**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2018 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**July 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the 2018 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 7:10 pm., prevailing time.

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

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

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

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

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

A roll call showed the following members were present:

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Barry Javick

Councilman Peter Brown

Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby

Councilman John F. Roman

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

Mrs. Ormon and Mr. Mohammed were both excused from the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Cosby moved for the approval of the Regular Minutes of the June 19, 2018 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**PRESENTATION**

**America’s 9/11 Foundation**

Mayor Armstead read the following proclamation:

**WHEREAS,** on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 an Islamic terrorist group by the name of al-Qaeda carried out a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks; and

**WHEREAS,** the attacks of September 11, 2001 changed our world forever and the State of New Jersey was greatly impacted by the tragedies that occurred on that date; and

**WHEREAS,** the heroics of the members of the many fire, police and other emergency agencies who acted courageously to protect and serve, should never be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS,** in October 2001 America’s 9/11 Foundation, Inc. was established to fund a college scholarship program for children of Active First Responders (EMS, FIRE, & POLICE) who each day place their lives on the line for all of us; and

**WHEREAS,** the Foundation also assists emergency organizations with funds, materials, equipment and/or volunteers when needed; and

**WHEREAS,** the Foundation has sponsored an Annual Memorial Ride, in August, to help raise funds in support of this worthy cause; and

**WHEREAS,** on Saturday, August 18, 2018, the Memorial Ride will be stopping at Aviation Plaza in Linden, NJ for its fifteenth and final ride; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor wishes to commend the Foundation for their worthy efforts and encourage support for the mission of the Foundation, for the past fifteen years; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Derek Armstead, Mayor of the City of Linden, in the State of New Jersey do hereby declare on this 3rd Saturday, August 18th, 2018, recognize the America’s 9/11 Foundation for their selfless involvement in support of our First Responders and their families and for contributing generously to same and that we commend the participants of the 9/11 Ride and America’s 9/11 Foundation for honoring those who have served us all so well , and for reminding us that **“We Never Forget”**.

**ORDINANCE – HEARING**

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

**#62-44** An Ordinance creating a new chapter in the code of the City of Linden entitled business hours.

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, Ms. Cosby 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 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:

**#62-45** 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.

2-12 Department of Police

Delete Section 2.12.12, Special Law Enforcement Officers

Add Section 2.12.12, Special Law Enforcement Officers

(Creating the position of Class 3 Special Law Enforcement Officers)

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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.

Craig Halloran, 120 Donaldson Place. Mr. Halloran asked what are the salaries, benefits and duties of specials, and why are they needed. Mr. Antonelli responded.

There being no other persons to be heard, Mr. Strano moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis 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:

**#62-46** Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of $77,000 for city wide curb and sidewalk reconstruction for and by the City of Linden and authorizing the issuance of $73,150 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. Javick moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman 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:

**#62-47** Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of $165,000 for acquisition of playground equipment and renovations for various parks for and by the City of Linden, and authorizing the issuance of $85,500 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. Javick moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was unanimously ordered approved.

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

**#62-48** 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. Adding Schedule 4-MM-6.

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Strano moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. 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:

**#62-49** An Ordinance adopting an amended redevelopment plan for the Park Plastics site, initially governing the redevelopment of Block 496, Lot 3, to include Block 496, Lot 4 on the tax map of the City, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A 40A:12A-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. 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:

**#62-50** An Ordinance to adopt the redevelopment plan entitled “1001 West Elizabeth Ave Redevelopment plan – Block 423, Lot 4.02,” Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

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

Mr. Antonelli noted that the Planning Board had rejected certain of the proposals, in the redevelopment plan. The Council has decided to proceed, with the Ordinance, despite the non-recommendation of the Planning Board.

President Alvarez asked Mr. Polles if a statement was necessary to go with adoption of the ordinance. Mr. Polles noted that the Planning Board had not provided any comments as to its reasons for not recommending the redevelopment plan. He added that in line with the provisions of the Redevelopment Law, this council has adopted the redevelopment plan. There were no specific comments, from the Planning Board, that the Council needed to address. Mr. Polles opined that the actions taken, by the Council, under the Local Redevelopment Law, was acquit.

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

**#62-51** An Ordinance to adopt the “Avenue C Redevelopment Plan,” Concerning Block 580 Lots 13 and 14 on the tax map of the City of Linden, Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-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.

John Principato, 2706 Westover Rd. Mr. Principato asked what exactly does the Avenue C Redevelopment Plan entail. Mr. Polles provided a response detailing what the plan entailed. Mr. Principato asked additional questions to which responses were provided.

There being no other persons to be heard, Mr. Strano moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman 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:

**#62-52** An Ordinance approving the application for a long term tax exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with PR II/GAR Tremley Property Two Urban Renewal LLC.

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 Wilverdine, 150 E. Morris Ave. Ms. Wilverdine stated that she is in favor of redevelopment, but gets nervous when she reads long term tax exemption. She asked how long was the term. She also noted that her comments apply to #62-53. Mr. Polles, special redevelopment counsel, provided a response. He also responded to additional questions that she asked. Ms. Wilverdine stated that Council should be looking out for the taxpayers. Mr. Brown also responded to Ms. Wilverdine, explaining the need for a PILOT agreement, particularly when it comes to the financing agreements that the developers need.

Ed Kaminsk, Maple Ave. Mr. Kaminski stated his agreement with the opinions of the previous speaker, and commented about the payment of the PILOT to various government entities. It was his opinion that one entity was taking money from another, and he did not see what the benefit was.

There being no other persons to be heard, Mr. Alvarez moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved with all members voting yes with the exception of Ms. 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:

**#62-53** An Ordinance approving the application for a long term tax exemption and authorizing the execution of a Financial Agreement with PRII/GAR Tremley Property Three Urban Renewal LLC.

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 all members voting yes with the exception of Ms. 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:

**#62-54** An ordinance amending the Infineum Redevelopment Project, Redevelopment Plan, to the Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A et seq.

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

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mrs. Yamakaitis moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by 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:

**#62-55** 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.

2-12 Department of Police

Delete Section 2.12.1, created – Department of Police

Add Section 2.12.1, created – Department of Police

(This ordinance add (4) SLEO III Officers to the compliment)

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 unanimously ordered approved.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**(\*\*\*) TAX COLLECTOR:**

1. 2018 Taxes $1,617,919.75

2017 Taxes $577,186.02

2016 Taxes $5,062.24

Garbage Fee Payments $43,235.33

Garbage Fee Penalty $2,835.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $38,732.41

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $108.81

Year End Penalty $15,802.22

Returned Check Fee Paid $60.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $20.00

Returned Sewer Clean out ($0.00)

Returned Sewer Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check 2018 ($4,767.17)

Returned Check Interest ($147.59)

Returned Online Payment 2018 Taxes ($2,637.93)

Returned Online Interest ($37.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $48,241.67

State Audit Payment $0.00

Premium $1,903,100.00

Sewer Clean out charge $1,599.93

DPW Reso payments $4,675.00

Interest $106,932.31

Total $4,357,921.00

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

3 10 7/10/18 17-00002 $1,400.00

8 14 6/13/18 17-00007 $1,400.00

21 8 7/10/18 17-00020 $1,100.00

29 13 6/25/18 17-00024 $1,400.00

124 3 6/18/18 17-00101 $15,200.00

144 14 6/13/18 17-00116 $900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $21,400.00 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 #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**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**

46 1 6/29/18 16-000033 $100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $100.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC6, LLC Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium**

52 11 6/13/18 17-00043 $800.00

57 4 6/13/18 17-00044 $1,100.00

72 10 6/13/18 17-00053 $800.00

85 3 6/13/18 17-00061 $33,500.00

92 4 6/26/18 17-00069 $400.00

101 27 7/10/18 17-00076 $400.00

158 1 6/27/18 17-00131 $800.00

168 1 7/10/18 17-00135 $1,100.00

285 7 6/20/18 17-00218 $1,000.00

367 35 7/10/18 17-00254 $1,000.00

381 8 6/28/18 17-00260 $400.00

472 10 6/25/18 17-00297 $1,500.00

503 10 6/29/18 17-00314 $800.00

533 8.02 6/15/18 17-00322 $800.00

540 10 6/13/18 17-00330 $14,200.00

553 3 6/13/18 17-00341 $400.00

562 16 6/13/18 17-00344 $900.00

570 40 6/21/18 17-00352 $700.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $60,600.00 payable to: Fig as Custodian for Fig NJ18, LLC, Secured Party, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #8-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2017 & 2018 tax sale on the following

block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

100 17 6/25/18 17-00075 $300.00

113 6 6/29/18 16-00081 $800.00

220 12 6/15/18 17-00184 $300.00

233 27 6/26/18 17-00189 $1,300.00

354 22 6/13/18 17-00246 $1,300.00

562 23 6/13/18 17-00346 $1,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the

amount of $5,300.00 payable to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC., 575 Route #-70, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723, charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

124 20 6/13/18 17-00102 $30,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $30,600.00 payable to: Sunshine State Certificates IV, LLLP, Bank United Trustee, 7900 Miami Lakes Drive West, Miami Lakes, FL 33016, charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

180 31 6/29/18 17-00147 $1,000.00

197 27-C023 6/13/18 17-00159 $700.00

338 12 6/22/18 17-00236 $900.00

383 5 6/13/18 17-00262 $1,400.00

554 9 6/13/18 17-00342 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the

amount of $5,000.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC7, LLC Firstrust Bank, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**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**

207 8.01 6/18/18 15-00143 $13,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $13,900.00 payable to: \* **Phoenix Funding, Inc, 917 Mountain Avenue, Suite #-1A, Mountainside, NJ 07092** charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

212 1 6/28/18 17-00178 $2,200.00

272 6 6/13/18 17-00208 $40,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $100.00 payable to: Lillian Zhang, 11 Walnut Street, Livingston, NJ 07039, charging same to account #8-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

343 17 6/18/18 17-00241 $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: Christiana T C/F, CE/1 Firsttrust, P.O. Box 5021, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021, charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

413 15 6/13/18 17-00272 $18,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $18,400.00 payable to: KCC Promised Lands, LLC, 2560 Route 22 East, # 175, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**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**

428 4 6/20/18 16-00276 $10,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $10,400.00 payable to: Tower DBW VII Trust 2017-1, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

471 10 6/27/18 15-00267 $1,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,100.00 payable to: FWDSL & Associates, LP, Attention: Jared Cucci, 17 W. Cliff Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

507 1 6/15/18 17-00316 $18,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $18,200.00 payable to: Murray Hill Investments, LLC, 83 Hunterdon Boulevard, Murray Hill, NJ, 07974, charging same to account #-8-1-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

553 2 6/13/18 17-00340 $2,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,900.00 payable to: Ber-Line Realty, LLC, P.O. Box 953, Lakewood, NJ 08701, charging same to account #-8-1-55-276-999-956.

**Overpayment** Block 109 Lot 10, Marian Wallace - 616 Lincoln Street

2018 Overpayment, Prepay of 2018 2nd quarter

The above referenced owner has paid the amounts due for 2018 2nd quarter prior to the Homestead Benefit Credit being applied, creating this overpayment and owner is entitled to a refund in the amount of $520.56.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $520.56 payable to: Marian Wallace, 616 Lincoln Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to # 8-01-55-288-999-904.

**Overpayment** Block 201 Lot 11 C020, William H. Rogers

104 E. Elizabeth Avenue, Unit 208, 2016 Overpayment

The above referenced owners mortgage company have paid the amounts due for 2016 in excess, creating this overpayment and the mortgage company is entitled to a refund in the amount of $5,062.25.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $5,062.25 payable to: Freedom Mortgage, 907 Peasant Valley Avenue, Suite #-3, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, charging same to # 8-01-55-288-999-904.

**Overpayment** Block 410 Lot 10, Old Owner: Craig Lazar

New Owner: Carlos & Margarita Lopez, 1837 N. Stiles Street

The above referenced old owners Mortgage Company and the new owner’s title agency have paid the 2018 2nd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the new owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $1,839.47.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,839.47, payable to Core Logic Tax Services, Attention: Kathy Bishop, 92-16 220th Street, Queens Village, NY 11428 charging same to account #-8-01-55-288-999-904.

**Tax Court** Block 421 Lot 15.01, Union County Realty Group, LLC - 651 N. Stiles Street

Tax Court Docket #-006912-2017

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a Tax Court of New Jersey judgment reducing the assessment by 1,800,000 for the tax years 2017 creating a total overpayment of $ 121,284.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 121,284.00 payable to: Union County Realty Group, LLC, C/O Zipp, Tannenbaum, LLC Attorney Trust Account, 280 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837, charging same to account #8-01-55-275-999-000.

**Overpayment** Block 469 Lot 21, Former Owner: Harjeaddr Khosa

Current Owner: Jean & Magalie Edme, 222 S. Stiles Street

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 $2,259.63.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,259.63 payable to: Lereta, LLC, Returns & Refunds,1123 Park View Drive, Covina, CA 91724 charging same to # 8-01-55-288-999-904.

**(\*\*\*) LINDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

1. Requesting approval of the following tax payments to the Board of Education:

July 2018 $7,851,326.33 January 2018 $7,851,326.33

August 2018 $7,851,326.33 February 2018 $7,851,326.33

September 2018 $7,851,326.33 March 2018 $7,851,326.33

October 2018 $7,851,326.33 April 2018 $7,851,326.33

November 2018 $7,851,326.33 May 2018 $7,851,326.33

December 2018 $7,851,326.33 June 2018 $7,851,326.33

**Total from July 2018 to June 2019 $94,215,916.00**

**(\*\*\*) FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STREET CLOSURE:**

1. Requesting permission to close Dill Avenue between Carnegie and Lincoln Street on Sunday, August 12, 2018 to hold their annual Tent Worship Service between 9:30am and 5:30pm. (Approval is granted pending approval of the Certificate of Liability Insurance by the Municipal Attorney)

**Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Consent Items #1 through #3. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was unanimously ordered approved.**

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL**

**First Ward**

Mrs. Ormon was absent.

**Second Ward**

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

Approval is requested for the following finance actions:

1. The payment of bills totaling $1,801,039.31; 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 1.00%.

Mr. Javick moved for the approval of the Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was ordered approved with all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who voted no.

Mr. Javick gave his Second Ward report. He spoke about the streets to be paved, in the Second Ward, tree trimming, and his efforts to improve safety in the 2nd Ward. He also talked about his efforts to purchase a sidewalk sweeper for Wood Ave. He concluded by providing his contact information.

**Third Ward**

Mr. Brown noted that he had a long list of items to go for tonight, but he would hold them for a future date. The one item that he did want to talk about was the STEM program, at the promenade park, which was run by the Liberty Science center. He spoke about the event, its success and his efforts, and the Mayors, to bring them back in to do a program during September to Remember.

**Fourth Ward**

Mr. Mohammed was absent.

**Fifth Ward**

Ms. Cosby noted that she had a short report. First she gave the report of the Construction Code Committee, noting that a total of $53,054.00 in fees were collected from all sources for the month of June. She then spoke about a building, in the Fifth Ward, that is in dangerous condition and the efforts to get it condemned. Next she gave a report on the last meeting of the Linden Housing Authority, and it including a round table for residents to come and speak at.

Ms. Cosby asked that the date of August 19th be saved for the annual Fifth Ward Community Cookout. She provided details on the event. Next she announced, with disappointment, that the wellness series had been canceled, due to lack of participation. She spoke about the awesome job the nurses had done, and the possible reasons for the lack of attendance. Ms. Cosby spoke about possible alternatives to the program and thanked Ms. Ormon for taking the time to attend, the autism awareness program.

Ms. Cosby provided her contact information. She noted that the fishing program is awesome, this year. She provided an update on the program, and the hope to be in the City budget, next year, to get stuff for the kids, instead of coming out of pocket. She thanked various volunteers for their help, and hoped that the program would start again in the fall.

**Sixth Ward**

Mr. Roman informed all that there was no recycling pickup, in the Sixth Ward, and the reasons. He asked Sixth Ward residents to leave it out and it will get picked up. Next he reported on the Landfill Committee meeting and noted the items discussed there. Next Mr. Roman announced Mr. Dann’s takeover of Public Properties. He spoke about his meeting with Mr. Dann regarding train station issues, and changes that he hoped would improve maintenance there. He hoped, that by next year, it was going to be a totally different place.

Mr. Roman spoke about the trimming of trees, and the number of trees that have to address. He informed all of the removal of a large tree, in the Sixth Ward, by PSE&G. He also spoke about the street paving projects that would be taking place in the Sixth Ward, including work that would take place as a result of the building of the new Walmart. Mr. Roman provided an update on the Meridia II project that recently broke ground. He spoke about traffic/pedestrian safety issues regarding the project and that they are being addressed.

Mr. Roman reported to all on the dedication of the new Fire department memorial to the eight men who lost their lives, during the 102 year history of the Linden Fire Department. He noted how moving of an experience it was.

**Seventh Ward**

Mr. Strano read the following report of the Personnel Committee:

1. Police Department:

a. Permission to advertise full time Clerk 1

b. The hiring (6) F/T Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainees from the attached list.

c. Amending the hiring date for Police Recruits from July 2, 2018 to July 6, 2018

d. The promotion of Charles Crane to Senior Computer Service Technician effective

July 17, 2018 at no increase in pay.

e. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Michael Martins, Police Recruit effective July 11, 2018

2. Department of Community Services:

a. The hiring of Anthony Scesney, Trenton Boyer, Stephen Quinerly, Eric Doss, Luis Florian, Michael Williams as Laborer 1 (tier 2) at the hourly rate of $15.00 effective August 1, 2018 pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements

b. Rescinding the hiring of Andrew Bisson effective July 2, 2018 (no longer interested)

c. Approval of Seasonal List (List on file in the City Clerk’s office)

3. Public Property/Recreational Services:

a. The hiring of Roberto Aleman and Douglas Scott as Laborer 1 (Tier 2) at the hourly rate of $15.00 effective August 1, 2018 pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements.

b. Approval of Seasonal List (List is on file in the City Clerk’s office)

4. Treasury Department:

a. The hiring of Lucy Miranda, P/T Clerk 1 at the hourly rate of $18.98 effective

August 1, 2018, pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements

5. Board of Health:

a. Amending the hiring date of Justin Panzarella, from July 2, 2018 to July 9, 2018.

6. Personnel:

a. FMLA/NJFLA:

Employee #090569 from 6/1/18 to 5/30/19

Employee #006134 from 7/1/18 to 6/30/19

Employee #000958 from 7/1/18 to 6/30/19

Employee #909223 from 7/2/18 to 8/15/18

Employee #909498 from 7/2/18 to 8/15/18

7. Fire Department:

a. Approval to send fire candidates for medical and psychological examinations to obtain eight (8) successful fire candidates.

Upon completion Mr. Strano asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Cosby stated that her question pertained to item#1, on the report. She added that the policy was changed, regarding the posting of positions, and she was told that it was too much work to publicize the posting of these positions, and that peoples applications were going to be kept on file. Ms. Cosby stated that she wants them to go to the applications on file, and hire someone to fill the vacancy, or change the policy back. Mr. Strano stated that the question is noted. Mr. Bodek explained that there was an instance where a second vacancy occurred, while a posting was taking place that the department was allowed to select from the existing applications to fill the second vacancy. Ms. Cosby said the policy was actually changed in writing. She noted her concerns.

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who abstained.

Mr. Strano reported on his first meeting of the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority, where he was appointed as an alternate member. He provided an update, on the Quite Zone, and that it would soon be activated. He also thanked all those who had worked on the project, including the City Engineer and Fire Chief, in order to get this relief for the residents of Tremely Point.

Mr. Strano concluded by talking about the retirement of the City Engineer, George Vircik, his long years of dedicated service and wished him the best in retirement.

**Eighth Ward**

Mrs. Yamakaitis announced that the Mayor’s Youth Commission would be sponsoring its annual backpack to school event on Monday, August 20th, and provided details on the event. She spoke about the other organizations that would be participating, and how donations could be made. The goal was to provide 1,000 backpacks to Linden students. Mrs. Yamakaitis informed all about the need to pre-register for this event. Next she provided a report on Project Graduation, which was sponsored by the Commission for the graduating Linden High school seniors.

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave her Eighth Ward report, noting street paving projects, in the ward, and painting of curbs. She also announced that recycling was not picked up, in the Eighth Ward, today, due to issues with the truck. She asked residents to leave their recycling out, and it will get picked up tomorrow. She announced the details of the plan for the upcoming Eighth Ward Community Day. She concluded by giving her best wishes to Mr. Brown, and his wife, on the birth of their son.

**Ninth Ward**

Mr. Medina announced that he did have a report from the Linden Library, this month. Next he informed all of the painting of shoulder lines, along Raritan Road, by the County, as a safety improvement. He announced that he has requested that the road delineators, on Wood Ave, in the area of Dunkin Donuts (Linden/Roselle Line) be replaced, and the reasons. Mr. Medina spoke about complaints that he has received about speeding, and wrong way drivers, on Berlant Ave, which has resulted in a number of accidents.

Mr. Medina informed Ninth Ward resident that if they want a tree planted to please contact him, by July 25th, so that they could be added to the fall planting list. He provided his contact information.

**Tenth Ward**

Mrs. Hickey started off with the report of the City Clerk’s office, a total of $3099.65, in City revenue, was collected for the month of June. Next she read the report of the City Clerk’s licensing division. In the month of May, 2018, a total of $9,413.00 was collected. For the month of June a total of $4,325.00 was collected. Mrs. Hickey apologized to the Fire Chief for missing the ceremony dedicating the memorial to Linden’s fallen firefighters. She then gave the report for the ambulance reimbursement system. A total of $67,422.31 was collected for the month of June, bringing the year to date total to $439,204.65. The fire prevention bureau collected a total of $9,398.95 for the month of June.

Mrs. Hickey stated that she serves on several committees, and reports on the activities of those committees have already been given, so she is not going to repeat them. She noted that the Shade Tree Commission is working on the fall planting list. If anyone wants a tree planted, this fall, they should email their councilman. Next she spoke about serving on the Engineering Committee, and that next month the streets, in the Tenth Ward, that would be paved in 2019 would be identified. Next she thanked Mr. Vircik for his years of service, to the City, stated that he would be missed, and wished him a happy retirement.

Mrs. Hickey informed all of the hosting, by the Linden Cultural Committee, of the annual play at the high school, and urged all to attend. She provided details on the event. She also announced the information on National Night Out, and invited residents to attend. Mrs. Hickey noted that the annual Winfield Carnival would be happening soon, and that she was working with the police to address issues and provide for the safety of Linden residents. She concluded by wishing everyone a happy summer.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Armstead noted he did not have a lot to report on this evening. He announced that Linden would be hosting its first children’s police academy. He provided details on the National Night Out event at the promenade park and invited residents to come out.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the retirement of City Engineer George Vircik, all that he has done for the City and wished him a happy retirement. He praised Mr. Vircik for his comment to the City.

**RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-288**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JONES ACT ASSIGNMENT SALE**

**OF MUNICIPAL TAX TITLE LIENS**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has held tax sales, but having no bidders for various properties, said certificates of sale have been struck off to the City; and

WHEREAS, certain certificates have high monetary receivable values in comparison to the actual value of the properties making them undesirable to the general public and therefore remain held by the City; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to improve the financial integrity of the City, the sale of such liens is warranted; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-114et seq, permits a municipality to sell an entire lien to the highest bidder, which may be less than the amount due on the certificate, subject to confirmation by the governing body.

WHEREAS, Minimum bids will be as listed based on balances due:

$0.00 to $5,000.00 Minimum Bid $1,000.00

$5,001.00 to $10,000.00 Minimum Bid $2,000.00

$10,001.00 to 25,000.00 Minimum Bid $5,000.00

$25,001.00 to $100,000.00 Minimum Bid $ $10,000.00

$100,001.00 to excess of $1,000,000.00 Minimum Bid $50,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector is hereby authorized to conduct a public assignment sale (Jones Act Sale) of any/all municipally held tax sale certificates held by the City of Linden:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Jones Act Sale bids will be received

by Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector at 1:00 PM on August 13, 2018, at the City of Linden, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, with confirmation by the Governing Body to be held on August 21, 2018.

Block Lot/Qual Address Owner of Record Amount to Redeem

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LISTING

**Mr. Medina moved to remove Resolution #2018-288 from further consideration.**

**The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who abstained.**

**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.**

**Craig Halloran asked to remove resolution 2018-298**

**Rhashonna Cosby asked to remove resolution 2018-294**

**John Principato asked to remove resolution 2018-286**

**Ed Kaminski asked to remove resolution 2018-286.**

Mr. Medina moved for approval of Resolutions #2018-286 through #2018-298 with the exception of Resolutions #2018-286, #2018-289 and #2018-294. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Yamakaitis who abstained on Resolution #2018-296.

**RESOLUTION TABLED AT THE JUNE 19, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-282**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO THE CITY OF LINDEN PAL**

**WHEREAS**, City of Linden, 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey wishes to donate $20,000.00 to the City of Linden PAL a non-profit whose purpose is to provide programs for the youth of Linden; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden PAL is desirous of accepting the aforesaid donation; 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. is 8-01-28-370-198-208; and

**WHEREAS,** said donation will be for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden shall donate the aforesaid donation with the condition that the Linden PAL shall provide an audit/financial statement and or similar document for 2017 to the City, before monies can be released, in compliance with the requirements of the policy adopted by the City of Linen by resolution 2015-347; 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.

**Mr. Medina moved to remove Resolution #2018-282 from the table. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-286**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MILLER BROS. TO PERFORM AN AUDIT OF THE CITY’S ELECTRIC USAGE AND BILLS**

**WHEREAS,** Miller Bros., located at 301 Alan Wood Road, Conshohocken, PA 19428 has offered to review and analyze the city’s electric usage and bills to maximize the solar benefits to the City at no cost to the City of Linden;

**WHEREAS,** the city is under no obligation to retain the services of Miller Bros. and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden, and the various departments shall cooperate with Miller Bros. by providing them with information about current electric usage and bills and any other non-privileged information they need in order to perform the audit.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union that:

1. The City Council of the City of Linden authorizes Miller Bros., located at 301 Alan Wood Road, Conshohocken, PA 19428 to perform an audit at no cost to the city of its electric bills and usage to maximize the solar benefits to the City.

John Principato. Mr. Principato stated his opinion that he thought this was a great idea, and the reasons why.

Ed Kaminsky. Mr. Kaminsky asked if we hadn’t done something like this, a couple of years ago, and if we did why are we doing it again. He thought that it should be tied to the possible siting of a solar farm at the old landfill. Mr. Bodek responded to Mr. Kaminsky’s questions. He also explained how the company gets paid.

**Mr. Medina moved for approval of Resolution #2018-286. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-287**

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

**D.L.S. CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING OF McCANDLESS STREET, LINCOLN STREET, HUSSA STREET, W. BALTIMORE AVENUE, DILL AVENUE, BOWER STREET, CLINTON STREET AND E. MORRIS AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on July 6, 2018 for the resurfacing of McCandless Street, Lincoln Street, Hussa Street, W. Baltimore Avenue, Dill Avenue, Bower Street, Clinton Street and E. Morris Avenue in the City of Linden; and

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

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. C-04-55-901-687-919; ($564,610.00) and C-04-55-901-664-919 ($127,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $691,610.00; 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 D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. at their bid of $691,610.00

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. and the City of Linden.

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

**RESOLUTION: 2018-289**

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

**ON 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 55 Lot 7 615 Cranford Avenue

**WHEREAS,** proper notice has been provided to the owners’s of said property 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 property cleaned up by the Department of Public Property and Division of Public Works employees at the cost as follows:

Block 55 Lot 7 615 Cranford Avenue $5,824.39

**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.

Craig Halloran, 120 Donaldson Pl. Mr. Halloran asked what type of work was being done, and why the City is placing liens on the property. Mr. Bodek responded.

**Mr. Medina moved for approval of Resolution #2018-289. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-290**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** there were certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of June, 2018 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**

6/4/18 Payroll payroll 1,805,100.65

6/6/18 Worker’s Comp. claims 17,110.18

6/6/18 Medco claims 80,798.89

6/14/18 SHBP Retirees June health premium 592,759.42

6/14/18 SHBP Active April health premium 650,864.65

6/18/18 Medco claims 82,757.79

6/18/18 Worker’s Comp. claims 18,025.69

6/18/18 Worker’s Comp. claims 18,233.93

6/18/18 Payroll payroll 1,675,445.79

6/28/18 City of Linden dental 37,370.26

6/28/18 Sewerage Authority dental 2,527.98

6/28/18 Housing dental 1,336.71

6/28/18 Library dental 900.31

6/28/18 Cobra dental 547.92

6/29/18 Worker’s Comp. claims 49,446.30

**TRUST**

6/4/18 Payroll payroll 77,930.00

6/18/18 Payroll payroll 65,335.54

**GRANT**

6/4/18 Payroll payroll 1,700.39

6/18/18 Payroll payroll 1,700.39

**Capital**

6/4/18 Payroll payroll 894.04

6/18/18 Payroll payroll 410.97

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

6/4/18 Payroll payroll 540.01

**RESOLUTION: 2018-291**

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

**JO-MED CONTRACTING CORP. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CURBS & SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on July 6, 2018 for the reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks at various locations in the City of Linden; and

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

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. C-04-55-901-692-919 ($70,000) and C-04-55-901-671-919 ($7,526.00); and

**WHEREAS**, Jo-Med Contracting Corp. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $77,526.00; 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 Jo-Med Contracting Corp. at their bid of $77,526.00.

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Jo-Med Contracting Corp. 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: 2018-292**

**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**

**Police Department**

**Dell WYSE Terminals –**

#86DMC03200 #860DMC02677 #860DMC03359

#860DMC03389 #86DMC03171 #860DMC02915

#860DMC02828 #860DMC023167 #860DMC01976

#860DMC02537 #860DMC02553 #860DMC03424

#860DMC03163 #860DMC02977 #860DMC03308

#860DMC02915

**Dell Optiplex 620 –**

#5C9R181 #DCDCVC1

**Belkin OmniView Pro3** #09220000043

**Dell PowerConnect –**

**Municipal Garage**

03 Taurus 1FAFP53U54A100506

MG51990 02 CROWN VIC. 2FAP71W93X107822

MG46429 03 CVPF 2FAFP71WX1X182512

MG72822 06 CVPI 2FAHP71W37X108740

10256MG 06 CVPI 2FAHP71W97X108743

MG65756 05 CVPI 2FAFP71W45X149320

MG39848 2000 FORD EXP. 1FMPU16LXYLC00304

MG39844 2000 FORD EXP. 1FMRU1669YLC14438

MG55390 02 CVPI 2FAFP71W73X209426

MG78290 2008 CVPI 2FAHP71V48X179468

MG39802 2000 FORD EXP. 1FMPU16LXYLA21423

MG39849 2000 FORD EXP. 1FMPU16L4YLC14439

MG52011 2002 DODGE VAN 287HB11Y12K140812

MG64678 2000 FORD EXP. 1FMPU16LXYLC00304

03 FORD TAURUS 1FAFP53UX3A137324 YBH93H

**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: 2018-293**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ACTING CITY ENGINEER FROM**

**AUGUST 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018**

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need to appoint an acting City Engineer for the City of Linden from August 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; 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,** K. Wendell Bibbs, PE, CME of Remington & Vernick Engineers, submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2018; and

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

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 80120155123255;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services for Acting City Engineer be and hereby is awarded to K. Wendell Bibbs, PE, CME of Remington & Vernick Engineers, 232 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033, at a fee not to exceed $ 35,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between K. Wendell Bibbs 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 K. Wendell Bibbs, PE, CME of Remington & Vernick Engineers to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2018-294**

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL (A3754) AND SENATE BILL (S2510)

EXEMPTING CERTAIN PERSONS FROM THE STATE COSMETOLOGY EDUCATIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS HAIRSTYLIST OR COSEMTOLOGIST

**WHEREAS,** The NJ Assembly and the NJ Senate have unanimously approved Bill (A-3754) and bill (S2510) which would amend and supplement the hair-styling Act of 1984,"P.L. 1984,c205 ( C.45:B-1 et seq) TO EXEMPT PERSONS WHO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF BRAIDING FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM THE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THAT ACT, AND PROVIDE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF OWNERS OF HAIR BRAIDING ESTABLISHMENTS.; and

**WHEREAS,** The cosponsor of the bill, McKnight (D-Hudson) has said, "Hair braiders are predominantly African-American and African immigrant women. This is a skill that is often learned at an early age and passed down from one generation to the next. Asking hair braiders to spend time and money on training that doesn't relate to their craft so they can do it professionally is unnecessarily burdensome” ; and

**WHEREAS,** The New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hair styling board licenses and regulates barbers, beauticians, cosmetology-hairstylists, manicurists, skin care specialists, teachers, shops and schools and registers students who attend these schools.  
The purpose of the Board is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of New Jersey; regulate the practice of cosmetology-hair styling; and  
ensure that cosmetology-hairstyling is performed in compliance with State law.  
The Board protects the public by making sure that cosmetologists and hairstylists meet all educational requirements for licensure; investigating and prosecuting cosmetologists and hairstylists who have broken the state's consumer protection laws; and

**WHEREAS,** there is more to braiding than just arranging the hair. In order to protect the members of the general public all persons who perform hair styling services must be required to have the basic knowledge of the following; ethics, interpersonal skills, professionalism, salesmanship, hair and scalp treatments, decontamination and infection control, basic hair cutting and hair styling, management and state laws, rules, and regulations for New Jersey all of which are required through the current State Board of Cosmetology structure.; and

**WHEREAS,** Traditions do not teach one how to analyze a client's hair and scalp prior to performing hairstyling services. Traditions do not teach one how to properly sanitize their tools and workstation. Traditions do not teach one which products should be used on specific hair types or textures. Traditions do not teach one how much tension should be applied to each hair texture when "trimming hair" which this bill would allow. What is most important to note is that traditions do not teach salon business and salesmanship, customer relations or the state board rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS,** These bills would take clients and income away from professionals who provide a full professional service including braids. They would be forced to reduce their prices for these services in order to be competitive with the unlicensed braiders who offer services for lower prices; and

**WHEREAS,** The most important element in our opposition to the bills and the proposed educational exemptions is that the general public would be subjected to potential health hazards and hair loss at the hands of untrained hair stylists,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden do hereby step forward and urge Governor Phil Murphy to reject (A3754) and (S2510) in the interest of public safety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the NJ State Board of Cosmetology and Governor Murphy.

Rhashonna Cosby. Ms. Cosby explained what the purpose of the resolution was and what her objections to the State’s legislation was. She then read an email in support of the views expressed in the resolution.

Mr. Medina moved for approval of Resolution #2018-294. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-295**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH RICCI PLANNING FOR ON-CALL PLANNING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for on-call Planning Services relative to redevelopment studies, amendments to City Ordinances, studies to create Special Improvement Districts as well as consultation on upcoming projects and associated meetings; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 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**, Ricci Planning submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for this purpose in various accounts and certification of availability of funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee at such time as services are ordered or otherwise called for;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 8-01-20-155-123-255;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Ricci Planning, 10 Georgian Drive, at a fee not to exceed $20,000.00, in accordance with their proposal dated November 2, 2017; and

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

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

**Resolution: 2018-296**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 469, BLUE COLLAR**

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

Whereas, the prior agreement expired on December 31, 2017; and

Whereas the Council and the Union have negotiated a successor agreement for blue collar employees.

Now therefore be it resolved that this Council approves the Teamsters Local 469 collective negotiations agreement – blue collar effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Be it further resolved that upon execution of successor agreement by Local 469, this Council authorizes the Mayor of the City of Linden to execute the successor agreement on behalf of the City.

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

**Resolution:2018-297**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 469, WHITE COLLAR**

Whereas the Council of the City of Linden has a collective negotiations agreement with the Teamsters Local 469 – white collar unit; and

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

Whereas the Council and the Union have negotiated a successor agreement for white collar employees.

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

Be it further resolved that upon execution of successor agreement by Local 469, this Council authorizes the Mayor of the City of Linden to execute the successor agreement on behalf of the City.

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

**RESOLUTION: 2018-298**

**RESOLUTION WAIVING FEES FOR A GARAGE SALE**

**TO BE HELD IN THE FIRST AND THIRD WARDS**

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to allow a community wide garage sale in the First and Third Wards on July 28, 2018 with a rain date of July 29, 2018; and

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

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

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

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

1. The City of Linden hereby waives fees for permits for a community wide garage sale in the First and Third Wards to be held on July 28, 2018 with a rain date on July 29, 2018
2. The city wide garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year.
3. Chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.
4. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**Resolution #2018-299 was read into the minutes by the clerk.**

**RESOLUTION:2018-299**

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AT NO COST TO THE CITY TO CONDUCT DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND LOGISTICAL STUDIES TO ESTABLISH A ROLL-ON/ROLL OFF MARINE AND CONNECTING RAIL FREIGHT SERVICE**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden due to its location is inundated with traffic congestion from trucks moving freight in the New York/New Jersey Metropolitan Region; and

**WHEREAS,** grant monies are available to conduct design, engineering and logistical studies to establish a roll-on/roll-off marine and connecting rail freight service, which will reduce the amount of traffic congestion caused by trucks; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application will be submitted at no cost to the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** formally gives permission to Jersey Harborside Transport, LLC to submit a grant for the above stated project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Linden and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement.

**Mr. Medina moved for approval of resolution #2018-299. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.**

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#62-56 Ordinance to adopt the amended and restated redevelopment plan entitled “Linden Airport Development Area,” pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**

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

John Principato, stated his objections to the ordinance, including the price that the City is receiving from the sale of the property, due to the change in zoning for the usage. He provided his understanding of the various amounts that the City would be losing, as a result, and urged the defeat of the ordinance. He noted that if other developers were told that the zoning would be changed to residential use, they may have bid on it.

Ordinance #62-56 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby, Mr. Roman, and Mrs. Hickey who voted no, Mr. Alvarez abstained. Mr. Roman clarified his vote, noting that the change in zoning was one issue, but his big gripe was that the project would have a PILOT, and what that would be costing the City. He also objected to the Board of Education receiving no taxes under a PILOT. Mr. Strano clarified his vote, noting that the property has sat vacant, for a large number of years, producing no taxes. He added that the property, during that time, has been costing the City money, as it has had to be maintained. Mrs. Yamakaitis stated her agreement with the comments made by Mr. Strano. Mr. Medina stated that he doesn’t like to see empty lots around Linden, and that he likes to see properties developed and brining in tax revenues. He stated he would like to see how this moves forward, by next month’s meeting. Mrs. Hickey thanked Mr. Principato for coming up. She stated that since it was first on the agenda, for the purchase of the property, for $300,000.00, it has been an issue. She noted that after the closing of the RFQ process she had a developer offer $400,000.00 for the property. She spoke about what it had been formerly zoned for and that we cannot keep giving City property away. Mrs. Hickey stated that almost every redevelopment matter that comes up on the agenda makes her sick to have to come to the meeting and the reasons why. She spoke about the reasons for her prior votes supporting PILOT programs. She spoke about her taxes, and that people cannot afford to live here any longer.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#62-57 Ordinance to adopt the redevelopment plan entitled “Block 437, Lots 5.03 and 5.04 Route 1/9 and Willow Glad Road,” Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**

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

John Principato. Mr. Principato stated that hopefully there is no PILOT program on this development, too.

Ordinance #62-57 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who was excused from the room. Mr. Roman commented that the road is in his ward, the problems with it, and that he would really like to see this redeveloped. He noted the comments, made last night, by Mr. Medina regarding the amount of truck traffic some of these developments would be brining to Linden. Mr. Medina noted his concerns and that he would like to see some site plans as to what is being proposed for the site.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#62-58 Ordinance to adopt the redevelopment plan entitled “Route 1/9 Stiles Street – Block 469, Lots 33.01, 34, 35.01 and 36.01,” pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**

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

Ordinance #62-58 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who was excused from the room and Mrs. Hickey who voted no.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#62-59 Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter XXXI, Zoning, 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.**

**Revise 31-20.25 Prohibited Uses.**

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

Ordinance #62-59 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who was excused from the room.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#62-60 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.**

**ADDING SALARY SCHEDULE 4-MM-6**

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

Ordinance #62-60 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

ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who was excused from the room.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#62-61 An ordinance amending the redevelopment plan for the South Wood Avenue redevelopment project and referring same to the Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**

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

Ordinance #62-61 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who voted no.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#62-62 An ordinance to create a new chapter entitled “Barbershops, Beauty Parlors and Nail Salons.”**

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

Ms. Cosby stated that she is very excited about this ordinance and wanted to thank Mr. Javick for doing all of the research to get this ordinance on for introduction. She stated that she is looking forward to working, with the State of New Jersey to make sure every establishment is licensed.

Ordinance #62-62 was introduced by Mr. Javick and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Brown who voted no. Mr. Brown commented that he was voting no as he did not see where we were getting the personnel to enforce this ordinance. He noted the complaints of residents due to the lack of enforcement of other ordinances. He would like to see a plan for enforcement. Ms. Cosby stated that she would volunteer, if allowed, to do the inspections.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Craig Halloran, 120 Donaldson Place. Mr. Halloran stated that he has proposed various ideas for resident parking, on his street, and has not heard anything back regarding his proposals. He noted that he has proposed other ideas and has not heard about anyone taking action on any of his ideas.

Ed Kaminski, Maple Avenue. Mr. Kaminski stated that his was disappointed with the name calling that is going on with members of the Governing Body. He asked all to reframe. Next he spoke about development and redevelopment, and that it has to be the right development. He noted the number of apartment units that are being built, and stated that we are choking at the seams. He spoke about the parking issues that are occurring with these development projects. Next he spoke about pedestrian safety and also noted areas, of Linden, that lack trees.

John Principato, Westover Road. Mr. Principato spoke about the price, per unit, that the City was getting for the property that is being given away. He made recommendations on how to get a better price on property that the City is selling. Next he complained about shopping carts, that he termed were “hanging out” on Stiles St., near Aviation Plaza. Mr. Principato responded to comments, made earlier by Mr. Strano and criticized Mr. Strano over redevelopment matters.

Avian Regan, 204 4th Avenue. Was no longer present.

Felice Twaddle, Laurita Street. Mrs. Twaddle asked what happened to the pretty hanging planters that we were going to get to hang from the light poles. She noted the presence of UPTOWN Linden signs on every light pole on Wood Ave. She stated as a taxpayer she appreciates the beautification project for Wood Ave. Next she thanked Mr. Javick for getting a branch trimmed that broke off in a storm. She asked Mr. Dann why the rest of the tree wasn’t trimmed when they removed the broken branch. She noted the presence of more broken branch’s on the next block. Next Mrs. Twaddle spoke about the memorial on the corner of Gibbons St and Wood Ave., the poor maintenance that is being done to keep it looking nice. A discussion took place with Mr. Strano regarding who is responsible for maintaining it. Next Mrs. Twaddle spoke about the CDBG grant program, through the County of Union, and that money was available and the type of projects it is available for. She stated that the applications come out in September, and are due back in December. She urged that all mark their calendars, and ensure an application is made for the City of Linden.

Mr. Mack. Mr. Mack spoke about the City Clerk, on behalf of the people of the City of Linden, and deemed the Clerk’s staff “wonderful.” Next he talked about not having enough time to speak about what the people of Linden want him to say, at these meetings.

Mr. Sierra, 10 Wood Ave. Mr. Sierra noted that this was his first time appearing before Council. He congratulated all of the members of the governing body. He stated that he walks the City every day and that he sees thinks. He said that he wanted to speak about his veteran brothers. He discussed George Farewell Park, and the condition it is in. It should be nice, and needs to be fixed. He asked that a tree that recently came down be replaced. He talked about other issues of concern to him regarding the lack of programs and activities. Mr. Mack made comments from his seat on this issue.

There being no further speakers Mr. Strano moved to close the public comment portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mr. Brown addressed the comments, made by members of the public and governing body, regarding the giving away of City land. He noted the presence of professionals, at the conference meeting, He called the comments about the giving away of City land nonsense. He talked about PILOT programs, the reports done by the professionals and the negotiation process that takes place before an agreement is placed before Council for consideration.

Ms. Cosby stated that Mrs. Twaddle had approached her regarding the Seniors in Motion Van, and that the City could get funding to pay for a driver. At that time, there was no interest, by the then management. Ms. Cosby hoped that with new management people could take a better and harder interest in getting the grant money. She commented that the City has missed many grant opportunities over the years, because nobody wanted to do the work. She thanked Mr. Sierra for his comments and his concerns.

Mr. Medina congratulated Mr. Brown on his new addition to his family. He also asked that all keep the five children who were lost in the fire in Union City, NJ, in their prayers. He urged all to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. He stated that this tragedy breaks his heart.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Alvarez announced the following:

\*Council Conference meeting:

Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting:

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Roman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk