**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2018 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**March 20, 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, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 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**

Councilwoman Lisa Ormon

Councilman Barry Javick

Councilman Alfred Mohammed

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

**Mr. Brown was ill and was excused from the meeting.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and on a roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Winter Tournament Champions**

**Linden Tiger Cubs Girls Basketball Team**

President Alvarez noted that the team was not present, and he would come back to this presentation when they arrived.

**Linden High School**

**2017-2018 Varsity Bowling Team**

President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead and Mrs. Ormon to come forward to make the presentation. Mrs. Ormon spoke about the incredible members of this team and their coach. She spoke about her hopes for their future, as they were a young team. She then read the resolution honoring the team, and made presentations to each member of the team.

**Women’s History Month**

**Lolita Slater**

President Alvarez called up Ms. Cosby and Ms. Slater for the presentation. Ms. Cosby called upon the Councilwomen to come stand with her. She then spoke about Ms. Slater and her work in the community. Ms. Cosby read the resolution honoring Ms. Slater and presented her with a copy of it. Ms. Slater stated that she never expects accolades for what she does, as it is done for the community. She told the Mayor and Council that she appreciates being recognized for her services.

**Candyce Mayers**

President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead and Mrs. Yamakaitis to do the presentation to Candyce Mayers. Mrs. Yamakaitis noted that Ms. Mayers was an Eighth Ward resident, was recently recognized, at a dinner, by the Union County Commission on the Status of Woman and read the resolution honoring Ms. Mayers. She then presented Ms. Mayers with a copy of the resolution.

**Pamela Jones**

Mayor Armstead noted that Pamela Jones was not here this evening.

**Women Officers Linden Police Department**

Mayor Armstead spoke about the female officers of the Linden Police Department and thanked them for all that they do. He noted that he can recall a time when there were no female officers, and when the current academy class graduates, there will be twelve female officers on the force. He then called upon all of the female officers present to come up and read the resolution honoring them. Each was presented with a copy.

**Soehl Middle School Teacher of the Year 2017-2018**

**Jennifer MacDonald**

Mrs. Yamakaitis called up Ms. MacDonald, and noted that she graduated with her son Dan. Mayor Armstead stated that Jennifer exemplifies what it is to be a great teacher, and she is one of the reasons that he supports hiring people, who grew up in this town, as teachers. He noted his reasons. Mrs. Yamakaitis read the resolution and presented it Ms. MacDonald with a copy. Ms. MacDonald thanked all for the resolution.

As President Alvarez started speaking about Ordinances on Hearing, the Basketball team arrived.

**Winter Tournament Champions**

**Linden Tiger Cubs Girls Basketball Team**

President Alvarez called upon the Mayor to make the presentation to the Linden Tiger Cubs Girls Basketball team. Mayor Armstead spoke about the basketball team, and spoke in glowing terms of the coaches. Mayor Armstead presented each girl, and the coaches, a certificate and medal.

**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:

**62-6 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 1, General Provisions, of an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance adopting the enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.**

**DELETE Section 1-5.2 Reserved in its entirety.**

**ADD New Section 1-5.2 Business and Occupations.**

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 Mr. Medina 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:

**62-7 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter XXXI, Zoning.**

**ADD New Section 31-49 Short Term Rental**

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 Mr. Medina 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:

**62-8 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinance of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as supplement.**

**7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS**

**7-33.1a Handicapped Parking On-Street**

**No. of**

**Name of Street Spaces Location**

**45 W. 18th Street 1 On the northeasterly sideline of Winans Avenue, 62 feet more or less southeasterly from the projection of the southeasterly curbline of West 18th Street on the side of 45 West 18th Street for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for a vehicle for Julius Hunter to be identified by license plate number and a placard to be issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing and displaying handicapped license plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.**

**504 Washington Avenue 1 On the northeasterly sideline of Washington Avenue, 50 feet more or less northwesterly from the projection of the northwesterly curbline of East Elm Street, in front of 504 Washington Avenue for a length of 22 feet.**

**625 E. Henry Street 1 On the northwesterly sideline of E. Henry Street, 180 feet more or less southwesterly from the projection of the southwesterly curbline of Bower Street for a length of 22 feet.**

**ADD:**

**625 E. Henry Street 1 On the northwesterly sideline of E. Henry Street, 180 feet more or less southwesterly from the projection of the southwesterly curbline of Bower Street for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for Dorothy L. Parker to be identified by license plate number and placard number 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.**

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**62-9 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter II, Administration, of an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance adopting and enacting the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” Passed November 23, 1999, and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.**

**DELETE 2-12.10 OFF-DUTY EMPLOYEMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS FOR POLICE-RELATED ACTIVITIES in its entirety.**

**ADD NEW SECTION 2-12.10 OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS FOR POLICE-RELATED ACTIVITIES.**

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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:

**62-10 An ordinance establishing a CAP Bank for the Calendar Year 2018.**

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

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

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked questions relative to the purpose of the ordinance, to which Mrs. Zack provided answers.

There being no other persons to be heard, Mr. Javick 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:

**62-11 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**

**(Amending the police compliment by adding four (4) sergeants**

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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:

**62-12 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.**

**Amending and modifying Schedule 4-MM-2**

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

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

**62-13 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.**

**7-16 Parking of Trucks**

**Delete**

**7-161. Prohibited in its entirety.**

**ADD**

**New 7-16.1**

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

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**62-14 An Ordinance vacating a portion of South Wood Avenue pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 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, Mrs. Ormon moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Strano 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:

**62-15 An Ordinance accepting dedication of a portion of S. Wood Avenue as a public roadway pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 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.

John Principato, 1706 Westover Road. Mr. Principato asked what part of Wood Ave, this ordinance pertained to. Mr. Bodek provided the response.

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

**62-16 An Ordinance authorizing installation of traffic control signal at the intersection of South Wood Avenue and the new bridge and elevated roadway to be constructed.**

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

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mrs. Ormon moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Strano who voted no. Mr. Strano spoke about his vote on the 62-14 and 62-15, which were originally yes votes, that he was changing them to no votes, and explained his reasons.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**62-17 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.**

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

**ADD:**

**Street Side Hours Days Location**

**Lower Road East 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Tue. Parkway Avenue to**

**to Tremley Point Road**

**S. Stiles Street North 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Tue. W. 20th Street to**

**W. 12th Street**

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

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Strano 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:

**62-18 Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of $280,500.00 for the acquisition of sport utility vehicles for the Police Department for and by the City of Linden, and authorizing the issuance of $266,475. Bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.**

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

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

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

1. The amount of money collected during the month of February 2018 and turned over to the

treasurer’s office is as follows:

2018 Taxes $31,324,300.28

2017 Taxes $320,059.96

2016 Taxes $0.00

Garbage Fee Payments $22,798.65

Garbage Fee Penalty $1,860.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $27,375.87

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $0.00

Year End Penalty $3,735.43

Returned Check Fee Paid $3.10

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $0.00

Returned Sewer Clean out ($100.00)

Returned Sewer Interest ($.1.27)

Returned Check 2018 ($61,719.75)

Returned Check 2017 ($420.98)

Returned Check Interest ($79.02)

Returned Online Payment 2017 Taxes ($9,012.08)

Returned Online Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $0.00

State Audit Payment $325.00

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $2,500.95

DPW Reso payments $3,272.00

Interest $55,576.03

Total $31,690,474.17

**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**

51 7 2/21/18 16-00034 $8,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $8,100.00 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 block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

62 13 2/26/18 16-00047 $3,100.00

385 8 2/28/18 16-00251 $100.00

477 11 2/13/18 16-00306 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,200.00 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 2017 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

104 1 2/13/18 16-00077 $24,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $24,900.00 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 2016 & 2017 tax sale on the following block

& lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

178 18 3/2/18 15-00119 $200.00

472 36 3/6/18 16-00301 $800.00

558 10 2/22/18 16-00354 $800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,800.00 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 2016 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

190 9 3/7/18 15-00127 $1,700.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,700.00 payable to: Actlien Holding, US Bank Cust, Actlien Holding, Tower DBW VI 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-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**

201 11 C014 2/26/18 15-00136 $1,000.00

201 11 C033 2/22/18 15-00139 $2,100.00

577 17 2/15/18 15-00344 $1,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,200.00 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 2017 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

226 10 2/28/18 16-00175 $17,500.00

419 25 CB047 2/22/18 16-00273 $6,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $24,000.00 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 2015 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

369 18 2/23/18 14-00251 $28,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $28,600.00 payable to: CFT Services, LLC, Cust for 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 2016 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium**

468 33 2/26/18 15-00265 $1,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,300.00 payable to: MTAG Cust Fig Cap Invest NJ, 13, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #8-01-55-276-999-956.

**Refund** Due to the assignment being rescinded, the City of Linden must refund the amount paid by Building Investor, LLC.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $44,342.77 payable to: Builder Investor, LLC, 119 Carnegie Street, Apt # 2, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #-8-01-55-401-999-918.

**Refund** Block 41, Lot 7 Ronald & Claudia Dominguez, 431 Grant Street

2017 Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $120.17.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $120.17 payable to: Ronald & Claudia Dominguez, 431 Grant Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

**Refund** Block 55 Lot 5, James A. & Ola V. Wright, 1320 Dill Avenue

2017 Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $60.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $60.00 payable to: James A. & Ola V. Wright, 1320 Dill Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

**Refund** Block 234 Lot 18, Joseph Rasnek, 51 Palisade Road

2017 Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $60.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $60.00 payable to: Joseph Rasnek, 51 Palisade Road, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

**Refund** Block 260 Lot 10, Giuseppe & Roxanne Soldano, 136 Livingston Road

2017 Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $130.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $130.00 payable to: Giuseppe & Roxanne Soldano, 245 Johnston Drive, Watchung, NJ, 07069 charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

**Refund** Block 269 Lot 10, Juan & Ramona Tejada, 136 Swarthmore Road

2017 Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $40.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $40.00 payable to: Juan & Ramona Tejada, 136 Swarthmore Road, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

**Refund** Block 282 Lot 15, David & Patricia Juliano, 306-308 Knopf Street

2018 1st qtr. overpayment

The above referenced owner’s Mortgage Company and the Owner have paid the 2018 1st quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of $2,280.82.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,280.82.payable to: David & Patricia Juliano, 306-308 Knopf Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to # 8-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 353 Lot 11.01, 319 De Witt Street, Certificate #13-00328

After reviewing a lien account, it was found a lien was sold void abinitio on the above property at the 2014 tax sale, and just being notified. As advised by Division of Local Government Services, this certificate has to be cancelled and the monies must be refunded to the outside lien holder. I had made a typo with the amount and the lien holder is entitled to $5.00 more.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $5.00, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011 and made payable to: Trade Money, LLC, 29 Palisades Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

**Refund** Block 379 Lot 5, Grunwald Properties, LLC, 741 Lindegar Street

2015 Overpayment - Sub-Division

The above referenced original/ Mother Lot owners have paid the amounts due for 2015 prior to the Sub-Division, creating this overpayment and the mother lot owner is entitled to a refund in the amount of $4,185.40.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,185.40 payable to: Grunwald Properties, LLC, 107 E. Curtis Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to # 8-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 485 Lot 18.01, Elvira Laguna, 730 Mc Gillvray Place

2017 Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $120.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $120.00 payable to: Elvira Laguna, 730 Mc Gillvray Place, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

**Refund** Block 522 Lot 2, Cytec Industries, Inc.

3301 B. Tremley Point Road

County Board Judgement #09-17000047L

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a County Board Judgment reducing the assessment by 550,500 for 2017creating a total overpayment of $24,176.59.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $24,176.59 payable to: Bruce J. Stavitsky, Esq for the benefit of Cytec Industries, Inc, 350 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, NJ 07004, charging same to account #8-01-55-275-999-000.

**Refund** Block 528 Lot 17, A. Talochka & I. Potapchuk, 131 E. 13th Street

2017 3rd qtr. overpayment

The above referenced owner’s Mortgage Company and the Owner have paid the 2017 3rd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of $2,613.46.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,613.46.payable to: A Talochka & I. Potapchuk, 131 E. 13th Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to # 8-01-55-288-999-904.

**Overpayment** Block 580 Lot 31.06, HD Development of MD C/O Home Depot

701-799 W. Edgar Road, 2017 4th qtr. overpayment

The above referenced owner has paid an incorrect amount for the 2017 4th quarter and is entitled a refund in the amount of $2,956.80.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,956.80.payable to: HD Development of MD C/O Home Depot, P.O. Box 105842, Tax Dept. 934, Atlanta GA, 30348-5842, charging same to # 8-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 500 Lot 4, 924 Worth, LLC, 924 Worth Avenue, # M

2017 Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $55.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $55.00 payable to: 924 Worth, LLC, 924 Worth Avenue, # M, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

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

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

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

Board of Health Richard Drozd Sr. Registered Environmental April 1, 2018

Health Specialist Public Health

**(\*\*\*) MAYOR ARMSTEAD:**

1. Advising that he is appointing the following individuals to the Linden Economic Development Corporation: Lois Bass commencing Jan. 1, 2017 and terminating Dec. 31, 2019

Felipe Cabezas commencing Jan. 1, 2017 and terminating Dec. 31, 2019

Wayne Cromwell commencing Jan. 1, 2017 and terminating Dec. 31, 2019

Patrick Gargano commencing immediately and terminating Dec. 31, 2019

(To fill the unexpired term of Rose Bussiculo)

**(\*\*\*) MAYOR ARMSTEAD:**

1. Advising that he is appointing the following individuals to the Local Board of Assistance:

Councilperson member: Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis, commencing retroactively to January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018.

Doris Johnson, commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2018 (To fill the unexpired term of Jeffrey Krowicki)

**(\*\*\*) MAYOR ARMSTEAD:**

1. Advising that he is appointing the following individual to the Environmental Commission:

Renee Banks, commencing immediately and terminating June 14, 2018 (To fill the unexpired term of Joe Labiak)

Renee banks shall then be reappointed commencing June 15, 2018 and terminating June 14, 2021 to serve a full three (3) year term.

**(\*\*\*) MAYOR ARMSTEAD:**

1. Advising that he is appointing the following individual to the Shade Tree Commission.

Renee Banks, commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2021. (To fill the unexpired term of Kevin Stisovsky)

**(\*\*\*) BOARD OF HEALTH:**

1. Advising that forty-six Certificates of Occupancy were issued during the month of January, 2018 and forty-seven Certificates of Occupancy were issued during the month of February 2018.

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

**(8)** Requesting approval of the following bingo/raffle applications which have been

submitted to the City Clerk’s Office

**Application # Organization Raffle Fees**

RA-1805 FOLAS 50/50 $20.00

RA-1806 PTA School #9 50/50 $20.00

1. **LIONS CLUB OF LINDEN:**

The Lions Club of Linden will be holding a Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, April 27, 2018 between the hours of 5pm-7pm to raise money for the eyeglass campaign. They are requesting the approval of City Council to waive the fees associated with the hall rental. The Lions Club will provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance and will be responsible for the costs relative to maintenance fees.

Mr. Javick moved for approval of Consent Items #1 through #9. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

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

**First Ward**

Mrs. Ormon congratulated all of the honorees tonight. Next she apologized to First Ward residents for last month’s meeting, which took six (6) hours. She noted the phone calls she had received regarding that meeting. She then spoke about the First and Second Ward joint community meeting regarding public safety, and noted the concerns that were addressed. She then talked about the virtual block watch program, and urged residents to participate. She then spoke about residents, trying to play detectives. She urged them not to, and to allow the police to do their jobs.

Mrs. Ormon announced that next family game night and provided details on the program. She added that the City works closely with the schools, and that it is not true that a school canceled their family game night because of a conflict with the City’s event on the same night. She then announced a series of other activities for residents, including the 3rd annual Easter egg hunt, a meeting regarding redevelopment, the 3rd annual community barbeque, and a combined First, Second and Third Ward community yard sale.

Mrs. Ormon spoke about the trees that came down, during recent storms, and thanked a resident for alerting the City regarding another tree that was about to come down. The tree did fall, within an hour. She was thankful that the resident took the time to pick up the phone and call her. She spoke about other storm related issues.

**Second Ward**

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

Approval is requested for the following finance actions:

1. The payment of bills totaling $1,099,800.55 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 February at the rate of 1.00%.

Mr. Javick moved for approval of the Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Ms. Cosby, who abstained.

Mr. Javick made the following statement regarding the introduction of the 2018 municipal budget:

I would like to take this time to introduce the 2018 City of Linden Municipal Budget.

The Budget represents a total of $109,130,559.75 in expenditures for the year 2018. 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.

The Finance Committee is proud to deliver this budget at a decrease in the municipal portion of your tax rate by $12.77 based on the average assessed home value of $131,756.

Once again, this year’s budget addresses many issues pertaining to our Police Department. It puts more cops on the streets. 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 2018 budget. I would like to especially thank every Department head for their dedication and diligence in preparing their 2018 municipal budget requests.

Please be advised that anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the 2018 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.

Mr. Javick then turned the floor over to Mayor Armstead to make comments about the 2018 budget.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the elimination of the garbage tax in 2017. The Mayor stated that he is proud to be part of a budget that gives the City a tax reduction of $12.77 based on the average assessed home value of $131,756.00. He then called on the Board of Education, and County to do the same and give the residents of the City of Linden a tax holiday. He felt that if the City could do it, the others could also do it. The Mayor asked that the other groups come in with a zero tax increase.

The Clerk then read the following Municipal Budget Notice:

Municipal Budget of the City of Linden, County of Union for the Calendar Year 2018.

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2018.

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Worrall Newspaper in the issue of March 29, 2018. The Governing Body of the City of Linden does hereby introduce the following Budget for the year 2018.

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 March 20, 2018.

A hearing on the Budget and tax Resolution will be held at City Hall, on April 17, 2018 at 7:00 0’clock (p.m.) at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 maybe presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Mr. Javick moved for introduction of the 2018 budget. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Mr. Javick reported on various events that are coming up in the Second Ward, including the family game night and the annual Easter Egg Hunt. He spoke about the need to keep the City clean, urged residents to pick up after their dogs, and that the dogs are on a leash. He asked Second Ward residents, with trees to be trimmed to please call him. Mr. Javick noted that he is the liaison to the Sid, and any resident with concerns about Wood Ave, should reach out to him. He provided his contact information.

**Fourth Ward**

Mr. Mohammed spoke about the tax decrease that residents would experience, with this budget. He thanked the Mayor and Finance Committee for their great work. Next he informed residents, of the Fourth Ward of the streets that he has submitted for paving in 2018. He asked that if any resident of the Fourth Ward would like a tree planted, to please contact him, and he would put it on his list. He provided his contact information.

**Fifth Ward**

Ms. Cosby noted that she was excited about the tax break, but noted her concern that this was a onetime occurrence. She expressed the opinion that this was a good thing, but more can be done in the future. Next she reported on the reorganization of the Linden-Roselle Sewerage Authority, noting the officers for 2018, and other activities of Authority.

Ms. Cosby next gave the report of the Construction Code Department. The department collected $91,413.00 in permits and fees. She noted other fees that the department collected. Next she noted that the Councilman had requested a street light. Ms. Cosby moved for the installation of a street light at 804 Bachellor Ave, on Pole #62022LD. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Ms. Cosby noted that her Wellness serious had to be canceled, but it has been rescheduled. She noted the topics that were to be covered, and provided details on the scheduling of the new event. She announced that the Linden Lions Club will be holding their fish fry fundraiser, provided details on the event, and noted that she has tickets for purchase if anyone is interested.

Ms. Cosby thanked Monty Brooks for speaking on financing of post-secondary education at the Fifth Ward Community meeting. Next she provided her contact information. Ms. Cosby announced the first 2018 meeting of the Hooked on Fishing Club, and invited Linden residents, whose children have an interest in fishing to attend. She noted that there are already 25 children involved.

**Sixth Ward**

Mr. Roman congratulated all those that were honored this evening. He then gave the report of the Division of Transportation and Parking. A total of $43,782.00 was collected from all sources for the month of February. He noted that the parking meters, on the recently reconstructed section of Wood Ave, would be replaced, and informed all that one the weather improves the County would be repaving Wood Ave.

Mr. Roman gave the report of the Landfill Committee, noting that as a new member of Council he was playing catchup on this issue. He then spoke about the Solar Panel project, and that the Committee held an award hoping to get more revenue.

Mr. Roman announced that he had held his first Sixth Ward Community meeting, which had about 100 participants. He thanked those that attended, Lt. Gunther for his presences, and promised that he would continue to work hard throughout the ward. He noted other traffic issues, in the Sixth Ward, that he is working on addressing. Mr. Roman announced the groundbreaking for the second phase of the Meridia project. Also the groundbreaking for the new Walmart, at the old GM site should be occurring in May.

Mr. Roman announced that the Wheeler Park Spray Park construction has begun, and spoke about the reasons that the spray park is replacing the pool. Next he spoke the trash issues near Blue Apron and in the Linden Ave are, and how bad it is. Construction Code has issued summons to those business, and they should have cleaned up the area. He announced that he has planned a Sixth Ward cleanup for April 15th at noon. He provided details on the event, noting that the volunteers would be out to areas where there is a lot of trash, pointing out the train station area and Linden Avenue, so that we can start out the seasons the right way. He added that the County will be doing Wheeler Park, at the same time.

Mr. Roman talked about the snow being predicted for this evening, and provided his contact information for those who had concerns. He asked Sixth Ward residents wanting trees trimmed or planted to also call him. Mr. Roman informed all that it was two years ago today that we lost two great Linden residents in an accident, including a Linden police officer. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of these individuals.

**Seventh Ward**

Mr. Strano asked if there were any questions on the Personnel Report. Ms. Cosby asked about the creation of the internal title of Assistant Construction Code Official, and what the Construction Code Committee had requested. Mr. Strano noted that the Committee held the request due to the ongoing labor negotiations. She asked to be invited to the Personnel meeting to discuss this further.

Mr. Antonelli cautioned members of Council about discussing personnel matters in public.

Virginia Malik asked if the positions, on this report, were replacing employee or increasing the number of employees.

Mr. Strano then gave the following report of the Personnel Committee:

1. Police Department:
2. Permission to advertise Statewide for (2) full time Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainees at the annual salary of $35,000. (Previously approved but not filled).
3. Department of Treasury:
   1. Permission to post for (1) full time Clerk 1 at the annual salary of $34,548 in the Treasury Department internally, if no qualified is expressed, then post externally. (To replace a vacancy).
4. Fire Department:
   1. Permission to post for (1) full time Clerk 1 at the annual salary of $34,548 in the Fire Department internally, if no qualified candidates, then post externally. (To replace a vacancy)
5. Construction Code Department:
   1. Permission to increase hours for Carl Gurney and Anthony Neibert, PT Electrical Subcode Officials not to exceed 29 hours per week.
   2. Permission to advertise Statewide for the position of full time Electrical Subcode Official.
6. Public Property & Recreational Services:

a. Approval of Seasonal Lists on file

6. In the Municipal Court:

a. Permission to post for (3) part time Clerk 1, not to exceed 25 hours per week to be paid out of the POAA account at no cost to the City of Linden, subject to the availability of funds in said account.

7. In the Board of Health:

a. Permission to advertise Statewide for the position of full time Registered Environmental Health Specialist. (To replace a vacancy)

8. In the Personnel Division:

a. Approval of donated sick time for Employee #107427

b. FMLA/NJFMLA:

Employee ID# 000724 Intermittent 1/26/18-12/31/18

Employee ID#107659 Intermittent 2/2/18 -12/31/18

Employee ID#107871 1/22/18 – 2/25/18

Employee ID#909342 3/6/18 – 6/6/18

Employee ID#000134 12/12/17 – 3/6/18

Employee ID#908987 11/13/17- 2/5/18

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was unanimously ordered approved.

Mr. Strano congratulated all of those honored earlier this evening, speaking in particular about the number on women who are officers in the Police Department. He then congratulated Mayor Armstead for the decrease in taxes.

**Eighth Ward**

Mrs. Yamakaitis provided an update on the traffic studies that were requested for the Eighth Ward, and provided details on each. She then spoke about car break-ins in the ward, noted the areas, and urged residents if they observe any suspicious activity/people to please call the police. She encouraged residents to sign up for the virtual block watch program.

Mrs. Yamakaitis congratulated Mrs. Zack and the finance committee on a job well done. She asked residents with cable/telephone wires down, in their neighborhood to please notify their council persons. Mrs. Yamakaitis announced her Eighth Ward April Community meeting, and provided the details on the event. She also announced the thirteenth annual Eighth Ward Easter Egg hunt and invited all to attend.

Mrs. Yamakaitis reminded all that starting on April 1st 2018 dog licenses are due.

**Ninth Ward**

Mr. Medina began by giving his library report, which detailed various activities at the library, and events sponsored by the Friends of the Linden Library. He then congratulated all of the women that were recognized this evening and the Linden Tiger Club girls basketball team.

Mr. Medina noted that the weather has been delaying the start of the road construction projects. He then thanked the Public Works tree crew for the great job they were doing addressing tree issues in the Ninth Ward, and the entire DPW for the great job they have done in dealing with the winter storms.

Mr. Medina announced that due to a conflict with the Relay for Life, the combined Ninth and Tenth Ward community was canceled, but they were looking for new dates to reschedule it. He noted topics to be discussed at the community meeting. Mr. Medina announced that he is working on scheduling the Ninth and Tenth Wards community yard sale, for the spring, and hoped to schedule a second one in the fall.

Mr. Medina gave a special thank you to Alexis Zack, her staff, the Mayor and the governing body for their hard work on the budget.

**Tenth Ward**

Mrs. Hickey gave the report of the City Clerk’s office which collected $4436.65 for the month of February. The City Clerk’s licensing division collected a total of $8,366.00, also for the month of February. She announced that starting on April 2nd, resident can do dog licenses and garage sale permits on line on the City website. She reminded residents about the requirements to license their dogs.

Mrs. Hickey gave the report of the Fire Committee. The Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of $8,506.04 in fees for the month of February. The ambulance reimbursement program collected a total of $72,849.71 for the month of February, bringing the year to date total to $259,868.83.

Mrs. Hickey congratulated all of the honoree’s this evening. She informed that Mr. Dann was absent this evening as he was preparing for tonight’s predicted snow storm. Next she provided information on the Ninth and Tenth Wards Fourth Annual Easter egg hunt. Mrs. Hickey spoke about the complaints from residents living around School #9 regarding the actions of people picking up and dropping off children. She asked those brining children to have respect for others property and do not block others driveways.

Mrs. Hickey reported on her attendance at a Shade Tree Commission meeting and reported on the Commissions activities. She then spoke about the trash behind CVS being disgraceful, how she observed it first hand, and hope that all could work together to clean it up. Mrs. Hickey asked that with the upcoming snow storm, residents work to park their cars off of the streets. She announced that the governor has declared a state of emergency.

Mrs. Hickey spoke about the budget and the pressure that the department heads worked under to reduce their budgets. She thanked several people for the work they did on the budget. She thanked all of the departments for their efforts. She concluded by providing her contact information.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead spoke about how excited he was about the 2018 budget, and the tax reduction it puts in place, adding that this is the first reduction since 2006. He gave Councilman Brown a lot of the credit for the reduction in taxes that is taking place.

Mayor Armstead announced that the ISP/DuPont property has been sold to Advanced Greek, and that he is looking forward to the property being fully developed. Next he informed all that a groundbreaking has been scheduled for the first week of May for the St. Georges Ave redevelopment project. He provided highlights of the project. The Mayor also announced that the groundbreaking for phase two of the Meridia development has been scheduled for May 16th. He spoke about the difference between the phase 1 and phase 2 construction of the buildings.

Mayor Armstead informed all that he met with Blue Apron to discuss security issues at their site. He noted that they have recently hired a retired Linden police Lt. to head security at their site. They will be hiring Linden residents to fill other security positions. The Mayor announced that application has been made, to the State, to make the Tremely Point area an opportunity zone. He explained what that meant for the area.

Mayor Armstead spoke about his recent trip to Washington, D.C. for discussions on Short Lines, and NJ Transit. The main issue discussed was funding for short lines, and how it impacts on their development. He explained the benefits to Linden. The Mayor provided an explanation on the Community Development Resolution that would be voted on later. Of particular importance was the requirement that commercial developers hire Linden residents first.

Mayor Armstead talked about the Police Side Job Ordinance amendment that would lower the cost to entities, like the Linden Housing Authority, when they employ off duty police officers. The Mayor announced that Governor had declared a state of emergency regarding tonight’s coming snow storm, requested that residents remove vehicles from the streets, especially the snow emergency routes, and announced that Linden public schools would be closed tomorrow. The Mayor also spoke about the deaths of the two Linden residents two years ago in a tragic car accident.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Ms. Cosby moved for approval of Resolutions #2018-142 through #2018-178 with the exception of resolutions #2018-144, #2018-146, #2018-151, #2018-152, #2018-155, #2018-157, #2018-158, #2018-159, #2018-171, #2018-173 and #2018-177. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who voted no on resolution #2018-170 and abstained on Resolutions #2018-156 and #2018-163.**

Resolutions #2018-144, #2018-146, #2018-151, #2018-152, #2018-155, #2018-157, #2018-158, #2018-159, #2018-171, #2018-173, #2018-177 were removed at the request of Ms. Malik and Mr. Principato.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-144**

**RESOLUTION FOR PLAYSITES & SURFACES, INC. PROVIDING THE INSTALLATION OF 7TH WARD PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SOLICITED BY QUOTATIONS FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to install 7th ward park playground equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the solicitation of competitive quotes and the award to a vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS,** Playsites & Surfaces, Inc., 103 Brightside Avenue, Central Islip, NY 11722 was solicited for quotations; and

**WHEREAS,** Playsites & Surfaces, Inc provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed $24,225.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to C-04-55-904-517-919.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Playsites & Surfaces, Inc be awarded a contract to supply installation of 7th ward park equipment at the low quote of $24,225.00.

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

John Principato. Mr. Principato spoke about the 18th Street Park, and requested that funds be allocated to deal with the flooding issue that constantly affects the park. He also asked questions about the rebuilding of the Wales Park, to which Mrs. Ormon responded regarding the time frame for the rebuilding of Wales Park, noting that the insurance company and prosecutors office was involved due to the arson.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-177.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-145**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS SCRAP FOR**

**SALE OR DISPOSITION**

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

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

**Dell Monitors (4) Serial No:, CN0XKFTR641802CP0FNS, CN0CC2807161865QCAVM, CN0CC2807161869KBC7B, CN0C552H72872**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to sell at public auction or dispose of, as appropriate, the attached items; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2018-146**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO**

**ESTABLISH THE SANITARY LANDFILL**

**UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET**

**FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018**

**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 2018 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 2017 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 145,100.00; and **WHEREAS,** four months of the total temporary appropriations for the Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget cannot exceed the sum of $48,366.67; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following temporary appropriations be made in the amount of $48,366.67 and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked about the total operating budget for the Landfill, since it has been closed. Mrs. Zack responded and noted the total spent on the landfill over the years. There were also questions regarding the timeline of the closure.

John Principato. Mr. Principato spoke about the closure of the Landfill, and work that employees have continued to do there over the years. He was interested to know if those employees were still there. Mrs. Zack and President Alvarez responded.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-177.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-147**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH MARK PAVING CO., INC. FOR THE RESURFACING OF BIRCHWOOD ROAD, HILLSIDE ROAD, MORRISTOWN ROAD, PALLANT AVENUE, ROSEWOOD TERRACE, SWARTHMORE ROAD, CRESCENT PARKWAY AND THE E. ELIZABETH AVENUE PARKING LOT IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden passed a Resolution No. 2017-262 on July 18, 2017 approving an award of a contract to Mark Paving Co., Inc. for the resurfacing of various streets in the City of Linden in the amount of $316,962.93; and

**WHEREAS**, a change order in the amount of $6,528.00 is required to extend the project; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures for said contract is $323,490.93; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. T-03-56-801-018-001;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement awarded to Mark Paving Co., Inc. is hereby amended to increase the contract by the additional sum of $6,528.00, for a total contract of $323,490.93; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents 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 an amendatory agreement with Mark Paving Co., Inc.; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2018-148**

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| **CURRENT FUND - APPROPRIATIONS** | | |  |  |
| **2018 CITY OF LINDEN** | |  |  |  |
| **GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS** | | |  |  |
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| **JANUARY 1, 2018 - APRIL 30, 2018** | | |  |  |
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| PRINTING/ADVERTISING: | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 6,667.00 |  |  |
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|  | Other Expenses | 20,000.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| AFFIRMATIVE ACTION | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 3,533.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 617.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 126,967.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 716.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CITY COUNCIL | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 65,933.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 1,767.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| MAYOR'S OFFICE | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 53,700.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 800.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| GRANT ADMINISTRATION | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 46,333.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 50,000.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 2,667.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 8,500.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CITY CLERK | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 148,066.33 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 13,682.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| ELECTIONS | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 3,134.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 10,500.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| ABC BOARD | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 1,000.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 400.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| COD & REVISION OF ORD.: | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 3,400.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 0.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 0.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION: | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 229,700.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 93,233.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| PAYROLL SERVICES | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 23,000.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| PURCHASING DEPT | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 103,250.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 243,984.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| AUDIT SERVICES | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 26,450.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| COLLECTION OF TAXES: | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 83,866.67 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 6,600.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| ASSESSMENT OF TAXES | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 85,400.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 1,033.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| APPRIASAL OF PROPERTY | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 3,333.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| LEGAL SERVICES & COSTS | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 136,533.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 84,467.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| TAX APPEALS | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 133,001.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| ENGINEERING SERVICES/COSTS | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 181,567.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 27,799.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| MORSES CREEK | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 800.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| MUNICIPAL COURT | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 290,434.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 26,374.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| LINDEN AIRPORT | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 1,333.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| PLANNING BOARD | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 9,767.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 26,500.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| ZONING BOARD | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 5,833.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 6,917.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| RENT LEVELING BOARD | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 1,000.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 100.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| UNIFORM BUILDING CODE ACT | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 240,100.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 21,451.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| GENERAL INSURANCE | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 3,533.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 708,766.33 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| WORKER COMPENSATION | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 660,000.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| HOSPITAL MED/SURG INSURANCE | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 5,198,834.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVER | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 0.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PLAN | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 8,333.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMP INSURANCE | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 0.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT: | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 5,179,134.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 130,740.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| E-TICKETS - POLICE DEPT | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 20,000.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CENTRAL DISPATCH | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 279,400.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 305,966.33 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 1,000.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 666.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 61,733.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 11,883.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 4,585,800.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 126,081.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 0.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| FIRE SERVICE CHARGE | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 200,000.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| STREETS & ROADS | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 162,667.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 9,833.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| SNOW REMOVAL | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 150,000.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 105,000.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| OTHER PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 689,767.67 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 47,267.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| MUNICIPAL GARAGE | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 397,200.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 490,334.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| SHADE TREE | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 3,533.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 22,295.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| SOLID WASTE COLLECTION | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 902,900.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 462,801.33 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| BUILDINGS & GROUNDS | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 580,699.67 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 95,767.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| RAILROAD STATION | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 10,000.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 125,168.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| BOARD OF HEALTH | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 282,900.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 27,833.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| VISITING NURSES | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 1,833.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| PEOSHA | |  |  |  |
|  | Salary & Wages | 1,200.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 3,033.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| DOG REGULATION | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 31,667.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| DEPT. OF COMMUNITY SERVICE | | |  |  |
|  | Salary & Wages | 44,200.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 350.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| OCC CENTER OF UNION COUNTY | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 0.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| RECREATION CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 0.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| RECREATION SERVICES & PROGRAMS | | |  |  |
|  | Salary & Wages | 435,167.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 56,467.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| MAINTENANCE OF PARKS | |  |  |  |
|  | Salary & Wages | 258,500.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 19,584.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| MAINTENANCE FREE LIBRARY | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 700,000.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CELEBRATION/PUBLIC HOLIDAY | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 1,534.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| SALARY ADJUSTMENT | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 0.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| POSTAGE: | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 35,667.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| ELECTRIC | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 207,418.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| STREET LIGHTING | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 300,000.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| TELEPHONE | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 155,442.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| WATER | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 24,500.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| GAS |  |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 45,498.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| FUEL OIL | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 2,333.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| SEWERAGE AUTHORITY | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 6,667.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| PUBLIC EMP RETIREMENT SYS | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 2,198,716.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| SOCIAL SECURITY | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 2,064,944.19 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CONSOLIDATED P&F PENSION | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 12,000.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| P&F RETIREMENT SYSTEMS | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 6,600,659.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| DCRP | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 11,666.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 40,315.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| INTER-LOCAL VISITING NURSES | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 2,781.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| INTER-LOCAL BD OF ED SHARED RESOURCE OFFICER | | |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 34,495.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| PUBLIC DEFENDER | |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 16,867.00 |  |  |
|  | other expenses | 3,667.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT | |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 166,666.67 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| DEDICATED LANDFILL DEFICIT | | |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 210,000.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | | 29,604,505.19 |  |  |
|  |  | 29,604,505.19 |  |  |
|  |  | 0.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **SANITARY FUND - APPROPRIATIONS** | | |  |  |
| **2018 CITY OF LINDEN** | |  |  |  |
| **GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS** | | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **JANUARY 1, 2018 - APRIL 30, 2018** | | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries & Wages | 24,692.00 |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses | 23,674.67 |  |  |

**RESOLUTION: 2018-149**

**RESOLUTION**

**TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2018**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden desires to introduce the 2018 Temporary Capital budget of said municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden introduces the 2018 Temporary Capital Budget follows:

**Section 1.** The 2018 Temporary Capital Budget of the City of Linden is hereby introduced to read as follows:

**METHOD OF FINANCING**

**Est. Budget Capital Grant Debt**

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

Acquisition of an Ambulance $243,100.00 $243,100.00 $12,155.00 $0.00 $230,945.00

Citywide Camera System $508,700.00 $508,700.00 $25,435.00 $462,500.00

**Section 2.** The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of these projects for 2018 Capital Budget, to be included in the 2018 Capital Budget as adopted.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-150**

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to allow a community wide garage sale in the First, Second and Third Wards on June 16, 2018 with a rain date of June 23, 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, Second and Third Wards to be held on June 16, 2018 with a rain date on June 23, 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: 2018-151**

**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**

**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:**

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LISTS**

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

**Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik** asked questions regarding what were the parts of the uniforms being sold. Chief Hart and Chief Dooley responded.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-177.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-152**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PROPERTYPILOT, LLC d/b/a GOVPILOT FOR A PARKING PERMIT SOFTWARE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Linden has determined that there exists a need for proprietary computer software services for a parking permit program for the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Contract Law 40A:11-4 requires that every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) the City of Linden is authorized by law to undertake the purchase of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or his designee has certified as to the availability of finds for this purpose will be charged to account/line item 8-01-26-310-126-206; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contract;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**, that the contract for professional services be and hereby awarded to PropertyPilot, LLC d/b/a GovPilot, located at 75 Hudson Street, Suite 503, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030 in accordance with their qualifications, in an amount not to exceed $46,500.00 for the period beginning January 3, 2018 through January 2, 2021;

**BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED** that this Resolution expressly contingent upon the negotiation of the necessary contract documents between PropertyPilot, LLC d/b/a GovPilot and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to execute a contact with PropertyPilot, LLC d/b/a GovPilot to effectuate the foregoing; and;

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

John Principato. Mr. Principato asked what this expenditure represents. Mrs. Zack explained that this would allow residents to purchase parking permits online.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-177.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-153**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH T&M ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR POROUS PAVEMENT AT MEMORIAL PARK IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the preparation of contract documents for porous pavement at Memorial Park in the City of Linden; 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**, T&M Associates, submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2018; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to Account No. G-02-40-165-017-220;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to T&M Associates, 11 Tindal Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748, at a fee not to exceed $32,400.00 in accordance with their proposal dated March 7, 2018; and

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2018-154**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN THE CITY OF LINDEN BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE**

**CITY OF ELIZABETH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRINITAS HOSPITAL FOR**

**2018 FOR STD CLINIC SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden is desirous of entering into a contract with the City of Elizabeth Health Department, in conjunction with Trinitas Hospital, for STD testing; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2), said contract is exempt from the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS,** funds are available for this purpose, to be charged to account/line item No. 8-01-27-330-183-255;

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

1. The City of Linden and the Linden Health Department hereby approve the Letter of Agreement between the City of Linden and the City of Elizabeth, Department of Health and Human Services providing for STD testing, attached hereto and made a part hereof, in an amount of $160.00 per patient, not to exceed $7,425.00.

2. The Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are directed, empowered and authorized to execute said Letter of Agreement on behalf of the City of Linden.

3. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION:2018-155**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN VISITING NURSE AND HEALTH SERVICES, INC., D/B/A HOLY REDEEMER HOME CARE AND THE LINDEN BOARD OF HEALTH FOR 2018**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden is desirous of entering into a contract with Visiting Nurse and Health Services, Inc., d/b/a Holy Redeemer Home Care-NJ North for health educator services; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2), said contract is exempt from the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS,** funds are available for this purpose, to be charged to account/line item No. 8-01-27-330-183-255;

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

1. The City of Linden and the Linden Health Department hereby approve the 2018 Health Educator Agreement between the City of Linden and Visiting Nurse and Health Services, Inc., d/b/a Holy Redeemer Home Care-NJ North, attached hereto and made a part hereof, in the amount of $76.00 per hour, totaling $8,000.00, for a maximum amount of 96.5 hours, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

2. The Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are directed, empowered and authorized to execute said 2018 Health Educator Agreement on behalf of the City of Linden.

3. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked what services were being provided and who would receive them. Mr. Antonelli provided a partial response. President Alvarez advised Ms. Malik to call the Health Officer for further details.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-177.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-156**

Resolution Rescinding Resolution # 2018-125 Assignment

Of Tax Sale Certificate # 08-00039

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and,

WHEREAS, Builder Investor, LLC, had presented an offer to purchase, by assignment Certificate of sale #-08-00039 which was issued to the City of Linden at the tax sale held June 3, 2009, on Block 51 Lot 4, known as 1214 E. St. George Avenue and assessed to Albright Constriction Co, Inc, in the amount of $44,342.77 being the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges.

WHEREAS, The Mayor of The City of Linden has not endorsed Assignment Document and wishes to have the original resolution #2018-125 rescinded, therefore causing Stacey L. Carron, CTC, to refund said monies totaling $44,342.77 to Builder Investor, LLC, and causing said lien to revert back to a municipally held tax sale certificate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Linden herby authorizes the Mayor or other officials as appropriate to execute the necessary assignment document to rescind assignment of the above-referenced Certificate of Sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-157**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER AGREEMENT WITH PR II/GAR TREMLEY POINT TWO LLC**

**WHEREAS,** Block 587, Lots 1, 2.01, 20, 21 and 23 (more commonly referred to as the New Grasselli Road Bridge Site)as shown on the City of Linden tax maps (the “**Bridge** **Property**”) was the subject of an application to the City of Linden Engineer (hereinafter the “**Engineer**”) made by Linden Property Holdings LLC (“**Owners**”) to improve portions of the Bridge Property with the construction of a bridge and new elevated roadway, among other improvements (the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Engineer granted approval for the Project by way of a letter dated March 24, 2016 (the “**Approval**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden (the “**City**”) and the Owners originally entered into a Developer Agreement, dated April 16, 2015 (“**Original Developer Agreement**”), to establish the terms pursuant to which the Owners were required to undertake construction on the Project, and related matters; and

**WHEREAS,** Owners have entered into a contract to sell Block 587, Lots 1 and 2.01 (“**LPH Property**”) to Grasselli Road Partners II LLC (“**GRP II**”) and, as result of the passage of time and additional information becoming available, GRP II, Owners and City have determined to terminate the Original Developer Agreement at such time as the LPH Property may be conveyed to GRP II and for the City to enter into a new Developer Agreement, to be become effective upon the termination of the Original Developer Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, GRP II will assign its right to purchase Block 587, Lot 1, as more particularly to PR II/GAR Property Two LLC (“**PR II/GAR Two**”); and

**WHEREAS**, affiliates of PR/II GAR Two plan to develop the Development Property and certain parcels directly and indirectly contiguous thereto with uses permitted under applicable law; and

**WHEREAS,** said new Developer Agreement between the City and PR II/GAR Two has been prepared by the City’s Redevelopment Counsel and the City Attorney, and has been reviewed and approved by the City Engineer and by the attorney for the Purchaser.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Municipal Council of the City of Linden, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1**. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Developer Agreement substantially in the form as attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to such additions, deletions, modifications or amendments deemed necessary by the Mayor in his discretion in consultation with counsel, which additions, deletions, modifications or amendments do not alter the substantive rights and obligations of the parties thereto, and to take all other necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the Developer Agreement.

**Section 2**. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Virginia Malik. In response to Ms. Malik, Mr. Antonelli explained that this is the new purchaser of the property, what the resolution does, and that this involves the developer’s agreement.

John Principato. Mr. Principato stated that his questions were answered.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-177.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-158**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 437, LOTS 5.03 AND 5.04 ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN ‘AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT’ (WITHOUT CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

**WHEREAS,** the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et seq*. (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute areas in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law, the city council (the “**City Council**”) of the City of Linden (the “**City**”) must authorize the planning board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to conduct a preliminary investigation of the area and make recommendations to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** on November 21, 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 437, Lots 5.03 and 5.04 on the tax map of the City (hereinafter the “**Study Area**”), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment providing that a redevelopment area determination would authorize the City and City Council to use all those powers permitted by the Redevelopment Law, the power of eminent domain; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 2018, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and recommended that the City Council designate the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria and requirements of the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has determined that, based upon the recommendations of the Planning Board, the Study Area should be designated an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law, such designation authorizing the City and City Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, other than the power of eminent domain.

**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 recommendations and conclusions of the Planning Board are hereby accepted by the City Council.

  Section 3. Based upon the findings and recommendations of the Planning Board, the Study Area is hereby designated an area in need of redevelopment other than the power of eminent domain pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of the Redevelopment Law (the “**Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area**”).

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for review pursuant to Section 6(b)(5) of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to serve, within ten (10) days hereof, a copy of this Resolution upon (i) all record owners of property located within the Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, as reflected on the tax assessor’s records, and (ii) each person who filed a written objection prior to the hearing held by the Planning Board, service to be in the manner provided by Section 6 of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Virginia Malik. Mr. Antonelli responded to a series of questions, by Ms. Malik regarding the designation of the site as an area in need of redevelopment.

John Principato. In response to Mr. Principato, President Alvarez provided the location of the properties identified in the resolution.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-177.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-159**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE CITY’S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 587, LOTS 1 AND 2.01 SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1, *et seq.***

**WHEREAS,** the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et seq*. (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute areas in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law the city council (“**City Council**”) of the City of Linden (the “**City**”) must authorize the planning board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to conduct a preliminary investigation of the area and make recommendations to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City that an investigation occur with respect to certain parcels within the City and therefore authorizes and directs the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known on the City tax maps as Block 587, Lots 1 and 2.01 (hereinafter the “**Study Area**”), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically  *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS,** the redevelopment area determination requested hereunder authorizes the City and City Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, other than the power of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a “**Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area**”).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY 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 Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an investigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6 to determine whether the Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5 to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment.

Section 3. As part of its investigation, the Planning Board shall prepare a map showing the boundaries of the Study Area and the location of the parcels contained therein, and appended thereto shall be a statement setting forth the basis of the investigation.

Section 4. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, after giving due notice of the proposed boundaries of the Study Area and the date of the hearing to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment. The notice of the hearing shall specifically state that the redevelopment area determination shall authorize the City or City Council to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the delineated area, for the Study Area is being investigated as a possible Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area.

Section 5. At the public hearing, the Planning Board shall hear from all persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is a redevelopment area.  All objections to a determination that the Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment and evidence in support of those objections shall be received and considered by the Planning Board and made part of the public record.

Section 6. After conducting its investigation, preparing a map of the Study Area, and conducting a public hearing at which all objections to the designation are received and considered, the Planning Board shall make a recommendation to the City Council as to whether the City Council should designate all or some of the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

John Principato. Mr. Principato stated that his questions have been answered.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-177.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-160**

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR 2018**

**WHEREAS,** the County of Union provides recycling grants for municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden is desirous of receiving said grant.

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

**LINDEN** that the City of Linden is hereby authorized to apply for said Recycling Enhancement Grant as authorized by the County of Union.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk and authorized personnel from the City of Linden shall be permitted to sign any documents necessary to implement said application.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-161**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE**

**DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR FIRE WATCH**

**WORK DONE BY THE FMBA LOCAL 34 and 234**

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden provides for receipt of fire watch work by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the fire watch work are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the

Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the fire watch work and the City of Linden.

1. The Clerk of the City of Linden, County of Union is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-162**

**LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOWLING TEAM**

**WHEREAS,** under the direction of Coach Cherie Pizzano, the **2017-2018 Linden High School Varsity Bowling Team** had a very successful season; and

**WHEREAS,** the **Linden High School Varsity Bowling Team** were crowned the Charles A. Simon Baker Tournament Champions, Union County Tournament Champions, North II Group III State Sectional Champions and Watchung Conference Champions “Undefeated Season” 17-0 Match Play winners; and

**WHEREAS, Sophomore, Anthony Golabek** captured the Watchung Conference High Average 204.48, placed 5th in the Union County Individual Tournament and **Freshman, James Fitz** had the Watchung Conference 2nd High Average of 204.29 and placed 41st in the State Final Individual Tournament; AND

**WHEREAS,** the 2017-2018 Linden High School Varsity Bowling Team finished with a School Record Team Series average of 3,270; and

**WHEREAS,** the **LHS Bowling Team** was able to achieve these accomplishments with the dedicated guidance of Coach Pizzano who became the Linden High School Varsity Bowling Coach in 2000. Ms. Pizzano was named North II, Group IV Coach of the Year three times, the National Federation of High School Coaches 2006 Boys Bowling Coach of the Year, NJ; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I DEREK ARMSTEAD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** do hereby congratulate the **LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING TEAM Darius Lewis, Anthony Golabek, Justin Peters, Matthew Sot and James Fitz** on their successful bowling season.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-163**

**RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER 1st LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

**KIM GUADAGNO DURING WOMAN’S HISTORY MONTH 2018**

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

**Whereas** American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

**Whereas** American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

**Whereas** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**Whereas** despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

**Whereas,** Kimberly Ann Guadagno is once such individual who serves the State of New Jersey. Kim Guadagno is an American attorney, politician and former prosecutor who served as the first Lieutenant Governor; and

**Whereas**, on January 19, 2010 Kim Guadagno was sworn in on January 19, 2010 as the first Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey and the 33rd Secretary of State, serving in both positions from January 19, 2010 through January 16, 2018. As Lieutenant Governor, she supervised and headed many programs. The State Archives, Division of Travel and Tourism, Division of Elections and served as the Chief Elections Official and chair of the Board of State Canvassers; and

**Whereas,** Kim Guadagno is a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York and the District of New Jersey. She was also Assistant New Jersey Attorney General, serving as deputy chief of the U.S. Attorney’s Office corruption unit from 1994-98. From 1998 to 2001 Kim served as the deputy coordinator in the Division of Criminal Justice; and

**Whereas,** in 2007 she was elected the 75th sheriff of Monmouth County, becoming the first woman to serve in the post. Kim Guadagno was the first Sheriff in New Jersey to institute a medical ID program to help ensure appropriate medical and law enforcement response to medically sensitive persons, such as children with special needs and encouraged autism training at the Police Academy; and

**Now Therefore be it Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate Kimberly Guadagno on her many accomplishments and recognize her as a woman of achievement during Women’s History Month, 2018.

**Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the Minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden, and a copy be fittingly presented to her.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-164**

**RESOLUTION HONORING CANDYCE MAYERS**

**DURING WOMAN’S HISTORY MONTH 2018**

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

**Whereas** American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

**Whereas** American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

**Whereas** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**Whereas** despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

**Whereas,** Candyce Mayers, Director of Residential Services for YWCA Union County since 2015. The YWCA has been at the forefront of the most critical social movements for more than 150 years, from women’s empowerment and civil right’s to affordable housing and pay equality, to violence prevention and health care; and

**Whereas**, the Young Women’s Christian Association’s emergency shelters provides a safe, comfortable environment for women and children in need of immediate safety. As the Director, Candyce oversees emergency shelter services for 80 to 100 women and an average of 120 children annually; and

**Whereas,** Candyce volunteers her time singing at the annual YWCA candlelight vigil, trains faith leaders in handling domestic violence, volunteers at soup kitchens and food pantries, provides support to women and families in crisis to help rebuild their lives, she has led blood drives and domestic violence workshops for youth at Mt. Teman AME Church, Elizabeth, NJ; and

**Now Therefore be it Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate Candyce Mayers on her many accomplishments and recognize her as a woman of achievement during Women’s History Month, 2018.

**Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the Minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden, and a copy be fittingly presented to her.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-165**

**RESOLUTION HONORING LOLITA SLATER**

**DURING WOMAN’S HISTORY MONTH 2018**

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

**Whereas** American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

**Whereas** American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

**Whereas** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**Whereas** despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

**Whereas**, Lolita Slater is one such individual, who serves the City of Linden and other communities throughout Union County through her countless hours of volunteering; and

**Whereas,** over the years Lolita has volunteered with many civic and community based organizations. Such organizations include the City of Linden Mayor’s Youth Commission, The Black Doll Affair Movement, AAU Basketball, Habitat for Humanity, NJ Cares, National Council of Negro Women to name a few; and

**Whereas**, Lolita is currently a social worker for Union County Social Service, a position she has held for over 18 years. She is the Vice President of her Union CWA Local 1080, is one of the founders and advisory board member for Just About Children’s Education, Inc., a non-profit organization in Rahway, NJ. Lolita is the Director of Strategic Planning for Someone’s Daughter, Inc., a community based non-profit organization that offers mentorship programs in Union County; and

**Now Therefore be it Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate Lolita Slater on her many accomplishments and recognize her as a woman of achievement during Women’s History Month, 2018.

**Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the Minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden, and a copy be fittingly presented to her.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-166**

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE WOMEN OF THE LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH 2018**

**Whereas,** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

**Whereas,** American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

**Whereas,** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

**Whereas,** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**Whereas,** March is Women’s History Month, so for Women’s History Month, we celebrate all women law enforcement officers in the City of Linden, throughout the state and around the country for their extraordinary contributions they make to keeping our communities safe and fighting crime; and

**Whereas,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden wish to recognize the women officers currently serving the Linden Police Department: Nancy Petroski, who joined the force on January 31, 1992 and is the first female officer to rise to the rank of Lieutenant, Sergeant Monika Oliviera, Sergeant Nicole Melchionna, Officer Stephanie Diaz, Officer Victoria Vazquez, Officer Michelle Bonilla, Officer Paulina Pereira, Officer Sonia Cano, Officer Nicole Andrews, Officer Camille Esparra, Recruit Maria Mercado and Recruit Gabrielle Mesaro; and

**Now Therefore be it Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate the Women In Law Enforcement on their many accomplishments and recognize them as a women of achievement during Women’s History Month, 2018.

**Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the Minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden, and a copy be fittingly presented to the Women of Linden Law Enforcement Officers.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-167**

**RESOLUTION HONORING PAMELA JONES**

**DURING WOMAN’S HISTORY MONTH 2018**

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

**Whereas** American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

**Whereas** American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

**Whereas** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**Whereas** despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

**Whereas,** Pamela Jones is once such individual who serves the City of Linden and other communities throughout Union and Essex County; and

**Whereas,** Pamela Gail Boykin Jones, affectionately known as “Pastor Pam” has been a resident of the City of Linden since 1986 and dedicated countless hours volunteering her time to secure funding to successfully mentor more than 150 at risk youth annually, provide transitional and employment services to teens in foster care and assist more than 200 adults annually in job readiness training; and

**Whereas,** Pamela Jones operates both the Youth and Family Engagement Center and Workforce Employment and Training Center located in Linden. Pamela also assists families by providing parenting skill, financial workshops, employment training, assisting seniors and makes food available to families in need; and

**Now Therefore be it Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate Pamela Jones on her many accomplishments and recognize her as a woman of achievement during Women’s History Month, 2018.

**Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the Minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden, and a copy be fittingly presented to her.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-168**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH ECKENRODE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

That **JOSEPH ECKENRODE,** a resident of the City of Linden, New Jersey, has tendered her resignation, on January 24, 2018, as a member of the Board of Health of the City of Linden, and said resignation is hereby accepted effective as of the date of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-169**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROL BIRRITTERI**

**A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

That CAROL BITTITTERI, residing in the City of Linden, County of Union and State of New Jersey, be and he hereby is appointed a member of the Board of Health of the City of Linden according to an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF LINDEN", as amended, to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of Josette Sollivan, that commenced January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2018, and until his/her successor is appointed and qualifies.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-170**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

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

2/7/18 Delta Dental City Feb premium 38,755.45

2/7/18 Delta Dental Sewerage Feb premium 2,613.92

2/7/18 Delta Dental Housing Feb premium 1,451.00

2/7/18 Delta Dental Library Feb premium 900.31

2/7/18 Delta Dental Cobra Feb premium 207.86

2/7/18 Worker’s Comp. claims 28,300.22

2/7/18 Vision Ser Plan claims 4,372.70

168719 2/7/18 Rahway Post Office notices of assessment 3,450.51

2/8/18 County of Union added & omitted 68,484.35

2/8/18 County of Union open space 1,931.25

2/8/18 County of Union county taxes 7,241,404.59

2/8/18 County of Union open space 207,617.88

2/12/18 Payroll payroll 1,850,526.14

2/13/18 SHBP Retirees health premium 616,538.49

2/13/18 SHBP Active Dec 2017 660,290.16

2/14/18 Workers Comp. claims 19,075.10

2/14/18 Medco claims 59,820.25

2/26/18 Payroll payroll 1,707,641.13

2/27/18 Delta Dental City March premium 36,714.29

2/27/18 Delta Dental Sewerage March premium 2,613.92

2/27/18 Delta Dental Housing March premium 1,283.36

2/27/18 Delta Dental Library March premium 900.31

2/27/18 Delta Dental Cobra March premium 207.86

2/28/18 Medco claims 108,882.00

2/28/18 Worker’s Comp. claims 22,281.80

**TRUST**

2/12/18 Payroll payroll 98,788.54

2/26/18 Payroll payroll 84,650.44

**GRANT**

2/12/18 Payroll payroll 6,001.33

2/26/18 Payroll payroll 5,511.23

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

2/12/18 Payroll payroll 2,560.00

2/26/18 Payroll payroll 2,560.00

**CAPITAL**

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

2/12/18 Payroll payroll 1,866.71

2/26/18 Payroll payroll 1,694.68

**RESOLUTION: 2018-171**

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

**SENCORP WHITE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) VERTICAL CAROUSEL STORAGE SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN POLICE DEPARTRMENT**

**WHEREAS,** sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on February 28, 2018 for the purchase of one (1) vertical carousel storage system for the City of Linden Police Department; 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-04-55-902-683-919; and

**WHEREAS**, Sencorp White, was the only responsible bidder at their bid of $76,847.00; 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 Sencorp White, 400 Kidds Hill Road, Hyannis, MA 02601 at their bid of $76,847.00.

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Sencorp White 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.

Virginia Malik. In response to Ms. Malik, Mrs. Zack explained that the equipment was, and what it did, and that it was replacing a very old similar unit.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-177.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-172**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND APPLICATION 2017 PROJECT**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** the City formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as HSF-2017-Linden City-00032 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Linden.

**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 signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-173**

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| **CITY OF LINDEN**  **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER 2017 APPROPRIATIONS**    **BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, that the following transfers of 2017 appropriations be made in accordance with the provisions of Revised Statute 40A: 4-58.        **CURRENT BUDGET**    From: Police Department - Salaries & Wages $ 25,000.00  To: Police Department - Other Expenses $ 25,000.00    Total Transfers Needed: $ 25,000.00 $ 25,000.00    Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked what was involved. Mrs. Zack provided a response. |

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-177.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-174**

**RESOLUTION FOR STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF FIVE 2018 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY (SUV’s) FROM WINNER FORD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain four 2018 Ford police interceptor utilities (SUV’s) with options for Police Patrol Division from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, Winner Ford, Cherry Hill, NJ has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 88728 for the provision of police vehicles; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the service is not to exceed $135,000.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for C-04-55-902-681-919; and,

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2018-175**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH WD SNYDER CO. FOR THE POLICE EVIDENCE STORAGE ROOM IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden passed a Resolution No. 2017-244 on June 20, 2017 approving an award of a contract to WD Snyder Co. for the Police Evidence Storage Room in the City of Linden in the amount of $74,250.00; and

**WHEREAS**, a change order in the amount of $14,750.00 is required to extend the project; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures for said contract is $89,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. C-04-55-902-650-919;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement awarded to WD Snyder Co., 706 S. Michigan Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ 07033 is hereby amended to increase the contract by the additional sum of $14,750.00, for a total contract of $89,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between WD Snyder Co. and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement with WD Snyder Co.; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2018-176**

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

**JO-MED CONTRACTING CORP. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on March 13, 2018 for the reconstruction of sanitary sewers at various locations in the City of Linden; and

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

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. C-04-55-901-605-919; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo-Med Contracting Corp. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $171,365.55; 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 $171,365.55.

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: 2018-177**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT FOR**

**NON-RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF $2,000,000.00 OR GREATER WHICH INCLUDES NEW CONSTRUCTION, REMODELING AND REHABILITATION.**

**WHEREAS,** economic development is multi-dimensional, providing opportunities for sustainable growth in areas of infrastructure development, provision of retail and warehouse space, residential development, and creation of construction, trade and associated support jobs, as well as professional and para-professional employment; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden has approved the development of the former General Motors site, paying the way for the opportunity to utilize all forms of economic development; and

**WHEREAS,** “livability indexes” cite the City of Linden with an unemployment rate that is 40% higher than the national average\* and per capita and median household income $10,000 less than that of the rest of the State of New Jersey\*; and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey general contractors often employ out-of-state personnel which contributes to the decline of the state’s economy and stagnation of the labor force; and

**WHEREAS,** there are dozens of construction and trade professionals in the City of Linden who could be employed for the General Motors and future projects, strengthening the City’s and the state’s economy, families and communities through fair wages.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Linden shall enter into a Community Benefit Agreement with all general or prime contractors on commercial, non-residential projects with a total value of $2,000,000.00 or greater, which includes new construction, remodeling and rehabilitation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that contractors shall, through a Community Benefit Agreement, agree to hire trades and craft employees through the Local Unions’ hiring halls and job referral systems for achieving goals of 60% trade workforce from the city, and 20% of the trade workforce in certified apprentice programs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** all projects shall include wage and benefit standards, including a requirement for all contractors to pay local area wages, and provide for health care and retirement for all workers and can negotiate with the City appointed jobs coordinator; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the City shall appoint a Jobs Coordinator who shall:

* Facilitate implementation of the local hiring requirements
* Provide outreach in the community for the purpose of identifying candidates for pre-apprenticeship programs.
* Monitor the contractors’ progress in achieving the goals of the Community Benefit Agreement
* Enforce the terms of the Community Benefits Agreement
* Guarantee that workers from the Local Trades are Linden Residents

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

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked what these projects were and where the money was $2,000,000.00 was coming from. Mayor Armstead and Mr. Roman provided responses, with the Mayor noting the $2,000,000.00 was a threshold established for the requirements of the resolution to kick in. The Mayor noted planned meetings, with the trades unions, to work out the details.

Mr. Roman moved for approval of Resolutions 2018-144, 146, 151, 152, 155, 157, 158, 159, 171, 173 and 177. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohammed, and was ordered approved with all voting yes except Mrs. Cosby, who voted yes to all and abstained on resolutions 2018-152 and 2018-173.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-178**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RD PARISI ASSOCIATES AND Adler, Levy, Jee & Lubin Wealth ManagemenT GROUP of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC AS BROKERS FOR RETIREMENT PLANNING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need for the provision of Retirement Planning Specialist Services for the City of Linden’s Deferred Compensation Plan for the period of March 20, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Council previously awarded a contract to EPG Brokerage by way of Resolution Number 2018-43 adopted on January 16, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Council has determined that in the best interest of the City, RD Parisi Associates should be awarded a contract; and

**WHEREAS,** RD Parisi Associates, 100 Executive Drive, Suite 338, West Orange, NJ 07052 and Adler, Levy, Jee & Lubin Wealth Management of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC have agreed to provide the necessary services as outlined above at no cost to the City; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) authorizes Council to award a contract without competitive public bidding if the subject matter consists of an exception to such requirements as set forth therein; and

**WHEREAS**, RD Parisi Assoicates and Adler, Levy, Jee & Lubin Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that , RD Parisi Assoicates and Adler, Levy, Jee & Lubin Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Linden in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit , RD Parisi Assoicates and Adler, Levy, Jee & Lubin Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the Mayor, Council President, City Clerk and/or such other City Officials as is necessary and proper be authorized to execute such documents as necessary to implement this Resolution; and

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

John Principato. Mr. Principato noted that there are a few different retirement services that he is aware of that the City provides to its employees. Mr. Principato asked what this resolution does. Mr. Antonelli responded that it would replace the representative of the Voya plan. Mr. Principato then asked a series of questions that Mr. Antonelli mostly provided the responses to.

Mr. Roman asked if this was the same resolution that was presented last night at conference. Mr. Antonelli responded that additional information was needed in the resolution, and this was a revised resolution on this matter. Mr. Roman noted that neither firm, in the resolution, had responded to last years RFQ. He asked if this was legal. Mr. Antonelli responded that it was. Mr. Roman then asked a series of questions, regarding the resolution, the companies involved, their ownership and political donation that they may have made, that Mr. Antonelli responded to. At the conclusion Mr. Roman reminded Mr. Antonelli that he worked for the governing body and not just the Mayor.

Mrs. Hickey stated that this is deferred compensation insurance, and for many years, the City required vendors to do a RFQ process to do work here. She explained the RFQ process. She then gave a history of the hiring of EPG and the amount of money they handle on behalf of the City’s employees. She noted EPG’s qualifications. Mrs. Hickey complained about not receiving resolutions, like this, in advance, and the City Attorney surprises us with them on Monday night. Mrs. Hickey stated that the City was going from a fair and open process for selecting firms to one where they are selected by whomever the wind blows in.

Ms. Cosby stated that Council should get its information in advance, so that if there are questions they could be asked. She then spoke about honest government, and the need to have an informed vote. She urged all to take a hard look at what the elected officials say, and what they do.

President Alvarez asked about the resolution presented last night and the one given to Council tonight. Mr. Antonelli noted that there were two changes made to the resolution. President Alvarez spoke about the changes made, from one night to other. President Alvarez instructed the clerk that anything received, after the Tuesday that the packets are sent to Council, the week prior to the public meeting, should not be placed on the agenda, and held till the following month. Council can then have a chance to review it. Mr. Antonelli responded that if he asked, by a member of the governing body, to prepare a resolution, he is not going to say no. It is up to the Council to decide if they are going to consider it. President Alvarez stated that we will not be accepting any more items for the agenda after the deadline.

Ms. Cosby made motion to remove Resolution #2018-178. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was ordered approved with all voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Mohammed, Mr. Strano and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no. Mr. Javick abstained. Mr. Antonelli ruled that the motion to remove was approved.

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-19 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

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

7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS

7-33.1 Handicapped Parking On-Street

*Name of Street Spaces No. of Location*

DELETE:

308 Kennedy Drive 1 On the northwesterly side of Kennedy Drive, 445 feet

More or less easterly from the projection of the northeasterly line of South Stiles Street for a length of 22 feet.

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

Ordinance #62-19 was introduced by Mrs. Hickey and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-20 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter X, Building and Housing, of an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance adopting and enacting the revised general ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999, and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

Section 1. That Chapter X, Building and Housing, Article I, State Uniform Construction Code, shall be and the same is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Chapter X, Building and Housing

10-2 Fees

10-2.1 Subcode Fees is hereby amended to read as follows:

10-2.1.1 As per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17(a) fees may be rounded to the nearest dollar amount.

(CHANGES CERTAIN FEES)

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

Ordinance #62-20 was introduced by Ms. Cosby and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-21 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised general ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

DELETE SECTION 7-12.2 TIME LIMITED METER PARKING in its entirety:

ADD SECTION 7-12.2 TIME LIMITED METER PARKING:

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

Ordinance #62-21 was introduced by Mr. Javick and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-22 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter IV, General Licensing, of an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance adopting and enacting the revised general ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

DELETE SECTION 4-35.25 TAXICAB STANDS – DESIGNATION, ESTABLISHMENT AND USE in its entirety.

ADD NEW 4-35.25 TAXICAB STANDS – DESIGNATION ESTABLISHMENT AND USE.

(PROHIBITS OVERNIGHT PARKING OF TAXIS ON STREETS)

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

Ordinance #62-22 was introduced by Mrs. Hickey and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-23 An ordinance providing an appropriation of $508,700 for the acquisition of a City wide camera system for the Policed Department and authorizing the issuance of $483,265 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

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

Ms. Cosby noted that, if everybody remembers, phase II of the camera, she had requested cameras be placed in areas where there is a lot of crime, and somebody got shot on Chandler Avenue. She asked that the Chief take a hard look at the areas, where there is a lot of crime, and put the cameras out there.

Mr. Roman represents good government by the commission that is working on it. It is going replace the cameras, at the train station, that are antiquated, and will in the long run end up saving us money.

Ordinance #62-23 was introduced by Mr. Javick and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Strano who voted no.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-24 An ordinance providing an appropriation of $243,100 for the acquisition of an ambulance for the Fire Department and authorizing the issuance of $230,945 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 #62-24 was introduced by Mrs. Hickey and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Unanimously ordered approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Gerbounka, 617 Princeton Road. Mr. Gerbounka stated that he was here as President of the Linden Citizens Association, and spoke about the misuse of City vehicles by Mayor Armstead. Mr. Gerbounka detailed what he termed a pattern of abuse, by the Mayor and explained his and the Associations concerns. Mr. Gerbounka stated that this is a serious issue and urged the Council President to look into. He compared the actions by other elected officials, in other municipalities, and that we should not let this issue get out of hand. He requested an opinion from the City Attorney. Mr. Antonelli noted that his opinion, that Mr. Gerbounka, had quoted from, earlier, stated that it had attorney client privilege, and not subject to OPRA. Mr. Gerbounka explained what he was quoting from, and that it was not the attorney’s letter. Mr. Antonelli noted his role, in this process, and noted other facts that needed to be taken into consideration. A discussion followed between Mr. Gerbounka and Mr. Antonelli over what his ruling means, and what the Mayor could use his vehicle and the police officers to do. Mr. Gerbounka also raised the issue of Mr. Antonelli being conflicted, in making these determinations, and the reasons why. President Alvarez thanked Mr. Gerbounka for his comments.

John Principato, 1706 Westover Road. Mr. Principato spoke on the issue of the Mayor’s use of the City vehicle assigned to him, the use of Police Department to transport the Mayor’s daughter to college, in New Brunswick. He explained his concerns. Mr. Principato stated that is the appearance of impropriety, explained his disagreement with the previous actions taken regarding this matter, stating that is not just right. Mr. Principato spoke about the resolution approving a Community Service Agreement, noted that Linden is a desirable City, and we do not need to give tax breaks to companies that are coming in, for hiring Linden residents. He objected to the giving of tax breaks, in general.

Craig Hollran, 120 Donaldson Place. Mr. Hollran thanked the Finance Committee for their work on the budget. He spoke the landfill, and outlined possibilities for the City to make money off of it. Mr. Medina commented, that some of those have been looked into, and the reasons why they were not pursued.

Ron Martins, 328 Miner Terrace. Mr. Martins spoke about his use of the Linden Train Station, and what he observes upon his return to Linden regarding idling vehicles. He noted his concerns and asked that City put up no idling signs, per DEP rules. He provided the Council with an example of the signs, available from the DEP. Mr. Roman stated that he emailed the head of the City’s sign shop regarding this issue. President Alvarez requested that the Police look into this matter.

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

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mayor Armstead stated that if any Mayor needed police protection, it was him, noting several instances involving his children. The Mayor noted the number of hours that he has served as Mayor, 27720, and stated that he has used police officers a total of six times, for a total of 6 hours. He added that this was not abuse. He then criticized Mr. Gerbounka record, on taxes, when he was Mayor.

Mr. Medina spoke about the landfill, and what the Landfill Committee had looked at to offset some of the closure cost of the landfill.

Mrs. Ormon spoke about the contributions, by a company, to the Mayor’s campaign that Mr. Roman had referred to earlier. She noted that the other company had also provided campaign contributions. She also spoke about the rules of Council regarding time limits for members of the public to speak, five minutes, and that they need to be followed. She added that Mr. Antonelli, with the permission of Council, was reviewing those rules, and would provide recommendations to council. She stated her reasons why.

Mr. Mohammed stated that he would like to see the system used by ex-presidents, after they leave office they go away. He explained his reasoning, and that he is coming to regret voting for some of the people that he has voted for.

Mrs. Yamakaitis noted that the Mayor has a beautiful family, and noted an incident involving pictures of the Mayor’s children.

Mrs. Hickey stated her agreement with Mr. Mohammed regarding comments he made about politics stinking. She also agreed with Mrs. Yamakaitis comments regarding involving children, of elected officials. Mrs. Hickey noted the coming snow storm, that she was going home to prepare, and urged residents to make sure they are prepared.

Mr. Roman thanked the Finance Committee for the hard work they did on the budget. He noted the impact, on the budget, of the elimination of the garbage tax, and how hard the committee worked to replace that money. Mr. Roman spoke about the use of one time payments to cover the lost revenue.

Mrs. Cosby thanked Mr. Martins for coming and sharing his concerns and ideas with Council. She urged all to be safe tomorrow, in the snow. She concluded by stating watch what the politicians do.

Mr. Javick thanked all for their support of the Finance Committee, with the budget. He assured all that the Committee was working on reoccurring revenue, and that we will not have a problem, next year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Alvarez announced the following Council meetings:

Council Conference meeting, Monday, April 16, 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, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 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 the Council, Mr. Strano moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk