

**Minutes of the Regular
Meeting of the 2020 Council of the
City of Linden, held Tuesday,
July 21, 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, July 21, 2020 at 7:15 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 you 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
Councilwoman	Monique Caldwell
Councilman	Alfred Mohammed
Councilwoman	Rhashonna Cosby
Councilman	John F. Roman
Councilman	Ralph Strano
Councilman	Garnett Blaine
Councilman	Armando Medina
Council President	Michele Yamakaitis
Mayor	Derek Armstead

President Yamakaitis announced the Councilwoman Hickey was excused.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Mohammed moved for approval of the minutes of the June 16, 2020 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blaine and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Ms. Cosby and Mr. Roman, who abstain and Mrs. Caldwell who loss the electronic connection./

ORDINANCE ON HEARING

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

64-30 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter XXIX, Land Development; and Chapter XXXI, Zoning, to implement the City's Master Plan.

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 Deputy Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Michele Yamakaitis inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Deputy 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 Deputy Clerk. There were none.

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Blaine moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved, with all voting in favor except Ms. Cosby who voted no.

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

64-31 Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$577,500.00 for the acquisition of automated recycling carts for the division of Public Works and authorizing the issuance of \$548,625.00 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

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None were presented and the Deputy 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 Deputy 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 Mr. Javick and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was unanimously approved.

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

64-32 An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the City Code of the City of Linden entitled "General Licensing" to permit outdoor dining areas.

Ms. Cosby moved to amend Ordinance 64-32, by making the closing times, for all days of the week, 12 midnight. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Caldwell and was ordered approved with all voting yes, to amend, except Ms. Cosby who abstained. Mr. Antonelli noted that the amendment was deminimus and the amended ordinance could proceed to a vote.

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None were presented and the Deputy 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 Deputy Clerk. There were none.

There being no persons to be heard, Ms. Cosby moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman. Ms. Cosby stated that business have been impacted by Covid, but there is also the impact on the neighbors on keeping restaurants open to midnight. She thought that midnight, on a week night was a little too late. Mr. Antonelli responded that this ordinance is for outdoor dining, it is for those establishments that are serving food, and they can serve until midnight. Upon a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was approved, with all voting in favor except Ms. Cosby who abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA

(*) Tax Collector**

(1) The amount of money collected during the month of June 2020 and turned over to the treasurer's office is as follows:

2020 Taxes	\$2,826,399.59
2019 Taxes	\$187,306.36
2018 Taxes	\$.06
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	\$4,522.48
Returned Check Fee Paid	\$20.00
Returned Sewer Clean out	(\$0.00)
Returned Sewer Interest	(\$0.00)
Returned Check 2019	(\$5,810.48)
Returned Check 2020	(\$4,924.85)
Returned Check Interest	(\$310.78)
Returned Online 2020 Taxes	(\$6,903.40)
Returned Online 2019 Taxes	(\$0.00)
Returned Online Interest	(\$121.96)
Adv. Before Tax Sale	\$0.00
Premium	\$0.00
Sewer Clean out charge	\$401.53

DPW Reso payments	\$620.00
Interest	\$61,823.24
Total	\$3,063,021.79

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>
56	13	6/9/2020	18-00032	\$3,100.00
225	15	6/9/2020	18-00128	\$1,900.00
468	33	6/9/2020	18-00202	\$2,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$7,500.00 payable to Greymorr, LLC, BMO 85, P.O. Box 1414, Minneapolis, MN 55480, charging same to account # 0-01-55-276-999-956.

Tax Sale Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>CTF#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
96	4	7/8/2020	17-00071	\$1,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable to: Actlien Holding, US Bank Cust, Actlien Holding, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, 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>Cert#</u>	<u>Premium</u>
260	3	6/11/2020	18-00139	\$600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$ 600.00 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>
322	7	6/9/2020	18-00153	\$100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$100.00 payable to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC., 575 Route #-70, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723, 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>
422	6	6/19/2020	18-00184	\$42,800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$42,800.00 payable to: Lillian Zhang, 11 Walnut Street, Livingston, NJ 07039, charging same to account #0-01-55-276-999-956.

Tax Court Judgement Block 42, Lot 11, Peter F. Paskovich, Jr., 203 Grant Street

The above referenced former property owners are entitled to a refund due to a County Board judgment reducing the assessment by 45,300 for 2017 creating a total overpayment of \$1,463.83.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$1,463.83 payable to: Peter F. Paskovich, Jr., 203 Grant Street, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account # 0-01-55-275-999-000.

Veteran's Deduction Block-149 Lot-4, John E. Worthy, 1305 Bower Street
Allowed Veterans Deduction

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an allowed veteran's deduction for the year 2019. The overpayment amount is \$250.00.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
149	4	John E. Worthy	1305 Bower Street	\$250.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of **\$250.00** payable to: John E. Worthy, 1305 Bower Street, Linden, NJ 07036, refunds charging same to account # 0-01-55-288-999-904.

Overpayment Block-198 Lot-12, 2016 Overpayment

The above referenced property has an overpayment in the amount of \$414.58 that was due to a Homestead Benefit Credit from the former owner of the seller and a title agency paid the original billing amount. By the time that we were able to identify these payments and their origin, the

ownership had changed and no one has come forward to request a refund. I am requesting that this amount be transferred to M.R.N.A. by the City Treasurer.

Overpayment Block 391 Lot 37, Abdul S. & Crystal Williams
507 Elmwood Terrace

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by the title agency on the 2020 taxes that should have been forwarded to the Jersey City Tax Collector's Office. The overpayment amount is \$ 3,378.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$3,378.00 payable to: New Era Title & Settlements, LLC, 395 Franklin Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, charging same to account #-0-01-55-288-999-904.

Veterans Deduction Block-419 Lot-25 CA044, John Carrero
1150-1190 W. St. George Avenue, Unit#-A44, Allowed Veterans Deduction

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an allowed veteran's deduction for the year 2019. The overpayment amount is \$250.00.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
419	25 Ca044	John Carrero	1150-1190 W. St. George Ave Unit#-CA044	\$250.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of **\$250.00** payable to: John Carrero, 1150-1190 W. St. George Ave, Unit A44, Linden, NJ 07036, refunds charging same to account # 0-01-55-288-999-904.

Tax Court Judgement Block 466 Lot 2.02, Strategic Long Term Care of NJ
400 W. Stimpson Street

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a Tax Court of New Jersey judgment reducing the assessment by 1,965,200 for 2014, 2,522,600 for 2015, 3,005,000 for 2018 & 2,270,000 for 2019.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$642,636.32 payable to: Archer Greiner, P.C Attn: Jeffrey Gradone, Esq., 101 Carnegie Center, Suite # 300, Princeton, NJ 08540 charging same to account #0-01-55-275-999-000.

(*) PERSONNEL:**

(2) Advising that the following City of Linden employees have filed for retirement:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Fire Dept.	Brian Pericone	Fire Captain	August 1, 2020
Fire Dept.	Joseph Monsorno	Fire Fighter	August 1, 2020
DPW	Thomas Miller	Motor Broom Operator	August 1, 2020
Building & Grounds	Mark MacDonald	Laborer	August 1, 2020
Police Dept.	Jacqueline DePhillips	Principal Acct. Clerk Typing	August 1, 2020

(*) STREET CLOSURE APPLICATION:**

(3) The Homeowner at 111 Union Avenue is requesting approval to close a portion of Union Avenue to hold a Block Party on August 1, 2020 between the hours of 2pm and 8pm. The approval of this application is contingent upon approval of the Police Chief and City Attorney.

(*) MUNICIPAL TREASURER, REFUNDS:**

(4) Requesting approval of the following refund requests that have been submitted.

Parking Permit Refund

Isabel Lim is entitled to a refund of \$270.00 for a 2nd quarter railroad parking permit. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$270.00 payable to: Isabel Lim, 65 Grand St., Clark, NJ 07066 charging same to 0-01-08-609-013.

Parking Permit Refund

Lisa Wands is entitled to a refund of \$228.00 for a 2nd quarter railroad parking permit. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$228.00 payable to: Lisa Wands, 432 Morristown Rd., Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 0-01-08-609-013.

Parking Permit Refund

Joel Johnson is entitled to a refund of \$228.00 for a 2nd quarter railroad parking permit. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$228.00 payable to: Joel Johnson, 330 Spruce St., Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 0-01-08-609-013.

Parking Permit Refund

Donna Chiarello is entitled to a refund of \$270.00 for a 2nd quarter railroad parking permit. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$270.00 payable to: Donna Chiarello, 12 Janie Lane, Clark, NJ 07066 charging same to 0-01-08-609-013.

Day Camps Refund

Edyta Wnek is entitled to a refund of \$200.00 for day camps. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$200.00 payable to: Edyta Wnek, 144 E. Munsell Ave., Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to T-14-56-850-000-107.

Anna Wasilewska Refund

Ana Louvado-Noda is entitled to a refund of \$200.00 for day camps. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$200.00 payable to: Anna Wasilewska, 1710 Summit Terr., Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to T-14-56-850-000-107.

Day Camp Refund

Judith Collado is entitled to a refund of \$200.00 for day camps. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$200.00 payable to: Judith Collado, 310 4th Ave., Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to T-14-56-850-000-107.

STEAM Program Refund

Gabriela Necochea is entitled to a refund of \$90.00 for the STEAM program. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$90.00 payable to: Gabriela Necochea, 508 Morristown Rd., Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to T-03-56-800-999-092.

Day Camp Refund

Vicky Brooks is entitled to a refund of \$200.00 for day camps. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$200.00 payable to: Vicky Brooks, 1844 Dill Ave., 2nd Floor, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to T-14-56-850-000-107.

Day Camp Refund

Jay Madlangbayan is entitled to a refund of \$450.00 for day camps. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$450.00 payable to: Jay Madlangbayan, 330 Elmwood Terr., Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to T-14-56-850-000-107.

Service date of 6/29/2017

Geisinger Health Plan is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$595.00 for service that was provided on 6/29/2017. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Geisinger Health Plan, 100 N. Academy Ave., Danville, PA 17822 charging same to 0-01-08-629-011.

Service date of 3/4/2019

Cigna is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$940.00 for service that was provided on 3/4/2019. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Cigna, PO Box 182223, Chattanooga, TN 37422 charging same to 0-01-08-629-011.

Service date of 2/1/2019

Horizon BC BS NJ is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$95.15 for service that was provided on 2/1/2019. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Horizon BC BS NJ, PO Box 420, Newark, NJ 07101 charging same to 0-01-08-629-011.

Service date of 1/7/2019

Wellcare Health Plans of New Jersey, Inc. is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$70.00 for service that was provided on 1/7/2019. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Wellcare Health Plans of New Jersey, Inc., PO Box 31370, Tampa FL 33631 charging same to 0-01-08-629-011.

Service date of 12/28/2018

Palmetto GBA – Railroad Medicare is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$335.33 for service that was provided on 12/28/2018. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Palmetto GBA – Railroad Medicare, Medicare Part B – Finance & Accounting, PO Box 367, Augusta, GA 30999-0001 charging same to 0-01-08-629-011.

Service date of 11/23/2018

Horizon BC BS of NJ is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$85.55 for service that was provided on 11/23/2018.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Horizon BC BS of NJ, PO Box 420, Newark, NJ 07101 charging same to 0-01-08-629-011.

Service date of 10/16/2018

Horizon BC BS of NJ is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$85.55 for service that was provided on 10/16/2018.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Horizon BC BS of NJ, PO Box 420, Newark, NJ 07101 charging same to 0-01-08-629-011.

Service date of 10/9/2018

AARP is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$85.55 for service that was provided on 10/9/2018.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: AARP, PO Box 740819, Atlanta, GA 30374-0819 charging same to 0-01-08-629-011.

City Clerk

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Allowing Ohmies Coffee Bar + Yoga Studio, 919 N. Wood Avenue, Roselle, NJ to conduct yoga classes in TJ Weiser Memorial Park (N. Wood Ave and Raritan Rd) subject to the supplying of a certificate of insurance, execution of a hold harmless agreement, and following all Covid 19 health requirements, including but not limited to those for social distancing, while the Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of New Jersey prohibits indoor exercise activity.

Mr. Strano moved for approval of Consent Agenda items #1 through #5. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Caldwell and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

First Ward

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

Approval is requested for the following finance actions:

1. The payment of bills totaling \$2,522,553.87. 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 June at the rate of 2.75%.

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

Mrs. Ormon then gave the report of the Accident and Traffic Review Committee. She announced the start of a new program, "Street of The Week" to address a street, in each ward that the Council Person finds problematic.

Mrs. Ormon then gave her ward report, noting that the trees at 800 Ercama St. have been trimmed. She provided her contact information if any of the residents of the First Ward need a tree to be trimmed or a sidewalk to be repaired. She next spoke about outside gatherings, at homes, and the need to be respectful of neighbors. Mrs. Ormon also spoke about the need for residents to maintain their properties. In conclusion she spoke about some break-ins that had occurred, in the ward and the need to keep homes and cars locked.

Second Ward

Mr. Javick gave the report of the Fire Committee, informing all that the Fire Prevention Bureau collected \$7,037.23 for the month of June and that the ambulance reimbursement program brought in, for June, a total of \$62,680.45, bringing the Year to Date total to \$358,306.00. He went to report on the calls that the Department responded to. Mr. Javick spoke about utility upgrades, in the Second Ward and the placement of a digital street sign by School #8.

Mr. Javick noted the need for crossing guards, and how individuals could apply for the positions. He also spoke about SID and the need to help restaurants on Wood Avenue. He concluded by providing his contact information.

Third Ward

Mrs. Caldwell gave the report of the Construction Code Committee, noting that for the month of June the Construction Code Department issued 196 permits, 18 Certificates and collected \$46,450.46 in fees. Next

she gave the report of the IT Committee, and the firm that has been hired to do a survey of the IT needs of the City departments, noting that it will be a heavy lift to bring the City's IT up to speed.

Mrs. Caldwell announced that on July 23rd she would be hosting a Third Ward virtual meeting and explained how residents could participate. She pointed out that she wanted to hear from the neighbors. She then provided her contact information, concluding with speaking about the break ins that were going on and the need to keep home and car doors locked.

Fourth Ward

Mr. Mohammed talked about the completion of the work, by the gas company, on gas lines in the ward. He addressed the condition that the streets were in as a result of that work and the repaving of streets, in the ward that would begin soon.

Mr. Mohammed spoke about his chairing the Law Committee, and being insulted by those questioning his integrity. He stated that he was not part of any witch hunt, noting that he has made it a point of not attacking anyone's integrity. Mr. Mohammed spoke of his opposition to Senate bill S-2658, that was sponsored by Senator Scutari, taking away the right of a government entity to investigate matters in their purview, adding that is their right to investigate and fact find. He stated that all should celebrate the right to make inquiries and if someone has nothing to hide, the inquire should be welcomed.

Fifth Ward

Ms. Cosby stated that she forgave Mr. Mohammed for attacking her charter in a letter. She also noted that she had no reports from the Rent Leveling Board and the Environmental Commission, pointing out the Commission has not fully been staffed.

Forgive me for having a little fun with the screen name. I had GOAT meaning greatest of all time. I was just having a good time.

I have no report from the rent leveling board, they have suspended the meetings until further notice. The same is true for the environmental commission which, is still not fully staffed but is required by the statute, these are Mayoral appointments.

The planned community international day celebration has been canceled due to the pandemic.

If you have not done so already, please complete your census survey. njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/ACR/188_11.HTM do not let COVID-19 be the cause of delayed redistricting which will likely harm growing communities of color, and can be avoided by rearranging the election calendar. Hold all elected officials accountable for their votes find out how this affects us and contact your state legislature.

There will be a free food distribution by the county of union on a first come basis on Thursday July 23, for additional details please call 908 558 2288.

In the 5th ward, we are still waiting for the picnic bench to be replaced at Charles Street Park. I sent a request for a replacement before covid shut everything down. I recently resent the request to the committee chair and those in management who I sent it to before and will await a response.

We have not had a reopening event at Hagel Ave unfortunately, but please enjoy the parks with safety and good health in mind.

Alexander Ave, we have a lot of issues with speeding and we have asked that it is revisited through the traffic committee. We once asked to have it as a one way but either way, there are children on this street and I asked that it be looked at again. There are speeders going to and from 7 eleven. I cannot tell you when they will get to us because I asked for a list to see where the request falls and my request was not responded to. I will let you know when I know. We usually get a written report.

Public relations that is our job as city council to promote what we are doing and to do things. But no one wants to give us a budget or a pay raise like everyone else to do constituent contacts and programs.

If any one has any concerns, questions please call me or email me. Facebook is fine, but it is not my primary contact. I can be reached at rcosby@linden-nj.org or 908 718 7933 talk or text.

Before I finish, I would like to wish my sons a Happy Birthday. Today is my son Bilal-Reason's Birthday and I am so proud of him and on Sunday, my son Derrick- Charles turns 18! Happy birthday to them they make me proud.

That concludes my report.

Sixth Ward

Mr. Roman began his report by informing all about the drive through food distribution being done at Kean College by the County of Union. He then spoke about the reasons that he ran for Council, noting that in

this year's primary he won the Sixth Ward with 70% of the vote. Mr. Roman stated that he still has a lot more to do, adding that it was a great honor to serve the residents of the ward.

Mr. Roman provided his contact information, and asked that residents contact him if they had sidewalks that needed to be repaired. He spoke about a good friend's loss of his father. He thanked those that voted for him in the primary. He concluded by pointing out that in order to be a leader, you need to communicate with everyone.

Seventh Ward

1. Police Department:
 - a. Approve the hiring of four (4) Police officers from the attached list pending the successful completion of the City's hiring process.
 - b. Promotion of Officer Antonio LaCosta to rank of Sergeant at the annual salary of \$108,000.00, effective August 1, 2020. Sergeant LaCosta shall be considered appointed and assigned effective July 22, 2020 for the purposes of appointment for Civil Service.
2. Fire Department:
 - a. Promotion of Firefighter Steven Cuco to Lieutenant at the annual salary of \$108,000.00 effective August 1, 2020.
 - b. Promotion of Firefighter Anthony Holland to Lieutenant at the annual salary of \$108,000.00 effective August 1, 2020.
 - c. Promotion of Lt. Michael Cassidy to the rank of Captain at the annual salary of \$124,000.00 effective August 1, 2020.
3. Board of Health:
 - a. Amending the date of hire for Barbara Lescouflair, Clerk 1, to August 1, 2020.
4. Department of Community Services:

Division of Public Property:

 - a. Amending the date of hire for Anwar Witherspon, Laborer, to July 7, 2020.

Division of Public Works:

 - a. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Steven Kaspar part-time Mechanic effective June 29, 2020.
 - b. Requesting permission to hire Franklin Carillo to fill the position of truck driver (tier 2) at the rate of \$21.00 per hour effective August 3, 2020.
 - c. Permission to post for the position of laborer.

Division of Municipal Garage

 - a. Change in the hourly rate for Anthony Sestito, Maintenance Repairer/Welder, from \$18.00/hr to \$23.00/hr effective July 22, 2020.
 - b. Permission to post for the position of laborer.
6. Personnel:
 - a. Approve a one time amendment to the City's vacation carry-over policy to permit the carry-over of vacation days through March 31, 2021 those employees whose vacations were cancelled or could not be rescheduled due to the COVID 19 or the vacation schedule of an employee's respective department could not arrange the rescheduling of an employee's vacation due to staffing.
 - b. FMLA/NJFLA:

Employees' names are on file in the Personnel Division.
7. Office of Mayor
 - a. The appointment of Faith Itepu, as a summer intern, at the hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour effective July 20, 2020 through September 4, 2020 not to exceed 35 hours per week.

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

Mr. Strano congratulated the members of the Police and Fire Departments that were promoted this evening. He then proceeded to give the report of the Public Works Committee announcing that bulk trash collections were back on schedule, and trees were being trimmed. Next he spoke on the ordinance, on tonight's agenda, to purchase recycling carts. With this purchase the entire city would be on automated recycling pickup.

Mr. Strano then talked about the Blue Acres properties, in the City, and that the grass in those areas was finally being cut. He spoke about park permits being issued for the use of parks, and that those using the parks needed to follow the CDC Covid rules. He then talked about the ride that he had taken to check on the construction in the Tremely Point area, providing information on the status of each project. He announced that planning would soon begin for the ribbon cutting for the new road into the development, Senator Joseph S. Suliga Way. He concluded by wishing all good health.

Eighth Ward

Mr. Blaine welcomed all with a big hello and stated that he hoped that all had enjoyed their Fourth of July. He noted that tree trimming and sidewalk repairs were proceeding in the Eighth Ward. He asked for those that had request to get them in to him, but he was continuing to canvass the ward. He spoke about the complaints that he was getting regarding the noise coming from the refinery.

Mr. Blaine then spoke about the issue of fireworks, and that the police are aware of it. He noted the difficulties that they had in enforcing the law regarding the unauthorized use of fireworks. He talked about an issue at St. Mark's Park, and that he was working with the Police to resolve it. He further discussed the return of bulk trash pickup and complaints that he was receiving regarding speeding on Grier Avenue and suggestions to stop it. He asked residents to be mindful of their neighbors when they are outdoors celebrating. He concluded by offering his condolences to Federal Judge Esther Salas on the killing of her son and the shooting of her husband.

Ninth Ward

Mr. Medina noted that he would be giving his report and a report on behalf of Mrs. Hickey. He began by offering his condolence to the Hertz family on the loss of Ann Hertz. He congratulated Mr. Roman on his re-election. He reported on the work being done by the DPW in the Ninth Ward, and noted the great work being done by Mr. Venditto and Mr. Martinez.

Mr. Medina informed all that both portions of Edgewood Road and Drapkin Road would be repaved. He noted the accidents, in the Ninth Ward, that have been happening on Raritan Road, and need for more police enforcement. The County Police has stepped up their efforts. He also pointed out that a number of the accidents were single car accidents.

Mr. Medina spoke about sidewalk repairs and if any resident need theirs repaired to contact him. He provided his contact information.

Tenth Ward

Mr. Medina gave the following report for Mrs. Hickey.

Mrs. Hickey thanked the Tenth Ward residents for returning her for a third term. She then spoke about the roads, in the Tenth Ward, that would be repaved, and informed residents that they would be receiving automated recycling cans in November and December, with use beginning in 2021. She reported on an issue regarding a home on Princeton Road and how all of the departments were working together to resolve it.

Mrs. Hickey spoke about the forming of investigatory committees and how she does not believe in them. She offered her deepest condolences to the families of Helen Kenny and Anna Hertz. She congratulated Mr. Roman on his election win and spoke about the campaign that was run against him. She then spoke about her reasons for not attending this evenings council meeting, and provided her contact information.

Council President

Mrs. Yamakaitis acknowledged those City employees retiring this month, and wished them the best. She also acknowledged the passing of Judge William Daniels father and offered condolences to the family, on behalf of the entire Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Armstead began his report by congratulating those who were being promoted in the Police and Fire Departments. Next he gave a report regarding the various economic development projects going on in the City. He noted that responses have been received to the RFP for the development of the former Linden Chlorine Property. The responses are being reviewed and a developer should be designated in the next few months. He noted that the site contained over 20 million dollars in tax liens and was a superfund site. Next he announced that a new RFQ has been issued for the former Park Plastics site. He asked anyone who knows a developer for the site, the RFQ is on the City website, for them to respond to. Mayor Armstead announced that the Planning Board has given site plan approval for 1800 Lower Road for a warehouse to be occupied by Amazon. He noted the number of employees and the anticipated opening date.

Mayor Armstead reported on the graduation ceremony for Linden High School seniors that was held at Linden Airport, calling it a complete and total success. He noted the coverage the event received and how not to give these children a graduation would have been a travesty. He thanked, Paul Dudley, the Mayor's Youth Commission, Rebecca Tattoli, Sandy Jackson, and Strike Sound for their efforts in making this event a success.

Mayor Armstead gave a report on the Covid 19 virus. He noted that while New Jersey's numbers have leveled off it was still important to follow the CDC guidelines, such as wearing mask, and practicing social

distancing. He noted that the distribution from the food pantry have slowed down, the reasons why, but the pantry was still open and distributing food. He asked anyone in need of food, or who knows someone in need of food to contact his office with the information.

Mayor Armstead spoke about resolution 2020-237, and the reason that this route was being taken to redevelop this site. He made it clear that there was no redevelopment plan adopted, as of yet, and this is simply a study. He also noted that 2020-238 was on because the previously approved resolution had a typo in it, and on the advice of redevelopment counsel it was being re-adopted.

Mayor Armstead offered his condolences to Judge William Daniels, and his family, on the passing of his father. He spoke about the amount of time he has known the Daniels family. He also offered his condolence to Roselle Councilwoman Cynthia Johnson on the unexpected passing of her son, Tyquan McAllister. The Mayor talked about the restaurant that Tyquan and his mother ran in Linden, and how they often provided jobs to the youth of Linden. The Mayor congratulated all of the council persons, Mr. Mohammed, Mr. Roman, Mr. Blaine and Mrs. Hickey on their re-elections.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION: 2020-220

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE CONTRACT A40321 T-2959 FOR 3 F-150 TRUCKS FROM ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL FOR THE DIV OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to obtain one 3 Ford F-150 from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Contract A40321 T-2959 awarded to Route 23 Auto Mall, 1301 Route 23, Butler, NJ 07405 an authorized vendor 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, Route 23 Auto Mall has been awarded Contract A40321 T-2959 for the provision of motors fleet; 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 \$99,698.00 (1 @\$35,686.00 and 2 @\$32,006.00) and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-905-728-919; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Linden that Route 23 Auto Mall 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: 2020-221

RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF FIREARMS SIMULATOR EQUIPMENT FROM VIR TRA SOLICITATED BY QUOTATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to purchase firearms simulator equipment for the City of Linden Police Department; 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, Vir Tra, 7970 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe, AZ 85284 was solicited for quotations; and

WHEREAS, Vir Tra provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed \$19,623.50; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to 0-01-25-240155274;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Vir Tra be awarded a contract for the purchase of firearms simulator equipment at the low quote of \$19,623.50.

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: 2020-222

RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2020-205 THAT AUTHORIZED THE USE OF STATE CONTRACT A40321 T-2959 FOR 3 F-150 TRUCKS FROM ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL FOR THE DIV OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to obtain one 3 Ford F-150 from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Contract A40321 T-2959 awarded to Route 23 Auto Mall, 1301 Route 23, Butler, NJ 07405 an authorized vendor 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, Route 23 Auto Mall has been awarded Contract A40321 T-2959 for the provision of motors fleet; 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 \$67,692.00 (1 @\$35,686.00 and 2 @\$32,006.00) and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-905-728-919; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Linden that Route 23 Auto Mall 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: 2020-223

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE N.J. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BERWOOD DRIVE, CLARK STREET, CLINTON STREET, EAST GIBBONS STREET AND UNION STREET

WHEREAS, the N.J. Department of Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act provides for the improvement of municipal roads; and

WHEREAS, Berwood Drive (Berlant to Westerly Terminus), Clark Street (Jackson to St. Georges), Clinton Street (16th to 21st), East Gibbons Street (Wood to Washington) and Union Street (Cranford to Baltimore) have deteriorated to a point of where they are in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, a cost for said improvements has been estimated at \$708,750.00;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2021, SAGE APPLICATION 00620, Linden City to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Linden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Linden and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION: 2020-224

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LINDEN TO ENTER INTO A REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGARDING ACQUIRING CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE ATLANTIC BASIN/HUDSON RIVER/RAHWAY BASIN FOR FLOOD CONTROL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Linden (“City”) and the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) previously entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) concerning the acquisition of certain properties in the Atlantic Basin/Hudson River/Rahway Basin for flood control purposes; and

WHEREAS, NJDEP seeks to modify the MOU to clarify permissible activities on those Sandy flood-damaged homes acquired to date through the Sandy Blue Acres Buyout and to bring the terms current with State-contracting requirements ; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived therefrom, and in consideration of the promotion of public health, safety, and welfare to be derived therefrom, as well as the reduction in the need for municipal services to the properties acquired, the parties hereto deem it proper to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that the City of authorizes said Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with NJDEP for the aforementioned project and Mayor hereby be authorized to sign said MOU between the City of Linden and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, as approved by the City Law Department, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to same and affix the City Seal thereon.

RESOLUTION: 2020-225

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 125**

Whereas, the Council of the City of Linden has a collective negotiations agreement with the Linden Teamsters Local 125; and

Whereas, the Council of the City of Linden has a collective negotiations agreement with the Linden Teamsters Local 125; and

Whereas, the aforementioned collective negotiations agreements expired on December 31, 2018; and

Whereas, the Council and the aforementioned Union have negotiated a successor agreement for their respective members and have memorialized the said terms in Memoranda of Understanding.

Now therefore be it resolved that this Council approves the following Memoranda of Understanding with each of the Teamsters Local 125 Union for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019;

Be it further resolved that this Council authorizes the Mayor of the City of Linden to execute the attached Memoranda of Understanding on behalf of the City.

Be it further resolved that this resolution is effective subject to the aforementioned provisions.

RESOLUTION: 2020-226

**RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE FOR THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT FROM TASER INTERNATIONAL (AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.)**

WHEREAS, a resolution was approved on September 16, 2015 (resolution: 2015-328) for an agreement between the County of Union and the City of Linden for the Union County Prosecutors Office to subsidize all first year cost of implementing a body-worn camera system in the Linden Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to obtain required maintenance and storage and license for the Police Department from Taser International (Axon Enterprise, Inc.) 1700 N. 85th Street, Scottsdale Arizona 85255 under the provision of N.J.L.P.C.L. 40:11-5 (dd) The provision of performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software 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 \$192,244.00 and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number 0-01-25-250-314-278.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Linden that Taser International (Axon Enterprise, 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: 2020-227

CITY OF LINDEN RAT RESOLUTION

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

CK#	DATE	PAYABLE TO:	PURPOSE	
	AMOUNT			
177102	6/01/2020	RKC Security Systems, Inc	Sound System	\$26,200.00
	6/02/2020	Unity Bank	Workers Comp Claims 5/18 – 5/24	\$3,858.47
	6/02/2020	Payroll 6/4	Payroll – Current	\$1,805,274.11
	6/02/2020	Payroll 6/4	Payroll – Trust	\$85,825.00
	6/02/2020	Payroll 6/4	Payroll – Grant	\$1,013.77
	6/02/2020	Payroll 6/4	Payroll – Unemployment	\$609.42
177103	6/03/2020	Hicks, Erika	Refund – Summer Camp	\$200.00
	6/08/2020	Elavon, Inc	June Merchant Fees – Current	\$59.99
	6/08/2020	Elavon, Inc	June Merchant Fees – Dog	\$81.46
	6/10/2020	Linden Free Public Library	June Library Payment	\$170,731.65
	6/10/2020	Linden Board of Education	June Board of Education Payment	\$7,851,326.37
	6/15/2020	NJ State Health Benefits	Health Claims – Active Bill	\$663,959.78
	6/15/2020	NJ State Health Benefits	Health Claims – Retiree Bill	\$398,606.39
	6/15/2020	Payroll 6/18	Payroll – Current	\$1,671,117.70
	6/15/2020	Payroll 6/18	Payroll – Trust	\$106,573.50
	6/15/2020	Payroll		
	6/18Payroll	– Grant		\$1,577.49
	6/15/2020	Payroll 6/18	Payroll – Capital	\$14.42
	6/15/2020	Payroll 6/18	Payroll – Unemployment \$521.97	
177583	6/18/2020	Wiewiorski, Joseph Jr.	Medicare Reimbursement	\$1,735.20
177584	6/18/2020	L.R.S.A.	Garbage Fee Overpayment	\$441.41
	6/18/2020	Unity Bank	Workers Comp Claims 6/8 – 6/14	\$15,743.26
	6/18/2020	Unity Bank	Workers Comp Claims 6/1 – 6/27	\$14,575.33
	6/22/2020	Delta Dental of NJ	July Dental Claims – City	\$26,054.56
	6/22/2020	Delta Dental of NJ	July Dental Claims – Sewerage	\$2,081.18
	6/22/2020	Delta Dental of NJ	July Dental Claims – Housing	\$850.58
	6/22/2020	Delta Dental of NJ	July Dental Claims – Library	\$597.17
	6/22/2020	Delta Dental of NJ	July Dental Claims – Cobra	\$23.57
	6/23/2020	Unity Bank	Workers Comp Claims 6/15 – 6/21	\$21,303.30
	6/23/2020	Vision Service Plan	July Vision Claims	\$4,333.72
	6/26/2020	Benecard Services LLC	June Funding for Prescription Plan	\$134,041.34
	6/29/2020	Payroll 6/25	Payroll – Current	\$1,704,210.29
	6/29/2020	Payroll 6/25	Payroll – Trust	\$91,629.50
	6/29/2020	Payroll 6/25	Payroll – Grant	\$1,254.15
	6/29/2020	Payroll 6/25	Payroll – Unemployment	\$471.82
	6/30/2020	Unity Bank	Workers Comp Claims 6/22 – 6/28	\$27,593.53

RESOLUTION: 2020-228

CITY OF LINDEN

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159
SAFE & SECURE COMMUNITIES 2020**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden will receive \$60,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety and wishes to amend its 2020 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$60,000.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with
Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local
Government Services:
Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:
Safe & Secure 2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$60,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:
Safe & Secure 2020

RESOLUTION: 2020-229

CITY OF LINDEN

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159
NJACCHO COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT 2020**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden will receive \$29,092.00 from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) and wishes to amend its 2020 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$29,092.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with
Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local
Government Services:
Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:
NJACCHO COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$29,092.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:
NJACCHO COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT

RESOLUTION: 2020-230

CITY OF LINDEN

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159

DWI FUNDS MUNICIPAL COURT ALCOHOL EDUCATION, REHABILITATION AND ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has received \$2,667.32 from the State of New Jersey Municipal Court Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund and wishes to amend its 2020 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$2,667.32 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with
Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local
Government Services:
Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:
DWI Municipal Court 2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,667.32 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:
DWI Municipal Court 2020

RESOLUTION: 2020-231

CITY OF LINDEN

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159

CLEAN COMMUNITIES FY2020 GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has received \$68,906.64 from the State of New Jersey Clean Communities Account Fund and wishes to amend its 2020 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$ 68,906.64 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with
Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local
Government Services:
Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:
Clean Communities 2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 68,906.64 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:
Clean Communities 2020

RESOLUTION: 2020-232

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN
AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACA REPORTING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act (ACA) added Section 6056 to the Internal Revenue Code, which requires applicable large employers to file information returns with the IRS and provide statements to their full-time employees about their health insurance coverage offered; and

WHEREAS, the City meets the IRS definition of an applicable large employer and must adhere to the IRS reporting requirements under Section 6056; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to contract a vendor to perform such reporting services for the 2020 year; and

WHEREAS, Medcom has provided the most advantageous price in an amount not to exceed \$7,600 per year for a three year contract beginning in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to 0-01-20-130-120-201 for year 2020, with funding for the years 2021 and 2022 subject to an annual appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the City reserves the right to cancel years 2021 and 2022, with sixty days' notice.

BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Linden wishes to enter into a three contract with Medcom, with an address of MSC #378, PO Box 830270, Birmingham, AL 35283-0270, for ACA reporting services for the 2020 year at a cost not to exceed \$7,600.00, and for years 2021 and 2022, subject to annual appropriation and the right to cancel those years with sixth days' notice.

RESOLUTION: 2020-233

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE CONTRACT G#17-FLEET-00820 FOR
EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services for the purchase of Extrication Equipment from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Contract #17-FLEET-0082 ESI 119 Keystone Drive Montgomeryville, PA an authorized vendor 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, ESI 119 Keystone Drive Montgomeryville, PA has been awarded Contract #17-Fleet-0082 for Extrication Equipment.

WHEREAS, the amount of the service is not to exceed \$49,879.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, \$30,828.00 will be charged to account number C-04-55-903-724-919; and \$19,051.00 will be charged to account number C-04-55-903-729-919.

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Linden that ESI Equipment 119 Keystone Drive, Montgomeryville, PA 28936 be award the sale of said equipment,

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: 2020-234

**RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF RECYCLING/SANITATION CARTS PURCHASED
THROUGH A NATIONAL CO-OP, SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NATIONAL JOINT POWERS
ALLIANCE) AWARDED TO SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP.**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to obtain recycling/sanitation carts from an authorized vendor under Sourcwell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance awarded to Sanitation Equipment Corp., 80 Furler Street, Totowa, NJ 07512, an authorized distributor for Schaefer Systems International; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by National contracting units is authorized by the Local Finance Notice 2012-10 using National Cooperative Contracts: Application of P.L. 2011, c. 139.; and,

WHEREAS, Sanitation Equipment Corp, an authorized distributor for Schaefer Systems International has been awarded Contract LEG #SSI #041217-SFR for the provision sanitation/recycling carts; 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 \$618,750.00 and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number to be determined.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Linden that Sanitation Equipment Corp. 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: 2020-235

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING S-2658
WHICH WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY LIMIT CITY'S COUNCIL'S ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE ABUSES IN
GOVERNMENT AND CARRY OUT ITS FIDUCIARY DUTIES TO RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS**

WHEREAS, Senator Nicholas P. Scutari sponsored and introduced S-2658 on June 30, 2020; and
WHEREAS, according to the bill's statement, this bill would limit City Council's investigatory powers over municipal officers and employees by limiting any investigation to current officers and only those in the executive branch; and

WHEREAS, the bill's statement further states that City Council would be prohibited investigation of its own members, or investigate an officer or employee who is no longer employed by the City of Linden; and

WHEREAS, this bill target's the City of Linden, and its form of government since no other forms of municipal government are impacted by this amendment; and

WHEREAS, often times wrong doing and misconduct is not discovered until after an employee is no longer employed, and this bill would eliminate City's Council ability to investigate such wrong doing or misconduct; and

WHEREAS, this bill gives immunity to members of City Council, thereby preventing other members from protecting the public from wrong doing or misconduct of a member of City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Linden that enactment of S-2658 would hinder City Council's ability to protect residents and taxpayers and allow the potential cover up of wrong doing and misconduct of separated employees and members of City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Linden strongly opposes S-2658; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, All members of the New Jersey Senate and all members of the New Jersey Assembly, and the League of Municipalities.

RESOLUTION: 2020-236

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH CMD MEDIA LLC FOR PUBLIC
RELATIONS SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF LINDEN**

WHEREAS, at the January 21, 2020 Council Meeting, City Council passed Resolution No. 2020-57 awarding a contract with CMD Media, LLC for public relations services with the City of Linden; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to terminate the contract as of July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-57 should be rescinded in its entirety;

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

1. That Resolution No. 2020-57 "**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT WITH CMD MEDIA LLC FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF LINDEN**" passed January 21, 2020 and approved January 22, 2020 shall be and the

same is hereby rescinded.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2020-237

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE CITY'S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 288, LOTS 3, 4.01, 4.02, 8.01, 9, 10 AND 12, AND BLOCK 321, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8 SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT (CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City that an investigation occur with respect to certain parcels within the City and therefore authorizes and directs the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known on the City tax maps as Block 288, Lots 3, 4.01, 4.02, 8.01, 9 10, and 12, as well as Block 321, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (hereinafter the "**Study Area**"), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5*, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment area determination requested hereunder, in connection with the Study Area, authorizes the City and City Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a "**Condemnation Redevelopment Area**").

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an investigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6* to determine whether the Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5* to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment.

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

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

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

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

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2020-238

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY CLARIFYING RESOLUTION
2019-348 THAT DESIGNATED THE PROPERTY COMMONLY
KNOWN ON THE CITY'S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 254, LOTS 1-10
(A/K/A IN THE AREA OF 7 NORTH WOOD AVENUE TO 27 NORTH
WOOD AVENUE, AND FROM 11-15 WEST ELIZABETH AVENUE TO
101 WEST ELIZABETH AVENUE) ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN
'AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT' (CONDEMNATION)
PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**

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

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2019, the City Council, by way of Resolution 2019-266, authorized and directed the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 254, Lots 1-10 (a/k/a in the area of 7 North Wood Avenue to 27 North Wood Avenue and from 11-15 West Elizabeth Avenue to 101 West Elizabeth Avenue) on the tax maps of the City (hereinafter the "**Study Area**"), to determine whether the Study Area met the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5*, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment providing that a redevelopment area determination would authorize the City and City Council to use all those powers permitted by the Redevelopment Law, including the power of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2019, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and considered the "Redevelopment Study and Preliminary Investigation Report – Block 254, Lots 1 through 10," dated August 21, 2019, prepared by Ricci Planning and having Resolution 2019-266 affixed thereto (the "**Redevelopment Study**"), and determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and recommended that the City Council designate the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria and requirements of the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution 2019-348, which designated Block 254, Lots 1-10 as an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law, and such designation authorized the City and City Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in the Study Area, including the power of eminent domain (the "**Designating Resolution**"); and

WHEREAS, on or about September 23, 2019, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, all affected property owners were sent correspondence which, amongst other information, clearly and unambiguously advised the City had designated the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment, which authorized the City to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire property in the Study Area; and

WHEREAS, Ricci Planning prepared the redevelopment plan entitled "Redevelopment Plan – Block 254, Lots 1 through 10" (the "**Redevelopment Plan**"), providing the development standards for the Study Area and specifically, at Section 6.0 – Property Acquisition, detailed that "[t]he Linden City Council designated Block 254, [L]ots 1-10 as a 'Condemnation Redevelopment Area...'; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, the City Council referred the Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2020, the Planning Board reviewed and recommend the Redevelopment Plan be adopted; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance 64-07, adopting the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Designating Resolution, in the Third Recital and Section 3 inadvertently reflected that the power of eminent domain would not be involved, although: 1) pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, the City Council's intent to study the Study Area, by way of Resolution 2019-266, was clear and unambiguous that the Study Area would be studied as a condemnation redevelopment area; 2) the Redevelopment Study clearly affixed Resolution 2019-266 thereto; 3) pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, correspondence to affected property owners clearly advised affected property owners that the Study Area was designated as in need of redevelopment, which authorized the City to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire property in the Study Area; and 4) the Redevelopment Plan, providing the development standards for the Study Area, at Section 6.0 – Property Acquisition, stated that "[t]he Linden City Council designated Block 254, [L]ots 1-10 as a 'Condemnation Redevelopment Area. . . .'; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to further clarify the Designating Resolution that the Study Area be and is designated as a condemnation redevelopment area, with the City and City Council authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire property in the Study Area.

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The City Council desires to further clarify the Designating Resolution that the Study Area be and is designated as a condemnation redevelopment area, with the City and City Council authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire property in the Study Area, since: 1) pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, the City Council's intent to study the Study Area, by way of Resolution 2019-266, was clear and unambiguous that the Study Area would be studied as a condemnation redevelopment area; 2) the Redevelopment Study clearly affixed Resolution 2019-266 thereto; 3) pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, correspondence to affected property owners clearly advised affected property owners that the Study Area was designated as in need of redevelopment, which authorized the City to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire property in the Study Area; and 4) the Redevelopment Plan, providing the development standards for the Study Area, at Section 6.0 – Property Acquisition, stated that “[t]he Linden City Council designated Block 254, [L]ots 1-10 as a ‘Condemnation Redevelopment Area. . . .’”

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2020-239

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 309, LOTS 1-3 AND 21-22 (IN THE AREA OF 237-305 W. SAINT GEORGE AVENUE AND 918 AND 920 DEWITT STREET) ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN ‘AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT’ (WITHOUT CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.*

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

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

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 309, Lots 1-3 and 21-22 (in the area of 237-305 W. Saint George Avenue and 918 and 920 Dewitt Street) on the tax maps of the City (hereinafter the “**Study Area**”), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5*, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment providing that a redevelopment area determination would authorize the City and City Council to use all those powers permitted by the Redevelopment Law, other than the power of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and recommended that the City Council designate the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria and requirements of the Redevelopment Law; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The recommendations and conclusions of the Planning Board are hereby accepted by the City Council.

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

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

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

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2020-240

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 85, LOTS 12, 13 AND 14 (A/K/A 1020 AND 1022 JOHN STREET AND 1132 UNION STREET) ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN 'AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT' (WITHOUT CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

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

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

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 85, Lots 12, 13 and 14 (a/k/a 1020 and 1022 John Street and 1132 Union Street) on the tax maps of the City (hereinafter the "**Study Area**"), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5*, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment providing that a redevelopment area determination would authorize the City and City Council to use all those powers permitted by the Redevelopment Law, other than the power of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and recommended that the City Council designate the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria and requirements of the Redevelopment Law; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The recommendations and conclusions of the Planning Board are hereby accepted by the City Council.

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

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

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

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2020-241

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINDEN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION TO MODIFY THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 18, 2014, AS AMENDED JULY 18, 2017

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant program; and

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnerships program; and

WHEREAS, substantial Federal funds provided through subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act commonly known as the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG) are allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend an existing Cooperative Agreement for the County of Union and its people to benefit from this program; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Municipality of Linden and the County of Union in cooperation with each other to enter into a modification of the existing Cooperative Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Municipality of Linden that the agreement entitled "**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES,**" dated June 18, 2014, as amended July 18, 2017 for the Purpose of Inserting a Description of Activities for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 of the Union County Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG), a copy of which is attached hereto; be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLUTION: 2020-242

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING GAZALEH CONSULTING, LLC TO PERFORM
FORENSIC ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, City Council adopted a Resolution forming a Municipal Council Investigatory Committee ("MCI"); and

WHEREAS, in order to assist the MCI in its investigation, the MCI needs to hire the services of a forensic accountant to perform auditing services; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has certified that the cost of said services will not exceed \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer or his designee 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 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF LINDEN as follows:

1. City Council hereby awards a contract to Gazaleh Consulting, LLC, P.O. Box 1378, Hightstown, N.J. 08520 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.
2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Gazaleh Consulting, LLC and the City of Linden.
3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

RESOLUTION: 2020-243

CITY OF LINDEN

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159
STREET SMART PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden will receive \$41,000.00 from the State of New Jersey Law and Public Safety and wishes to amend its 2020 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$41,000.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:
Street Smart Pedestrian Safety Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$41,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:
Street Smart Pedestrian Safety Grant

RESOLUTION: 2020-244

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A FIRST
AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LINDEN HAWK
RISE SOLAR, LLC**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden (the "**City**") is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously undertaken a competitive process for the lease and development of a solar photovoltaic system via the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Community Solar Program on a portion of the City's former municipal landfill; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 *et seq.*, the City received bid proposals and awarded a lease for the project to Linden Hawk Rise Solar, LLC a/k/a CS Energy (the "**Lessee**"); and

WHEREAS, Lessee and the City executed that certain Lease Agreement dated November 15, 2019 for a portion of real property owned by the City commonly known as Block 581, Lots 11.03 and 17 on the tax maps of the City located in the County of Union, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee has now completed the development of the project design, and site plan approval from the City Planning Board is expected on or about July 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City and Lessee desire to amend the Lease to incorporate certain changes that the parties have determined are necessary and appropriate based on the terms and conditions of the Lease and the completed project design, all as set forth in the First Amendment, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into the First Amendment to effectuate the Lease and the project.

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes and approves the First Amendment in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with any modifications to be approved by the City's legal counsel.

Section 3. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, City Clerk, and other necessary City officials to execute, deliver, and accept the First Amendment and all other necessary documents and undertake all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate the aforementioned First Amendment and this Resolution, in consultation with the City's legal counsel.

Section 4. If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2020-245

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT
WITH TELIAPP CORPORATION FOR MARKETING SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for marketing services 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, Teliapp Corporation submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer or his designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 0-01-20-131-113-244;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Teliapp Corporation, for the period July 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 at a fee not to exceed \$2,833.34 in accordance with their proposal dated, November 14, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between Teliapp Corporation 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 Teliapp Corporation effectuate the foregoing; and

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-246

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH JTG CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING OF AMHERST ROAD, EDGEWOOD ROAD, FOREST DRIVE, GESNER STREET, PRINCETON ROAD AND VERONA AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Linden passed a Resolution No. 2018-324 on August 21, 2018 approving an award of a contract to JTG Construction, Inc. for the Resurfacing of Amherst Road, Edgewood Road, Forest Drive, Gesner Street, Princeton Road and Verona Avenue in the City of Linden in the amount of \$537,450.00; and

WHEREAS, a change order in the amount of \$14,394.99 is required to extend the project; and

WHEREAS, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures for said contract is \$551,844.99; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-687-919;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that the agreement awarded to JTG Construction, Inc. is hereby amended to increase the contract by the additional sum of \$14,394.99, for a total contract of \$551,844.99; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement with JTG Construction, Inc.; and

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-247

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ADG CONTRACTING CORP. FOR 2019 CAPITAL BUDGET – 1 RESURFACING IN THE CITY OF LINDEN

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on July 14, 2020 for 2019 Capital Budget – 1 Resurfacing (Cleveland Avenue, Drapkin Place, Edgewood Road–1, Edgewood Road-2, Jackson Avenue, Parkway Avenue, Pierce Avenue, West Twenty-First Street and Union Street) in the City of Linden: and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-703-919 (\$241,355.50); and

WHEREAS, ADG Contracting Corp. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of \$241,355.50; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that Council

pass a Resolution authorizing the award of contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that a contract for 2019 Capital Budget – 1 Resurfacing, be and hereby, is awarded to ADG Contracting Corp., 386 South Street, Suite 169, Newark, NJ 07105 at a fee not to exceed \$241,355.50 in accordance with their bid dated July 14, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between ADG Contracting Corp. 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 ADG Contracting Corp. to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-248

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY OF LINDEN AS BLOCK 537, LOT 11, ALSO KNOWN AS 1610 CLINTON STREET

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, City Council by ordinance authorized the sale of property identified on the tax maps of the City of Linden as Block 537, Lot 1,1 and known as 1610 Clinton Street; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has received one bid from Pearl Mar, LLC, in the amount of \$90,000; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Mar, LLC has posted the required minimum down payment in the amount of \$10,000.

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

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. The Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney (collectively, the “**Authorized Persons**”) are hereby authorized and directed to take, or cause to be taken, any and all actions necessary to convey fee simple title or a lesser interest to the property to Pearl Mar, LLC for the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00).

Section 3. Any and all actions previously taken by the Authorized Persons in connection with the acquisition of the Property are hereby ratified.

Section 4. If any part(s) of this resolution shall be deemed invalid, such part(s) shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Medina moved for approval of resolutions 2020-220 through 2020-248. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Caldwell. Mr. Roman qualified the numbers of certain resolutions. Ms. Cosby stated that for all intensive purposes the committee were hijacked for the last couple of years. She spoke about resolution 2020-224, how she was a member of the Negotiations Committee, but had not received this information until tonight. Next she spoke on resolution 2020-235, the need for investigations, and her belief that City Council members should not be investigating each other. Ms. Cosby noted that she has read S-2658, and her interpidation of what it says. The resolutions were all approved, with all voting yes, except Ms. Cosby who abstained on Resolutions 2020-235, 238, 240, 242 and 245, and no to Resolutions 2020-235, 236, 237 and 242; Mr. Roman who voted no to Resolutions 2020-235, 236, 237 and 242; and Mr. Medina who voted no to 2020-235.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Ordinance

64-33

An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter III, Police Regulations, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999 and as amended and supplemented.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN:
Section 1. That Chapter 11, Police Regulations, Section 3-6.1, Fireworks Prohibited shall be and the same is hereby amended.

Ordinance #64-33 was introduced by Mr. Mohammed and was read on first reading by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Mohammed, seconded by Mr. Medina the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call was unanimously ordered approved.

Ordinance

64-34 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999," passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999 and as amended and supplemented.

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

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-14.2, No Parking During School Hours shall be and the same is hereby amended to delete the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Curtis Street	North	Between Wood Avenue and Washington Avenue for a distance of 210 feet starting at a point 170 feet east of Wood Avenue

Ordinance #64-34 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call was unanimously ordered approved.

Ordinance

64-35 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999," passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999 and as amended and supplemented.

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

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-20, One Way Streets shall be and the same is hereby amended to add the following:

Name of Street	Direction	Parking Permitted
E. Curtis Street	West	From Washington Ave. to N. Wood Ave.
E. Henry Street	East	From N. Wood Ave. to Washington Ave.

Ordinance #64-35 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon, seconded by Mr. Blaine the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call was unanimously ordered approved.

Ordinance

64-36 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999," passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999 and as amended and supplemented.

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

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-14, Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets, shall be and the same is hereby amended to delete the following:

Name of Street	Side	Hours and Days	Location
Gesner Street	South	Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Between Wood Avenue to Ainsworth Street

Ordinance #64-36 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon seconded by Mrs. Caldwell the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call was unanimously ordered approved.

Ordinance

64-37 Bond Ordinance authorizing various capital improvements for the Division of Engineering in and appropriating \$3,575,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$3,396,250 Bonds or Notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

Ordinance #64-37 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call was unanimously ordered approved.

Ordinance

64-38 Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$44,000 for acquisition of a terrestrial drone for the Police Department and authorizing the issuance of \$41,800 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

Ordinance #64-38 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Clerk.

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

Ordinance

64-39 Ordinance authorizing a Grant of Easement for transmission, construction, and access over Block 581, Lots 11.03 and 17 as shown on the official tax map of the City of Linden, in favor of Linden Hawk Rise Solar, LLC pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1 et seq.

Ordinance #64-39 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call was unanimously ordered approved.

Ordinance

64-40 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999," passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999 and as amended and supplemented.

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

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter VII, Traffic

7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Spaces</u>	<u>No. of Location</u>
ADD: 909 Baldwin Avenue	1	On the southwesterly sideline of Baldwin Avenue, 67 feet more or less northwesterly from the projection of the northwesterly curblineline of Center Street in front of 909 Baldwin Avenue for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for a vehicle for Tyrone L. Ross to be identified by license plate number and placard to be issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing or displaying handicapped license plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.

Ordinance #64-40 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon, seconded by Mr. Blaine the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call was unanimously ordered approved.

Ordinance

64-41 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999," passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999 and as amended and supplemented.

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

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-26.1, Pickup and Drop-Off Zones--Schools shall be and the same is hereby amended to add the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Curtis Street	North	Between Wood Avenue and Washington Avenue for a distance of 210 feet starting at a point 170 feet east of Wood Avenue

Ordinance #64-41 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon, seconded by Mr. Blaine the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call was unanimously ordered approved.

Ordinance

64-42 An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance establishing a schedule of titles, salary ranges and regulations for maintaining the classification and salary standardization plan of all employees of the City of Linden," passed August 15, 1995 and approved August 16, 1995.

Adopting Salary Schedule 4-OO-4

Ordinance #64-42 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Strano, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell, the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call was unanimously ordered approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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. Please raise the hand on the Ring Central site and wait to be recognized.

Ed Kaminski, 201 Maple Ave. Mr. Kaminski stated that he was glad to hear that the full review of the City's IT was going forward. He asked why we were not current, for IT. He asked Mr. Mohammed what actions has taken place to ensure that the problems, with the prosecutor's time does not occur again. Mr. Kaminski also spoke about the condition of Wood Ave, and that something be done about the filth on Wood Ave. He pointed out graffiti on Wood Ave. He asked why something couldn't be done to fix this simple problem. Mr. Kaminski noted the closing of some businesses on Wood Ave, and gave his reasons as to why.

Mr. Antonelli responded to the questions on the Investigative Committee and noted that it was a personnel matter and is ongoing so no could respond.

Hans Herberg, 1501 Westover Rd. Mr. Herberg Congratulated Mr. Roman and the other members of Council on their victory in the primary election. He spoke about his concern with what was going on in Linden during elections. He pointed out that it is one community and Linden residents should be first. He urged the members of the Governing Body to work together. Mr. Herberg then spoke about the need for support for small business owners on Wood Avenue. He suggested closing the streets to support restaurants, like In other towns. He concluded by urging all to get along and work together.

Joseph Birch, 625 Beechwood Road. Mr. Birch noted his position as President of the Linden Police Superiors Union and thanked Mayor Armstead and Council for the promotion of Officer Antonio LaCosta to the rank of Sergeant, and congratulated Jackie DePhilips on her retirement.

Michael Cassidy, President of Linden FMBA 34. Mr. Cassidy thanked the Council and Mayor for their support of the Fire Department. He congratulated the members of the Fire and Police Department who were retiring, and also those being promoted in both departments.

John Kazor, Sixth Ward. Mr. Kazor offered his congratulations to the Fire Department, and those being promoted. He offered his congratulations to a neighbor's family, on their loss. He congratulated Mr. Roman on his re-election, and talked about the campaign, against Mr. Roman, and how pathetic it was. He also spoke about Election Day and what went on. He was critical of the new position of public information assistant.

Mr. Mohammed moved to close the public comments portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Ms. Cosby noted that the position that was added was an assistant public information officer. This position, in the North East, starts on average around \$31,000.00. She stated that it is an assistant position and she was confused as to why the starting salary was so high. She concluded by saying watch what the people say, and then watch what they do. Actions speak louder than words.

Mr. Medina spoke about road paving and the issue of paving a portion of Wood Ave that is shared with the Bough of Roselle. He has continued to work on this project, and it is not forgotten. He thanked the Mayor, Mr. Pantina, Freeholder Hudak and the Union County team.

Mr. Javick offered his congratulation to those being promoted in the Police and Fire Departments, and his best wishes to all of the City's retirees. He reminded all that request for tree planting must be turned into the Shade tree Commission by July 30th.

Mr. Roman thanked Council members Hickey and Medina, and Mayor Armstead for the congratulations. He noted some of things that he had been called during this election and pointed out that some of the Council members had worked, every night, then they had ever worked in their life. He noted that he was willing to move past this and work with all of Council. Work with me to get the Sixth Ward residents what they need.

Mrs. Caldwell offered her congratulations to those being promoted in the Police and Fire Departments and wished all the best of health. She addressed the comments made by Mr. Kaminsky, regarding Wood Ave, and is working to improve it. She offered her congratulations to Mr. Roman on his election.

Mayor Armstead noted that there was an election and a lot of people did work in the Sixth Ward. He reminded everyone that the Councilman did have the benefit of the Union County Democratic Organization behind him, and the Mayor's team did not have the benefit of the County Democratic Organization, despite the Mayor being the head of the Democratic Party in Linden. The Mayor pointed out that he was the only head of the Democratic Party, in Union County that wasn't given bracketing rights. He congratulated Mr. Roman and stated that he should keep the police out of the business of Council, and also stop filing OPRA request. If Mr. Roman wanted to work together more cooperatively he would stop doing this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Yamakaitis made the following announcement:

*** Council Conference meeting: Monday, August 17, 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, August 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

***Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 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 electronically in these meetings, if the need continues.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mrs. Ormon moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Caldwell, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk