

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**September 15, 2020**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of August 18, 2020**

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**ORDINANCE ON HEARING**

64-43 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 4-00-5**

64-44 An ordinance providing funding for the Rail Freight Project for the City of Linden and appropriating \$2,558,270 for such purpose.

64-45 An ordinance authorizing the sale of a portion of Lot 13 Block 580, known as 1601 West Edgar Road, on the current tax atlas of the City of Linden, and not needed for public use to the New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$15,000.00 for intersection improvements at Route 1&9 at Avenue C.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(\*\*\*) Tax Collector:**

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

2021 Taxes	\$21,690.96
2020 Taxes	\$14,721,196.34
2019 Taxes	\$68,399.59
Municipal Lien Redemption	\$0.00
Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate	\$0.00
Tax Search	\$0.00
Lien Redemption Request Fee	\$100.00
Year End Penalty	\$760.73
Returned Check Fee Paid	\$100.00
Returned Sewer Clean out	(\$0.00)
Returned Sewer Interest	(\$0.00)
Returned Check 2020	(\$18,053.70)
Returned Check 2021	(\$16.94)
Returned Check Interest	(\$47.73)
Returned Online 2020 Taxes	(\$20,662.94)
Returned Online 2019 Taxes	(\$0.00)
Returned Online Interest	(\$0.00)
Adv. Before Tax Sale	\$0.00
Premium	\$0.00
Sewer Clean out charge	\$400.00
DPW Reso payments	\$597.00
Interest	\$41,755.35
Total	\$14,816,218.66

**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>
88	4	9/2/2020	18-00044	\$2,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$ 2,200.00 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 2019 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>CTF#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
119	13	8/24/2020	17-00097	\$17,300.00
319	13	7/17/2020	17-00232	\$19,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$36,400.00 payable to: Lillian Zhang, 11 Walnut Street, Livingston, NJ 07039, charging same to account #0-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2017 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>CTF#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
290	8	8/21/2020	16-00204	\$14,800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$14,800.00 payable to: Tower DB VII Trust 2017-1, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> 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>
299	5	8/28/2020	18-00148	\$1,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$ 1,300.00 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.

**Overpayment** Block 78 Lot 3, Taheerah Emanuel  
1116 E. Blancke Street - 2020 overpayment

The above referenced owner's mortgage company paid the 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter property taxes and the owner have paid creating this overpayment in the amount \$2,127.01 and the owner is entitled a refund.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$ 2,127.01 payable to: Taheerah Emanuel, 1116 E. Blancke Street, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to # 0-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 151 Lot 16, Leon Pillar  
620 Union Street - 2020 overpayment

Due to a transfer overpayment error this tax payer has paid an amount that was showing due, therefore the owner is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$851.83

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$851.83 payable to: Leon Pillar, 620 Union Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to # 0-01-55-288-999-904.

**Disabled Veteran** Cancellation/ Refund of Property Taxes  
Block 197 Lot 17, Charlie Vasquez - 301 Husa Street

This property owner has been deemed a 100% Disabled Veteran by the V.A. as of 5/12/2020. Mr. Vasquez is entitled to the 100% Disabled Veteran Status for part the 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters that his mortgage company paid in error and the property owner is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$3,083.69.

2020	Over Paid	Cancel 4 <sup>th</sup> 2020
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1,085.22	\$ 1,988.98
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$1,998.47	
<b>Refund \$ 3,083.69</b>		

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$3,083.69 payable to: Charlie Vasquez, 301 Husa Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #-0-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 324 Lot 11, Arkadiusz & Agnieszka Belch  
309 Hillside Road - 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

The above referenced owner's Mortgage Company and the Title Agency have paid the 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the Title Agency is entitled a refund in the amount of \$ 3,355.60.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$3,355.60; payable to: Mortgage Connect, LP, 260 Airside Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108 charging same to # 0-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 477 Lot 9, Kevin Scott & Gabriela Hernandez  
933 Bacheller Avenue, 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

The above referenced owner's Mortgage Company and the Title Agency have paid the 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the Title Agency is entitled a refund in the amount of 2,293.83.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$2,293.83; payable to: Clear to Close Title Agency, 2852 Route 9, Howell, NJ 07731 charging same to # 0-01-55-288-999-904.

**(\*\*\*) City Clerk's Office:**

**(2)** Requesting approval of the following Bingo/Raffle applications which have been submitted to the Clerk's Office.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Type of Event</u>	<u>Fees</u>
RL-2005 FOLAS	50/50 (amendment due to COVID-19)	n/a
RL-2006 FOLAS	Tricky Tray (amendment due to COVID-19)	n/a
RA-2017 LOOM	One Year Pull Tabs	\$750.00

**(\*\*\*) Municipal Treasurer:**

**(3)** Requesting approval of the following reimbursements:

**Parking Permit Refund**

Agnieszka Bak is entitled to a refund of \$228.00 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Agnieszka Bak, 800 West Elm Street, Linden, NJ 07036; charging same to 0-01-08-609-013.

**Parking Permit Refund**

Tomasz Bara is entitled to a refund of \$228.00 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Tomasz Bara, 116 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Linden, NJ 07036; charging same to 0-01-08-609-013.

## **REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

- 2020-277 Resolution for the purchase of two 2020 Harley Davison Police Electra Glide FLHTP motorcycles solicited by quotations for the City of Linden Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$38,470.32.
- 2020-278 Resolution authorizing the use of State Contract 17-FLEET-00726, 17-FLEET-0719 & 17-FLEET-00768 for security equipment and supplies for police vehicles from General Sales Administration, t/a Major Police Supply in an amount not to exceed \$100,875.34.
- 2020-279 Resolution authorizing the implementation of the Union County Deer Control Program in the City of Linden at the Hawkrise Sanctuary, the Municipal Landfill and the Linden Municipal Airport during the Fall Bow, Winter Bow and Shotgun Seasons.
- 2020-280 Resolution for the use of NJ State Contract No. #16-FLEET-00135 for the purchase of trash receptacles for the Public Property Division in an amount not to exceed \$38,615.75.
- 2020-281 Resolution waiving fees for a community wide garage sale in the Eighth Ward on September 19, 2020 with a rain date of September 26, 2020.
- 2020-282 Resolution temporarily waiving certain portions of the lease agreement with T&L Catering due to the Public Health Emergency. (Waiving the requirement that they pay 50% of the electric cost as they are completely shut down, as is their equipment)
- 2020-283 Resolution retroactively waiving fees for a community wide garage sale in the Sixth Ward on September 12, 2020 and September 13, 2020.
- 2020-284 Resolution authorizing an agreement between Visiting Nurse and Health Services, Inc., D/B/A Holy Redeemer Home Care and the Linden Department of Welfare for 2020 in an amount totaling \$5,500.00.
- 2020-285 Resolution authorizing the use of State Contract 17-FLEET-00953 for the purchase of two 2021 Chevrolet Malibu LS from Hertrich Fleet Services in an amount not to exceed \$32,902.00.
- 2020-286 Resolution authorizing an application to Union County for the Greening of Union County Grant for 2020 in the amount of \$12,000.00 with the City of Linden providing a match of \$12,000.00.
- 2020-287 Resolution awarding a contract to Montana Construction Corp., for the services of emergency sewer repair located at South Wood Avenue and Munsell Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$63,631.40.
- 2020-288 Resolution engaging Muller Bohlin Associates, Inc. to provide grant writing services relative to transportation coordinator – Rail Freight Grant at a fee not to exceed \$187,000.00 for a term through December 31, 2020.
- 2020-289 Resolution designating a redeveloper and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement relating to 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.
- 2020-290 Resolution ratifying certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of August 2020 which do not appear on the Claims list.

- 2020-291 Resolution approving Memoranda of Understanding with Linden Local 469, Blue Collar and CWA Local 1032
- 2020-292 Resolution awarding a contract to Chutemaster Environmental Inc., for the cleaning of the HVAC system at City Hall in the amount of \$29,295.00.
- 2020-293 Memorandum of Agreement for the acceptance of equipment purchased by the County of Union for the Fire Department.

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION

- 64-46 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:  
7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATES  
7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street  
Delete: (the listed spots)
- 64-47 ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH GOETHALS COMMERCE PARK URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.
- 64-48 Ordinance approving the application for a long term tax exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with Linden Renewable Energy Urban Renewal, LLC.
- 64-49 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 4-00-6**

- 64-50 Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of \$286,00 for the acquisition of a rear Loader sanitation truck with plow for the Division of Public Works for and by the City of Linden, and authorizing the issuance of \$271,700 bonds or notes of the City for Financing part of the appropriation.
- 64-51 Ordinance of the City Council, City of Linden adopting a Redevelopment Plan entitled “Block 339, Lot 5 (former D’s Dugout)” pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

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.**

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COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY