

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**October 20, 2020**



**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of September 15, 2020**



**ORDINANCE ON HEARING**

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:

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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.

## 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	\$7,128.31
2020 Taxes	\$1,402,314.11
2019 Taxes	\$95,748.54
Municipal Lien Redemption	\$0.00
Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate	\$0.00
Tax Search	\$0.00
Lien Redemption Request Fee	\$0.00
Year End Penalty	\$2,341.33
Returned Check Fee Paid	\$60.00
Returned Sewer Clean out	(\$0.00)
Returned Sewer Interest	(\$0.00)
Returned Check 2020	(\$7,230.16)
Returned Check 2021	(\$0.00)
Returned Check Interest	(\$105.18)
Returned Online 2020 Taxes	(\$10,227.04)
Returned Online 2019 Taxes	(\$0.00)
Returned Online Interest	(\$92.65)
Adv. Before Tax Sale	\$0.00
Premium	\$0.00
Sewer Clean out charge	\$900.00
DPW Reso payments	\$0.00
Interest	\$65,268.84
Total	\$1,556,106.10

**Overpayment** Block 25 Lot 2, Victor Chacon & Gloria Gonzales  
1810 Essex Avenue 2019 overpayment

The above referenced owner's mortgage company paid the 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter property taxes and the Title Company have paid creating this overpayment in the amount \$ 1,568.47 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 \$ 1,568.47 payable to: Victor Chacon & Gloria Gonzales, 1810 Essex Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to # 0-01-55-288-999-904.

**Overpayment** Block 145 Lot 8, COS Warehouse LL, LLC C/O COS Phones  
717 Pennsylvania Avenue

The above referenced owners taxes were paid by the mortgage company for a property located in Linden in error. The Mortgage Company is entitled a refund in the amount of \$ 2,363.13.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$2,363.13 payable to Core Logic Tax Services, LLC, Attention: Kathy Bishop. 92-16 220<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens Village, NY 11428, charging same to account #-0-01-55-288-999-904.

**Veterans Deduction** Cancellation of Property Taxes, Block 173 Lot 31  
Theodore Rodgers, 542 E. Blancke Street

This property owner has been deemed a 100% Disabled Veteran by the V.A. as of 9/21/2020. Mr. Rodgers is entitled to the 100% Disabled Veteran Status for the remainder of the tax year 2020 on half of his 2-family home per Michael Frangella. The following is the amount that needs to be cancelled.

2020 Half of 4th quarter property taxes Cancel \$-1,276.43

**Refund** Block 489 Lot 7, 2005 Grier Avenue  
Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund to Sewer

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the owner paying additional garbage fees. The owner would like this applied to the sewer balance.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$65.00 payable to: Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority, Attention: Tax Collector, 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #0-01-08-607-011.

**Overpayment** Block 468 Lot 31, 125 S. Stiles Street  
Posting Error LRSA-Vendor #01534

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to a posting error paid towards the Property Taxes instead of the Sewer billing. The overpayment amount is \$1,947.06.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$1,947.06 payable to L.R.S.A., 5005 South Wood Avenue, P.O. Box 4118, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account # 0-01-55-288-999-904.

**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>
38	14	9/14/2020	17-00036	\$17,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$17,400.00 payable to: Lillian Zhang, 11 Walnut Street, Livingston, NJ 07039, charging same to account #0-01-55-276-999-956.

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<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>CTF#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
75	12	9/25/2020	18-00040	\$900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$900.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC7, LLC Firstrust Bank, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-0-01-55-276-999-956.

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283	6	9/28/2020	17-00216	\$2,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 payable to: Actlien Holding, US Bank Cust, Actlien Holding, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-0-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**(2)** Requesting approval of the following refund for the Service date of 6/26/2020

- a. Wellcare is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$64.00 for service that was provided on 6/26/2020. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Wellcare, PO Box 31370, Tampa, FL 33631 charging same to 0-01-08-629-011.
- b. Malgorzata Dziekan 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: Malgorzata Dziekan, 752 N. Stiles St., Linden, NJ 07036; charging same to 0-01-08-609-013.

**(\*\*\*) City Clerk's Office, Street Closure Application:**

**(3)** Requesting approval of the following street closure application:

Congregation Ateres Shalom is requesting permission to close Orchard Terrace between Thelma Terrace and Academy Terrace on November 1, 2020 between the hours of 12noon and 5pm to hold a groundbreaking ceremony. The Police Chief has approved the application and the required insurance has been supplied.

**(\*\*\*) Personnel:**

**(4)** Advising that the following City employee has filed for retirement:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Trans. & Parking	Dennis Scanlon	Traffic Signal Tech. 2	Nov. 1, 2020

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 2020-295** Resolution authorizing and ratifying the retention of Blau and Blau, attorneys at law as special counsel to file affirmative tax appeals on behalf of the City of Linden from March 1, 200 until December 31, 2020.
- 2020-296** Resolution for the purchase of one 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD crew cab 147 work truck from Mall Chevrolet, in an amount not to exceed \$36,999.68, through the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission CO-OP ESCNJ contract 20/21/-19 for the Linden Fire Department.
- 2020-297** Resolution approving an amendment to a contract to Apruzzese, McDermot, Masto & Murphy, P.C., in the amount of \$15,000.00, for special labor counsel services on an as needed basis as determined by the City Attorney for 2020.
- 2020-298** Resolution appointing Fire Chief William M. Hasko, Jr. as Fire Official effective January 1, 2021.
- 2020-299** Resolution adopting a grants management policy and procedures.
- 2020-300** Resolution for the purchase of a new ambulance, Type I Ford F450, Model 457, in an amount not to exceed \$258,997.00, through the Houston-Galveston COOP from VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists.
- 2020-301** Resolution of support to establish a speed limit along Route I-287 within the City of Linden. (50 m.p.h.)
- 2020-302** Resolution retroactively waiving the fees for a community wide garage sale to be held in the Ninth and Tenth Wards.

- 2020-303** Resolution providing for a Vision Plan for City of Linden Employees from VSP Vision Plan for a two-year period, at a fee not to exceed \$51,500.00 per year, subject to annual appropriation, beginning January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2022.
- 2020-304** Resolution appointing Carlos Rivas as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term of Susan Miskiewicz whose term commenced on January 1, 2018 and terminates December 31, 2021, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualifies.
- 2020-305** Resolution honoring Alanna Anita Taylor as a six-year breast cancer survivor.
- 2020-306** Resolution accepting the resignation of Nicholas Nigro as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, effective October 10, 2020.
- 2020-307** Resolution appointing Edward Stanch a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term of Nicholas Nigro whose term commenced on January 1, 2018 and terminates on December 31, 2021, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualifies.
- 2020-308** Resolution amending a contract to Sockler Realty Group for real estate appraiser services for State Court Tax Appeals for 2020 in the amount of \$10,000.00. The total value of this contract, inclusive of this amount, is \$22,500.00.
- 2020-309** Resolution in support of the month of October as Pedestrian Safety Month.
- 2020-310** Resolution approving the insertion of a special item of revenue in the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$600.00 – Lead Hazard Inspections – Childhood lead expense project as authorized by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
- 2020-311** Resolution authorizing the creation of an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$789,652.54 for tax appeals pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-46.
- 2020-312** Resolution approving the insertion of a special item of revenue in the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$1,097.60 – Municipal Alliance Grant Modification as authorized by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
- 2020-313** Resolution authorizing the assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #-17-00060 to 341 Connecticut, LLC for Block 78 Lot 11, known as 1123 Husa St.
- 2020-314** Resolution authorizing the close out of certain grants accounts and Neighborhood Preservation Accounts
- 2020-315** Resolution ratifying certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of September 2020.
- 2020-316** Resolution honoring Wilbur R. Taylor on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 2020-317** Resolution approving the award of a contract to J.A. Alexander, Inc., at a fee not to exceed \$378,894.41, in accordance with their bid, for the 2018 NJDOT LFIF Grant resurfacing of South Stiles Street – Lower Road.
- 2020-318** Resolution approving the award of a contract to Top Linde Construction Corp, at a fee not to exceed \$1,383,176.72, in accordance with their bid, for the 2018 NJDOT LFIF Grant resurfacing of South Wood Avenue.
- 2020-319** Resolution amending a contract with Appraisal Consultants Corp. for real estate appraiser services for State Court Tax Appeals for 2020 in the amount of \$10,000.00. The total value of this contract, inclusive of this amount is \$22,500.00.
- 2020-320** Resolution adopting the 2020 Policy Manual of the City of Linden

**2020-321** Resolution approving an amendment to a contract to Aloia Law Firm LLC, in the amount of \$15,000.00 for special Counsel Services on as needed basis as determined by the City Attorney for 2020.

**2020-322** Resolution awarding an Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services Agreement with Ambulance Reimbursement Systems, Inc., for ambulance billing services. (Amount of contract to be supplied once confirmed by the Law Department)

**ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION**

64-52 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.  
Adding: Schedule 4-OO-7

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<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>No. of Spaces</u>
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ADD:

515 Cranford Ave	1
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1018A University Terr	1
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16A University Circle	1
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64-54 Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$55,000 for the acquisition of Wistar Waste Management software/hardware for the Division of Public Works and authorizing the issuance of \$52,250 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

64-55 An Ordinance Chapter VII, Section 20 entitled One-Way Streets

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

7-20 ONE-WAY STREETS

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Parking Permitted</u>
<b>ADD:</b>		
W. 15 <sup>th</sup> St.	East	From S. Stiles St. to S. Wood Ave.
Alexander Ave.	North	From Dill Ave. to E. St. George Ave.

**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.**

**ADJOURN**

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**