

**Minutes of a Special  
Meeting of the 2020 Council of the  
City of Linden, held Thursday,  
May 28, 2020**

A special meeting of the 2020 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the electronically, due to the oncoming health emergency on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 6:05 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. President Yamakaitis further announced:

1. Review and acceptance of the Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP) Agreement.
2. Approval of a Financial Agreement with Clayton relative to the 10% in matching funds for said project.

Official Action may be taken, and portions of the meeting may be held in executive session.

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

Council President Michele Yamakaitis noted 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.

A roll call showed the following members were present:

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman	Lisa Ormon
Councilman	Barry Javick
Councilwoman	Monique Caldwell
Councilman	Ralph Strano
Councilman	Garnett Blaine
Councilwoman	Gretchen Hickey
Council President	Michele Yamakaitis
Mayor	Derek Armstead

President Yamakaitis announced that Ms. Cosby was excused due to a prior commitment. Also present was City Clerk Joseph Bodek.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**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 for approval of resolution 2020-194. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Mr. Bodek noted that the agreement regarding the 10% matching funds has not been completed, and that City Attorney had advised that action on this matter could be taken at the regular June meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

President Yamakaitis announced: Comments on City business only, no personal, political or derogatory comments. Comments are not to exceed 3 minutes. Note 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.

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

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 FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

There were none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President ANNOUNCE'S: The next Council Meetings will be as follows:

\* 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](http://Linden-nj.org) for directions on how to participate electronically in these meetings, if the need continues.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mrs. Caldwell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek  
City Clerk