**Minutes of the Special**

**Meeting of the 2019 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Thursday,**

**May 2, 2019**

A Special meeting of the 2019 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Conference Room in the City Hall on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 6:37 pm., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Michele Yamakaitis and she announced that the notice of this meeting stating the date, place and time, has been disseminated as required under the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. She announced that the purposes of this meeting are as follows:

1) Settlement of litigation Linden Democratic Committee v City of Linden; and 2) authorization of a Linden Fire Department Junior Academy and a Linden Police Department Youth Academy.

Portions of this meeting may be held in executive session.

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

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

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

A roll call showed the following members were present:

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Lisa Ormon

Councilman Barry Javick

“ Peter Brown

Alfred Mohammed

Councilman John F. Roman

Councilman Ralph Strano

8th Ward Council Vacant

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Michele Yamakaitis

Mayor Derek Armstead

**RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Yamakaitis announced 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.

There was no one wishing to remove a resolution from the agenda.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-191**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF LINDEN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE V. CITY OF LINDEN, ET AL, DOCKET NO. UNN-C-19**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, after consideration, desires to settle the matter entitled Linden Democratic Committee v. City of Linden, et al., Docket No. UNN-C-19; and

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

**THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden hereby authorizes settlement of the within matter, a copy of said Settlement Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said settlement agreement.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-192**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE LINDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR ACADEMY AND THE LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACADEMY**

**WHEREAS**, the Linden Fire Department wishes to run a Junior Academy and the Linden Police Department wishes to run a Youth Academy; and

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

**THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden hereby authorizes said programs; and

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

Ms. Cosby moved for approval of resolutions 2019-191 and 2019-192. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey. Upon a roll call vote resolution 2019-191 was defeated with Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Javick, Mr. Brown, Mr. Mohammed, Mr. Strano, and President Yamakaitis voting no; Resolution 2019-192 was unanimously ordered approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no wishing to speak.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

There were no comments from members of the Governing Body.

President Yamakaitis made the following announcements:

The following Council Meetings will be as follows:

Council Conference meeting:

Council Conference meeting, Monday, May 20, 2019 in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting:

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

There being no further business to come before the governing body Mr. Medina moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohammed and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

Clerk