

**Minutes of the Regular
Meeting of the 2020 Council of the
City of Linden, held Tuesday,
October 20, 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, October 20, 2020 at 7:06 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

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| 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 |
| Councilwoman | Gretchen Hickey |
| Council President | Michele Yamakaitis |
| Mayor | Derek Armstead |

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Javick moved for approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2020 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Ms. Cosby who abstained.

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:

Ordinance

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)

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

None were presented and the 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 Clerk. There were none.

There being no persons to be heard, Mrs. Ormon moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blaine and on a roll, call vote the foregoing ordinance was unanimously ordered.

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

Ordinance
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.

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There being no persons to be heard, Mrs. Ormon moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and on a roll, call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by all voting in favor with the exception of Ms. Cosby, Mr. Roman and Mrs. Hickey 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:

Ordinance
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.

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

Ordinance
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-OO-6

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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 Mrs. Ormon and on a roll, call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved by all voting in favor with the exception of Ms. Cosby who abstained.

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

Ordinance

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.

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

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.

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

None were presented and the 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 Clerk. There were none.

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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:

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 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 3rd 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 220th 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.

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> |
|--------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 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 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 2018 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

| <u>Block</u> | <u>Lot</u> | <u>Redemption Date</u> | <u>CTF#</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 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 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-0-01-55-276-999-956.

(*) 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 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: Malgorzata Dziekan, 752 N. Stiles St., Linden, NJ 07036; charging same to 0-01-08-609-013.

(*) Personnel:**

(3) 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 |

Mrs. Hickey moved for approval of Consent Agenda items #1 through #3. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

First Ward

Mrs. Ormon reported that the collection cans for recycling and explained how many were received and that the change in the collection schedule that was going to occur. She spoke about the water company and the extensive water main replacement project that they had going on in the First Ward, and the City, noting that it was a temporary inconvenience, with long term benefits. Mrs. Ormon spoke about leaf seasons and that DPW would begin picking up leaves at the end of November. She explained the rules.

Mrs. Ormon discussed comments, made on Social Media, about Council being anti-Semitic. She then addressed the Jewish Community noting that she would help them, and noted the various items she has already provided help with. She spoke about the need to be inclusive, and urged the Jewish Community to reach out to her with their concerns and issues. She concluded by speaking about a noise issue, in the area of First Avenue, how it affects the quality of life, and the actions that were being taken to address it.

Second Ward

Mr. Javick began by giving the report of the Fire Committee. The Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of \$8,518.19 in fees for the month of September. The ambulance reimbursement system collected, for September, \$54,551.05, bringing the year to date total to \$542,224.64,

Mr. Javick next gave his Second Ward report. He first spoke about the work that the utility work being done, in the ward, and that the companies have begun repaving the streets to restore the damage they had done. He informed all about the repairs to a storm sewer, on Lafayette Street that was done. He spoke about the schools, and how the sessions were being run. He then discussed SID and their reviewing architectural drawings to upgrade the Wood Avenue street scape. The program would also include a sidewalk replacement program.

Mr. Javick announced that the Board of Health would begin conducting their annual flu shot program, and how residents could register for it. He also gave a report on the COVID19 cases in Linden and providing his contact information.

President Yamakaitis recognized Mrs. Ormon to give the Finance Committee report.

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

Approval is requested for the following finance actions:

1. The payment of bills totaling \$1,157,747.71. 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 September at the rate of 0.20%.
3. In the Department of Finance, the approval is granted for the CFO to submit the Best Practices worksheet to the Division of Local Government Services by the November 3, 2020 deadline.

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

Third Ward

Mrs. Caldwell began her report by offering greetings to her Third Ward neighbors. She then gave the report of the Construction Code Department. For the month of September had collected \$141,633.00 in fees for building permits, and \$3,745.00 for zoning permits. Next, she gave the report of the IT Committee. She noted that the Committee, before moving forward is awaiting direction regarding the budget for 2021, and noted the impact of the COVID virus on the budget.

Mrs. Caldwell spoke about walking the neighborhood, noting some of the issues that she observed that will be addressed. She also discussed the replacement of street lighting, that the work was about four weeks out, and new four way stop signs that were being approved. Next, she noted her concerns over "The House," a bar/restaurant, on Washington Avenue, the issues that they had been causing, and what was being done to address those issues.

Mrs. Caldwell spoke about the upcoming general election and provided instructions on how to vote by mail, and other ways to return the ballot. She noted issues with the service department of the Volkswagen dealer, on St. George Ave relative to the neighbors. She thanked the Police, Public Works, Fire Departments and the Mayor for efforts on behalf of the residents of the Third Ward, to various issues. Lastly, she spoke about the Movie nights sponsored by the Mayor's Youth Commission, and how wonderful they were.

Fourth Ward

Mr. Mohammed announced that new LED lighting has been installed in the Fourth Ward Park. He then spoke about the recycling collection cans that Fourth Ward residents received, and the collection schedule. He provided his contact information, and asked his fellow Council members to refrain from discussing police actions on Facebook.

Fifth Ward

Good evening,

I hope everyone is doing well and is safe. We all have to be vigilant in the city.

Street of the week was Elizabeth Ave in our ward, which also affects the eighth ward. You should have seen the signs, make sure you slow down. When we get the results from the police department I will share them.

I am pleased to report that the police department did take my request to reconsider the flow of traffic on Alexander Ave. There is an ordinance on tonight to make the street a one way from Dill Ave to St Georges Ave.

Chief Hart confirmed that my efforts with the diligent follow-up from my neighbor Mr. Nuegen to get the push to stoplight installed at 1600 E St Georges Ave are still in the plans. You can see the work going on St George is a part of a state safety project and the light is a part of that.

There is road repair that is beginning in our ward; Grant street, Adams Street and Alexander Ave.

Tomorrow is trash day so, please plan to put your bulk items out.

Rhashonna Cosby Civic Association hosted the 5th annual cancer awareness walks last week. We had a virtual and in-person event. Last year we donated \$700 to the Lions club for youth cancer. This year the beneficiary is my neighbor Mr. Rouse, he is currently in treatment and he is a good man. Donations are being accepted until November 30.

An election reminder, all votes are on paper, there will be no machine voting. Ballots can be dropped off. There are ballot questions #1 to legalize cannabis. The sponsor of this was invited to a public forum and chose not to attend and so.... this is interesting, it seems they don't want to hear from you. If you need assistance contact me at 908-718-7933.

My next virtual community meeting will be in December the date will be announced.

That concludes my report.

Sixth Ward

Mr. Roman spoke about the recent passing of a member of Elizabeth's Portuguese community. Next, he spoke about the planting of trees and for Sixth Ward residents to contact him if they wanted a tree planted in front of their homes. He provided updates on the sidewalk replacement program, and that some of the work may be done this year, and some next year. Mr. Roman provided an update on the East Linden Avenue repaving project. He praised the Engineer Department for their efforts and the Union County Board of Freeholders for the grant to pay for it.

Mr. Roman announced that East Linden Avenue has been chosen to participate in the Street of the Week Program. He spoke about the need to slow traffic down on that street. He then reported on other Sixth Ward Streets that will be paved. He reported on the repaving of W. Linden Avenue, the Union County food drop, for those in need, and how to participate.

Mr. Roman reported on a quality of life issue that was occurring at the old Walmart property, with popup car type shows, and what was being done to address it. He thanked Mr. Strano and Police Captain Joseph Cacioppo for their efforts in helping to address the issue. He noted how important this years general election was and talked about how residents may cast their Vote By Mail ballots. He provided his contact information and concluded by speaking about a sweat shirt store on Roselle St.

Seventh Ward

Mr. Strano gave the following report of the Personnel Committee:

1. Police:
 - a. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Marcal Parker, Police Officer, effective October 1, 2020.
2. Fire:
 - a. Permission to begin background checks for the hiring of seven (7) Fire Fighters.
3. Board of Health:
 - a. Appointment of Alexis Rivera to the position of Secretary to the Board of Health at the annual salary of \$3,000.00 effective November 1, 2020, subject to the approval of the Board of Health.
 - b. Approval of sixteen (16) days of discretionary overtime for Nancy Koblis to be paid at straight time due to additional time worked during the COVID-19 crisis.
4. Municipal Court:
 - a. Approve the change in title of Susan Sanchez to Deputy Municipal Court Administrator at the salary of \$91,063.00 effective October 21, 2020.
 - b. Approve the change in title of Lindsey Parker to Interim Municipal Court Administrator at an additional salary of \$5,000.00 effective October 21, 2020.
5. Tax Assessor:
 - a. Accepting the voluntary resignation in good standing of Fatimah Miller Clerk 1 effective September 28, 2020.
 - b. Approval to post for a full-time Clerk 1 due to a resignation.
6. Construction Code:
 - a. Increase of hours for Code Enforcement Officer Trainee not to exceed 29 per week, previously advertised not to exceed 19.50 hour.
7. Department of Community Services:

Division of Public Works:

 - a. The appointment of Kiari Smith as laborer, Tier 2, at the rate of \$15.00 pending completion of all pre-employment requirements effective November 4, 2020.
 - b. Approve the change in title for Ruben Lopes to Sanitation Truck Driver/Automated Sanitation Truck Driver (Tier 2) at the rate of \$23.50 per hour effective October 21, 2020.
 - c. Approve the change in title for Daniel Krok to Sanitation Truck Driver (Tier 2) at the rate of \$23.00 per hour effective October 21, 2020
 - d. Approve the change in title for Shane Gullette to Heavy Equipment Operator (Tier 2) at the rate of \$26.50 per hour effective October 21, 2020.
 - e. Approve the change in title for Craig Lampert to Equipment Operator (Tier 2) at the rate of \$25.00 per hour effective October 21, 2020.
 - f. Approve to post for 2 Laborer positions.

Division of Buildings and Grounds

 - a. Accepting the voluntary resignation in good standing of Kashaun Glover Laborer, effective October 9, 2020.
 - b. Approve to post for 1 Laborer positions.
8. Personnel:
 - a. Approval of the Vacation Carry Over due to COVID-19 Crisis
 - b. Granting of FMLA/NJFMLA to the following employees:
List on File in the Personnel Office.

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

Mr. Strano gave his ward report. He commended the Mayor's Youth Commission on the drive-in movie nights that they conducted. He discussed the City's website and that he did not find it very user friendly, adding that the IT Committee and vendor will have to work on making it more user friendly. He spoke about his chairing the Airport Committee, and that the Airport Operator had recently received a letter from the NJ DOT regarding the annual safety and security inspection, at the airport, and that the inspection found all in order. He thanked the airport operator, Paul Dudley and the Engineer Department. Mr. Strano spoke about Ordinance 64-55, which would make West Fifteenth Street one way its entire length, pointing out that this was a pilot, a trial.

Mr. Strano stated that on a sad note, he wanted to acknowledge the passing of long time Seventh Ward Democratic Committee member Pauline Blauhta. He spoke about some of his memories of Pauline. Next, he spoke about the passing of Linden Democratic Club Second Vice-President, Committeewoman, Democratic Committee Woman and retired City employee. He also shared some of his memories of Ms. Sheehy. He offered condolences to both families.

Eighth Ward

Mr. Blaine began by offering his greetings to the residents of the Eighth Ward. He then spoke about some recent gun violence, in the ward, and that the police were working on addressing this issue. He noted the joint statement that Police Chief and Mayor made regarding gun violence in the City. Next, Mr. Blaine informed the Eighth Ward residents about the new schedule for garbage and recycling pickups. If the residents had a problem, with pickups, then they should contact him, and Mr. Venditto, in DPW, calling Mr. Venditto a standup guy. He pointed out to Eighth Ward residents that the ward is split in two when it comes to bulk garage collections. Mr. Blaine asked that all be respectful of their neighbors when putting cans out for collection, and take them back in, in a timely manner.

Mr. Blaine spoke about the COVID virus and that it is alive and well. He noted the financial impact it was having on families, and pointed out the Union County food distribution program to assist those in need. Lastly, he pointed out the rules for trick or treating during Halloween.

Ninth Ward

Mr. Medina spoke about quality of life issues occurring in the Ninth Ward. He pointed out the complaints, regarding noise from modified cars, that he is receiving, there are also complaints about cars being raced on Orchard Terrace. Next, he asked residents to pickup after their dogs. He **touch**ed upon issues relating to litter, and the test driving of cars, on a residential street by a car dealership located on St. Georges Ave.

Mr. Medina spoke about the new recycling collection cans that residents had received, and that they need to be put away, in between collections, in side or back yards, and not left out front, urging residents to keep Linden beautiful. Mr. Medina spoke about the number of sidewalk replacement request he gets, and the limited funding, in the budget for this purpose, adding, that the process needs to be rethought. He spoke about street paving and the ID'ing of the streets to placed on the repaving list.

Mr. Medina thanked those residents who participated in the joint Ninth and Tenth Ward yard sale. He urged all to stay safe, follow the rules and then provided his contact information.

Tenth Ward

Mrs. Hickey talked about where residents should place their new recycling cans for collection. She announced that she would have leaf bags soon to provide to residents. She also spoke about the need to pickup dog waste. She spoke on an incident that happened to her on her way home, with a resident being threatened, and commended the police for their response. Mrs. Hickey expressed her feelings about all that is going on. She discussed the joint statement on crime made by Chief Hart and the Mayor. Their efforts to keep people informed, as to what is going on with crime and how they are addressing it. Mrs. Hickey then called for an increase of the police complement, adding 24 more officers, to address crime issues. She noted the size of the department, when her father was on it, and its size today. She noted how Linden has grown over the years, and a need to increase the compliment due to the increase growth in Linden, with things like apartment buildings.

Mrs. Hickey offered her deepest sympathy to Jessica Sheehy on the passing of her mom, Karen. She spoke about how Karen had impacted her life. She thanked first responders, wished a happy birthday to Chase Ormon and finished by providing her contact information.

Council President

President Yamakaitis offered her deepest sympathy to the Sheehy family, and spoke about her history with Karen. She wished Dennis Scanlon a happy retirement.

President Yamakaitis read the resolution recognizing Wilbur Taylor on the occasion of his 100th Birthday. She detailed the drive-by celebration that was done for him.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Armstead offered his condolences to the Carter family, who recently lost an icon. Deacon Melvin Carter. The Mayor spoke about the Deacon's commitment to the Community. He then offered his condolences to the Blahuta Family, on the passing of Pauline. He noted that he first met her as a committee person, when his grandparents were committee people. He next spoke about the passing of Karen Sheehy, and offered his condolences to the Sheehy family. He noted his long-term involvement with Mrs. Sheehy, and how she was his campaign manager the first time he had run for office. He noted her role in holding all together, and her duties at DPW, stating how much she would be missed.

Mayor Armstead wished Wilbur Taylor a happy birthday, and talked about Mr. Taylor's role in the community and wished him health.

The Mayor then read an email, from the Superintendent of Schools regarding the positive test of a student for COVID19. He then spoke about the uptick, in Linden, of COVID. He noted that the COVID food relief program, run by his office, is still going on. He noted recent deliveries that have been made. Next, he briefed all on the rules for Trick or Treating during Halloween, pointing out there will be a later announcement for the hours that trick or treating will be allowed. He reported on the drive-in movie night, held by the Mayor's Youth Commission, and how successful the four-night event was. He thanked a number of individuals and groups for their help.

Mayor Armstead reported on redevelopment, providing updates on a number of projects, and informed all about a recent proposal to build a battery storage facility on land associated with the former Linden landfill. He discussed SID and the preliminary plan to refurbish the facades of the stores on Wood Ave, which would be done in stages. He announced the actions of the Planning Board approving the site plan for the new heritage mall. He informed all about the ongoing talks about the redevelopment of the old Walmart mall into warehousing. Mayor Armstead discussed ordinance 64-47, which was the redevelopment of the old Siemen warehouse site into new warehousing, and discussed the financial advantageous to the City. Next, he spoke about ordinance 64-48, and the need for a PILOT program the Linden Renewable Energy Urban Renewal, LLC Project, which would have a financial impact from \$12.8 million to \$39.4 million to the City in revenue and host community benefits.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the recent incident of violent crimes, in Linden, and the need to keep the approach quiet, so as not tell the criminals what we are doing. He called on Chief Hart to read the joint statement on crime that he and the Chief did. At the conclusion of the Chief reading the statement the Mayor ended his report.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION: 2020-295

A 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.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 54 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, the City regularly assesses all real properties within the City and allocates its budget in proportionate manner based on the value of the various line items; and

WHEREAS, the City shall retain Blau and Blau, Attorneys at Law ("Blau and Blau"), as special counsel for the purpose of filing commercial tax appeals on behalf of the City of Linden for the period March 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020 ("Special Counsel"); and

WHEREAS, the agreement to retain Blau and Blau as Special Counsel for the period of March 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020 is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel's Agreement specifically includes the right to file affirmative tax appeals on behalf of the City which tax appeals are designed to accurately and equitably apportion the real estate tax burden among the existing properties within the City; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel is entitled to a contingent fee if any increase in assessment occurs as a result of the appeal; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel and the Tax Assessor has performed an analysis as to the various properties within the City that it believes warrant affirmative tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, tax appeals had to be filed no later than April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel is responsible for all fees and expenses in prosecuting any affirmative tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, nothing contained herein shall mandate or require the prosecution of such appeals, but shall authorize any and all actions necessary and appropriate to prosecute these affirmative appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that Blau and Blau, as Special Counsel, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to take all steps necessary to prosecute affirmative tax appeals for the year 2020 concerning the properties in the attachment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be available to inspection during normal business hours and in accordance with all applicable statutes.

RESOLUTION: 2020-296

**RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF ONE 2021 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 4WD CREW CAB
147" WORK TRUCK FROM MALL CHEVROLET THROUGH THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION CO-OP ESCNJ CONTRACT 20/21/-19 FOR THE LINDEN
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to obtain one 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD crew cab 147" work truck from an authorized vendor under the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Co-op (MRESC) awarded to Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill NJ, 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, Mall Chevrolet has been awarded Contract #20/21-19, for the provision of vehicles, SUV's, trucks; 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 \$36,999.68 and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-903-731-919 and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Linden that Mall Chevrolet has 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: 2020-297

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT TO APRUZZESE, MCDERMOT,
MASTO & MURPHY, P.C. FOR SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS
AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR 2020**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Linden has determined that it would be advisable and in the best interests of the City to retain the services of Professional Services to represent the City of Linden, and to render legal advice and assistance to the city and to the City Attorney; 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, Apruzzese, McDermot, Mastro & Murphy, P.C submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services: and

WHEREAS, since professional legal services are rendered or performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by the laws of the State of New Jersey; the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq.) permits the award of a contract therefore as a Professional Service without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN as follows:

1. That the law firm of Apruzzese, McDermot, Mastro & Murphy, P.C., Attorneys at Law of the State of New Jersey be and is hereby retained as Special Labor Counsel to the City for all matters.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Apruzzese, McDermot, Mastro & Murphy, P.C setting forth the terms and conditions of the legal services to be rendered.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as a contract for professional services may be awarded without competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:11-5 (1) (a).
4. For the services hereinabove described as Apruzzese, McDermot, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. shall be awarded an amended agreement in the additional amount of **\$15,000.00** for the calendar year 2020. The City shall not be liable for payment of any monies

exceeding the contract price stated herein unless additional funds are approved by the governing body and the contract amended in accordance with applicable law.

5. A notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

RESOLUTION: 2020-298

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE CHIEF
WILLIAM M. HASKO, JR., AS FIRE OFFICIAL**

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Lawrence J. Kolesa is set to retire effective January 1, 2021, and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief William M. Hasko, Jr., has been certified as a Fire Official/Fire Inspector, Certification No. 128787 by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that they do hereby appoint Fire Chief William M. Hasko, Jr., as Fire Official, effective January 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety.

RESOLUTION : 2020-299

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A GRANTS MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Linden relies on grant funds to support important programs and services that it provides to its community; and

WHEREAS, grant funding allows the City to leverage local public funds in order to extend and enhance the services it offers to the community, the impact of grant funding upon the community is significant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden abides by all New Jersey State purchasing and budget laws and monitors grant funds in compliance with each particular agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden also abides by the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) and Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Grants Agreements; and

WHEREAS, In order to comply with the requirements of the grant agreements the City of Linden has developed a Grants Manual, containing Grants Management Policies & Procedures; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Linden to promote the use of grants and complying with their terms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City that Linden as follows:

1. That it hereby adopts a Grant Manual in the form as attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**.
2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions which are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
3. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

RESOLUTION: 2020-300

RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF A NEW AMBULANCE THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON CO-OP, FROM VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services from an authorized vendor under the Houston-Galveston Co-Op HGAC, VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists, 43 Jefferson Avenue, Berlin, New Jersey 08009 an authorized vendor 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, Houston-Galveston Co-Op, HGAC. for a new ambulance Type I, Ford F450, Model 457; 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 \$258,997.00 and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account #C-04-55-903-730-919;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Linden that VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists be awarded a contract; 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: 2020-301

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT ALONG ROUTE I-278 WITHIN THE CITY OF LINDEN

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has a concern for motorist and pedestrian safety along Route I-278 within the City of Linden; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden has requested a Speed Limit Regulation from the New Jersey Division of Transportation (“DOT”); and

WHEREAS, in order to establish a speed limit along Route I-278, the City of Linden must provide a Resolution of Support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8.4c; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Linden, in the County of Union, does hereby support establishment of a speed limit along Route I-278 in the City of Linden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that support for the following is provided:

Speed Limit:

Along Route I-278 for both directions of traffic:

50 MPH between Route US 1&9 and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey jurisdictional line (approximate mileposts 0.0 to 0.9).

Repealer Clause:

The City of Linden concurs that any approved traffic regulation in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution be rescinded upon the approval of the Traffic Regulation Order.

RESOLUTION: 2020-302

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY WAIVING FEES FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE TO BE HELD IN THE NINTH AND TENTH WARDS

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to retroactively allow a community wide garage sale in the Ninth and Tenth Wards on October 3, 2020, and October 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden shall waive all fees for permits for a garage sale including the completion of an application form pursuant to City Code 4-3.1 entitled “Garage Sales”; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth and Tenth Wards garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year; and

WHEREAS, chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.

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

1. The City of Linden hereby, retroactively, waives fees for permits for a community wide garage sale in the Ninth and Tenth Wards on October 3, 2020 and October 4, 2020.
2. The Ninth and Tenth Wards garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year.
3. Chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.
4. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

RESOLUTION: 2020-303

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING VISION PLAN FOR CITY
OF LINDEN EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden elects to provide a benefit program to its employees in the area of vision for a period commencing January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer or his designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, which will be charged to account/line item No. 1-01-23-220-141-279, for year 2021, as attached hereto; 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, Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc. submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Insurance Commission has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contracts;

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

1. That Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc. 25 Fairview Avenue, Verona, New Jersey is authorized to place the City of Linden's Vision Insurance Program through Vision Service Plan at a cost not to exceed \$51,500.00 per year based on current enrollment from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (m) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the company of Vision Service Plan offers the City of Linden extensive administrative experience in the field of vision. Vision Service Plan submitted the most favorable quotations affording the most coverage and lowest cost for the best interests of the City of Linden.

4. A notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

5.

RESOLUTION: 2020-304

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING CARLOS RIVAS
A MEMBER OF THE
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

That **CARLOS RIVAS** residing in the City of Linden, New Jersey, be and he hereby is appointed as Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Linden to fill the unexpired term of Susan Miskiewicz which commenced on January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2021, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualifies. No member or alternate member shall be permitted to act on any matter in which he has directly or indirectly any personal or financial interest. These appointments are made in accordance with Chapter 216, Laws of New Jersey, 1979 (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69). All resolutions or ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2020-305

**RESOLUTION HONORING ALANNA ANITA TAYLOR
AS SIX YEAR BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR**

WHEREAS, every 69 seconds, somewhere in the world, a woman dies of breast cancer; every three minutes, a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer; and every 13 minutes, a woman loses her battle with the disease; and

WHEREAS, worldwide, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed life-threatening cancer in women and the leading cause of cancer death among women; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness and improved screening have led to earlier diagnosis and the survival rates for breast cancer have improved significantly; and

WHEREAS, Alanna Taylor was diagnosis with Breast Cancer in July, 2013; and

WHEREAS, for the next two years, Alanna underwent treatments, Alanna endured the rigors of radiation and chemotherapy; and numerous surgeries

WHEREAS, Alanna has, since then been an actively involved with the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk as well as hosting a support group for other survivors in her home county.

WHEREAS, Alanna is the proud mother of Taylor Henry who served as the sole caregiver for her mom at the age of 11.

WHEREAS, this month Alanna celebrates 6 years of being cancer free; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been declared Breast Cancer Awareness Month, nationwide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden recognize Alanna Taylor for her courage in fighting this disease and wish to thank her for her dedication to increasing awareness about breast cancer and early detection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden and be appropriately presented to Alanna Anita Taylor.

RESOLUTION: 2020-306

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF NICHOLAS NIGRO AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, Nicholas Nigro, has submitted his resignation as a member of the Linden Zoning Board of Adjustment, effective October 10, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City of Linden does hereby accept his resignation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden thank him for his service to the citizens of Linden and wish him well in his future endeavors.

RESOLUTION: 2020-307

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING EDWARD STANCH
A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

That **Edward Stanch** residing in the City of Linden, New Jersey, be and he hereby is appointed as Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Linden to fill the unexpired term of Nicholas Nigro which commenced on January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2021, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualifies.

No member or alternate member shall be permitted to act on any matter in which he has directly or indirectly any personal or financial interest.

These appointments are made in accordance with Chapter 216, Laws of New Jersey, 1979 (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69).

All resolutions or ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2020-308

RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT TO SOCKLER REALTY GROUP FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISER SERVICES FOR STATE COURT TAX APPEALS FOR 2020

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Linden previously awarded a contract to Sockler Realty Group in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the contract by an additional \$10,000 for a total revised contract in the amount of \$22,500.00; 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. 0-01-20-156-117-272;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that a contract amendment for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Sockler Realty Group, 299 Ward Street, Suite C, Highstown, New Jersey 08520("EXPERT"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the terms of said agreement shall be for a period of one year at a fee not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is expressly amends the prior contract documents between Sockler Realty Group and the City of Linden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to sign documents with Sockler Realty Group, if any, to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-309

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, in 2018 there were 6,283 pedestrians killed in traffic crashes, a 3.4 percent increase from 2017 pedestrian fatalities, equating to 17 pedestrians a day dying; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian deaths accounted for 17 percent of all traffic fatalities in 2018; and

WHEREAS, more pedestrian fatalities occurred in urban areas, 81%, than rural areas, 19%, in 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these statistics, which demonstrate the steady increase in the number of pedestrian deaths, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has designated October as Pedestrian Safety Month; and

WHEREAS, the safety and security of residents and visitors is of vital important to the City of Linden as these individuals travels our, and surrounding areas, roads and walkways; and

WHEREAS, nearly one-third of all New Jersey crashes involve a pedestrian, which is nearly twice the national average; and

WHEREAS, continued outreach, education, and enforcement is an effective way to protect people and reduce pedestrian fatalities in motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Linden Police Department is an active participant in the Street-Smart New Jersey Pedestrian safety program, which focuses on pedestrian safety, education, enforcement and engineering efforts to ensure that all travelers are aware of pedestrian safety, in order to reduce the risk of injury and deaths caused in pedestrian traffic accidents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby declare the month of October as Pedestrian Safety Month and hereby urge all residents and visitors to follow the pedestrian safety laws, when driving, riding or walking on our roads.

RESOLUTION: 2020-310

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159 LEAD HAZARD INSPECTIONS – CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPENSE PROJECT

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 additional funds in the amount of \$600.00 for the 5th quarter from the City of Plainfield Health Department 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 \$600.00 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:
Lead Hazard Inspections

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$600.00 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:
Lead Hazard Inspections

RESOLUTION: 2020-311

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46
DUE TO TAX APPEALS**

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respects to expenses related to the cost of tax appeals and no adequate provision was made in the 2020 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriations created including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$ 789,652.54 and three percent of the total operations in the budget for the year 2020 is \$ 3,313,540.04 and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three percent of the total current appropriations in the budget for the year 2020,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

1. An emergency appropriation be and the same is hereby made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 for funding of expenses related to tax appeals the amount of \$789,652.54.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided in full in the 2020 budget, except if financing of such emergency appropriation shall have been made from other funds or by authorization of notes or bonds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-3 or 40A:2-51.
3. That two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION: 2020-312

**CITY OF LINDEN
RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT MODIFICATION**

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 an additional \$1,097.60 from the County of Union 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 \$1,097.60 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:
Municipal Alliance 2019/2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$1,097.60 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:
Municipal Alliance 2019/2020

RESOLUTION: 2020-313

Resolution Authorizing Assignment
Of Tax Sale Certificate #-17-00060

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and,

WHEREAS, 341 Connecticut, LLC, has presented an offer to purchase, by assignment Certificate of sale #-17-00060 which was issued to the City of Linden at the tax sale held June 8, 2018, on Block 78 Lot 11, known as 1123 Husa Street and assessed to Betty Mandel, in the amount of \$37,471.81 being the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Linden herby authorizes the Mayor or other officials as appropriate to execute the necessary assignment document to effect assignment of the above-referenced Certificate of Sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

Resolution: 2020-314

**CITY OF LINDEN
RESOLUTION TO CLOSE OUT GRANTS ACCOUNTS
AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION ACCOUNTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden hereby authorizes the cancellation of various grant and Neighborhood Preservation appropriations and receivables and;

WHEREAS, there remains unused appropriation balances which can now be canceled and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriation balances are hereby canceled as set forth herein:

| <u>Appropriation</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> | <u>Appropriation Balance</u> | <u>Receivable</u> | <u>Receivable Balance</u> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Neighborhood Preservation 019-137 Road Rehab | N-18-55-019-231-018 | \$230,000.00 | N-18-19-019-137 | \$230,000.00 |
| Port Security 2015 | G-02-40-265-015-102 | \$58,913.67 | G-02-15-265-102 | \$63,295.08 |
| Drive Sober/Pulled Over YE 2019 | G-02-40-240-020-238 | \$3,300.00 | G-02-20-240-238 | \$3,300.00 |
| Street Smart Ped Safety 2019 | G-02-40-240-019-269 | \$25,270.00 | G-02-19-240-269 | \$25,270.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 317,483.67 | | \$321,865.08 |

RESOLUTION: 2020-315

CITY OF LINDEN RAT RESOLUTION

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

| <u>CK#</u> | <u>DATE AMOUNT</u> | <u>PAYABLE TO:</u> | <u>PURPOSE</u> |
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| | 9/1/2020 | Vision Service Plan | September Vision Claims | \$4,675.90 |
| | 9/1/2020 | Unity Bank | Worker's Comp Claims 8/24 – 8/31 | \$26,882.98 |
| | 9/4/2020 | Benecard Services LLC | Sept. Funding for Prescription Plan | \$134,206.91 |
| | 9/8/2020 | Elavon, Inc. | Sept. Merchant Fees – Garage Sale | \$68.63 |
| | 9/8/2020 | Elavon, Inc. | Sept. Merchant Fees – Dog Online | \$93.42 |
| | 9/8/2020 | Delta Dental of New Jersey | September Dental Claims – City | \$29,030.99 |
| | 9/8/2020 | Delta Dental of New Jersey | September Dental Claims – Sewerage | \$1,951.04 |
| | 9/8/2020 | Delta Dental of New Jersey | September Dental Claims – Housing | \$353.18 |
| | 9/8/2020 | Delta Dental of New Jersey | September Dental Claims – Library | \$597.17 |
| | 9/8/2020 | Delta Dental of New Jersey | September Dental Claims – Cobra | \$23.57 |
| | 9/9/2020 | Unity Bank | Worker's Comp Claims 8/31 – 9/6 | \$42,290.55 |
| | 9/9/2020 | Payroll 9/10 | Payroll – Current | \$1,786,528.74 |
| | 9/9/2020 | Payroll 9/10 | Payroll – Trust | \$69,768.75 |
| | 9/9/2020 | Payroll 9/10 | Payroll – Grant | \$2,577.59 |
| | 9/9/2020 | Payroll 9/10 | Payroll – Unemployment | \$260.62 |
| | 9/10/2020 | Linden Board of Education | September Board of Ed. Payment | \$7,851,326.33 |
| | 9/10/2020 | Linden Free Library | September Library Payment | \$170,731.64 |
| | 9/15/2020 | Depository Trust Company | GO Bonds 2015 Interest Payment | \$124,625.00 |
| | 9/16/2020 | NJ State Health Benefits | Health Claims – Active Bill | \$677,009.94 |
| | 9/16/2020 | NJ State Health Benefits | Health Claims – Retiree Bill | \$398,549.51 |
| 178391 | 9/17/2020 | Nowy Dziennik | Display Invoice – Polish Festival | \$215.00 |
| | 9/18/2020 | Unity Bank | Worker's Comp Claims 9/7 – 9/13 | \$5,559.92 |
| 178392 | 9/21/2020 | 300 North Wood Avenue | Annual Parking Agreement | \$5,354.01 |
| 178394 | 9/21/2020 | PSE&G | Electric Bills | \$327,012.45 |
| | 9/22/2020 | M&T Bank | Admin Fee – UCIA PAL 2003A | \$2,500.00 |
| | 9/22/2020 | TD Wealth Management | Admin Fee – UCIA Revenue 2016 | \$5,000.00 |
| | 9/22/2020 | Unity Bank | Worker's Comp Claims 9/14 – 9/20 | \$9,653.25 |
| | 9/22/2020 | Payroll 9/24 | Payroll – Current | \$1,793,430.25 |
| | 9/22/2020 | Payroll 9/24 | Payroll – Trust | \$101,668.44 |
| | 9/22/2020 | Payroll 9/24 | Payroll – Grant | \$2,105.46 |
| | 9/22/2020 | Payroll 9/24 | Payroll – Unemployment | \$232.75 |
| 178395 | 9/29/2020 | Maffey's Lock & Safe Co. | Security System City Hall | \$54,296.99 |
| 178396 | 9/29/2020 | Police & Firemen's | Pension Adjustment | \$4,149.03 |
| 178397 | 9/29/2020 | US Postal Service | July – September Postage | \$18,000.00 |
| | 9/29/2020 | US Bank | Interest Due 10/1 – Refunding 2003 | \$68,250.50 |
| | 9/29/2020 | US Bank | Morningstar 2007 Debt Payment | \$376,755.00 |
| | 9/29/2020 | Webster Bank | Interest Due 10/1 – Landfill 2016 | \$1,785.25 |
| | 9/29/2020 | Unity Bank | Worker's Comp Claims 9/21 – 9/27 | \$29,839.83 |
| | 9/29/2020 | Depository Trust Company | Interest Due 10/1 – GO Bonds 2018 | \$362,475.00 |

RESOLUTION: 2020-316

**A RESOLUTION HONORING WILBUR R. TAYLOR
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, Wilbur R. Taylor was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on October 10, 1920, one of ten children, and is a graduate of the Elizabeth school system; and

WHEREAS, with the outbreak of World War II, Wilbur enlisted in the Army, and proudly served his Country; and

WHEREAS, after returning home to Elizabeth, from gallantly serving his country, Wilbur married Elizabeth (Betty) Powell and started their family which would eventually include eight children, and where they would live for many years; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 Wilbur, Betty, and family bought a house in Linden at Lincoln Street and E. Henry Street. Their new home, which was in a family community is where all of the children played together and the parents looked after each other's children; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur was a dedicated employee of the Linden General Motors Plant, where he worked for 40 years and 7 months, retiring on January 1, 1993; and

WHEREAS, after the passing of Betty in 1988 Wilbur unselfishly dedicated his life to the raising of his family – children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and fitting that Wilbur R. Taylor be recognized for the special mark that he has made on the lives of his family, and community, as a generous and caring individual on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they join in honoring Wilbur R. Taylor for the amazing person he is and congratulate him on the magnificent milestone of his 100th birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be entered into the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden, a copy be presented to him in recognition of the foregoing.

RESOLUTION: 2020-317

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO J.A. ALEXANDER, INC. FOR THE 2018 NJDOT LFIF GRANT RESURFACING OF SOUTH STILES STREET – LOWER ROAD IN THE CITY OF LINDEN

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on October 8, 2020 for the 2018 NJDOT LFIF Grant Resurfacing of South Stiles Street – Lower Road (Gable Lane to West 21st 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-04-55-901-699-919; and

WHEREAS, J.A. Alexander, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of \$378,894.41; 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 the 2018 NJDOT LFIF Grant Resurfacing of South Stiles Street – Lower Road, be and hereby, is awarded to J.A. Alexander, Inc., 130 John F. Kennedy Drive North, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 at a fee not to exceed \$378,894.41 in accordance with their bid dated October 8, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between J.A. Alexander, 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 a contract with J.A. Alexander, Inc. to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-318

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE 2018 NJDOT LFIF GRANT RESURFACING OF SOUTH WOOD AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on October 8, 2020 for the 2018 NJDOT LFIF Grant Resurfacing of South Wood Avenue (East Edgar Road to Tremley Point Road) 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-04-55-901-698-919; and

WHEREAS, Top Line Construction Corp. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of \$1,383,176.72; 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 the 2018 NJDOT LFIF Grant Resurfacing of South Wood Avenue, be and hereby, is awarded to Top Line Construction Corp., 22 Fifth Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 at a fee not to exceed \$1,383,176.72 in accordance with their bid dated October 8, 2020; and

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

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-319

RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT TO APPRAISAL CONSULTANTS CORP. FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISER SERVICES FOR STATE COURT TAX APPEALS FOR 2020

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Linden previously awarded a contract to Peter Sockler, M.A.I. Real Estate Appraiser Services in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the contract by an additional \$10,000 for a total revised contract in the amount of \$22,500.00; 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. 0-01-20-156-117-272;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that a contract amendment for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Appraisal Consultants Corp., Presidential Center, 293 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 200, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 ("EXPERT"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the terms of said agreement shall be for a period of one year at a fee not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is expressly amends the prior contract documents between Sockler Realty Group and the City of Linden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to sign documents with Sockler Realty Group, if any, to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

RESOLUTION: 2020-320

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE POLICY MANUAL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Linden adopts the attached revised Policy Manual effective November 1, 2020 and that this Policy Manual supersedes the City's current Policy Manual. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council authorizes the Personnel Division to distribute the Policy Manual to all employees.

RESOLUTION: 2020-321

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT TO ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC. FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR 2020

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Linden has determined that it would be advisable and in the best interests of the City to retain the services of Professional Services to represent the City of Linden, and to render legal advice and assistance to the city and to the City Attorney; 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, Aloia Law Firm LLC. submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services: and

WHEREAS, since professional legal services are rendered or performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by the laws of the State of New Jersey; the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq.) permits the award of a contract therefore as a Professional Service without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN as follows:

1. That the law firm of Aloia Law Firm LLC. of the State of New Jersey be and is hereby retained as Special Counsel to the City for all matters.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Aloia Law Firm LLC. setting forth the terms and conditions of the legal services to be rendered.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as a contract for professional services may be awarded without competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:11-5 (1) (a).
4. For the services hereinabove described as Aloia Law Firm LLC. shall be awarded an agreement in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the calendar year 2020. The City shall not be liable for payment of any monies exceeding the contract price stated herein unless additional funds are approved by the governing body and the contract amended in accordance with applicable law.
5. A notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

RESOLUTION: 2020-322

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ASSIGNMENT OF MEDICARE BILLING AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON HEALTH NETWORK

WHEREAS, the Hospital provides Mobile Intensive Care Units (MICU) that render pre-hospital Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergency care services to the general public as provided for under the laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Linden Fire Department provides emergency medical transportation services through the Linden Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Linden Fire Department is in the business of providing Basic Life Support (BLS) medical transportation services in compliance with the licensing requirements of the Department of Health of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital and the Linden Fire Department are desirous of entering into this Agreement to jointly provide pre-hospital ALS and BLS emergency medical services in the regions where the Linden Fire Department provides pre-hospital BLS services by utilizing emergency vehicles to transport ALS patients being treated by the Hospital MICU's; and

WHEREAS, under this cooperative arrangement the Hospital and the Linden Fire Department agree that in order to comply with the applicable Medical billing requirements for the joint rendering of ALS and BLS services, the Linden Fire Department will hereby agree to relinquish their billing rights to the Hospital in accordance with the provisions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that the Mayor hereby be authorized to sign said agreement between the City of Linden and Robert Wood Johnson Health Network, as approved by the City Law Department, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to same and affix the City Seal thereon.

Mr. Javick moved for approval of Resolutions 2020-295 through 2020-322. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Caldwell and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Ms. Cosby who voted no to 2020-304, 307, and 320 and abstained on 2020-295, 297, 315, and 321; and Mr. Roman and Mrs. Hickey who voted yes to all and no to 2020-321.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Ordinance

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

Ordinance #64-52 was introduced by Mr. Roman and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Roman, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call ordered approved, with all voting yes except Mrs. Cosby who voted no.

Ordinance

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 |

Ordinance #64-53 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Ordinance

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.

Ordinance #64-54 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Ordinance

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. |

Ordinance #64-55 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Anthony Mislán, 444 Inwood Road. Mr. Mislán asked when the Council would be returning to holding public meetings. Mr. Bodek provided a response, noting that the electronic format provides for greater access to the meetings by the public. Next Mr. Mislán asked Mayor Armstead where the food came from that was being distributed to residents. The Mayor responded, from a farm that had reached out to his office.

Jeff Clarke, 15 N. Wood Ave. Mr. Clarke spoke about resolution 2020-289, pointing out that the City is a diverse City, and noted what the Clark property, located at N. Wood Ave and Elizabeth Avenue, offers the members of the Linden and asked why take that away from the residents. He pointed out that his family first developed the property in 1920, and spoke about his opposition to the resolution.

Robert Scutro, 41 Elm St. Mr. Scutro spoke about the City giving this thirty-year tax abatements. He noted that the amount of revenue these projects would be bringing in, but he wanted to know how much the projects associated with them would cost the City. He asked how much it was going to cost taxpayers, for such items as schools, fire and police protection.

Mr. Strano moved to close the Public Comment portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

There was a person who raised their hand to speak, after the motion to close the public comment period had been made, and the roll call vote had begun.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Mrs. Cosby – Stated that she had missed the opportunity to speak on resolution 2020-320. She explained how it change City policy to not require a high school diploma as a minimum standard for an employee. She then spoke about personnel information that was being collected on a website, to register for these meetings, and how it was being used for political purposes.

Mr. Javick offered his condolences to the Sheehy family on the passing of Karen Sheehy.

Mrs. Ormon offered her condolences to the Sheehy and Blauhta Families. She wished her son, Chase a Happy Birthday.

President Yamakaitis also wished Chase Ormon a happy birthday, and since he enjoyed the roll call votes, she was dedicating the last roll call to him.

Mrs. Hickey wished a happy birthday to Chase. She then stated that she wanted to let the public know that she does her homework. She went stating that she heard the numbers, on the revenue to be generated by the PILOTS and that it will allow us to hire 24 additional police officers.

Mr. Roman stated that he was sorry to hear of the passing of Karen Sheehy, and offered his condolences to the family, adding that he was unaware of her passing. He wished a happy birthday to Chase, He urged all to be aware of COVID and stay safe, He also noted that he had a supply of mask and offered them to those in need.

Mrs. Caldwell offered her condolences to Karen Sheehy's family, wished Chase Ormon a happy birthday and a happy 100th birthday to Wilbur Taylor. She urged all to stay safe, and be careful.

Mayor Armstead noted that he had erred in his comments. There were six new cases today, with 117 new cases for the month of October. He noted the previous month's numbers. He noted, relative to Ms. Cosby's statement that her information is contained in the voter file.

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 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk