**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2017 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**June 20, 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, June 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jorge Alvarez and she announced that the notice of this meeting stating the date, place and time, has been disseminated as required under the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

The Clerk rendered the opening prayer, after which the members of the Governing Body and the persons in attendance saluted the flag.

Council President Jorge Alvarez informed those present of the proper procedures for exiting the room in the event of an emergency.

Council President Jorge Alvarez asked all members of the public, wishing to speak during the public comment session to please sign in on the sign-in white sheets provided in the front of the room.

Council President Jorge Alvarez asked all to place their cell phones on vibrate, and if they must take a call to please leave the room to do so.

A roll call showed the following members were present:

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Lisa Ormon

Councilman Barry Javick

Peter Brown

“ Monty Brooks

Councilwoman Cosby-Hurling

Councilman Robert Sadowski

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for approval of the minutes of the May 16, 2017 Regular Council meeting and the June 8, 2017 Special Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Honoring Sasquia Carrillo**

**As 2016 Queen of the Ecuadorian Civic Committee of New York**

Council President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead and Mr. Javick to do the presentation to Ms. Carrillo. Mayor Armstead congratulated Ms. Carrillo, and Mr. Javick read the resolution honoring Ms. Carrillo. Ms. Carrillo thanked the Mayor and Council, and spoke about her experience and work, with the Ecuadorian Civic Committee of New York. A presentation was then made by a member of the Ecuadorian Civic Committee to the Mayor and Mr. Javick.

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**Brian Samer**

**by**

**Police Captain David Hart**

Council President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead and Captain David Hart to make a presentation. Captain Hart was representing Chief Parham, who was out of town. The Mayor noted the purpose of the recognition, and the reasons for the recognition. The Mayor spoke about Mr. Samer, and his always going above and beyond, and thanked him for his efforts. The Mayor read the resolution honoring Mr. Samer and presented it to him. The police department also presented Mr. Samer with a plaque. Captain Hart also thanked Mr. Samer and recognized others who assisted.

**ORDINANCE CONTINUED FROM THE MAY 16, 2017 MEETING**

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

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

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

**DELETE:**

*Street Side Hours Days Location*

S. Wood Avenue East/West 7:00 am to 8:00 am Highway to

21 Street

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

21st Street

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

21st Street

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

21st Street

**ADD:**

*Street Side Hours Days Location*

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

to Stiles Street

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

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

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

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

S. Wood Avenue West 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Tue Edgar Road to

21st Street

S. Wood Avenue East 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Fri Edgar Road to

21st Street

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

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

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

**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:

**#61-38** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-20, One Way Streets, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

ADD

The following Street:

Name of Street Direction Limits

Ashton Avenue South From Urbanowitz Avenue to U.S. 1

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-39** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VI, Alcoholic Beverage Control.

DELETE 6-11.1 Fingerprinting and photography by Police Department Required in its entirety.

ADD NEW SECTION 6-11.1 Fingerprinting and Photography Requirements

(amends the process for fingerprinting and issuing of photo ID’s to employees of A.B.C. establishments).

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-40** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic.

That Chapter VII, Traffic, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulations

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

ADD:

Name of Street Spaces No. of Location

910 Clark Street 1 On the Northeasterly sideline of Clark Street 113 feet

More or less northwesterly from the projection of the

Northwesterly curbline of Cleveland Avenue in front of

910 Clark Street for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid

Space is specifically reserved and designated for a

Vehicle for America Pelaez to be identified by license

Plate number and placard number P1765422 to be

Issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing or

displaying handicapped license plates and/or placards,

or not shall be permitted to park in such space.

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

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-41** An ordinance to approve the amendment to the Financial Agreement between Linden Urban Renewal Limited Partnership, located at 1400 Park Avenue, Linden and the City of Linden. (extending it for an additional fifteen years)

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#61-42** An ordinance authorizing the execution of a tax agreement with Duke Linden, LLC for the payments in lieu of taxes for a newly constructed industrial building with respect to Block 469, Lot 39.03 on the tax map of the City of Linden.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

2017 Taxes $26,438,437.55

2016 Taxes $234,410.40

2015 Taxes $4,690.48

Garbage Fee Payments $67,539.99

Garbage Fee Penalty $4,820.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $0.00

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $10.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $0.00

Year End Penalty $4,253.38

Returned Check Fee Paid $40.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $0.00

Returned Check 2017 ($8,899.93)

Returned Check 2016 ($0.00)

Returned Check Interest ($5.70)

Returned Online Payment 2017 Taxes ($5,387.57)

Returned Online Interest ($9.52)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $18,725.78

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $1,755.00

DPW Reso payments $2,665.00

Interest $41,375.14

Total $26,804,420.00

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block and lot:

**Block lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

**85 10 6/17/17 13-00106 $16,500.00**

**186 1 5/23/17 13-00230 $800.00**

Therefore, it would be in order for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $17,300.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for Pro Cap 4 & Crdtrs, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, Pa 19102, charging the same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following

Block and lot:

**Block lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

**195 2 5/25/17 14-00158 $2,500.00**

**574 8.03 5/10/17 14-00367 $1,400.00**

Therefore, it would be in order for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $3,900.00, payable to TTLBL, LLC, Attention: John Lemkey, 4747 Executive Drive, Suite 1, San Diego, CA 92121 charging the 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 and lot:

**Block lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

**276 25 5/31/2017 15-00177 $1,300.00**

**352 1 6/9/2017 15-00204 $2,300.00**

**463 37 5/23/2017 15-00262 $1,300.00**

Therefore, it would be in order for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,900.00 payable to MTAG Cust Fig Cap Invest NJ, 13, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, 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 and lot:

**Block lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

**370 7 5/22/2017 15-00214 $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: 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 2015 tax sale on the following

Block and lot:

**Block lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

488 13 5/22/2017 14-00309 $11,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $11,600.00 payable to: PFS Financial 1, LLC US Bank Custodian, 50 South 16th Street – Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 charging same to account #7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Credit** Block 87 Lot 10

Estelle L. Maynard

1115 Passaic Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the about referenced block & lot due to a posting error paid towards the Garbage Fee instead of the Sewer billing. The overpayment amount is $67.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $67.00, 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.

**Credit** Block 100 Lot 17

Justin Kiliszek

1024 Bergen Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the former property manager paying additional garbage fees. The former property manager is entitled to a refund of $65.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $65.00 payable to: Justin Kiliszek, 619 Forest Drive, Springfield, NJ 07081 charging the same to account #7-01-08-607-011.

**Credit** Block 251 Lot 3

Wilfredo & Carolyn Batistia

321 Ainsworth Street

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the owner’s mortgage company and the owner’s title agency paying the 2013 3rd quarter property tax creating the overpayment in the amount of $2,555.43.

Therefore, it would be in order for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount $2,555.43 payable to Wilfredo & Carolyn Batistia, 321 Ainsworth Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging the same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit** Block 524 Lot 63

Ryszard Pasek

1207 Woodlawn Avenue

The above referenced owner’s Mortgage Company and Title Company have paid the 2016 4th quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled to a refund in the amount of $1,469.76.

Therefore, it would be in order for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,469.76, payable to : Ryszard Pasek, 1207 Woodlawn Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, charging the same to #700-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit** Block 468, Lot 4

Michael A. Eorio

405 W. Linden Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block and lot due to the owner’s mortgage company and the owner paying the 2011 2nd quarter property taxes creating the overpayment on the amount of $1,574.12.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,574.12 payable to: Michael A. Eorio, 405 W. Linden Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit** Block 499, Lot 12

Ingrid A. Macias

841 Mack Place

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block and lot due to the owner’s mortgage company and the owner paying the 2011 2nd quarter property taxes creating the overpayment on the amount of $1,659.44.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,659.44 payable to: Ingrid A. Macias, 841 Mack Place, Linden NJ 07036 #7-01-55-288-999-904.

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

1. Requesting approval for the following reimbursements:
2. Service date 8/9/17 – Margaret Smith is entitled to a refund in the amount of $35.57 for service that was provided on 8/9/2017. Therefore, it would be in in order for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $35.57 payable to Margaret Smith, 818 Allen Street, Apt. K, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 7-01-08-629-011.
3. Service date 2/11/2017 – Anna Walson is entitled to a refund in the amount of $775.00 for service that was provided on 2/11/2017. Therefore, it would be in order for the Council to authorize the Treasure to issue a check in the amount of $775.00 payable to Anna Walson, 236 Hussa Street, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 7-01-08-629-011.
4. Overtime Refund – Apple Food Service New Jersey is entitled to a refund of $391.85 for overtime that was paid for Cinco de Mayo fire protection/occupancy control by the Linden Fire Department. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $391.85 payable to Apple Food Services New Jersey, charging same to 7-01-25-265-152-121.

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

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

**Department Employee Title Date**

Police Dept. Anneesah Jones Police Officer June 1, 2017

Police Dept. Jeffrey Clark Police Lieutenant July 1, 2017

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

1. Requesting permission to close Wood Avenue from Route 1&9 to Gibbons Street between the hours of 12noon and 6pm on Sunday, October 29, 2017 to hold the City of Linden Annual Halloween Parade. Additionally approving the Hold Harmless Agreement between the City and the Linden Board of Education for the use of two (2) Toro Work Carts for the parade.

**(\*\*\*) CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMITTEE:**

1. Requesting permission to close Wood Avenue between E. Elizabeth Avenue and Curtis Street on Saturday, September 23, 2017 (rain date Sunday, September 24, 2017) to hold the Annual Street Festival from 11am to 9pm. Additionally, permission is being requested to hang banners across Wood Avenue and at various locations throughout Union County to advertise the event.

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

**(6)** Requesting approval to close Wood Avenue from Elizabeth Avenue to Elm Street and Blancke Street from Wood Avenue to Helen Street between the hours of 4pm and 9pm to hold their annual Fire Prevention Night, on Friday, October 13, 2017.

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK**

1. Authorizing the City Clerk to request permission from the County of Union to close North Wood Ave on December 1, 2017 for the City of Linden’s Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony from the hours of 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm from Elizabeth Ave. to Elm Street and to provide all necessary indemnification and insurance for the event.

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK**

1. Approving an application for a street closure for First Baptist Church for their

Community Cook out & Tent Worship Service on August 19, 2017 and August 20, 2017 to close Carnegie and Lincoln Streets closing off 929 Dill Avenue. Insurance has been provided.

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK**

1. Requesting approval of the following bingo/raffle applications which have been submitted to the City Clerk’s Office

**Application # Organization Raffle Fees**

RA-1609 Loyal Order of Moose 50/50 $20.00

RA-1610 Loyal Order of Moose I Year Pull Tab $750.00

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

1. Advising that the Board of Health issued twenty-two (22) Certificates of Occupancy

during the month of May 2017.

**(\*\*\*) TREASURER**

**(11)**  Advising that under Chapter 88, 54 & 436, the City of Linden reimburses retired employees for the monthly premiums which the retiree paid to Social Securityfor his/her Part B coverage, and that of his/her spouse, under the Federal Medicare Program. Total reimbursements $251,760.40. (List is on file in the City Clerk’s Office).

**Mr. Sadowski moved for approval of Consent items #1 through #11. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS**

**OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**First Ward**

Mrs. Ormon reported on her second annual barbeque, which this year encompassed the First, Second and Third Wards. She spoke about the day, details the events. She thanked the residents who came out and the police and fire departments for also coming, and a number of individuals for their assistance or donations.

Mrs. Ormon stated that she wanted to speak about foreclosed properties, in the First Ward. She asked residents, if they see a property that is in need of mowing or cleanup, to reach out and give her a call. She will make sure the proper authorities are notified so that they get cleaned up. Mrs. Ormon stated that she is also riding around the Ward to address potholes and dead trees. She noted that she usually takes pictures. Next, Mrs. Ormon spoke about summer approaching and that there are certain streets, in the First Ward, that are hot spots, due to excessive speeding. She noted what she would be doing to address this.

Mrs. Ormon informed all that there would be a public safety meeting, on June 28th, at the JTG Center, for the First, Second and Third Wards. She reviewed that matters that would be covered at that meeting. Mrs. Ormon spoke about the loss of police officer Danny Kuczynski, “DK”, that he would be missed and how he touched the lives of many children.

**Second Ward**

Mr. Javick reported on the joint community picnic that the First, Second and Third wards held on June 3rd. He thanked the police and fire department for participating. He urged those who did not attend to put the event on their calendar for next year. He also announced the First, Second and Third Ward combined public safety meeting on June 28th. Mr. Javick next reported on the repair of the manhole on the corner of Spruce St. and Elm St. He noted the difficulty in getting it repaired.

Mr. Javick spoke about the trimming of trees and replacement of sidewalks, and asked those in need to give him a call. He next noted that he was hopeful that the old United Lacquer factory, on Elizabeth Ave., would come down this year. He also spoke about the possibility of having a community garden, in the Second Ward, and those with an interest to reach out to him. Mr. Javick, also urged residents, to be mindful of the hot weather and not leave pets in their cars. He further urged them to use a leash when walking their dogs. He concluded that noting that this is our city, and asked all to help keep it clean.

**Third Ward**

Mr. Brown had no report this month.

**Fourth Ward**

Mr. Brooks extended his condolences to the Kuczynski family, and noted that DK would be sorely missed. He then gave the report of the City Clerk Office, Licensing Division. For the month of May, the Division collected a total of $6,306.00. Next he gave the report of the City Clerk’s office which collected a total of $4,802.57 in City Revenue was collected for the month of May. Mr. Brooks also gave the report of the Division of Transportation and Parking where a total of $52,840.79 was collected for the month of May.

Mr. Brooks reported on the status of the renovations to Dr. King Park. Next he spoke about the first classic car show that he held at Dr. King Park. He described some of the cars that participated. He noted that a great time was held by all.

**Fifth Ward**

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling noted that she was feeling a little bit under the weather. She then gave the report of the Construction Code Department, noting that a total of $80,054.00 was collected for the month of May. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling noted the need for a street light on Rosewood Terr. She then moved to approve a street light on poll 62790, 147 Rosewood Terr. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sadowski, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling reported on the community yard sale, noting that it rained that day, and no one used the rain. She stated that next year, planning for the event would start earlier. She stated that she was open to suggestions on a date for next year.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling then spoke about the Hooked on Fishing children, and the event that was held with the individuals from the Plainfield program, at Cedar Brook Park. She invited other children to join the club. She provided her contact information. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling reported that Dill Avenue was supposed to be paved, this year, however the Water Company would not be getting to the street this year, so the Engineering Committee wants to hold off on paving Dill Ave. She disagreed with this decision, as Dill Ave has been on the list, and when the water company does their work, they will fix it. She also asked that if they are not going to do Dill Ave, then they should do another street in the Fifth Ward, and recommended that they do Cranford Ave. She noted that she was waiting to get a response to that email request.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling stated that the elections are over and we should get back to doing our business. She asked if she sends an email, on behalf of herself or her neighborhood that she get a response. She noted that there are several issues, that she has, that are still outstanding, and asked that she receive a letter in response to them, so she could let a resident know what the status of their request was.

**Sixth Ward**

Mr. Sadowski informed all that the Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of $5,313.78 for the month of May. The ambulance reimbursement program collected a total of $73,562.82 for the month of May, bringing the year to date total to $353,016.67.

Mr. Sadowski gave the report of the activity of the Linden-Roselle Sewerage Authority. He also announced that the City is still hiring for the Clean Community Program, which is conducted on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. He asked if anyone had an interest to please give him a call. He noted that school is out and to be careful of the children. Mr. Sadowski advised residents to be careful of the scammers, now that the good weather was here. Don’t let people into your house and be careful of those soliciting door to door. He gave his condolences to the Kuczynski family, on the loss of Danny, and added that Danny’s brother Adam had been a member of Council. He wished all a pleasant summer, and provided his contact information.

**Seventh Ward**

Mr. Strano reported on the community wide yard sale, in Tremely Point. He thanked the members of Council for allowing this sale and those residents that participated. Next he spoke about the Quite Zone, and that there was a resolution, on tonight’s agenda, approving a contract, with Conrail for the work they have to do. He hoped that the construction would start next month. He had Chief Dooley and Mr. Vircik give an update on the Quite Zone.

Mr. Strano then made the following statement:

“I would like to take this time to introduce the 2017City of Linden Municipal Budget.

The Budget represents a total of $109,156,593.33 in expenditures for the year 2017. The Finance Committee will continue to work to further reduce expenses, wherever possible. The Finance Committee will continue to work to further reduce expenses, wherever possible. The Finance Committee has worked with every Department Head in keeping expenditures to a minimum. However, due to the State of New Jersey’s 2% cap levy and loss in retable’s the municipal tax rate for the City of Linden will be increased by seven tax points.

One of the major increases in this years’ budget is an unanticipated expense of emergency workers comp claims and insurance claims being raised as a deferred charge in the amount of $2,010,000.00.

Once again, this year’s budget addresses many issues pertaining to our Police Department. It puts more cops on the streets and addresses issues in our police headquarters, focuses on improving and updating the infrastructure in the police department. It also brings our Fire Department to their full complement.

I would like to thank all the members of the governing body for their assistance and recommendations on the 2017 budget. I would like to especially thank every Department head for their dedication and diligence in preparing their 2017 municipal budget requests.

Please be advised that anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the 2017 Municipal budget, copies will be available in the City Clerk’s Office from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. If you are unable to pick up a copy you may contact the City Clerk’s Office at 908-474-8452 and a copy will be sent to you. It is also available on the City’s website [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org) and for viewing at the Linden Municipal Library. “

The Clerk then read the following:

Municipal Budget of the City of Linden, County of Union for the Calendar Year 2017.

Be it Resolved, tat the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2017.

Be it Further Resolved that said Budget be published in the Union County Local Source (formerly The Progress) in the issue of June 29, 2017.

The Governing Body of the City of Linden does hereby introduce the following as the Budget for the year 2017.

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was introduced by the Governing Body of the City of Linden, County of Union, on June 20, 2017.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at City Hall on July 18, 2017 at 7:00 o’clock pm at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2017 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Mr. Strano moved for introduction of the 2017 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

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

1. The payment of bills totaling $3,209,148.38, bills have been signed by the Mayor, Council President and Finance Chairman and a detailed check register and vouchers are on file in the Clerk’s Office.
2. We are in receipt of the investments made by the City Treasurer for the month of June at the rate of .50%

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sadowski, and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling, who voted no.

**Eighth Ward**

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave the following report of the Personnel Committee:

1. From the Personnel Division:
   * 1. FMLA/NJFLA requests:
2. Employee #108318 intermittent FMLA 7/29/17-7/28/18

ii. Employee #909119 intermittent FMLA 6/1/17 – 8/31/17

iii. Employee #909077 intermittent FMLA 5/16/17-12/31/17

iv. Employee #909337 FMLA 3/30/17 – 6/30/17

v. Employee #000968 FMLA 5/24/17 – 7/24/17

vi. Employee #107663 FMLA 6/7/17 – 7/5/17

1. A. In the Personnel Division, unpaid the internship for Mwakulomba Juma from June 21, 2017 to September 11, 2017, for course work at Rutgers University. Work hours are to be set by the Division and shall not exceed 35 hours per week.

B. In the Office of the Mayor, the unpaid internship for Gabriella Munoz from June 21, 2017 to September 1, 2017, for course work at Kean University. Work hours are to be set by the Mayor and shall not exceed 35 hours per week.

1. In the Department of Public Property, in the Division of Municipal Garage, the hiring of Dane Blazejowski and Andrew Zimmerman as mechanics tier 2 at the hourly rate of $18.00 effective June 26, 2017 and the hiring of Paul DeAngleo as a Diesel Mechanic Tier 2 at the hourly rate of $21.00 effective June 26, 2017 to fill existing vacancies, pending the successful completion of all pre-employment requirements of the City of Linden.
2. In the Department of Public Property, the hiring of two full time laborers tier 2, effective June 26, 2017, Joshua Friese and Makenzy Charlton, at the starting hourly rate of $15 per hour, pending the successful completion of all pre-employment requirements of the City of Linden.
3. The transfer of Sandra Vazquez and change in title to Clerk 1 at her present salary to the Department of Public Property to fill an existing vacancy effective June 26, 2017.
4. In the Department of Public Works the posting of two part time laborer positions not to exceed 20 hours per week to be assigned the daily duties per the shared service agreement with the Special Improvement District.
5. In the Department of Public Works/Department of Public Property/Division of Recreation the approval of the seasonal employee lists are on file in the Treasurer’s Office.
6. In the Police Department the hiring of the next (7) eligible Police Officer Candidates effective July 7, 2017 pending the successful completion of all applicable background checks at the starting annual salary of $40,000: Richard Villane, Carlos Ralda, Karla Gallardo, Muhammed Bilal, Paul Tarnawski, Timothy Smigelsky, Ariel Franjul, Delio Coutinho Jr., Gregory Adamczyk
7. Approval for the clean communities program and summer help program for the City of Linden, lists will be on file in the Treasurer’s Office.
8. Approval granted for the conducting of background checks for the hiring of the next six eligible firefighter candidates and contingent upon approval and receipt of the SAFER grant the additional approval to conduct background checks for an additional eight firefighter candidates. Firefighters to be hired by October 1, 2017. Pending successful completion of all background checks.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked about items #8 and #10, and if this would make the department at the compliment or would it change the compliment. Chief Dooley explained the compliment of the Fire Department, noting the current compliment is 111. Mr. Roth explained for the police department, noting the current number of police officers and what the compliment was. Ms. Malik, asked where, Item #5, Sandra Vazquez was coming from. The answer was from dispatch.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling asked if the position of diesel mechanic were open competitive. She noted that once the test was called anyone interested in these positions can apply.

Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown, and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Mrs. Yamakaitis, who abstained on item 1A5.

Mrs. Yamakaitis began by expressing her condolences to the Barbarich family. She noted that Eleanor Barbarich was a former Eighth Ward Committee woman, and spoke at length about all that Mrs. Barbarich did for the City, including the founding of the Linden Pulaski Parade Committee. She also offered her condolences to the Kuczynski family.

Mrs. Yamakaitis announced that next week she would be attending a meeting, with many of the stake holders, and the Port Authority over the Missing Link project. She provided details on what the project hoped to accomplish and how it would benefit the Eighth Ward. She also announced that one of the ordinances, approved tonight, changed the direction of traffic on Ashton Ave. She stated that she would be meeting, with Lt. Mack, of the Traffic Bureau to resolve the remaining issues. Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about the lights, under the Route 278 Bridge, being out, and street lights that were out.

Mrs. Yamakaitis informed all that the free summer playground programs, in the Eighth Ward, would be starting next week, provided their locations, and urged all to check them out. She also noted that this Friday, Project Graduation will be taken place. She provided details on it, and thanked Sandra Vasquez, and all those who donated to make this possible for our graduating high school seniors.

**Ninth Ward**

Mr. Medina provided an update on the library, and urged all to stop and visit the circulation desk to find out more about the activities going on. Next he spoke about the vandalism of a vehicle in the Ninth Ward.

**Tenth Ward**

**Mrs. Cosby-Hurling left the meeting at the conclusion of the Council Committee reports.**

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

**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. Yamakaitis moved for approval of resolutions #2017-227 through #2014-251 with the exception of resolutions #2017-232, #2017-241 and #2017-249. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote, with Mrs. Cosby-Hurling absent.**

**Resolutions #2017-232 and #2017-241 were removed at the request of Ms. Malik.**

**Resolution #2017-249 was removed at the request of John Roman and Joseph Hickey.**

**RESOLUTION: 2017-227**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

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

5/2/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 11,067.91

5/3/17 Vision Service Plan claims 4,484.60

5/5/17 Delta Dental City May premium 39,599.92

5/5/17 Delta Dental Sewerage May premium 3,264.52

5/5/17 Delta Dental Housing May premium 1,504.35

5/5/17 Delta Dental Library May premium 900.31

5/5/17 Delta Dental Cobra May premium 172.42

5/5/17 Payroll payroll 1,770,738.74

5/11/17 Medco claims 72,317.93

5/15/17 SHBP Retirees May Health 619,317.86

5/15/17 SHBP Actives March Health 664,704.59

5/15/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 10,523.31

5/15/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 13,351.68

166039 5/18/17 NJ Transit 1st qtr. Revenue 61,323.78

166038 5/18/17 NJ DMV title senior van 60.00

166040 5/18/17 NJ DMV license renewal 250.00

166041 5/18/17 Phillips 66 refund 200.00

5/19/17 Payroll payroll 1,808,394.94

5/31/17 Worker’s Comp. claims 14,735.56

5/31/17 Vision Service Plan claims 4,515.82

166042 5/31/17 RKC LPD phone system 15,127.00

166043 5/31/17 Fredrick Johnson REPLACEMENT CK 125.00

**TRUST**

5/5/17 Payroll payroll 26,973.54

5/19/17 Payroll payroll 55,960.54

**GRANT**

5/5/17 Payroll payroll 7,932.57

5/19/17 Payroll payroll 1,846.13

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

5/5/17 Payroll payroll 2,560.00

5/19/17 Payroll payroll 2,560.00

**CAPITAL**

5/5/17 Payroll payroll 1,002.19

166037 5/18/17 Konkus Corp. resurfacing street 1,590.00

5/19/17 Payroll payroll 821.94

5/31/17 PSE&G project fee 6,925.08

166042 5/31/17 RKC recovery project 16,865.00

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

5/5/17 Payroll payroll 737.71

5/19/17 Payroll payroll 620.55

**RESOLUTION: 2017-228**

**RESOLUTION HONORING SASQUIA CARRILLO AS 2016 QUEEN OF THE**

**ECUADORIAN CIVIC COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS,** Sasquia Carrillo, was born in the City of Elizabeth, and has thereafter resided in Linden, with her father and mother, Franklin and Paulina Carrillo, and her brother Frank; and,

**WHEREAS,** Sasquia Carrillo began her educational life at School #6, attended Soehl Middle School and graduated from Linden High school; and

**WHEREAS,** Sasquia Carrillo, credits Linden High School with shaping her career path and preparing her for the real world; and

**WHERAS,** driven by a family background that places education as a very high level, she enrolled in Montclair State University, where she is currently a junior, and due to her experiences at Linden High School, decided to major in Family and Child Studies with a concentration in Family Services; and

**WHEREAS,** Sasquia Carrillo places an immense value on her Ecuadorian heritage and became a member of the Ecuadorian Civic Committee of New York (CCENY), which helps the Ecuadorian and Hispanic community reach their goals, in this county, by offering such activities as English classes, photography classes and computer classes; and

**WHEREAS,** Sasquia Carrillo also assists CCENY by putting together celebrations marking national and Ecuadorian holidays in order to keep the Ecuadorian culture alive in New York; and

**WHEREAS,** her association with CCENY has provided her the opportunity to travel to Ecuador, and help the youth of Ambato, Ecuador, by working with groups such as the International Aesthetic Medicine Center, to provide those at social risk and in poverty with items as kitchen cooking and serving utensils for the children; and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of her commitment to CCENY, her humanitarian efforts and outstanding leadership, Sasquia Carrillo was chosen as the 2016 Queen of The Ecuadorian Civic Committee of New York; and

**WHERAS,** the Mayor and Council, of the City of Linden, wish to recognize the many accomplishments of Linden resident Sasquia Carrillo, and her being chosen as the 2016 Queen of the Ecuadorian Civic Committee of New York.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate Sasquia Carrillo on being chosen as 2016 Queen of the Ecuadorian Civic Committee of New York, and thank her for the many services that she helps provide to the Ecuadorian community, both here and in Ecuador.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden to mark in perpetuity the accomplishments of Sasquia Carrillo and that a copy of this resolution be fittingly present to her.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-229**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO**

**ESTABLISH THE CURRENT FUND**

**OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH JULY 31, 2017**

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

**WHEREAS,** the total appropriations in the 2016 Current Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund, pension, and public assistance, is the sum of $85,323,092.34 and

**WHEREAS,** seven months of the total appropriations in the 2016 Current Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund, pension, and public assistance in said Current Operating Budget is the sum of $49,771,803.86; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-230**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO**

**ESTABLISH THE SANITARY LANDFILL**

**UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET**

**FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH JULY 31, 2017**

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

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2016 Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of $272,700.00; and **WHEREAS,** seven months of the total temporary appropriations for the Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget cannot exceed the sum of $159,075.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following temporary appropriations be made in the amount of $159,075.00 and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-231**

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

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

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-232**

**A RESOLUTION ON THE 2016**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – Audit Recommendations**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Linden that:

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Annual Audit of the City of Linden, conducted by Suplee, Clooney and Company, contained certain recommendations requiring action; and

**WHEREAS**, these recommendations have been reviewed by the City’s Chief Financial Officer / Municipal Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chief Financial Officer /Municipal Treasurer, in accordance with the requirement promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services, has developed a plan to address the recommendations listed by the auditors;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Linden that the Corrective Action Plan for the 2016 Annual Municipal Audit, hereto attached, is hereby approved and accepted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution and its attachments to the Division of Local Government Services.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. In response to Ms. Malik, Mrs. Zack explained what a corrective action plan was.

See vote after resolution 2017-241.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-233**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE**

**RENT LEVELING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

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

Section 1. That, pursuant to the provisions of an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE, CONTROL AND STABILIZE RENTS AND CREATE A RENT CONTROL BOARD WITHIN THE CITY OF LINDEN," passed October 3, 1972 and approved October 4, 1972, and as amended and supplemented, there shall be and hereby are appointed as members of the Rent Leveling Board of the City of Linden the following persons:

Citizens

Pauline Blahuta

1314 Winans Avenue, Linden, New Jersey

Joan Konrad

2400 Old Grove Rd., Linden, New Jersey

Edward Kaminski

201 Maple Ave., Linden, New Jersey

Landlords

Vacant – 1

Vacant – 2

Tenants

Mark MacDonald

115 W. Blancke Street, Linden, New Jersey

Danielle Cratice

834 Gilchrist Avenue, Linden, New Jersey

Alternate No. 1

Joanne Gareis

843 Laurita Street, Linden, New Jersey

Alternate No. 2

Vacant

Section 2. The above named persons shall serve as members of the Rent Leveling Board of the City of Linden for a term of one year effective July 1, 2017 and until their successors shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-234**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMERITO RUIZO, JR. AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE LINDEN-ROSELLE**

**SEWERAGE AUTHORITY TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF**

**PATRICK J. CERRA**

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

Section 1. That pursuant to the Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE CREATING THE LINDEN ROSELLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY”, approved December 3, 1947, a certified copy whereof was duly filed by the City Clerk in the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, **Emerito Ruizo, Jr.** residing in Linden, New Jersey, be and he/she hereby is appointed an alternate member of the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority to serve fill the unexpired term of Patrick J. Cerra which commenced on May 1, 2017 and terminates on April 30, 2021 and until his/her successor has been appointed and qualifies, to exercise and perform all the rights, powers and duties provided in the Ordinance hereinbefore mentioned, and in N.J.S.A. 40:14A-1 et seq., and the amendments and supplements thereto.

Section 2. That the City Clerk of the City of Linden shall certify a copy of this Resolution and cause it to be filed in the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-235**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2016 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the City of Linden’s Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS,** R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:50-6.5, a regulation requiring that the Governing Body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

**WHEREAS,** such Resolution and Certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five (45) days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS,** all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS,** failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local Governing Body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52-27BB52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who,

after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the

director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of

this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be

fined not more that one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) or imprisoned for not

more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 20, 2017.**

**RESOLUTION: 2017-236**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REFUND OF DEPOSITS

FROM THE 2017 ONLINE TAX SALE

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2017 an On-Line Tax Sale was conducted by Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector of the City of Linden and;

WHEREAS, due to multiple unsuccessful bidders, permission is requested to refund all deposits from the Tax Sale Account held by the Tax Collector and;

WHEREAS, due to said circumstances, the City is desirous of refunding said monies:

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

1. The Municipal Attorney has directed the Tax Collector to refund

all monies being held in the Tax Sale Account.

1. This resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2017- 237**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LINDEN TAX COLLECTOR**

**TO REFUND PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGMENT**

**WHEREAS,** the property owner, Andrike Terry & Geri Sales-Terry of Block 120 Lot 24, also known as 830 E. Curtis Street has filed a judgment with the Superior Court of New Jersey and was awarded a refund.

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden Tax Collector reports originally billed property taxes are paid in full.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** in the County of Union and State of New Jersey on this 20th day of June, 2017 as follows:

The City of Linden Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to refund judgment amount of taxes for Block-120 Lot-241 in the amounts of $2,284.49.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ $2,284.49 payable to: Andrike Terry & Geri Sales-Terry, 830 E. Curtis Street, charging same to # 7-01-55-275-999-000.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-238**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LINDEN TAX COLLECTOR**

**TO REFUND DUPLICATE PROPERTY TAXES**

**P.L. 1994, C.72**

**WHEREAS,** a property known as Block 198, Lot 43.01, also known as 176 Hussa Street is the subject of a P.I.L.O.T agreement dated July 15, 2008 Ordinance # 52-43, between the City of Linden and Apartments at St. Elizabeth’s titled An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Linden authorizing real property tax exemption and payments in lieu of taxes for property known as Block 198 Lot 43 (partial) pursuant to the long term tax exemption law, N.J.S.A. 40a:20-1, et seq; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden Tax Collector reports that the tax amounts listed below are already being collected through said P.I.L.O.T. agreement making this billing a duplicate which has been cancelled through resolution # 2017-239.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** in the County of Union and State of New Jersey on this 20th day of June, 2017 as follows:

The City of Linden Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to refund duplicate billed taxes for Block-198 Lot-43.01in the amounts listed below.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 12,239.27 payable to: Apartments at St. Elizabeth’s, 590 N. 75th Street, Newark, NJ 07107, charging same to # 7-01-55-288-999-904.

1. 3rd $3,492.20
2. 4th $3,450.16
3. 1st $1,735.59

2016 2nd $1,735.59

2016 3rd $1,825.73

Total $12,239.27

**RESOLUTION: 2017-239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LINDEN TAX COLLECTOR**

**TO CANCEL DUPLICATE PROPERTY TAXES**

**P.L. 1994, C.72**

**WHEREAS,** a property known as Block 198, Lot 43.01, also known as 176 Hussa Street is the subject of a P.I.L.O.T agreement dated July 15, 2008 Ordinance # 52-43, between the City of Linden and Apartments at St. Elizabeth’s

and,

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden Tax Collector reports that the tax amounts listed below are already being collected through said P.I.L.O.T. agreement making this billing a duplicate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** in the County of Union and State of New Jersey on this 20th day of June, 2017 as follows:

The City of Linden Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to cancel duplicate billed taxes for Block-198 Lot-43.01in the amounts listed below:

1. 3rd $3,492.20
2. 4th $3,450.16
3. 1st $1,735.59

2016 2nd $1,735.59

2016 3rd $1,825.73

2016 4th $1,920.85

2017 1st $1,804.44

2017 2nd $1,804.44

Total $17,769.00

**RESOLUTION: 2017-240**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BLOCK 580, LOT 31.09 ON THE CITY TAX MAP**

**WHEREAS,** the city council of the City of Linden (the “**City Council**”), in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the “**City**”), a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the “**State**”), is authorized pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et* *seq.* (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), to determine whether certain parcels of land within the Borough constitute an area in need of rehabilitation and/or an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 1994, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the planning board of the City (the **“Planning Board**”) to conduct an investigation to determine whether Block 580, Lot 31.09 (the “**Study Area**”), amongst other parcels, on the City tax map met the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 1994, the City Council adopted a resolution that determined the Study Area, amongst other parcels, to be an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to explore the potential redevelopment of the Study Area; and

**WHEREAS,** toward that end, the City has prepared a Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals (the “**RFQ/RFP**”) for the purpose of identifying prospective redevelopers and potential uses, in addition to or instead of, the potential permitted land uses of the Study Area.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Mayor, Council members and any necessary professional advisors or counsel are authorized and directed to circulate, in coordination with the City, the RFQ/RFP in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit A and as kept on file with the City Clerk with such additions, deletions and/or modifications as the Mayor, or his designee, deems appropriate.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-241**

**RESOLUTION QUALIFYING, THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS, PROFESSIONALS FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK.**

**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 2017;

**Public Relations**

**DIRECT DEVELOPMENT**

**1338 STATE ROUTE 36**

**HAZLET, NJ 07730**

**C9 CONCEPTS LLC**

**23 DYATT PLACE**

**HACKENSACK, NJ 07601**

**P.R. STRATEGIES**

**3611 PARK AVENUE**

**UNION CITY, NJ 07087**

**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.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. In response to Mrs. Malik, Mr. Antonelli explained the City process of doing RFQ’s to select its professionals. He then explained the process in detail.

Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of Resolutions 2017-232 and 2017-241. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina, and was ordered approved, with all voting yes, except, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling, who was absent.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-242**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MARK PAVING CO., INC. FOR RESURFACING OF CLINTON STREET, LOWER ROAD, PARKWAY AVENUE, WALTER STREET, TREMLEY POINT ROAD AND HARDING AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on June 6, 2017 for the resurfacing of Clinton Street, Lower Road, Parkway Avenue, Walter Street, Tremley Point Road and Harding Avenue in the City of Linden: and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-664-919; and

**WHEREAS,** Mark Paving Co., Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $306,633.40; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for resurfacing of Clinton Street, Lower Road, Parkway Avenue, Walter Street, Tremley Point Road and Harding Avenue, be and hereby, is awarded to Mark Paving Co., Inc., 77 Cutters Dock Road, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095, at a fee not to exceed $306,633.40 in accordance with their bid dated June 6, 2017; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between Mark Paving Co., Inc. and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute a contract with Mark Paving Co., Inc. to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-243**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RAHWAY FOR THE INSPECTION OF HARIBIENKO COURT**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a conflict in the Rahway Engineering Department for inspecting the paving of Haribienko Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Linden Engineering Department can inspect this work with the use of their consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, all costs will be paid by the developer’s escrow account; and

**WHEREAS,** a copy of the agreement is on file with the City Clerk as Exhibit A (the “Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-5(2), Linden and Rahway are each authorized to enter into this Agreement without public advertising for bids.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a shared services agreement with the City of Rahway for inspection of Haribienko Court is authorized.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-244**

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

**W. D. SNYDER CO. FOR THE POLICE EVIDENCE STORAGE ROOM IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on June 6, 2017 for the Police Evidence Storage Room in the City of Linden; and

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

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. C-04-55-902-650-919; and

**WHEREAS**, W.D. Snyder Co. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $74,250.00; and

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

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

1. A contract is awarded to W.D. Snyder Co. at their bid of $74,250.00.

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between W.D. Snyder Co. and the City of Linden.

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-245**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE**

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX CONTROL FOR THE CITY**

**OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a consultant to continue to provide unemployment insurance tax control and consultant services including supervision of claims, survey of coverage, verification of contributions, making necessary reports, with regard to this program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer/Municipal Treasurer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, which will be charged to account/line item No. 7-01-20-130-115-255, as attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection and is also independently exempt from bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (m) as expenses relate to insurance; 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 Chairman of the Insurance Commission has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contracts;

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

1. That an agreement be and hereby is awarded to Equifax Workforce Solutions, (previously known as Talx Corporation), 3896 Payshere Circile, Chicago, Illinois 60674 for a period of three years, the first year being July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed $2,641.31; second year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed $2,720.54; and third year being July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed $2,802.16.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a), (m) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the firm of Equifax Workforce Solutions, (previously known as Talx Corporation) offers the City of Linden extensive administrative experience in the field of unemployment insurance tax control and consultant services. The quotations offered for services were the most favorable quotations affording the most coverage and lowest administrative fee for the best interests of the City of Linden.

3. A notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2017-246**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has employed Firefighter Daniel Berlinski in its Fire Department; and

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

WHEREAS, this Firefighter has over seventeen years (17) years of PFRS service credit, meeting the minimum service credit requirement of at least four (4) years for PFRS members; and

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

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

WHEREAS, this Council and the Fire Chief have consented to the processing of this Involuntary Disability Retirement Application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Linden, accepts the recommendation of its Fire Chief and Personnel Division, and hereby authorizes the staff of the Personnel Division and any other necessary personnel to take all actions necessary to process an Involuntary Disability Retirement Application of Firefighter Daniel Berlinski; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2017-247**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BRIAN SAMER**

**FOR HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION**

**WHEREAS,** Brian Samer grew up in the 5th Ward of Linden with his parents Pauline and Richard Samer and older sister Deborah; and

**WHEREAS,** Brian Samer began his education at St. Elizabeth’s Catholic School in Linden and graduated Linden High School in 1982 with majoring in Carpentry and Mechanical Drawing and Drafting; and

**WHEREAS,** Brian Samer is highly devoted to his two children Evan and Lexa; and

**WHERAS,** he is an avid hunter and has been a member of Yo Buck Gun Club since 1977; and

**WHEREAS,** he enjoys ice hockey and has played on a travel team since 1972 as well as continuing to play occasionally along with being a USA hockey coach for 12 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Brian Samer was hired by the City of Linden, with the Public Property Department as a laborer in 1984 and was promoted to every title until becoming a Supervisor of Building Service/Maintenance Supervisor in 2007; and

**WHEREAS,** Brian Samer helped in recently remodeling and designing the Police Desk to fit the needs of the duties of the police officers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby thank Brian Samer for his hard work and dedication and his immense amount of pride that he has for his carpentry and duties with the Linden Police Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the City Council

of the City of Linden and a copy of this resolution be fittingly present to him

**Resolution 249**

John Roman, 15 W. Linden Ave., #2. Mr. Roman read from the resolution and asked was it the members of the Linden City Council that it applied too. Mr. Antonelli and President Alvarez clarified who the resolution applied too. A discussion followed on who the ordinance applied too. Next Mr. Roman who had asked who had asked for the resolution. President Alvarez, and Mrs. Hickey, responded that it was Mr. Brown. Mr. Roman asked why this was coming up now. Mr. Brown responded and explained his reasoning. He stated that it was not a personal issue, although people were trying to make it one. After a discussion between Mr. Roman and Mr. Brown, Mr. Roman stated that it was a valid resolution, but questioned its timing. The discussion continued as to the timing of the resolution. Mr. Strano asked for a point of order, as the discussion was no longer about the resolution, but was becoming a personnel combat. President Alvarez stated that it was a discussion, and if there is a problem, lets fix it. Mr. Roman concluded by saying pass the resolution and noting that it should have been on the books a long time ago. Mayor Armstead spoke in support of Mr. Brown and the resolution.

Joseph Hickey, 615 Inwood Rd. Mr. Hickey, in addition to providing his address, noted that he was the owner of DRB Digitizing, for whom this legislation is written for. Mr. Hickey noted that the Statue, quoted in the resolution, The Local Government Ethics Act, does not prohibit the award of a contract to a member of Council’s immediate family, and that there is no wrong doing going on. Mr. Antonelli responded, that you have to go further than the Local Government Ethics Act, noting the standards that govern the situation, and that the determination of violations of the Local Government Ethics Act is made by the Department of Community Affairs. He noted the procedures for that process. Mr. Antonelli explained that ultimately it is a policy decision of Council. He spoke about the various documents he had used, including an advisory opinion, to draft this resolution. Mr. Hickey responded that was the same information he had gotten, when he had contacted the State himself. Mayor Armstead recommended that Mr. Hickey solicit business from other towns. Mr. Hickey responded that he already does business with a number of other towns, and that he is certified by the County, as well. Mr. Antonelli explained that this was a resolution, adopting a policy. Mr. Hickey stated that a resolution would not supersede and State Statute or Policy’s and that he would have the right to put in bids, with the City and if he was the winning bid, receive an award. Mr. Antonelli noted several issues that the Councilwoman Hickey and other members of Council should be careful of. Mr. Hickey stated that it was his understanding that there were orders given not to give him any orders. He fell this was discriminatory, noting that he has been doing work since 2004, and this is a personnel vendetta. He noted the amount of business, he has done with the City in prior years.

Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of Resolution 2017-249. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was ordered approved, by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who was absent. Mr. Brooks commented that he agreed that there is nothing that prohibits this situation, but agreed that it should have been done quite some time ago, and he was voting yes. Mr. Medina commented that at the end of the day, it is all about timing. The gentleman has been doing business, with the City, since 2004, but Mr. Medina stated he had to be looking out for the best interest of the City, and also felt that there was a little bit of personal vendetta going on. He thought the resolution in the best interest of the City, explained why and voted yes. Mrs. Hickey stated that she was commenting, even though she had been advised not to by the attorney. She stated that despite whatever goes on here, there will be ethics complaints filed with the State, and why. She stated that she was a hard working councilwoman, and has nothing to do with her husband’s business. She thought this was politics at its best. She explained this was an effort to get her where it hurts, but this was not going to do that, why and that in the best interest of the City of Linden she was voting yes. President Alvarez noted that the resolution was correct, that Mr. Roman was correct in that it should have been done a long time ago. He noted that there were no other reasons then the ones that he was told today, for the resolution, and voted yes.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#61-43 Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of $100,000 for citywide curb and sidewalk reconstruction for and by the City of Linden and authorizing the issuance of $95,000. Bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

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

Ordinance #61-43 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Unanimously Ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#61-44 Bond ordinance authorizing the resurfacing of city owned parking lot at train station, appropriating $100,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $95,000.00 Bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

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

Ordinance #61-44 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Unanimously Ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#61-45 An ordinance to create a new chapter entitled “City of Linden Municipal Port Authority” by the City Council of the City of Linden.

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

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Ms. Malik asked where she could get more details on this. Mr. Antonelli responded that once it is passed, tonight Ms. Malik can obtain copies from the Clerk’s office.

There were none others. Ordinance #61-45 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Unanimously Ordered approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

At the start of the public comment period (9:08 pm) Mr. Brooks left the meeting.

Henry Mack. Mr. Mack stated that the peoples told him to bring grace and mercy to this Council. He praised the Mayor for taking the time to meet with him. He thanked the Engineering Department for what it did on behalf of the peoples. He thanked a number of individuals and provided his reasons for thanking them. Mr. Mack urged the members of the Council to talk with each other and not at each other. We are not in a position to talk at each other. He noted his observance about Council not talking to each other. He urged the members of the governing body to talk to each other.

Chris Lukenda. Mr. Lukenda asked who he would see about a street light out by the corner of his house. He noted that he, with the assistances of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling, have been trying to get the light done, for nine months. Deputy Clerk Honan responded. Mr. Lukenda noted that he agreed with Mr. Mack, that the members of Council need to get along better.

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

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

President Alvarez noted that he would now recognize member of Council, for a one minute comment period. He noted what the purpose of this comment period was. It was to answer questions from members of the Council who came up.

Mr. Brown – Spoke about the budget, the original proposed budget, and what it was reduced to. He also urged residents to attend any meetings where there is a presentation on the budget. He answered a question on the assessed value of an average home.

Mr. Strano – Thanked Mr. Brown for his work on the budget. He then commented on Mr. Roman’s statement regarding the resolution, and that what is in the agenda is a synopsis, and not the entire resolution.

Mrs. Yamakaitis – To Mr. Lukenda, noted she has had more success, with the street lights, by making a phone call, versus using the computer system.

**ANNOUNCMENTS**

President announced the following Council Meetings will be:

\*Council Conference meeting, Monday, July 17, 2017 in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting:

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the governing body, Mr. Strano moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk