

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

May 19, 2020

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**The Minutes
of March 27, 2020 Special Meeting**

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**HEARING ON THE AMENDMENT
TO THE CITY OF LINDEN 2020 BUDGET**

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ORDINANCE ON HEARING

64-27 Bond Ordinance authorizing various capital improvements for the Engineering Department and appropriating \$408,100 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$387,695 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

CONSENT AGENDA

(*) Tax Collector:**
(1) The amount of money collected during the month of April 2020 and turned over to the treasurer’s office is as follows:

2020 Taxes	\$10,589,342.01
2019 Taxes	\$231,853.37
2018 Taxes	\$0.00
PILOT (MORNING STAR)	\$0.00
Municipal Lien Redemption	\$0.00
Garbage Fee Late Fee	\$0.00
Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate	\$0.00
Tax Search	\$0.00
Lien Redemption Request Fee	\$0.00
Year End Penalty	\$3,834.16
Returned Check Fee Paid	\$0.00
Returned Sewer Clean out	(\$0.00)
Returned Sewer Interest	(\$0.00)
Returned Check 2019	(\$0.00)
Returned Check 2020	(\$4,600.04)
Returned Check Interest	(\$104.44)
Returned Online Payments 2020 Taxes	(\$2,631.60)
Returned Online Interest	(\$0.00)
Adv. Before Tax Sale	\$0.00
Premium	\$0.00
Sewer Clean out charge	\$300.00
DPW Reso payments	\$0.00
Interest	\$30,769.79
Total	\$10,848,763.25

Tax Sale Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2019 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

Block	Lot	Redemption Date	Cert#	Premium
154	3	4/30/20	18-00092	\$1,300.00
421	69	4/28/20	18-00183	\$115,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$ 117,200.00 payable to: Fig as Cust. for Fig NJ19, LLC, P.O. Box 54226, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #-0-01-55-276-999-956.

Tax Sale Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2019 tax sale on the following block & lot.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>CTF#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
506	9	5/1/20	18-00216	\$15,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$15,600.00 payable to: Christiana T C/F, CE/1 Firsttrust, P.O. Box 5021, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021, charging same to account #-0-01-55-276-999-956.

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<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>CTF#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
552	9	4/30/2020	18-00235	\$2,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 payable to Greymorr, LLC, BMO 85, P.O. Box 1414, Minneapolis, MN 55480, charging same to account # 0-01-55-276-999-956.

Refund Block 282 Lot 15, David & Patricia Juliano - 306-308 Knopf Street
2020 2nd quarter

The above referenced owner’s Mortgage Company and the Owner have paid the 2020 2nd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of \$2,331.93.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$2,331.93 ;payable to: David & Patricia Juliano, 306-308 Knopf Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to # 0-01-55-288-999-904.

Overpayment Block-292 Lot-14, 2011 Overpayment

The above referenced property has an overpayment in the amount of \$2,222.76 that was paid twice by the mortgage company of the seller and a title agency. By the time that we were able to identify these payments and their origin, the ownership had changed for a third time and no one has come forward to request a refund or transfer. I am requesting that this amount be transferred to M.R.N.A. by the City Treasurer.

Refund Block 440 Lot 3, Alejandro Monroy
218 Penna Railroad Avenue, 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: Alejandro Monroy, 218 Penna Railroad Avenue NJ 07083, charging same to account # 0-01-55-276-999-958.

(*) Personnel:**

(2) Advising that the following City Employees has filed for retirement:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Police Department	Jeffrey Carhart	Sergeant	June 1, 2020

(*) Mayor, Planning Board Appointment:**

(3) Advising that Mayor Armstead is appointing Frank Hetem to the Planning Board effective immediately and terminating December 31, 2023.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

- 2020-164 Resolution appointing the Aloia Law Firm, LLC as special counsel to represent the City of Linden in the matter of Linden Democratic Committee v City of Linden in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- 2020-165 Resolution authorizing a contract with Calcagni & Kanefsky, LLP for legal services concerning a personnel matter in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- 2020-166 Resolution approving an amendment to a contract to Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC as Aviation Counsel by an additional amount of \$15,000.00.
- 2020-167 Resolution awarding a contract to Motorola Solutions, Inc for maintenance services for citywide First Responder Emergency Communication System in an amount not to exceed \$67,246.06 under New Jersey State Contract No. 83909.
- 2020-168 Resolution declaring certain items (radio equipment) surplus and not needed for government use and authorizing their sale or disposition.
- 2020-169 Resolution rescinding resolution 2020-138 for the purchase of six 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility SUV's through the Cranford Co-Op.
- 2020-170 Resolution for State Contract purchase of six 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility SUV's from Winner Ford for the Police Department Patrol Division in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
- 2020-171 Resolution appointing Tony D. Olds a Constable in the City of Linden for a three year term commencing April 20, 2020 and terminating April 19, 2023. (There is no cost to the City).
- 2020-172 Resolution approving the introduction of the Calendar year 2020 Special Improvement District Budget and setting the date of the public hearing on the budget.
- 2020-173 Resolution establishing the current fund operating budget for the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$48,832,316.70.
- 2020-174 Resolution authorizing a donation to the Occupational Center of Union County in the amount of \$7,000.00.
- 2020-175 Resolution approving a contract with Linden Pop Warner Football and the City of Linden in the amount of \$15,000.00.
- 2020-176 Resolution approving a contract with the Linden Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and the City of Linden at a fee not to exceed \$70,000.00.
- 2020-177 Resolution authorizing a donation to the City of Linden PAL in the amount \$20,000.00.
- 2020-178 Resolution ratifying certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of April 2020, which do not appear on the Claims list.
- 2020-179 Resolution establishing the Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget for the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 in a sum not to exceed \$44,350.00.
- 2020-180 Resolution declaring the week of May 17, 2020 through May 23, 2020 as Public Works Week.

- 2020-181 Resolution accepting a monetary donation from Phillips 66, in the amount of \$6,000.00 to the Linden Police Department.
- 2020-182 Resolution accepting the donation of a BBQ grill from the Home Depot to the Linden Police Department.
- 2020-183 Resolution for a temporary capital budget for 2020.

METHOD OF FINANCING

<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. Costs</u>	<u>Budget Approp.</u>	<u>Capital Impr. Fund</u>	<u>Grant in Aid</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>
Acquisition of Vehicles for Various Departments	\$276,100.00	\$276,100.00	\$13,805.00		\$262,295.00
Firefighting Equipment & PPE	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$5,500.00		\$104,500.00
Ambulance	\$284,900.00	\$284,900.00	\$14,245.00		\$270,655.00
2020 Ford F150 Pickup Truck FD	\$59,400.00	\$59,400.00	\$2,970.00		\$56,430.00

- 2020-184 Resolution authorizing the City of Linden Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax Bills in accordance with P.L. 1994, C.72
- 2020-185 Resolution awarding a contract, in the amount of not to exceed \$25,000.00 to Northern Screening & Crushing for the service of screening compost for the Division of Public Works solicited by quotations.
- 2020-186 Resolution extending the second quarter taxes grace period to June 1st, 2020.
- 2020-187 Resolution declaring certain items surplus, not needed for government use and authorizing their sale or disposition.
- 2020-188 Resolution rescinding the designation of Peak Park Urban Renewal, LLC as redeveloper relating to the properties commonly known as Block 496, Lots 3 and 4 on the tax maps of the City of Linden.
- 2020-189 Resolution authorizing the execution of a Professional Services agreement with Harbor Consultants. Inc., for on-call engineering services for the Engineering Division of the Community Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- 2020-190 Resolution authorizing a Professional Services agreement with Muller Bohlin Associates, Inc., to assist the City in finalizing outstanding grant applications at a fee not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a term beginning May 20, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020.
- 2020-191 Resolution authorizing the designation of Apartments Seldom Scene, LLC as redeveloper for a period not to exceed 180 days, with two additional ninety (90) day extensions at the City's sole discretion for the certain parcels identified on the tax maps of the City as Block 254, Lots 1-10 (Clark Property)
- 2020-192 Resolution appointing Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc., as employee medical, prescription and voluntary benefits for June 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.
- 2020-193 Resolution appointing Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc., as Public Risk Manager for the City of Linden for the period June 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- #64-28 Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of \$276,100 for the acquisition of various vehicles for and by the City of Linden and authorizing the issuance of \$262,295 bonds or notes for financing part of the appropriation.

#64-29 Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$454,300.00 for the acquisition of various items of capital equipment for the Fire Department for be the City of Linden and authorizing the issuance of \$431,585.00 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NO PERSONAL, POLITICAL OR DEROGATORY COMMENTS: (not to exceed 3 minutes). We ask, that due to the current health crisis that questions and/or statements be limited to items on the agenda, only. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

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