

**Minutes of the Regular
Meeting of the 2020 Council of the
City of Linden, held Tuesday,
May 19, 2020**

The regular meeting of the 2020 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7:10 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. (The meeting was conducted in an electronic format using Ring Central Meetings, due to the Covid 19 pandemic)

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

President of Council Michele Yamakaitis announced that members of the public who may be attending are on mute until the public comment portion of the meeting. If you wish to be recognized please use the raised hand icon, in the program, to identify yourself. You will then give your name and address, as at any Council meeting. Failure to do so, will result in your being muted, and not recognized further. If you are registered more than once you will only be recognized to speak one time, under your first registration, as with any council meeting. When public comment is opened, the ability to register will be closed.

Council President Michele Yamakaitis asked all to place their phones on mute, to eliminate background noise and to not use phones, on speaker, as it causes feedback issues.

A roll call showed the following members were present:

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman	Lisa Ormon
Councilman	Barry Javick
“	Alfred Mohammed
Councilwoman	Rhashonna Cosby
Councilwoman	Monique Caldwell
Councilman	John F. Roman
Councilman	Ralph Strano
Councilman	Garnett Blaine
Councilman	Armando Medina
Council President	Michele Yamakaitis
Mayor	Derek Armstead

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Medina moved for the approval of the minutes of the March 27, 2020 Special Meeting, and the April 21, 2020 Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Ms. Cosby and Mrs. Hickey, who abstained.

HEARING ON THE 2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT

President Yamakaitis announced Last month the hearing on the 2020 municipal budget hearing was held. An amendment to the introduced budget was done at the direction of the State. Tonight we are holding a hearing on the amendment only. Questions are limited to the subject of the amendment. Ask for a motion to open the public hearing on the budget amendment only.

Mrs. Ormon moved to open the public hearing on the budget. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Caldwell and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Ms. Cosby asked where the budget amendment was posted for the public. Mr. Bodek responded that it was released twice to the website and TV36, on Friday, May 15th, again today, and it was published in the newspaper.

There being no members of the public wishing to speak on the amendment to the 2020 budget, Mrs. Ormon moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

President Yamakaitis called upon the Clerk to read the 2020 budget, as amended.

Be it Resolved by the Council members of the City of Linden, County of Union that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums herein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$60,496,150.26 for municipal purposes; and
- (E) \$2,090,954.84 Minimum Library Tax

1. General Revenues	
Surplus Anticipated	\$9,900,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$35,664,229.59
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$2,300,000.00
2. Amount to be raised by Taxation for municipal Purposes	\$60,496,150.26
5. Amount to be raised by Taxation minimum library Tax	\$2,090,954.84
Total Revenue	\$110,451,334.69

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. General Appropriations:	
Within "CAPS"	
(a & b) Operations including Contingent	\$76,979,727.08
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures – Municipal	\$11,821,317.00
Excluded from "CAPS"	
(a) Operations	\$5,298,685.67
© Capital Improvements	\$300,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	\$11,823,000.00
(e) Deferred Charges – Municipal	\$78,604.94
(m) Reserve for uncollected Taxes	\$4,150,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$110,451,334.69

Mrs. Ormon moved for adoption of the amended budget. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Caldwell, and was ordered approved, with all voting in favor, except Mrs. Cosby who abstained.

ORDINANCES ON HEARING

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

- 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.

President of Council Michele Yamakaitis 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 Michele Yamakaitis inquired if there were any written objections.

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

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. Caldwell and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Cosby who abstained.

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.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Cert#</u>	<u>Premium</u>
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.

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

<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.

Mr. Roman asked to remove item #3 for discussion. He asked the Clerk if a member of the Planning Board needs to live in the City of Linden. Mr. Bodek responded yes. Mr. Roman asked if it was legal to appoint someone who does not live in the City. Mr. Bodek responded that the information regarding the appointment came from the Mayor's office and it was a Linden address. Mr. Roman asked for the address, and Mr. Bodek responded that he did not have it in front of him. Mr. Roman stated that Mr. Hetem's was a Roselle Park resident. Mayor Armstead responded that to his knowledge Mr. Hetem lives in Linden, if he does not then he will be removed. The Mayor and Mr. Roman had a discussion about Mr. Hetem's residency.

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Caldwell and was ordered approved with all voting yes, with the exception of Ms. Cosby who abstained on the all items; and Mrs. Hickey and Mr. Roman who abstained on item #3.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

First Ward

Mrs. Ormon gave the following report of the Finance Committee:

Approval is requested for the following finance actions:

1. The payment of bills totaling \$1,737,943.52. Bills have been signed by the Mayor, Council President and Finance Chairwoman 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 April at the rate of 2.75%.

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

Mrs. Ormon gave her First report. She offered her condolence to the families who lost members to Covid 19 virus. She urged all to continue social distancing, and to follow CDC guidelines. She informed resident that bulk trash pickups had been suspended, and explained how they could dispose of their bulky waste. Mr. Ormon continued, speaking about the April Council meeting, the inappropriate conduct that occurred, by members of the public and apologized for it. She thanked Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. Crane, and the members of the IT Committee for change to the platform that was being used for tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Ormon noted that City Departments were working at half-staff, and are still servicing the community. She asked that those with specific concerns reach out to her, and provided her contact information. Next

she spoke about the collection and distribution of food to the needy families in town. Mrs. Ormon concluded by asking for suggestions on how to mark the upcoming July 4th holiday.

Second Ward

Mr. Javick gave the report of the Fire Committee. The Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of \$7,241.09 for the month of April in permit fees. The ambulance reimbursement system collected a total of \$65,095.99 for the month of April, bringing the year to date total to \$203,853.52.

Mr. Javick gave his Second Ward report noting that utility upgrades, in the ward, were continuing. He spoke about the acquisition of a new fire engine and the plans for the upcoming police and fire youth academies. Mr. Javick urged Second Ward residents to report overgrown properties on their blocks. He noted the number of residents who were walking, and reminded them to keep the proper social distancing space when walking. He thanked the Mayor's office for the distribution of food to Second Ward residents and to the City as whole. He provided his contact information and urged all to follow CDC guidelines.

Third Ward

Mrs. Caldwell wished all a good evening, and apologized for the buffoonery that occurred at last month's Council meeting. She spoke about how hard the IT Committee worked to find the platform that was being used for this evening's virtual meeting. She noted how more professional it was, and noted the contribution of various staff members.

Mrs. Caldwell thanked Mayor Armstead for his leadership and him and his staff for the food deliveries that were being made to needy families throughout Linden. She thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their contributions to the residents. She spoke about the Covid 19 virus the loss of a cousin to the disease, noting that we will get through it together, and come out Linden Strong.

Mrs. Caldwell gave the report of the Construction Code Department noting that they have processed 123 permits, 21 Certificates and collected a total of \$23,984.00 in fees for the month of April. She informed all that RFQ was going out to do an appraisal of the City's IT structure. Mrs. Caldwell asked residents, in need of assistance of any type, or to report issues in the ward to reach out to her. She provided her contact information.

Fourth Ward

Mr. Mohammed thanked Mayor Armstead for providing food to those in need. He next expressed his appreciation to the Engineering Department for the timing of trees and sidewalk repairs that was taking place. He asked Fourth Ward residents, who needed their sidewalks repaired, to contact him. He provided his contact information.

Mr. Mohammed reported on the utility work, by the gas, water and electric companies that was going on in the Fourth Ward.

Fifth Ward

Ms. Cosby gave the following report:

The rent leveling board, the environmental commission, did not hold any meetings for May. The ad hoc airport noise committee also did not meet.

From the 5th ward, Hagel Ave Park is nearly completed, and I know that everyone is looking forward to enjoying the new park equipment.

We do not have a date at this time for the return of the bulk trash collection; however, residents who can drop off larger items are encouraged to do so. For more details, please call 908 474 8666.

We were fortunate to have some trees planted in our ward. Some area have been waiting for quite a while. The residents are appreciative to the shade tree commission for taking the time to check our requested areas and get the trees planted where they were able to.

I was hoping to host a virtual community meeting for June on the scheduled date. If you would like to get the link to attend the virtual meeting check rhashonna.com or email me so you can be added.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 908 718 7933 or email rcosby@linden-nj.org

The Sisters and Brothers Outreach will open their emergency food pantry this Thursday at 4 pm. If anyone has not registered, they need only come with valid ID and a mask and they will be able to get food. They are located at 1318 E St Georges Ave, near the Arrow motors at the Cranford Ave and St George corner. I want to say thank you to the Lions Club of District 16j and the Linden Lions for supporting this valuable program.

Please don't forget to complete your census forms. Everyone counts regardless of their immigration status.

I sat here last night and had to endure a constant beating of my brow by some. I know that I am puppet enemy #1 however, when it comes to seeking to have an honest and transparent government that

operates in the best interest of the ENTIRE CITY, I will not stand down and cower because people speak loudly or seek to twist the words that I speak or make every attempt to gaslight me.

Changes need to be made! Just because you see a name on the ballot does not mean you are obligated to give them your vote! VOTE Smart, your candidate's name does not even need to appear on the ballot. WRITE IT IN!

I am appalled that the public meeting notice was edited today, limiting the time frame that members of the public were allowed to register for this meeting. Furthermore, when I was sent the link for tonight at 11:03 am, there was no mention that there was a deadline to register! This is a despicable act, and the excuse that was provided earlier that last month's meeting was uncontrollable was feeble. Sure, it was new technology coupled with a lack of working knowledge of the same and that was what we ended up with. It is clear to me that the meeting hosts are more competent with the current platform and as such, could have allowed open registration whereby they would have total control of the participant's ability to engage during the meeting: what a lame excuse and a purposeful act to stifle the general public.

To the city of Linden the residents, God bless you. Please stay inside if you can. If you are an essential worker please protect yourself.
That concludes my report.

Sixth Ward

Mr. Roman complimented Ms. Cosby for her comments, and noted that they were well said. He spoke about two major infrastructure projects that were taking place in the Sixth Ward, adding that a grant, from the County of Union was still to come. He reported on the preliminary work is being done for the widening of Stiles Street and Linden Ave. He then spoke about the work being done by the gas company, including the replacement of meters. When they have finished the streets, where they worked will be repaved.

Mr. Roman announced that the sidewalk repair/replacement project would start soon in the Sixth Ward. He asked that if any residents were in need of sidewalk work, to please notify him so that he could have the address added to the list. He thanked the Shade Tree Commission for the recent planting of new trees in the Sixth Ward, and spoke on the trimming of trees that was taking place. He talked about the Linden Strong signs, and that an additional fifty signs have been ordered. The proceeds from the sale of the signs is being donated to charity.

Mr. Roman spoke about the recent suspension of bulk trash pickups, and the planned paving of E. Linden Avenue by Union County through an infra-structure grant. He noted that Union County was continuing to operate a test center, for Covid 19, at Kean University. He next talked about a recent charitable fundraiser he did, which involved raising a certain amount of money, in exchange for he would shave his head. He detailed how the money was going to be donated. He concluded by offering his condolences to Mrs. Caldwell on the loss of her cousin.

Seventh Ward

Police Department:

- a. Appointment of Adam Mikolajczyk to Sergeant effective June 1, 2020 at the annual salary of \$108,000.
- b. Appointment of Makiyah Wade-Passmore to the position of Clerk 1 effective June 1, 2020 at the annual salary of \$34,548, subject to the successful completion of the City's pre-employment requirements.
- c. Appointment of Zully Parker to the position of Clerk 1 effective June 1, 2020 at the annual salary of \$34,548, subject to the successful completion of the City's pre-employment requirements.

2. Department of Engineering:

- a. Amending the date of hire for Carmine DiCosmo to June 1, 2020.
- b. Appointment of Zackary Percoskie to the position of engineering aide effective May 21, 2020 and concluding no later than August 31, 2020 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed 35 hours per week, subject to the successful completion of the City's pre-employment requirements.
- c. Appointment of Joseph C. Chrobak, Jr. to the position of engineering aide effective May 21, 2020 and concluding no later than August 31, 2020 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed 35 hours per week, subject to the successful completion of the City's pre-employment requirements.
- d. Appointment of Robert Greeley to the position of engineering aide effective May 21, 2020 and concluding no later than August 31, 2020 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed 35 hours per week, subject to the successful completion of the City's pre-employment requirements.

3. Department of Recreation:

- a. Approval of Seasonal List on file in the Clerk's office

4. Office of Construction Code:

- a. The provisional appointment of Mark Ritacco, effective May 1, 2020, as the Construction Code Official at the annual salary of \$100237.00 pending the final determination of a regular appointment by the Civil Service Commission.

5. Department of Community Services:

In the Division of Buildings and Grounds:

a. The change in hourly rate for Rolando Rodriguez to \$26.00/hr. effective May 20, 2020.

6. Division of Personnel:

a. FMLA/NJFLA Leave requests are on file with the Division of Personnel

b. Rescinding the appointment of Marlana Berghammer to the Office of Constituent Services effective May 1, 2020.

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina, and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Ms. Cosby who abstained on all and Mr. Roman who abstained on item #4.

Mr. Strano offered his condolences to the family of Mrs. Caldwell, on the loss of her cousin. He went on to thank all of the City Departments and workers for the work they are doing during the pandemic. He informed residents that they can take their bulk trash to the Public Works Yard at 700 Lower Rd. He added that recycling has to go to the yard on Donaldson Place, noted the difference between the two materials, and thanked DPW for the job they are doing.

Mr. Strano spoke about the Council meetings being conducted virtually and thanked the IT Committee and Department for all of the hard work they had done in vetting this platform. Next he noted that paper and cardboard, left alongside the automated recycling containers would not be picked, and it all should be placed in the container. Mr. Strano concluded by telling all to stay safe and be healthy.

Eighth Ward

Mr. Blaine began by offering his condolences to the families who have lost a loved one to Covid 19, particularly Mrs. Caldwell. He thanked Mr. Crane and Mrs. Caldwell for putting together the format for tonight's virtual meeting, noting that it is professional and well done. He spoke about the recent suspension of bulk trash pickups, his concerns and asked residents to bear with the City. He reminded residents that they cannot put the trash on their front lawns, while awaiting the pickups to resume.

Mr. Blaine spoke about the need for Linden to come together as a community. He urged residents to volunteer and help, instead of being negative. He thanked the Fire and Police Departments, the Mayor, and the volunteers at the food bank for all of their efforts. He concluded by providing his contact information.

Ninth Ward

Mr. Medina offered his condolences to Mrs. Caldwell and her family, and to all those who have lost someone. He thanked the Police, Fire and Mayor and his office for the great job they are doing. He spoke about street lights that are not working, in the Ninth Ward, and informed all that they have been report to PSE&G.

Mr. Medina spoke about the sink holes, in the street, that are starting to occur as a result of the work that is being done by the utility companies. He talked about the issue of high uncut grass on residential properties, and asked resident to report those locations to the Board of Health. He noted the continued suspension of bulk trash pickups and explained how residents can bring that material to the DPW yard. He reminded residents to check the City's Website, often, for important information and updates, and provided his contact information.

Tenth Ward

Mrs. Hickey commented that it was good to see all on the computer screen, through the new platform, for holding the virtual meetings. She offered her condolences to Mrs. Caldwell and all who have lost a loved one.

Mrs. Hickey then gave a report of the Public Property Committee. She provided details on the work being done in the parks, noting that the Hagel Avenue Park has been completed and will be seeded soon. Also new benches would be installed, and that she was looking to have a plaque put on one of the bench's naming it for the late Nancy Braxton. She spoke about the skate park, and that until it is moved, to Memorial Park, a fence is being rented to keep it from being used in its current condition. She went to talk about the basketball courts being closed, due to the Pandemic. New flags are being placed on Wood Avenue.

Mrs. Hickey informed Tenth Ward residents that if they would like a tree planted to please give her a call. She continued that this year, would be the year for the Tenth Ward to have streets paved, and she was working with Engineering to select the streets. Mrs. Hickey urged City workers to make sure they wear mask when in the hallways of City buildings, adding that it is starting to get better.

Mrs. Hickey next spoke about an issue that residents of the Tenth Ward were experiencing. Tree trunks have been placed on Winfield's property, and are being cutup using large industrial chain saws. The noise is for several hours a day. The neighbors are being distributed. She is working to resolve the problem. She concluded by wishing all to be safe.

Council President

President Yamakaitis noted that the Consent agenda contained the retirements of Sgt. Jeff Carhart, Lenore Price, Frank Gadowski, Joseph Capallet, and Sandy Darr. She thanked them for the efforts on behalf of the City and wished them well in retirement. She thanked the IT Committee, and all involved, for their hard work in coming up with the Ring Central Platform to conduct the Council meetings in. President Yamakaitis spoke about the Linden Library, and invited residents to check out their website to find out information about all of the activities that are being offered. She urged all to stay safe.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Armstead began his report by providing the numbers for Covid 19 for Linden, and the State. He spoke about the need for social distancing by residents. He informed residents that Ammon Labs, located on Blancke St., is offering testing for Covid 19 antibodies, adding that there is a cost and with a prescription it would be covered through insurance. He thanked the IT Committee for coming up with a professional manner in which to conduct the Council meetings. He spoke about some of the behavior that occurred during the last meeting, under the old platform, noting that he had gotten calls from all over the State about it. He talked about how embarrassed he was, and his hope that would soon be able to return to regular public meetings.

Mayor Armstead announced that Amazon would be coming to Linden. They have rented warehouse space on Lower Road, noting the number of jobs that would be coming to Linden and that they would be open by the fall. . He next reported on the former Linden Chorine Site and that a RFQ, for its development was on the City's website. He asked that anyone who may know a developer who would have an interest to please let them know about the RFQ.

Mayor Armstead announced that Pies on Stiles was offering free pasta dishes to veterans and active duty personnel. He informed all that his Office of Constituent services has delivered 517 parcels of food to Linden residents, speaking about how grateful he was to ShopRite and Krutus Construction for their generous donations of gift cards. He noted several other groups and organizations that have donated to the food bank.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the designation of a developer for the Clarke Property, and it is the best for Linden. Next the Mayor spoke about the graduation event that is being planned for Linden's High School Seniors. He talked about how they lost everything, their prom, and other events, due to the pandemic A drive through graduation was being planned at Linden airport. He provided details of the event, and that it was planned for June 17th with a rain date of June 18th.

RESOLUTIONS

President Yamakaitis noted that the since the 2020 budget had been adopted, there was no longer a need for a temporary City and Landfill budget, and asked for a motion to remove resolutions 2020-173 and 2020-179. Mr. Strano moved to remove resolutions 2020-173 and 2020-179. The motion was second by Mr. Blaine and unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION: 2020-164

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Linden has determined to retain the services of Special Counsel to represent the City of Linden in Linden Democratic Committee v. City of Linden, et al., and other matters as assigned to Special Counsel by the City Attorney from time to time; 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, Aloia Law Firm, LLC has submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services: and

WHEREAS, since professional legal services are rendered or performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by the laws of the State of New Jersey; the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq.) permits the award of a contract therefore as a Professional Service without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the service is not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. **0-01-20-155-123-255**;

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

1. That the Aloia Law Firm, LLC, be and is hereby retained as Special Counsel.

2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with the Aloia Law Firm, LLC setting forth the terms and conditions of the legal services to be rendered.

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as a contract for professional services may be awarded without competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:11-5 (1) (a).

4. For the services hereinabove described the Aloia Law Firm, LLC shall be awarded an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the calendar year 2020. The City shall not be liable for payment of any monies exceeding the contract price stated herein unless additional funds are approved by the governing body and the contract amended in accordance with applicable law.

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-165

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CALCAGNI & KANEFISKY, LLP FOR LEGAL SERVICES CONCERNING A PERSONNEL MATTER

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has a need to retain the law firm of Calcagni & Kanefsky, LLP and award said contract through a Non-Fair and Open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4/20.5; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has certified that the fees, if any, to be paid to the law firm of Calcagni & Kanefsky, LLP will not exceed \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden hereby awards a contract to the law firm of Calcagni & Kanefsky, LLP for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 0-01-20-155-123-255.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that an agreement for Professional Services be awarded to the law firm of Calcagni & Kanefsky, LLP, 1085 Raymond Blvd., 14th Floor, Newark, N.J. 07102; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute said contract; and

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-166

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT TO INGLESINO, WEBSTER, WYCISKALA & TAYLOR, LLC FOR AVIATION COUNSEL APPROPRIATION FOR 2020

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Linden has determined that it would be advisable and in the best interests of the City to retain the services of Aviation Counsel to represent the City of Linden and airport operations, and to render legal advice and assistance to the city and to the City Attorney; 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, Inglesino Webster Wyciskala & Taylor submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the prior Resolution awarding a contract to Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor by an additional amount of \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. **0-01-20-155-123-255**;

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

1. That the contract with the law firm of Inglesino Webster Wyciskala & Taylor, Attorneys at Law of the State of New Jersey be and is hereby amended by an additional amount of \$15,000.

2. If necessary, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and to execute an amendment to the Agreement with Inglesino Webster Wyciskala & Taylor setting forth the terms and conditions of the legal services to be rendered.

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as a contract for professional services may be awarded without competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:11-5 (1) (a).

4. For the services hereinabove described as Inglesino Webster Wyciskala & Taylor shall be awarded an amendment to the agreement in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the calendar year 2020. The City shall not be liable for payment of any monies exceeding the contract price stated herein unless additional funds are approved by the governing body and the contract amended in accordance with applicable law.

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-167

STATE CONTRACT RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR CITYWIDE FIRST RESPONDER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; for citywide first responder emergency communication system maintenance from Motorola Solutions, Inc. , 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, Motorola Solutions, Inc., 5 Paragon Drive, Suite 200, Montvale, NJ 07645 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 83909 for radio communication equipment, maintenance, accessories ; 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 \$67,246.06; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number 0-01-25-250-314-275; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Linden that Motorola Solutions, Inc. 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: 2020-168

RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN ITEMS SURPLUS NOT NEEDED FOR GOVERNMENT USE AND AUTHORIZING THEIR 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 certain surplus property or dispose; and

WHEREAS, the items listed below are being declared surplus and not needed for municipal purpose; and

Police Department

Motorola Model Number	Serial Number
XTL2500	518CJT0115
XTL2500	518CNZ0291
XTL2500	518CJV0405
XTL2500	518CNZ0290
XTL2500	518CGF0155
XTL2500	518CGH0918
XTL2500	518CKV0645
XTL2500	518CGH0917
XTL2500	518CJV0404
XTL2500	518CHV0117
XTL2500	518CLR0290
XTL2500	518CMP0230
XTL2500	518CKV0646
XTL2500	518CHV0119
XTL2500	518CHV0344
XTL2500	518CJT0113
XTL2500	518CKT0343
XTL2500	518CKT0344
XTL2500	518CLZ0984
XTL2500	518CGF0168
XTL5000	585CGF0078
XTL5000	585CHR1328
XTL5000	585CGF0079

M01HX+725W	722CFM1203
M01HX+725W	623AYE0490
M01HX+725W	722CDA0741
M01HX+725W	623AYE0496
M01HX+725W	722ACJ3250
M01HX+725W	722CDG0890
M01HX+725W	722CEG0657
M01HX+725W	722CFM1202
M01HX+725W	722CDY1211
M01HX+725W	722CDU1092
M01HX+725W	722CFT0230
M01HX+725W	722CDG0891
M01HX+725W	623AYE0488
M01HX+725W	722CDE2386

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 statute using their best business discretion for the following items:

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-169

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2020-138 FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY SUV'S THROUGH THE CRANFORD CO-OP

WHEREAS, the City of Linden adopted Resolution 2020-138 at its March 17, 2020 authorizing the purchase of 6, 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility SUV's through the Cranford Co-op; and **WHEREAS**, the vehicles are no longer available under Cranford CO-OP Contract #47-CPCPS. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that Resolution 2020-138 is hereby rescinded.

RESOLUTION: 2020-170

RESOLUTION FOR STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF SIX 2020 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY SUV'S (3 WHICH WILL BE HYBRID) FROM WINNER FORD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL DIVISION

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to obtain six Ford police interceptor utilities (SUV's) (3 gas, 3 hybrid) 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 \$200,000; and,

- 2- 2020 SUV \$31,184.00 each
- 3- 2020 SUV \$34,914.00 each **HYBRID**
- 1- 2020 SUV \$32,024.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-902-719-919 \$200,000.00.

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.

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TONY D. OLDS
A CONSTABLE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

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

Section 1. That **TONY R. OLDS**, residing at 209 Garfield Street, Linden, Union County, New Jersey, be and he hereby is appointed a constable, and that his qualifications, bond, duties and powers shall be as provided and required by law and usage of this state and as hereafter may be provided by law.

Section 2. Said constable shall hold office for the three-year term commencing April 20, 2020 and terminating April 19, 2023.

Section 3. Said constable shall furnish a bond to the City of Linden in the sum of \$1,000.00 with good freehold or other security, to be approved by the Council, which bond shall remain in full force during the term of office for which the said constable is appointed, and shall take, subscribe and file with the City Clerk of the City of Linden the required oath and shall meet the qualifications required by law, prior to commencing his duties and exercising his powers, and shall in all respects comply with the law in such case made and provided.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 SPECIAL
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET
AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-65 et seq. has established a Special Improvement District ("SID") by Ordinance 31-63 adopted on October 19, 1993 which created Linden Code Section 27-1 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Linden SID has the responsibility to prepare and submit to the City Council a yearly budget and a report which explains how the budget contributes to the goals and objectives of the Special Improvement District; and,

WHEREAS, Linden Code 27-5 establishes a maximum added assessment that shall not exceed a sum of \$.0050 of the total assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has determined that the total assessment for the Special Improvement District is \$38,224,600.00 in 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Linden Code Section 27-6 the City Council is in receipt of the 2019 yearly budget and the report which explains how the budget contributes to the goals and objectives of the Special Improvement District, both of which are attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:56-84(f) (2) City Council shall introduce and approve the yearly budget by a Resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:56-84(c) the City Council shall upon approval of the budget, fix the time and place for the holding of a public hearing upon the budget with the notice of the hearing and copy of the budget to be published at least 10 days prior to the date fixed therefore in the official newspaper of the City and not less than 28 days after the approval of the budget.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, that:

1. The 2020 Special Improvement District budget and a report which explains how the budget contributes to goals and objectives for the Special Improvement District are attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and made part hereof. The budget is hereby introduced being read by its title and declares that the conditions set forth in N.J.S.A 40:56-84(f)(1) are satisfied.

2. The hearing on the 2020 Special Improvement District budget shall be on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at City of Linden City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden New Jersey, at 7:00 p.m.

3. The notice of the time and place for the holding of the public hearing upon the budget, and a copy of the budget shall be published in the Local Source on May 28, 2020. Same was posted in City Hall and made available to any person requesting same.

****Removed from Consideration****

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO
ESTABLISH THE CURRENT FUND
OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020**

RESOLUTION: 2020-174

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO OCCUPATIONAL CENTER OF UNION COUNTY

WHEREAS, City of Linden, 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey wishes to donate \$7,000.00 to the Occupational Center of Union County; and

WHEREAS, the Occupational Center of Union County has submitted the appropriate paperwork and is desirous of accepting the aforesaid donation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. 0-01-27-360-194-208; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that the City of Linden shall donate the aforesaid donation; 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.

RESOLUTION: 2020-175

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE LINDEN POP WARNER FOOTBALL AND THE CITY OF LINDEN

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of entering into a contract with the Linden Pop Warner Football Program, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage youngsters in the City as the City does not offer such a program;

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Property and Community Services has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contracts;

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; 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 number 0-01-28-370-198-209; and

WHEREAS, the amount of said contract shall be a fee not exceed to \$15,000.00;

WHEREAS, said contract will be for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020;

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

1. The City will enter into a contract with the Linden Pop Warner Football Program, commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020, as approved by the Law Department.
2. The Linden Pop Warner Football Program shall provide an audit/financial statement and or similar document for 2019 to the City, before monies can be released in compliance with the City of Linden policies.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2020-176

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LEDC) AND THE CITY OF LINDEN

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of entering into a contract with the Linden Economic Development Corporation ("LEDC") a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote, encourage and assist the industrial, commercial, and economic development of the City of Linden; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2), as LEDC is a non-profit organization and agency of the City of Linden, deemed to be providing essential governmental functions on behalf of the City, the Contract is exempt from bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that Council pass a resolution authorizing the award of contracts; 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. 0-01-40-700-104-208; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020, at a fee not to exceed \$70,000.00.

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

1. The City will enter into a contract with the LEDC, commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020, not to exceed \$70,000.00.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby directed and empowered to execute any and all documents required as approved by the Law Department.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2020-177

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO THE CITY OF LINDEN PAL

WHEREAS, City of Linden, 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey wishes to donate \$20,000.00 to the City of Linden PAL; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden PAL is desirous of accepting the aforesaid donation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account number 0-01-28-370-198-208; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that the City of Linden shall donate the aforesaid donation; 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.

RESOLUTION: 2020-178

CITY OF LINDEN RAT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there were certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of April 2020 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:

<u>CK#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	
	4/2/2020	Benecard Services LLC	April Funding for Prescription Plan	\$129,391.97
	4/6/2020	Payroll 4/9	Payroll – Current	\$1,723,605.42
	4/6/2020	Payroll 4/9	Payroll – Trust	\$121,569.64
	4/6/2020	Payroll 4/9	Payroll – Grant	\$1,001.12
	4/6/2020	Payroll 4/9	Payroll – Unemployment \$1,291.54	
	4/7/2020	Unity Bank	Worker’s Comp Claims 3/30 – 4/5	\$134,886.64
	4/8/2020	Unity Bank	Worker’s Comp Claims 3/30 – 4/5	\$4,635.86
	4/9/2020	Linden Board of Education	April Board of Education Payment	\$7,851,326.33
	4/9/2020	Linden Free Library	April Library Payment	\$179,166.67
176718	4/14/2020	Thermo Plastic Tech, Inc.	LPD/LFD Face Shields – Covid-19	\$1,725.00
	4/15/2020	NJ State Health Benefits	April Health Premiums – Retirees	\$401,977.90
	4/15/2020	NJ State Health Benefits	February Health Premiums – Active	\$660,946.58
	4/16/2020	Unity Bank	Worker’s Comp Claims 4/6 – 4/12	\$46,924.53
	4/20/2020	Payroll 4/23	Payroll – Current	\$1,701,451.31
	4/20/2020	Payroll 4/23	Payroll – Trust	\$112,037.60
	4/20/2020	Payroll 4/23	Payroll – Grant	\$501.66
	4/20/2020	Payroll 4/23	Payroll – Unemployment \$1,058.44	
	4/21/2020	Unity Bank	Worker’s Comp Claims 4/13 – 4/19	\$11,245.43
	4/23/2020	Elavon, Inc.	April Merchant Fee – Garage Sale	\$59.99
	4/23/2020	Elavon, Inc.	April Merchant Fee – Dog License	\$72.36
176920	4/23/2020	Bishop, Gerald	Reimbursement for Covid-19 Supplies	\$169.46
176921	4/23/2020	NJ Motor Vehicle Comm.	Titles for Police Vehicles \$240.00	
176922	4/23/2020	Matlosz, Peter	Return Escrow – 847 S. Park Ave.	\$3,019.41
176923	4/23/2020	Sanofi Pasteur Inc.	Flu Vaccines	\$8,885.28

176924	4/23/2020	JEM Industrial Services	Covid-19 Hand Sanitizer	\$3,519.00
	4/23/2020	TD Bank, NA	Refunding 2016 Debt Payment	\$363,449.55
	4/24/2020	Depository Trust Company	GO Bond Series 2011 Debt Payment	\$1,256,062.50
	4/24/2020	Delta Dental of NJ	May Dental Claims – City	\$38,539.60
	4/24/2020	Delta Dental of NJ	May Dental Claims – Sewerage	\$2,973.00
	4/24/2020	Delta Dental of NJ	May Dental Claims – Housing	\$1,215.06
	4/24/2020	Delta Dental of NJ	May Dental Claims – Library	\$853.07
	4/24/2020	Delta Dental of NJ	May Dental Claims – Cobra	\$33.67

RESOLUTION: 2020-179

**** REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION****

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO
ESTABLISH THE SANITARY LANDFILL
UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET
FOR THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020**

RESOLUTION: 2020-180

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020 THROUGH MAY 23, 2020 AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

WHEREAS, public works professional focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Linden; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the City of Linden to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 60th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden do hereby designate the week of May 17 - 23, 2020 as National Public Works Week, and urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

RESOLUTION: 2020-181

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM PHILLIPS 66 TO THE LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Phillips 66, 1400 S. Park Avenue, Linden wishes to donate \$6,000.00 to the Linden Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden is desirous of accepting the aforesaid donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that the City of Linden shall accept the aforesaid donation; 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.

RESOLUTION: 2020-182

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A BBQ GRILL FROM THE HOME DEPOT TO THE LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, The Home Depot, 701 E. Edgar Road, Linden wishes to donate a BBQ Grill, with an approximate value of \$450.00 to the Linden Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden is desirous of accepting the aforesaid donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that the City of Linden shall accept the aforesaid donation; 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.

RESOLUTION: 2020-183

**RESOLUTION
TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2020**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden desires to introduce the 2020 Temporary Capital budget of said municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Linden introduces the 2020 Temporary Capital Budget follows:

Section 1. The 2020 Temporary Capital Budget of the City of Linden is hereby introduced to read as follows:

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

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 2020 Capital Budget, to be included in the 2020 Capital Budget as adopted.

RESOLUTION: 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**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Linden does have an adopted City of Linden Budget for 2020 and the City of Linden has not received a certified tax rate from Union County as of this date, the City of Linden Tax Collector will be unable to mail the City of Linden's 2020 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden Tax Collector, in consultation with the City of Linden Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey on this 19th day of May, 2020 as follows:

1. The City of Linden Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the City of Linden for the third installment of the 2020 taxes on or before June 30, 2020.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2020 is hereby set at \$188,773,117.34 with an estimated rate of \$6.920.
3. In accordance with law the third installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimate tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

RESOLUTION: 2020-185

**RESOLUTION AWARDED TO NORTHERN SCREENING & CRUSHING FOR THE SERVICES OF
SCREENING COMPOST FOR THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS SOLICITATED BY QUOTATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to retain services for the screening of compost based on lump sum screening based on 5,000 cubic yards for the City of Linden; 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, Northern Screening & Crushing, PO Box 63, Landing, NJ 07850 was solicited for quotations; and

WHEREAS, Northern Screening & Crushing provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to accounts #0-01-26-305-169-270; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Northern Screening & Crushing be awarded a contract for the screening of compost at the low quote of \$25,000.00.

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.

RESOLUTION: 2020-186

**CITY OF LINDEN
EXTEND SECOND QUARTER TAXES GRACE PERIOD
TO JUNE 1ST, 2020**

WHEREAS, as a result of Executive Order #103, on March 9, 2020, Governor Murphy issued a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ; and

WHEREAS, numerous Executive Orders have been issued by the Governor since that time to deal with a myriad of economic and social issues affecting New Jersey residents due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order #130 which extended the grace period for the payment of 2nd quarter real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to afford its residents and business property owners the benefit of the extension of the grace period for the payment of 2nd quarter real estate taxes as set forth in Executive Order #130.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Linden, as follows:

1. The due date for the second quarter 2020 real estate tax payment to the City of Linden shall be May1, 2020 pursuant to Governor Murphy's Executive Order # 130 issued on April 28, 2020.
2. The grace period for the payment of the second quarter 2020 real estate taxes is hereby fixed to be from May 1, 2020 through June 1, 2020 pursuant to C72 of P.L. 1994 and the relevant ordinances and resolutions of the City of Linden until the date of the actual payment.
- 3.
4. The late payment of taxes shall be applicable to the above extended date subject only to the modification set forth herein.
5. Interest on real estate taxes paid after June 1, 2020, shall be calculated retroactively to May 1, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 2020-187

**RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN ITEMS SURPLUS NOT NEEDED FOR GOVERNMENT USE
AND AUTHORIZING THEIR SALE OR DISPOSITION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 provides for the sale/disposal of surplus property not needed for Non Public Safety 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;

1	HP Jet Direct 300X	s/n SG94255334
1	3 Com port	s/n AB/9XSQ9T003DDE0
1	3 Com port	s/n AB/9XSQ9Q0047E88
1	Sonicwall TZ 180	s/n 0017C539B634
1	CD-RW dvd drive	TSH493B

1	CD SC-148	6RBN634067
1	Dell Floppy drive	CN0Y6933-12591-6B4-00JH
1	DVD rewritable	DH-16ABS11B
1	Dell Floppy drive	s/n HN0DH8Q
1	CD Rom Drive	LTN-4891506C
1	Netgear GS10SE	s/n 29B30B3T00605
1	Dell wireless 2350 router	s/n TW0G7251-36210-58P-2F09
1	Linksys wireless G	s/n MDG30F619209
1	Linksys wireless G	s/n CDFD1F990010
1	Westell Model 2200 DSL router	s/n 03B-409383279 (W/O 34064)
1	Sonicwall 2400	1RK14-053 s/n 0017C518A418
1	Dell Inspiron Mini	Service Tag GFQKLK1
1	Dell Optiplex 3010	Service Tag FGT58Y1
1	Dell Optiplex 3020	Service Tag H9YGD42
1	Netgear Ready nas 1200	s/n 2KU435AU00239
1	Dell Powerconnect 3248	Service Tag HYQ0221
1	HP Color Laser Jet 200 M251	s/n VNB3B10027
1	Sonicwall TZ 150na	s/n 0000B12DFFAE
1	Dell dvd rom	p/n 5W299-A01
1	APC network card	s/n ZA1815028781
1	Dell 3com	s/n 0500/LW2G3G0333400
1	Dell	E1914HF
1	Optquest Q9 Vs11201	QSWD74051386
1	Dell LCD	E176FPc
1	Dell Flat Panel	P190ST
2	Dell LCD	1707FPf model
1	Dell	E2011Ht
1	Dell	CN0XKFTR
1	SMX2200RMLV2U	S/N S1240009413
1	SMT1500RM2U	S/N AS1133210826
1	911-0125B	S/N ZS1247012343

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: 2020-188

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
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**

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

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2015, the City Council of the City (the "**City Council**"), pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6*, authorized the Planning Board of the City (the "**Planning Board**") to determine whether the property identified as Block 496, Lot 3 on the official tax map of the City ("**City Property**"), met the statutory criteria for designation as an "area in need of redevelopment" pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2016, the Planning Board undertook said investigation and conducted a public hearing, all in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6*, and recommended to the City Council that the City Property satisfied certain statutory criteria and thus constituted an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution 2016-134, which designated the City Property as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2016, Ricci Planning prepared, and the City Council adopted, the redevelopment plan entitled "Redevelopment Plan Block 496, Lot 3," providing the development standards for the City Property (the "**Redevelopment Plan**"), pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2018, the City Council authorized and directed the Planning Board of the City to conduct a preliminary investigation of the property identified as Block 496, Lot 4 on the tax maps of the City ("the **Additional Property**"), to determine if the Additional Property met the criteria of an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2018, the Planning Board recommended, and the City Council, on June 19, 2018 designated, the Additional Property as an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law (the City Property, together with the Additional Property, the "**Property**"); and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2018, in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the Property, the City Council adopted an ordinance that amended the Redevelopment Plan to, amongst other amendments, include the Additional Property in the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2018, by way of Resolution 2018-425, the City designated Peak Park Urban Renewal, LLC as redeveloper of the property and authorized the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement in in order to implement the development, financing, construction, operation and management of the Property, specifically, the construction of fourteen (14) town houses, after receiving a response to a Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals for the redevelopment of the Property and after negotiations regarding same; and

WHEREAS, since the designation of Peak Park Urban Renewal, LLC as redeveloper of the Property, Peak Park Urban Renewal, LLC has failed to purchase the City Property and otherwise failed to enter into a redevelopment agreement with the City to redevelop the Property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to rescind the designation of Peak Park Urban Renewal, LLC as the redeveloper of the Property, due to Peak Park Urban Renewal, LLC's unnecessary and undue delay in executing a redevelopment agreement for the redevelopment of the Property, as well as the failure to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for the City Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. The City Council hereby rescinds the designation of Peak Park Urban Renewal, LLC as redeveloper of the Property.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION:2020-189

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH HARBOR CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR ON-CALL
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ENGINEERING DIVISION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for on-call engineering services (civil engineering, land surveying and construction management) 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, Harbor Consultants, Inc., submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contract 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, which will be charged to Account No. 0-01-20-165-124-255.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that the agreement for Professional Services awarded to Harbor Consultants, Inc., 320 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016, at a fee not to exceed \$30,000.00 in accordance with their proposal dated May 11, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Harbor Consultants, Inc. and the City of Linden; and

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

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-190

RESOLUTION ENGAGING MULLER BOHLIN ASSOCIATES, INC. TO ASSIST THE CITY OF LINDEN IN FINALIZING OUTSTANDING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND/OR REPORTING ON STATE, FEDERAL & LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES AND TO RENDER TECHNICAL ADVICE, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO COMPLETING FUNDING PROGRAMS THAT ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY OF LINDEN

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has a need for a consultant in order to finalize outstanding grant applications and for the purpose of assisting the City of Linden in completing and identifying state and federal funding programs as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; 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, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has fully complied with the "non-fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, Muller Bohlin Associates, having offices at 101B North Wood Ave., Suite B, Linden, NJ 07036 possesses the requisite professional certification and experience necessary to serve in said position; and

WHEREAS, funds will be made available for this purpose to be charged to Account No: 0-01-20-110-103-256;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Muller Bohlin Associates at a fee not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a term beginning May 20, through December 31, 2020 ; and to complete outstanding grant applications and/or reporting on said grant applications

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the scope of such services shall include assisting the City of Linden in finalizing State, Federal & Local Grant funding sources/applications and rendering technical advice and assistance with respect to completing outstanding grant applications and/or reporting on said grant applications identifying funding programs that are responsive to the needs of 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 Muller Bohlin Associates to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-194

Resolution approving the acceptance of a grant and the execution of a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for The Linden Rail Freight Project.

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has been awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Linden formally approves to accept the grant funds to execute the Project Proposal dated December 09, 2019 seeking State assistance to carry out the above stated project, estimated to cost \$3,023,410.00. The project has been reviewed and found to meet the requirement of the RFAP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement, referred to as **Agreement No. 7428308**, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement in which the State will provide 90% of the eligible costs up to \$2,302,443.00 for the Project and the City of Linden shall provide 10% in matching funds for the Project up to \$720,967.00.

Mr. Strano moved to approve resolutions 2020-164 through 2020-193, with the exception of 2020-173 and 2020-179. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blaine. President Yamakaitis asked for discussion. Mr. Roman, stated that he wanted it explained to the public why we were hiring the lawyers in resolutions 2020-164, 165 and 166. He also spoke about resolution 2020-188 and wanted to know why we were removing Peak Park Urban Renewal, LLC as the redeveloper for the Park Plastics site. He expressed his concerns that the City will be facing litigation on this matter, and perhaps it should be tabled for a month, to address the letter that Council persons received via email today. Mr. Roman then spoke about resolutions 2020-193 and 194 appointing Fairview Insurance Agency, and that he wanted the public to know that this is a classic political favor. He explained his reasoning. Mr. Antonelli addressed resolutions 2020-164, 165 and 166, stating that these three firms are currently working for the City and are not new hires. He then explained the matters that each firm was handling. Next Mr. Antonelli spoke about resolution 2020-188 noting that the city was well within its rights to terminate the agreement, as had been explained in conference last night. Regarding Fairview Insurance Agency, Mr. Antonelli stated that they are very qualified and will do some good work for the City.

President Yamakaitis called for a vote. The resolutions were ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Ms. Cosby who abstained on all; Mr. Roman who abstained on 2020-64, 65, 66, 88 92, 93, 94, Mrs. Hickey who voted no to 2020-164, 165, and 166 and abstained on 2020-188 & 192.

ORDINANCES ON 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.

Ordinance #64-28 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call ordered approved, with all voting yes, except Mrs. Cosby who abstained.

#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.

Ordinance #64-28 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call ordered approved, with all voting yes, except Mrs. Cosby who abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Yamakaitis explained the rules for public participation.

Ed Kaminski, Maple Ave. Mr. Kaminski began by expressing his thanks to Linden's First Responder, noting that they make Linden proud. He offered his condolences to all the victims and families of those that died in the several recent shootings. He asked why trash was being suspended, and if it was a staffing issue, are other departments facing the same staffing issues. He spoke about other towns seeming not to have issues in delivering their services. He asked if something could be done about the filth around town, and noted his specific concerns. Lastly Mr. Kaminski asked that with another investigative committee being sanctioned, what changes have been made as a result of the last investigative committee. There is a lawsuit, what has changed. He pointed out the large amount of money that Linden is spending in legal fees. . President Yamakaitis called upon Mr. Venditto to provide a response to Mr. Kaminski on the issue of the suspension of the trash pickup. Mr. Antonelli provided a response on the issue of the hiring of the law firms, the law suits, and the difference between a lawsuit and a tort claim notice.

Anthony Mislán, 444 Inwood Road. Mr. Mislán noted that he attended yesterday conference meeting and it was brought up that, going forward, all Linden City employees were going to have to be Linden residents. He asked about existing City employees, who haven't been living in the City to move back, in order to keep their jobs? He asked what caused this crackdown on those not living in the City. He noted the personnel report contained a change for a City employee, who does not live in the City. Mr. Roth responded, noting that the City has had a residency policy in place since 1981, which was recodified in 2008. He explained the requirements, as they were put in place in 2008. He noted the reasons that residency waivers are given, and that City has had at least two residency checks since 2006. He explained how this residency check came about.

Joseph Birch 625 Beechwood Road. Mr. Birch stated that on behalf of the Linden Police Superiors Organization he would like to thank residents and businesses that came out to support the Police Department since the pandemic began. He congratulated Jeff Carhart on his well deserved retirement. He spoke about his personnel history with Sgt. Carhart. He thanked the Council for promoting Adam Mikolajczyk to Sergeant. He thanked council for their continued support of the Police and Mr. Roth and the negotiations committee for all their hard work they put into negotiations.

There being no additional members of the public wishing to be heard, Mrs. Ormon moved to close the public comment portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Caldwell, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Mrs. Hickey recognized Jay Sibilski's birthday and spoke about all that he has done.

Mrs. Caldwell wished all a good evening and to stay safe.

Mr. Strano offered his congratulations to the retirees, and to Adam Mikolajczyk on his promotion to Sergeant, noting how proud all were. He spoke about resolution 2020-180, for National Public Works Week and the recognition that the employees of DPW deserve.

Mr. Medina noted that he has been receiving lots of complaints on speeding cars. He has spoken to the traffic division regarding speeding in the ward. He also noted that he has been getting complaints about people walking their dogs and allowing them up on resident's front lawns.

Mr. Roman stated that he has been receiving complaints about lots of arguments coming out of 6-3, and has asked the police for suggestions on how to handle it. He gave a shout out to Adam Mikolajczyk for his promotion to sergeant.

Mrs. Ormon congratulated the retirees and those promoted. She spoke about DPW, stating her anger when DPW is not appreciated for the outstanding job they do.

Mr. Blaine wished his congratulations to all of the graduating class of 2020. He noted what they are missing out on due to the pandemic. He hoped that they would use this opportunity to grow themselves and be assets to society. Mr. Blaine urged all of the residents of Linden, when we are allowed to open up, to please patronize all of the local businesses and vendors.

Ms. Cosby offered her congratulations to the Class of 2020, noting that her son was one of the graduates. She congratulated the IT Division for the platform for tonight's meeting. She requested permission to attend the next meeting of the IT Committee as she had some ideas. She spoke about the need for all to work together.

Mayor Armstead commented about the remarks made earlier about the cleaning of Wood Avenue, noted that the cleaning starts at 3:30 am. He congratulated, Mrs. Caldwell, the IT Committee and Mr. Crane for bringing some order back to these meetings. Tonight's meeting ran smoothly. He congratulated Jeff Carhart on his retirement, and Adam Mikolajczyk on his promotion. He spoke about Mr. Mikolajczyk family and how great they are. He spoke about the drive-through graduation planned for the Linden High School seniors at the airport.

Mr. Mohammed offered his condolences to Mrs. Caldwell.

President Yamakaitis thanked the IT Committee and Mr. Crane for the platform that tonight's meeting was run on. She wished all a happy Memorial Day and thanked the veterans for their service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Yamakaitis made the following announcements:

* Council Conference meeting: Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave

*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting:
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

*Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

Please check the City website, Linden-nj.org for directions on how to participate in the meeting, if it is done electronically.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mrs. Ormon moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk