11/22/17 Medco claims 113,973.92

167991 11/30/17 Replacement check claims 3,515.88

167991 11/30/17 Replacement check claims 3,285.84

167988 11/30/17 Overpayment claims 400.00

167989 11/30/17 NJDMV claims 50.00

**TRUST**

11/3/17 Payroll payroll 57,942.09

11/17/17 Payroll payroll 46,585.04

167992 11/30/17 Cotton Candy Tree Lighting 300.00

167993 11/30/17 Horse Carriage Ride “ 975.00

167994 11/30/17 Informant money police dept. 3,000.00

**GRANT**

11/3/17 Payroll payroll 6,451.05

11/17/17 Payroll payroll 6,702.30

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

11/3/17 Payroll payroll 2,560.00

11/17/17 Payroll payroll 4,841.68

**CAPITAL**

11/3/17 Payroll payroll 1,636.67

11/17/17 Payroll payroll 2,119.74

167990 11/30/17 Replacement check claims 24,685.24

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

11/3/17 Payroll payroll 142.95

11/17/17 Payroll payroll 134.45

**RESOLUTION: 2017-398**

**Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Linden Recognizing the 90th Anniversary of the Linden Free Public Library**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Linden (“Governing Body”) finds and declares that the Linden Free Public Library (“Library”) will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary on January 01, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Library has provided patrons of all ages with access to books ranging from the “classics” to the latest “best sellers”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Library has presented programs spanning the range from early readers to sophisticated bookworms, and everyone else in-between; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Library has offered free access to the Internet, thereby ensuring that all members of our community have access to the latest technological advances available in our society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that Library has encouraged its patrons to participate in community activities that have enhanced the quality of life for everyone who calls Linden home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Library has played an integral role in the educational, civic, cultural, and social development of the City of Linden and its citizenry since the Library’s formation nine decades ago; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Governing Body and the citizenry served thereby have demonstrated their sincere appreciation for the indispensable contributions made by the Library to our community by wholeheartedly supporting the 2010 construction of the new library, a project for which the Governing Body reaffirms its full and unconditional financial support;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the City of Linden hereby extends its sincere congratulations to the Linden Free Public Library upon the attainment of its 90th Anniversary, and does further extend its best wishes to the employees, trustees, benefactors, and patrons of the Library for continued, successful enjoyment of all that the Library has to offer to our community for many years to come.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-399**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF A 2004 CHEVY TAHOE FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Merck & Co., Inc. wishes to donate a 2004 Chevy Tahoe to the City of Linden Office of Emergency Management; and

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-400**

**RESOLUTION QUALIFYING CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL IN**

**ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6)**

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

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

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the fair and open process, and based upon review of the qualifications and recommendations therefore, certain professionals are qualified for certain positions for the calendar year 2018;

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**Rainone Coughlin Minchello**

**One Woodbridge Center**

**Suite 515**

**Woodbridge, NJ 07095**

**Jardim, Meisner & Susser, PC**

**30B Vreeland Road**

**Suite 201**

**Florham Park, NJ 07932**

**Weber Dowd Law**

**365 Rifle Camp Road**

**Woodland Park, NJ 07424**

**Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC**

**34 Mountain Blvd. Bldg A**

**PO Box 4922**

**Warren, NJ 07059**

**Durkin & Durkin LLC**

**1120 Bloomfield Avenue**

**PO box 1289**

**West Caldwell, NJ 07006-9452**

**Insurance Commission Attorney Services**

**Jardim, Meiser & Susser PC**

**30B Vreeland Road Suite 201**

**Florham Park, NJ 07932**

**Rainone Coughlin Minchello**

**One Woodbridge Center**

**Suite 515**

**Woodbridge, NJ 07095**

**Environmental Litigation Attorney Services**

**McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC**

**75 Livingston Avenue**

**Roseland, NJ 07068**

**Rainone Coughlin Minchello**

**One Woodbridge Center**

**Suite 515**

**Woodbridge, NJ 07095**

**Retirement Services “The Hartford”**

**Wells Fargo Advisors**

**600 South Avenue**

**Westfield, NJ**

**Retirement Services “Voya Financial”**

**Voya Holdings Inc**

**One Orange Way**

**Windsor, CT 06095**

**EPG Brokerage**

**333 Thornall Street**

**Suite 9B**

**Edison, NJ 08837**

**Banking w. payroll services**

**Northfield Bank**

**501 N. Wood Avenue**

**Linden, NJ 07036**

**Banking**

**Capital One NA**

**1680 Capital One Drive**

**McLean, VA 22102-3407**

**Title Agency Services**

**Foundation Title, LLC.**

**3673 Quakerbridge Road**

**Mercerville, NJ 08619**

**Performance Management Services**

**Caroprese & Company**

**52 Garfield Place**

**Rutherford, NJ 07070**

**Municipal Marketing Services**

**C2 Creative Group, Inc.**

**418 Spruce Street**

**Linden, NJ 07036**

**Direction Development**

**1340 Highway 36**

**Hazlet, NJ 07730**

**Public Relations**

**P. R. Strategies**

**3611 Park Avenue**

**Union City, NJ 07087**

**Direction Development**

**1340 Highway 36**

**Hazlet, NJ 07730**

**Redevelopment, Master Planning and Affordable Housing Services**

**One Earth Planning Development LLC**

**708 Cranbury Circle**

**East Brunswick, NJ 08816**

**Consulting Municipal Engineers Associates**

**1460 Route #9 South**

**Howell, NJ 07731**

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-401**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden feels it is in the best interests of the City to evoke services of individuals who are licensed hunters to remove deer from the Hawkrise Sanctuary and the Linden Municipal Landfill during the Permit Shotgun Season of 2018; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City Council hereby requests the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorize the County of Union staff to conduct deer management activity on the aforementioned City property, to remove white-tailed deer from said property, in the manner prescribed by the Fish and Game Code of the State of New Jersey, during the Permit Shotgun Season of 2018; and

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-402**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER**

**YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN**

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will receive $5,500.00 from the State of New Jersey Law and Public Safety and wishes to amend its 2017 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of $5,500.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with

Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local

Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER YEAR END HOLIDAY

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $5,500.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER YEAR END HOLIDAY

**RESOLUTION: 2017-403**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO STEVEN MERMAN, ESQ. AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF LINDEN AND THE LINDEN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT IN THE MATTER OF RONKO DEVELOPERS, INC. V. THE LINDEN ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, ET AL.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden has a need for special counsel to represent the City of Linden and the Linden Board of Adjustment in the matter of Ronko Developers, Inc. v. Linden Zoning Board of Adjustment, et al.; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) provides for the award of contract for professional services; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A20.4 or 20.5, said contract is a non-fair and open contract; and

**WHEREAS,** the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year, commencing on December 18, 2017 through December 18, 2018 for a total sum not to exceed $15,000.00 at a rate of $150.00 per hr.; and

**WHEREAS**, funds have been previously certified and will be charged to account/line item 7-01-20-155-123-255; and

**WHEREAS**, Steven Merman, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Steven Merman, Esq. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Linden in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Steven Merman, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

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

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

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked what the conflict was between Ronko, and the Zoning Board, that we are going to litigation on. Mr. Antonelli explained that this is the appeal of a denial of a variance by the Zoning Board. He provided details on the case, and that Mr. Merman was going to handle the case on behalf of the Zoning Board.

**For roll call and comments see Resolution #2017-421.**

**RESOLUTION: 2017-404**

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| **CITY OF LINDEN**  **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER 2017 APPROPRIATIONS**    **BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, that the following transfers of 2017 appropriations be made in accordance with the provisions of Revised Statute 40A: 4-58.        **CURRENT BUDGET**    From: Solid Waste - Salaries & Wages $61,000.00  To: Solid Waste - Other Expenses $32,000.00  To: Police Department - Other Expenses $15,000.00  To: City Council - Other Expenses $ 3,000.00  To: Engineering Services & Costs - Other Expenses $11,000.00    From: Business Administrator - Salaries & Wages $50,000.00  To: Legal Services & Costs - Other Expenses $50,000.00    From: Other Public Work Functions - Other Expenses $20,000.00  To: Municipal Garage - Other Expenses $20,000.00    Total Transfers Needed: $131,000.00 $131,000.00 |

**RESOLUTION: 2017-405**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ACTING MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR**

**LINDEN MUNICIPAL COURT**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Chapter 349 of the Laws of 1999 (the “Municipal Prosecutor’s Act”) a municipality must designate a substitute Municipal Prosecutor to provide for representation of the State of New Jersey in Municipal Court matters where the regular Municipal Prosecutor is absent or unavailable; 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 professions, and same may be awarded without competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A20.4 or 20.5,said contract is awarded as a non-fair and open contract; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that William Donegan, Esq., 28 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208 be and hereby is appointed, designated and empowered to serve as temporary Municipal Prosecutor for the Linden Municipal Court on June 7, 2017, July 8, 2017, August 14, 2017 and November 6, 2017; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that William Donegan, Esq. shall be paid a total fee of $1,200.00 for these matters as aforesaid; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-406**

**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 385 Lot 23 2844 N. Stiles Street

Block 342 Lot 1 843 Miltonia Street

Block 231 Lot 19 63 Robbinwood Terrace

Block 376 Lot 24 836 Lindegar Street

Block 415 Lot 6 1029 Forest Drive

Block 57 Lot 6 401 Cranford Avenue

Block 24 Lot 2 1812 Mildred Avenue

Block 392 Lot 9 1901 Verona Avenue

Block 112 Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue

Block 6 Lot 28 2003 Ingalls Avenue

Block 540 Lot 2 14 E. 19th Street

Block 540 Lot 8 36 E. 19th Street

Block 178 Lot 19 1112 Walnut Street

Block 53 Lot 16 1301 Passiac Avenue

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

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

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

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

Block 385 Lot 23 2844 N. Stiles Street $2,405.00

Block 342 Lot 1 843 Miltonia Street $350.00

Block 231 Lot 19 63 Robbinwood Terrace $305.00

Block 376 Lot 24 836 Lindegar Street $450.00

Block 415 Lot 6 1029 Forest Drive $225.00

Block 57 Lot 6 401 Cranford Avenue $450.00

Block 24 Lot 2 1812 Mildred Avenue $550.00

Block 392 Lot 9 1901 Verona Avenue $875.00

Block 112 Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue $875.00

Block 6 Lot 28 2003 Ingalls Avenue $550.00

Block 540 Lot 2 14 E. 19th Street $775.00

Block 540 Lot 8 36 E. 19th Street $600.00

Block 178 Lot 19 1112 Walnut Street $150.00

Block 53 Lot 16 1301 Passiac Avenue $217.00

**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 property; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-407**

# Resolution Supporting the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* *2017 Year End Holiday*

# *Crackdown*

**Whereas**, impaired drivers on our nation’s roads killed 10,497 people in 2016; and

**Whereas**, 20% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol-related; and

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

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

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

**Whereas**, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 8, 2017 through January 1, 2018; and

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

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden declares its support for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Year End Holiday Crackdown* from December 8, 2017 through January 1, 2018 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-408**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE**

**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019.**

**WHEREAS,** the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS,** The Linden Council of the City of Linden, County of Union, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Linden City Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Linden City Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Union;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Linden City Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Linden Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 in the amount of:

DEDR $ 32,200

Cash Match $ 8,050

In-Kind $ 24,150

1. The Linden City Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked what the strategic plan was. Mr. Bodek responded that the County provides funding, for the Municipal Alliance, that the City of Linden matches in some form. Mr. Brown the grant provides funding for drug and alcohol prevention programs, such as the Master Piece Program, and Project Graduation.

**For roll call and comments see Resolution #2017-421.**

**RESOLUTION: 2017-409**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT UNION COUNTY TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE N.J. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE 2018 LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LOWER ROAD CULVERT**

**WHEREAS,** the N.J. Department of Transportation Local Freight Impact Fund provides for the improvement of municipal roads and culverts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of City of Linden formally support the County of Union towards the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby support the County of Union electronic grant application identified as LFIF-2018-2018 Lower Road Bridge, over Strea-00053to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Linden.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby support the grant agreement on behalf of Linden and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-410**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION TO THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, Elizabethtown Gas, 520 Green Lane, Union, New Jersey 07083 wishes to donate $6,528.00 to the City of Linden for the repair of concrete sidewalks around Paul Werkmeister Park; and

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

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

**THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden shall accept the aforesaid donation; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, if necessary, to effectuate the foregoing as approved by the City of Linden Law Department.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-411**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH**

**SOCKLER REALTY GROUP FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL**

**SERVICES FOR TAX APPEALS FOR 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden passed a Resolution, No. 2017-43 dated January 17, 2017 retaining the services of a real estate appraiser who is a member of the Appraisal Institute (MA.I.) in order to defend the City on all industrial and commercial tax appeals filed before the Union County Board of Taxation and new and pending cases before the Tax Court of New Jersey for 2017; 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**, Sockler Realty Group submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the ongoing nature of the various tax appeals, it is necessary to provide for additional funds for said purpose in an amount not to exceed $5,000.00; and

**WHEREAS,** inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures paid to date to Sockler Realty Group for services rendered under the said contract is $15,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or his designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 7-01-20-156-117-272;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement for Professional Services awarded to Sockler Realty Group, 299 Ward Street, Suite C, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520 is hereby amended to increase the contract by the additional sum of $5,000.00, for a total contract of $15,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between Sockler Realty Group and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute said amendatory agreement with Sockler Realty Group to effectuate the foregoing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-412**

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE UNION COUNTY LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE UPGRADE OF RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT IN CITY OF LINDEN PARKS**

Whereas, the City of Linden desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the Union County Level the Playing Field Grant Program to carry out a project to support the upgrading of playground equipment within the City of Linden to ensure the safety and enjoyment of Linden’s youth.

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-413**

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

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

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

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

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| 1 | Dell Laser printer B2375dnf - 36LY4Y1 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Brother Multi function printer MFC9970CDW - U62513L2J372259 | | | |  |  |
| 1 | Belkin 16 port KVM switch - 071702000038 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | HP Color Laserjet CM1312nfi MFP - CNB88538137 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | HP Scanjet 5590 scanner - L1910C | |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dell XPS PC - M2010 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Dell Poweredge R200 rack mount server - GKMMMH1, FKMMMH1, | | |  |  |  |
|  | 1LQLMH1, 2TSYK1, 1TSYVK1 | |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Dell Poweredge 860 rackmount server - 289ZZD1, 83CM2D1 | | | | |  |
| 5 | Ruggedized tablet keyboards (all broken) | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | AVS camera system server - 63365144 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dell Precision T1650 PC - 7L0LBY1 | |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | HP ws4300 workstation PC's - 2UA6250Y4L, 2UA6281CXT | | |  |  |  |
| 2 | HP z21- workstation PC's - 2UA350DFP, 2UA2350DHX | | |  |  |  |
| 5 | Dell Optiplex 755 - 8TCWXF1, CR1QGH1, 99RZDH1, DQTF1G1, C9R2DH1 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dell Optiplex GX620 - BC9R1B1 | |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dell Optiplex 160 - 2KC67J1 | |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dell Inspiron 660 PC - 315QQW1 | |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dell Optiplex 745 - BG1SNC1 | |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Panasonic toughbook CF-74 - 6HKYA11510, 6HKYA11496 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dell Powerconnect 2324 10/100 switch - 3D6XX61 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Astron RS-20A radio unit - 200091050 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Kenwood FM Dual band radio - 20400129 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Kenwood TS-2000 multiband tuner - 20900115 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Livescan RJ1498 fingerprint scanner - 000040058A2002 | | | |  |  |
| 1 | Livescan RJ0453 fingerprint scanner - 000173328A2008 | | | |  |  |
| 1 | General Binding Laminator, model 412-LM - 2728358 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Motorola Battery Maintenance System- C0013301 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Flash Cam, Model 880- 4722142473, WC 1169 | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Philips TV- YA1B0745020045 | |  |  |  |  |

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| 1 | Quad monitor stand (missing parts, broken) | | | | | |  |  |
| 12 | Server rack brackets - Part # K3179 | | | | | |  |  |
| 10 | Server rack brackets - Part # SRN1M | | | | | |  |  |
| 1 | Epson Photo 1400 inkjet printer - JN7E094248 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Various broken keyboards | | | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | HP JetDirect ew2400 - SG9A301308 | | | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | AT&T Telephone - AQ604027786 | | | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | LexMark T520 B&W laser printer - C025390 | | | | | | |  |
| 1 | Thinpod Link switch - 5123291 | | | | |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dell Powerconnect 2216 10/100 switch - 94LZK71 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | APC UPS BX1000G - 3B1142X25957 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

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

**RSOLUTION: 2017-414**

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

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

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

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

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| EX600XLS | 004THE8186 |
| EX600XLS | 004THE8212 |
| EX600XLS | 004THE8196 |
| EX600XLS | 004THE3269 |
| EX600XLS | 004THE8171 |
| EX600XLS | 004THE8192 |
| EX600XLS | 004THE8180 |
| EX600XLS | 004THE8166 |
| EX600XLS | 004THE8198 |
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| EX600XLS | 004THE8194 |
| EX600XLS | 004THE8169 |
| EX500 | 004TCJ5642 |
| HT1250 | 749THGC093 |
| HT1250 | 749THCF843 |
| HT1250 | 749THCG166 |
| HT1250 | 749HFCF442 |
| HT1250 | 749HFCF445 |
| HT1250 | 749THCF842 |
| HT1250 | 749HFCF283 |
| HT1250 | 749HFCF514 |
| HT1250 | 749THCF893 |
| HT1250 | 749THCF890 |
| HT1250 | 749THCG081 |
| HT1250 | 749HFN2980 |
| HT1250 | 749HFCF597 |
| HT1250 | 749HFCF337 |
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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to sell at public action or by other means as provided for in the statue using their best business discretion for the following items:**

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-415**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WITH JOBS 4 BLUE FOR SERVICES FOR OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS FOR POLICE RELATED ACTIVITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden has a need for services relating to off-duty employment of police officers for police related activities; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.SA. 40A:11-5(dd) provides for the support software maintenance, consultation services and training services of propriety computer hardware and software; and

**WHEREAS,** the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year, commencing on December 19, 2017 through December 19, 2018 for said services for an administrative fee of no more than 6% of any off-duty revenue; and December 12, 2017 indicating they will provide the software required; and

**WHEREAS**, funds have been previously certified and will be charged to account/line item T-03-56-802-000-115; and

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

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

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked what Jobs 4 Blue was and why did the City need it. Mr. Antonelli informed her that this was a third party vendor who would assist the Police Department in the administration of the police side jobs. He provided statistics on the number of the jobs involved, and how cumbersome the process has become for the department.

**For roll call and comments see Resolution #2017-421.**

**RESOLUTION: 2017-416**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AIRPORT LEASE DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2000**

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the City of Linden previously approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Airport Committee to negotiate an amendment to a Lease between the City of Linden and its Linden Airport Operator, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Linden (hereinafter referred to as “Lessor”) wishes to ensure the continued financial autonomy of the airport operation, and

**WHEREAS**, Lessor wishes to ensure the continued viability of the airport and the airport’s ability to pay any bond or other indebtedness without subsidy from the City’s general funds, and

**WHEREAS**, Lessor desires to recapture certain of its capital costs associated with improving the airport property, and

**WHEREAS**, Lessor desires that the airport continue be a modern, well equipped, facility that is commercially desirable, useful, and attractive to aviation tenants, and

**WHEREAS**, Lessor desires to ensure a stable tenant base in a competitive regional aviation environment, and

**WHERES**, Lessor desires to encourage the build out of hangar facilities as approved in the Airport Master plan as part of the aforementioned goals, and

**WHEREAS**, the “Airport Sponsors Assurances” section C.38” as set forth by the FAA requires that an airport owner grant a long term lease when the hangar is to be constructed at the aircraft owner’s expense, and

**WHEREAS**, Lessor desires any build-out or other improvements to be constructed by others without cost to the City, and that after amortization any such improvements will become the property of the City whose benefits will inure thereto, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the Lease dated February 16, 2000 is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit “A”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement with Linden Aviation Management LLC to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked what the changes to the lease were. Mr. Antonelli explained that the City has extended the length of the lease in exchange for a higher revenue, to the City. This would help insure the viability of Linden Airport, and the airport operator has agreed to some major improvements to the airport.

**For roll call and comments see Resolution #2017-421.**

**RESOLUTION: 2017- 417**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PREMIUM MONIES ON BLOCK 137 LOT 1**

**WHEREAS**, a tax sale certificate #12-00105 on block 137 lot 1 was sold on June 14, 2013;

**WHEREAS**, a premium of $ 10,300.00 was paid on this certificate; and

**WHEREAS**, Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector has verified that no redemption has taken place, and the lien holder of tax sale certificate #12-00105, DBW Holdco 2013, LLC, C/O US Bank has assigned to Queen Equities, LLC. And Queen Equities, LLC has foreclosed on November 22, 2017. and recommends said premium, totaling $10,300.00, be canceled and turned over the City Treasurer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that it does hereby authorize the cancellation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector and the City Treasurer.

**RESOLUTION: 217-418**

**RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT “BOB” SADOWSKI FOR**

**HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS COUNCILMAN OF**

**THE SIXTH WARD**

**WHEREAS,** Councilman Robert Sadowski will be concluding his ninth year of service as Councilman of the Sixth Ward on December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob Sadowski was first selected Councilman of the Sixth Ward in July 2008, to fill the unexpired term of Charles J. Crane and began his service to the residents of the Sixth Ward, and the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob Sadowski has chaired the Fire, Accident Review and City Clerk Councilman Committees and has served on the Budget Review & Finance, Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority, Senior Citizen Affairs and Scout Day Activities among others; and

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

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

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

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

**Diane Wilverding, 150 E. Morris Ave.** Ms. Wilverding thanked Mr. Sadowski for his service to the Sixth Ward. She noted that he always returned phone calls. She stated that she appreciated all that he did for the Sixth Ward. Mr. Sadowski stated that Ms. Wilverding was a friendly opponent a number of times, but they did have good relationship.

**John Roman, 15 W. Linden Ave. Apt. 2** Mr. Roman spoke about his relationship with Mr. Sadowski, and that he wanted to let him know that he served him amazingly, and with distinction and resolve. Mr. Roman stated that Mr. Sadowski should be applauded for his service to the City, his Country, and the children of Cranford. Mr. Roman added that he had the biggest shoes to fill, the biggest up here on the dais. He spoke about the campaign between himself and Mr. Sadowski, and that it was positive. Mr. Sadowski gave Mr. Roman some guidance.

**Ms. Cosby moved for approval of Resolution #2017-418. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ormon and was ordered approved by a roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTION: 2017-419**

**RESOLUTION HONORING MONTY BROOKS FOR**

**HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS COUNCILMAN OF**

**THE FOURTH WARD**

**WHEREAS,** Councilman Monty Brooks will be concluding his third year of service as Councilman of the Fourth Ward on December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Monty Brooks was first elected Councilman of the Fourth Ward on November 4, 2014 and began his service to the residents of the Fourth Ward, and the City of Linden on January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** Monty Brookshas served on numerous Councilmanic Committees including Airport, Fire, Personnel, Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority and negotiations and has chaired various committees including Public Property, Law and City Clerk; and

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-420**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A COST SHARING AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GENERATOR ADAPTOR CONTROLLER CABINETS**

**AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY OF LINDEN WITH THE STATE OF**

**NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS,** a traffic condition exists at Route 27 & Park Ave., Route 27 & DeWitt St., Route 1 & Morses Mill, Route 1 & Woodlawn Ave, and Route 1 and Clinton Street, in the City of Linden, in the County of Union, which requires the installation of a Generator Adapted Controller Cabinet; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to expedite the safe movement of vehicular traffic; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of New Jersey has indicated its willingness to install a Generator Adapted Controller Cabinet at the aforementioned locations; and

**WHEREAS,** the total estimated cost for the installation of six Generator Adapted Controller Cabinets is $54,406.00, with the State of New Jersey paying 75% of the cost and the City of Linden contributing $25% of the cost with a total contribution of $13,602.00;

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. C-04-55-902-609-919, in the amount of $13,602.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden is desirous of entering into a cost sharing agreement with the State of New Jersey for the installation of Generator Adaptor Controller Cabinets.

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

1. The City of Linden is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of New Jersey, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation, for the purpose aforesaid, a copy of said agreement being attached hereto and made part of; and
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-421**

**RESOLTUION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS AND A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR JOBS4BLUE**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden has authorized Jobs4Blue to be utilized for police side job dissemination and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, occasionally, surrounding police agencies are utilized for said side jobs in the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of Linden to create a shared services agreement with said agencies for the usage of Jobs4Blue; and

**NOW THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of authorizes the negotiations and agreement with such police agencies as aforementioned, and Mayor hereby be authorized to sign said agreement between the City of Linden and such agencies, as approved by the City Law Department, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to same and affix the City Seal thereon.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik said her questions were answered by the answers to the previous resolution on this matter.

Ms. Cosby moved for approval of Resolutions #2017-403, #2017-408, #2017-415, #2017-416 and 2017-421. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sadowski and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who abstained on Resolution #2017-416.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-422**

**Resolution Recognizing Ramses Estrada Sr. as**

**2017 Good Neighbor in the Fifth Ward,**

**City of Linden**

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

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

**WHEREAS,** Ramses Estrada Sr. joined the 5th ward community in 1998 and he has for many years been looking out for his neighbors. Ramses shares all suspicious activity, quality of life matters, matters that he thinks should be addressed to his Councilwoman thus, making his neighborhood, and the City of Linden a better place for its residents; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Ramses’ unselfish actions have made the Fifth Ward a better place and Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby wishes to acknowledge Ramses Estrada Sr. as Good Neighbor for his initiative and consistence in helping to report these issues to her and the Linden Police and

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

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Darlene Brown and Roy Garcia of 1199 SCIU. Mr. Garcia noted that his union represents health care workers. He informed Council that they have a new neighbor coming in, Aristacare, who will be taking over Delaire Nursing Home, and that 1199 represents the 150 employees that work there. He noted that Aristacare has slashed the benefits of those who take care of some of the most vulnerable in our population. He spoke about how the new health insurance, being offered, is no longer affordable to the employees, and as a result the workers have voted to go on strike. He invited the council to support the workers and ensure they get quality care. Ms. Brown then spoke next, reading a statement about her situation and the cutting of benefits by Aristacare, leaving her with no health insurance. She requested that Council support them, with a resolution, to Aristacare, asking them to treat the workers, with dignity. She thanked the Mayor for sending a letter to the owner of Aristacare on their behalf.

Tanya Grissett, 422 S. Wood Ave. Ms. Grissett noted that she is a mother with a son who has just started Soehl Middle School. She thanked Mr. Sadowski for his support at School #6. She then proposed that the Elm St. and Henry St., around Soehl, be made one ways in each direction. Mr. Brown responded that it has been looked at, noted that traffic is bad in the area, and that the residents, on those streets, are not in favor of it. President Alvarez asked the police to look into the matter. Next Ms. Grissett spoke about traffic on South Wood Ave, and the traffic nightmare it is. She then brought up a number of other areas, with traffic concerns to her, and offered suggestions on addressing them. She then discussed snow removal, around Firehouse #1, the blocking of crosswalks, with mounds of snow, and the dedication of the crossing guards in trying to address the situation. Lastly she suggested a City wide walk-a-thon be done to benefit the children of Linden.

Fred Potter, President of Teamsters Local 469. He noted that the Union represents City employees, and the employees of the library. He explained that the library employees have been without a contract since December 31, 2013. He spoke about the efforts, through PERK, to address the issue. He detailed the latest order of PERK with regard to this. He went on to state that the library is blaming the City for not funding them, and noted some of what the union is being told. He asked Council to do the right thing for the workers of the library. Mr. Potter stated he would love to hear from the Council, on this issue, and hope that they take care of their workers.

Mike Broderick, Teamsters Local 469. Mr. Broderick began by congratulating Frank Dann on his appointment as head of Community Services. Next Mr. Broderick stated that there seems to be a difficulty in entering into collective negotiations with the City, and noted which group he represents. He stated that despite his notices to the City, there has not been one meeting. He reviewed the details of the attempts to have collective negotiations. This is a first to not have a negotiations in place, before the old one expired. There was a discussion, between Mr. Broderick and President Alvarez over the time that the meetings should be held. Mr. Broderick concluded by requesting a waiver of the City residency requirements for his members.

Alfred D Mohammed, 817 Jackson Ave. Mr. Mohammed stated that he was here, tonight, to introduce himself as the new Councilman of the Fourth Ward. Mr. Mohammed stated that he not only represents the residents of the Fourth Ward, but the residents of the greatest City in the United States, and in the world. He noted that he has been observing Council for six months and stated his observations. He urged council to follow decorum, and that there should be time limits. He noted his expectations for the coming year. He also urged residents, to come to these meetings, with respect.

Craig Halloran, 120 Donaldson Place. Mr. Halloran wished all a happy holiday. He noted ordinance #61-75 and hoped it addressed the issue of pulling out of Donaldson Place, due to the obstruction when pulling out to Elizabeth Ave. He added that he was also asked to mention the safety concerns in the area of DeWitt and McManus Middle School. Mr. Halloran, that he has been bringing up issues, since the October Council meeting, and he wondered how long it takes the Council to address these issues. He reviewed some of these issues. He also asked several questions regarding some additional matters that have come to his attention, and were of concern.

Henry Mack. Mr. Mack stated that he was asking the City attorney for legal advice. He spoke about the last meeting of City Council, and how it was 11 O’clock and we have accomplished nothing. He thanked Mayor Armstead on behalf of the people. He praised the work of Mr. Brooks and Mr. Sadowski for their work. He addressed each member of Council and spoke about the good they do in their ward.

John Principato, 1706 Westover Rd. Mr. Principato began by wishing good luck to Mr. Sadowski, adding that Mr. Sadowski, and Mr. Brooks served their wards eloquently. He noted that we are losing two great men. Next he congratulated the new Police Chief. Mr. Principato stated he wanted to address something, said by Mr. Brown, at the last meeting. He noted Mr. Brown’s comment, and offered his prospective on it. He then addressed the Mayor and stated that he would not be bullied by him. He commented on the situation.

Don Travisano, 685 River Rd., Chatham. Mr. Travisano stated that he was here to support his friend, Frank Dann, adding that up till, a half-hour ago he was Mr. Dann’s employer, as Mr. Travisano was the town administrator for the Town of Dover. He spoke about Mr. Dann, and his reputation, and the problems faced by the Dover Public Works Department. He compared it to the situation faced by Linden. He told Council that they made the right decision tonight.

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

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mr. Brown addressed the comments made by Mr. Principato, regarding the time it takes to hire an employee. He noted that Mr. Principato has left.

Ms. Cosby spoke about Mr. Halloran, about not getting answers to his inquiries. She also spoke about his comments about community gardens, and noted some that are located in the City. She urged him to link up with those who run them. Ms. Cosby stated that Mr. Brooks and Mr. Sadowski both served well, and that they would be missed. She knows that she will continue to see them in the community, as they will not stop serving the community.

Mr. Medina stated that on behalf of himself and Mrs. Hickey he wanted to wish the Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Honan, a happy birthday.

Mr. Sadowski thanked the citizens for putting him up here for a little over nine years. He complimented this council, and thanked them.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Alvarez announced that the following Council Meetings:

Conference meeting prior to the organization meeting of the 2018 Council, Tuesday, January 2, 2018m at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

Organization meeting of the 2018 Council, Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

There being no further business to come before the governing body, Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk