

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

November 10, 2020



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**The Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of October 20, 2020**



ORDINANCE ON HEARING

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 4-00-7

64-53 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

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>No. of Spaces</u>
ADD:	
515 Cranford Ave	1
1018A University Terr	1
16A University Circle	1

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>
ADD:		
W. 15 th St.	East	From S. Stiles St. to S. Wood Ave.
Alexander Ave.	North	From Dill Ave. to E. St. George Ave.

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	\$491,911.01
2020 Taxes	\$17,430,583.06
2019 Taxes	\$329,782.17
2018 Taxes	\$.50
Municipal Lien Redemption	\$28,600.34
Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate	\$0.00

Tax Search	\$20.00
Lien Redemption Request Fee	\$0.00
Year End Penalty	\$5,887.45
Returned Check Fee Paid	\$20.00
Returned Sewer Clean out	(\$0.00)
Returned Sewer Interest	(\$0.00)
Returned Check 2020	(\$5,292.84)
Returned Check 2021	(\$15.28)
Returned Check Interest	(\$10.98)
Returned Online 2020 Taxes	(\$3,312.47)
Returned Online 2019 Taxes	(\$0.00)
Returned Online Interest	(\$0.00)
Adv. Before Tax Sale	\$23,035.72
Premium	\$1,521,200.00
Sewer Clean out charge	\$200.00
DPW Reso payments	\$1,775.00
Interest	\$ 100,171.61
Total	\$19,924,555.29

Tax Sale requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2017 tax sale on the following block & lot.

Block	Lot	Redemption Date	CTF#	Amount
474	7.01	10/14/2020	16-00302	\$11,000.00
474	7.02	10/14/2020	16-00303	\$9,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$20,600.00 payable to: MTAG Cust for Empire VIII NJ Portfolio, P.O. Box 2208, Hicksville, NY 11802, charging same to account #0-01-55-276-999-956.

Refund Block 334 Lot 8.01 148 E. 11th Street
CB appeals,

The above referenced former property owners are entitled to a refund due to a County Board Judgment reducing the assessment by 39,800 for 2020 creating a total overpayment of \$1,654.32.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$1,654.32 payable to: Douglas Standriff Attorney Trust Account, 25 E. Spring Valley Avenue, Suite #330, Maywood, NJ 07607 charging same to account #-0-01-46-872-373-243.

Refund Block 580 Lot 13 Linden Plaza, LLC C/O Wharton 1601 E. Edgar Road
CB Appeals

The above referenced former property owners are entitled to a refund due to a County Board Judgment reducing the assessment by 6,151,000 for 2020 creating a total overpayment of \$208,938.37. Through agreement of the attorney and Mike Frangella, Tax Assessor, half of the credit is to be transferred to 2021 1st and \$104,469.19 to be refunded.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$104,469.19 payable to: Linden Plaza, LLC, C/O Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC Attorney Trust Account, 280 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837, charging same to account #-0-01-46-872-373-243.

(*) Municipal Treasurer**

(2) Re: Parking Permit Refund

Requesting approval for the following refund

Jan Vira is entitled to a refund of \$270.00 for a 4th 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: Jan Vira, 138 Demorest Avenue, Avenel, NJ 07001; charging same to 0-01-08-609-013.

(*) Personnel**

(3) Advising that the following City employees have filed for retirement:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Public Property	Carolyn Frees	Principal Account Clerk	12/1/2020
Fire Dept.	George Kuhn	Deputy Fire Chief	12/1/2020
Police Dept.	Kenneth Mikolajczyk	Police Sergeant	12/1/2020
Police Dept	Kevin Mikolajczyk	Police Officer	12/1/2020

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

- 2020-323 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, 2020 until December 31, 2020. The fee is contingent upon any increase in assessment that occurs as a result of the appeal.
- 2020-324 Resolution approving an amendment to a contract with Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC as special aviation counsel to increase the contract by an addition amount of \$15,000.00.
- 2020-325 Resolution for the implementation and training from Lexipol Solutions for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$32,800.00
- 2020-326 Resolution requesting that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of appropriation in the amount up to \$47,026.00 for the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Grant.
- 2020-327 Resolution requesting the refund of deposits from the October 2020 online tax sale.
- 2020-328 Resolution authorizing a donation to the City of Elizabeth Fire Department of an EMS Trailer.
- 2020-329 Resolution approving a contract with Wetlands Inc. for soil and tree planting for fall 2020/spring 2021 in various locations at a fee not to exceed \$57,500.00.
- 2020-330 Amending a contract with the New Jersey Audubon Society as steward of the Linden Landfill, for task 1-6 in the amount of \$20,640.00.
- 2020-331 Resolution requesting the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of appropriation in the amount of \$8,400.00 for Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown.
- 2020-332 Resolution to transfer 2020 appropriations.
- 2020-333 Resolution ratifying certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of October 2020 which do not appear on the Claims List.
- 2020-334 Resolution authorizing the extension of out-door dining through March 31, 2020.
- 2020-335 Resolution authorizing the cancellation of various grant appropriations and receivables balances.
- 2020-336 Resolution authorizing the cancellation of various capital appropriations.
- 2020-337 Resolution authorizing a shared services agreement with the Linden Board of Education for Nursing Services for the year 2020-2021.
- 2020-338 Resolution adopting the annual meeting schedule for the Linden Council for 2021.

2020-339 Resolution supporting free and fair elections as the right to vote is the foundation of our democracy and essential to our constitutional system of Government,

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

64-56 **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**

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42 West 12 th Street	1

DELETE:

25 Cedar Avenue 1

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Adding: Schedule 4-OO-8

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.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

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