

**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**JANUARY 5, 2021**

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Notice of this meeting stating the date, place and time, has been disseminated as required under the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975" In addition to the publishing of the annual meeting schedule, electronic notice was provided on December 23, 2020 to The Local Source and Star Ledger, noting that the meeting would be conducted through the Ring Central Program and containing information on how to access the meeting. The same information was posted on the City's website, Linden TV, the bulletin board, and the front door of City Hall. Copies of the Agenda, and Personnel Reports are also posted on the City's website and Linden TV for the public.

**PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE**

**SWEARING IN OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE 2020 COUNCIL**

President of Council Michele Yamakaitis announces the Members of Council, who were elected in the November 3, 2020 General Election have subscribed to their Oaths of Office prior to January 1, 2021. In order to accommodate the electronic format of tonight's meeting, the ceremonial swearing-in of each of the officials elected was previously videotaped, and will now be played. At the conclusion of the swearing in, the Mayor's State of the City Address, will then play. While this is occurring, all participants will be on mute.

The Oath of Office was administered to the following elected officials:

**COUNCILMAN OF THE FOURTH WARD, Alfred D. Mohammed – Will be sworn-in by Mayor Derek Armstead. Holding the Koran is his son, Alfred Y. Mohammed.**

**COUNCILMAN OF THE SIXTH WARD, John Francis Roman – Will be sworn-in by City Clerk Joseph C. Bodek. Holding the Bible will be his mother, Melinda Roman, and Nephew, Finn Carter Horvath. Also participating are Danielle Roman and Samantha DeAlmeida.**

**COUNCILMAN OF THE EIGHTH WARD, Garnett Blaine – Will be sworn-in by Mayor Derek Armstead. Holding the Bible will be Council President Michele Yamakaitis . Also participating is Second Ward Councilman Barry Javick.**

**COUNCILWOMAN OF TENTH WARD, Gretchen Hickey – Will be sworn-in by Senator Raymond J. Lesniak . Holding the Bible is her son Patrick Hickey. Also participating is her husband Joseph Hickey and her son Joey Hickey.**

**MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE**

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENTATION'S AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEMPORE**

**Administration of the Oath of Office to the President of Council Pro Tempore.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**(There are no consent items)**

## RESOLUTIONS

- 2021-1** Resolution designating the official newspapers for the City of Linden for the year 2021.
- 2021-2** Resolution fixing the rate of interest to be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments. (8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in the excess of \$1,500.00 shall be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments to be calculated from the date the taxes or assessments were payable until the date of the actual payment, and an additional penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of delinquency in excess \$10,000.00 on any delinquent balance remaining at the end of the calendar year. No interest shall be charged if payment of any installment of taxes is made within 10 days after the date upon which the same became due.
- 2021-3** Resolution authorizing the Municipal Treasurer to invest and re-invest funds for the City of Linden in 2021.
- 2021-4** Resolution approving the execution of a Contract with NW Financial Group, Inc., as the financial and investment advisors to the City of Linden on every transaction the City enters into relating to the City's financial profile and debt issues in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.
- 2021-5** Resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services as bond counsel to Gibbons, P.C.
- 2021-6** Resolution establishing a cash management plan for the City of Linden, including designation of depositories, authorization to sign checks and warrants, invest cash funds, transfer funds electronically, authorize suitable investments, and list of reports to be prepared by the Treasurer each month.
- 2021-7** Resolution authorizing a Petty Cash fund in the following Departments: Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 and authorizing Chief David Hart to have custody of the fund; Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$100.00 and authorizing Fire Chief William Hasko to have custody of the fund; OEM in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 and authorizing OEM Coordinator Chief David Hart to have custody of the fund; Division of Public Property in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 and authorizing Anthony Coplan, Manager of Public Property to have custody of the fund; Division of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 and authorizing Assistant Superintendent of Public Works John Venditto to have custody of the fund; Division of Purchasing in an amount not to exceed \$100.00, and authorizing Purchasing Agent Annmarie Whelan to have custody of the fund; and Department of Parks and Recreation in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 and authorizing Director Ralph Dunham to have custody of the fund.
- 2021-8** Resolution of the City of Linden to authorize participation in the State Health Benefits Plan for the period of January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Health Insurance Premiums not to exceed \$3,501,000.00 for that period.
- 2021-9** Resolution approving the execution of a Professional Service Agreement with Suplee, Clooney & Company as auditors, and for professional services for the year 2021 at a fee not to exceed \$100,000.
- 2021-10** Resolution awarding a contract to Associated Humane Societies, Inc., in the amount of \$95,000.00, for animal control services solicited by quotations, for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

- 2021-11**      **Resolution approving a contract with Edmunds and Associates, Inc., to provide maintenance and technical support for the City of Linden’s Financial Accounting and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, at a fee not to exceed \$30,000.00.**
  
- 2021-12**      **Resolution to establish the Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget for the period of January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Three months of the total appropriations in the 2020 Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget in the sum of \$26,171.25.**
  
- 2021-13**      **Resolution to establish the current fund operating budget for the period of January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Three months of the total appropriations in the 2020 Current Operating Budget in the sum of \$25,811,187.85.**
  
- 2021-14**      **Resolution providing for the permanent debt service requirements of the City of Linden for the coming fiscal year and making appropriations to cover the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, inclusive:**

**DEBT SERVICE-CITY OF LINDEN BUDGET**

Payment of Bonds	\$3,575,000.00
Interest on Bonds	\$1,440,000.00
Interest on Notes	\$350,000.00
Payment of BANS	\$300,000.00

**DEBT SERVICE-GREEN TRUST LOAN PROGRAM**

Payment of Principal & Interest \$107,000.00

**DEBT SERVICE-N.J. ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Payment of Principal & Interest \$1,146,000.00

**DEBT SERVICE-UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT**

1998 Lease (Airport)	\$200,000.00
2010 Lease (Airport)	\$1,165,000.00
2003 Lease (P.A.L.)	\$139,000.00
2004 Lease (Wood Avenue)	\$260,000.00
2010 Morningstar	\$475,000.00
2016 Refunding Series	\$2,520,000.00

- 2021-15**      **Resolution to establish a debt service for the Sanitary Landfill to cover the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 inclusive:**

**DEBT SERVICE-CITY OF LINDEN - DEDICATED LANDFILL BUDGET**

Payment of Bonds	\$193,000.00
Interest on Bonds	\$1,785.25

- 2021-16**      **Resolution designating Assistant Municipal Attorney Deirdre Mason, Esq. as Chief Municipal Prosecutor for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021.**
  
- 2021-17**      **Resolution appointing Edward Cooper, Esq. as Chief Public Defender for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021.**

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

**65-1 ZONING, 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.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN:**

**Section 1.** That Chapter XXXI, Zoning, Section 31-11 shall be and the same is hereby amended.

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