

**Minutes of the Regular
Meeting of the 2021 Council of the
City of Linden, held Tuesday,
January 5, 2021**

The regular meeting of the 2021 Council of the City of Linden, was held electronically, from City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave, Linden, N.J. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Michele Yamakaitis and she announced: 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.

The Clerk rendered the opening prayer, after which the members of the Governing Body and the persons in attendance saluted the flag.

SWEARING IN OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE 2021 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 video showing the administration of the Oath of Office to the following elected officials, was then played.

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

The video of the Mayor's State of the City Address then played. The following were the remarks delivered by the Mayor:

GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL PRESIDENT YAMAKAITIS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, FRIENDS AND RESIDENTS OF OUR GREAT CITY.

BEFORE I BEGIN MY STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING ON THEIR ELECTIONS.

**ALFRED MOHAMMED IN THE 4TH WARD
JOHN ROMAN IN THE 6TH WARD
GARRETT BLAINE IN THE 8TH WARD
AND
GRETCHEN HICKEY IN THE 10TH WARD**

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS THAT WERE ELECTED:

**JENNIFER FLEMING
MALYSIA THOMAS
SAMUEL DE LACRUZ**

BEFORE I BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CITY COUNCIL IN A COOPERATIVE WAY TO MOVE OUR CITY FORWARD, I WELCOME OPPOSING IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE NOT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.

THE YEAR 2020 WAS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT YEARS IN OUR COUNTRY AS WELL AS IN OUR CITY.

THE CORONA VIRUS RIPPLED THROUGH OUR ECONOMY AND FAMILIES, LEAVING MANY DECEASED AND PUSHING OUR HOSPITALS TO THE BRINK OF CAPACITY. THE VIRUS HAS SPIKED TO RECORD NUMBERS RECENTLY.

DRASTIC MEASURES PUT IN PLACE BY OUR GOVERNMENT IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL THE SPREAD HAD A SEVERE TOLL ON A MULTITUDE OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES – 20 MILLION JOBS WERE LOST.

BUT OUR COUNTRY IS RESILIENT AND SO IS THE CITY OF LINDEN. OUR FAMILIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES HAD TO SACRIFICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD. AND THEY DID.

WE WILL COME BACK STRONGER AND WITH A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR THE LIFE WE HAVE.

VICTORY IS IN SIGHT WITH A VACCINE THAT WILL MAKE OUR LIVES NORMAL AGAIN.

IN LINDEN THIS ADMINISTRATION INITIATED A FOOD BANK, BACK IN MARCH. SINCE THEN WE HAVE HELP FEED OVER 500 FAMILIES SEVERAL TIMES DURING THIS YEAR, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THIS, AS LONG AS IT IS NEEDED. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATE NEIGHBORS WHO SO GENEROUSLY DONATED SO THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO HELP OUT THESE FAMILIES.

I MET WITH OUR DIRECTOR OF THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, MICHAEL BONO, TO SEE IF THERE WERE FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET TO GIVE GRANTS TO THE BUSINESSES ON WOOD AVENUE.

THE FUNDS FOR SID'S BUDGET COME FROM THE EXCESS TAX THAT PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE DISTRICT PAY. I ASKED HIM TO MEET WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO SEE IF THIS WAS FEASIBLE. AT THAT MEETING THE GRANTS WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AND A TOTAL OF \$60,000 IN \$1,000 INCREMENTS WERE GIVEN TO 60 OF OUR BUSINESSES ON WOOD AVENUE. THEY WERE SO THANKFUL.

SINCE THAT TIME THE HARDSHIPS STILL CONTINUE AND I HAVE ASKED OUR DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD IF MORE CAN BE DONE. I AM TOLD THAT THE MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THEIR JANUARY MEETING.

IN 2020 WE ALSO HAD THE SOCIAL MOVEMENT OF BLACK LIVES MATTER. A MOVEMENT DEDICATED TO FIGHTING RACISM AND ANTI-BLACK VIOLENCE IN THE FORM OF POLICE BRUTALITY. BLM DEMANDS THAT SOCIETY VALUE THE LIVES AND HUMANITY OF BLACK PEOPLE EQUAL TO THE VALUES AND HUMANITY OF WHITE PEOPLE. I AM REMINDED OF SOMETHING OUR FORMER PRESIDENT, BARACK OBAMA SAID – “WE’RE NOT THERE YET, WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO”.

I ALSO READ SOMETHING RECENTLY THAT STAYED WITH ME – “WHAT SHOULD IT MATTER THAT ONE BOWL IS DARK AND THE OTHER PALE, IF EACH IS OF GOOD DESIGN AND SERVES IT’S PURPOSE WELL.”

THE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS THAT OCCURRED IN LINDEN WENT ON WITHOUT ANY INCIDENTS. I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN OUR POLICE CHIEF, DAVE HART, AND HIS DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE WELL-TRAINED AND ARE ACUTELY AWARE THAT ANY FORM OF POLICE BRUTALITY IN OUR CITY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. THEY ARE A SHINING EXAMPLE TO OTHER CITIES. IT IS NO SECRET THAT CRIME HAS TICKED UP DURING THIS PANDEMIC. IN AN EFFORT TO CURTAIL CRIME WE ARE NOW ASKING THAT OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS INCREASE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OUR VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM, BY REGISTERING THEIR CAMERAS AND RING DOORBELLS WITH OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ARE ONE OF OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS IN DETERING CRIME. WE HAVE STARTED TO INSTALL CAMERAS IN OUR PARKS AND ALSO BETTER LIGHTING. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THIS WILL BE ANOTHER WAY TO REDUCE CRIME IN THOSE AREAS.

I NOW TURN TO WHAT I BELIEVE IS THE MAIN PRIORITY OF OUR CITY – THE FINANCIAL SHIP THAT ALL OF US HERE MUST STEER WITH FINANCIAL PRUDENCEY. IN THAT REGARD I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE HAD 3 STRAIGHT YEARS OF NO --- LET ME REPEAT --- NO MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE. LINDEN IS THE ONLY CITY, IN UNION COUNTY, AND MAYBE THE STATE WHICH HAS HAD THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT. IT IS NOT AN EASY TASK, BUT WE MADE IT POSSIBLE AND OUR RE-DEVELOPMENT WILL ENSURE THAT FOR DECADES LINDEN WILL PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE CITY TO LIVE AND RAISE A FAMILY IN. THAT FINANCIAL POSTURE HAS INCREASED OUR PROPERTY VALUES. EVEN WITH THIS, THE CITY IS HAVING A CONSULTANT REVIEW OUR FINANCES AND RECOMMEND WAYS TO MAKE OUR CITY EVEN BETTER IN IT'S FINANCIAL DIRECTION. I AM ALSO APPRECIATIVE OF OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS WHO ALSO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR FINANCIAL COURSE. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS AN AUTONOMOUS BODY – THEY SET THE POLICIES AND CURRICULUM, BUT WE SHARE A COMMON GOAL --- FINANCIAL PRUDENCY WITH YOUR TAX DOLLARS.

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE, FOR THE LAST 2 YEARS, PRESENTED A BUDGET WITH NO – LET ME SAY IT AGAIN – NO TAX INCREASE. A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT HASN'T OCCURRED IN MANY YEARS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INFORM OUR RESIDENTS THAT I WANT TO CREATE A BETTER LINE OF COMMUNICATION WITH THEM - A WAY TO LISTEN TO YOUR CONCERNS. THERE IS A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. I WILL BE SENDING A FORM TO OUR RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE, VOICING ANY ISSUES THEY MAY HAVE – I'VE LISTENED TO YOUR CONCERNS DURING OUR LAST SNOW STORM AND HAVE TAKEN APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO IMPROVE OUR PERFORMANCE IN THAT AREA.

I ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT, THROUGH ATTRITION, I AM COMBINING JOBS. THIS WILL SAVE MONEY AND BRING IN YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE BRIGHT, ENERGETIC AND ARE HARDWORKERS.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO REPORT ON LINDEN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A RENAISSANCE IN LINDEN. THE RE-DEVELOPMENT THAT WE APPROVE WILL HAVE A TREMENDOUS POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR REVENUE.

OVER A 30-YEAR PERIOD OUR CITY WILL RECEIVE \$427 MILLION IN REVENUE. THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT – OUR CITY IS POSITIONING ITSELF TO BE STRONG FOR MANY YEARS.

BEFORE I BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CITY PLANNER, PAUL RICCI AND MY CHIEF OF STAFF AND LEDC DIRECTOR, ALEX LOSPINOSO.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PROPERTIES IN OUR RE-DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THEIR STATUS:

33-46 W PRICE STREET – THIS PROJECT WILL BE 2 RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS. ONE WILL BE 36, 1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS WITH 52 PARKING SPACES AND THE OTHER WILL BE 37, 1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS WITH 52 PARKING SPACES. EACH PARKING AREA WILL HAVE 10 SPACES, FOR A TOTAL OF 20 SPACES, DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC PARKING DURING THE HOURS OF 8AM AND 6PM.

327 W ST GEORGES AVE (FORMER D'S DUGOUT) – IN OCTOBER THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY OUR PLANNING BOARD AND COUNCIL. IT WILL HOUSE 13 RESIDENTIAL UNITS, WITH OFF STREET PARKING.

620 N STILES ST (FORMER ADDALIA'S PROPERTY – THE DEVELOPER IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND HAS A DENTIST WHO IS INTERESTED IN PLACING HIS PRACTICE THERE.

1700 S STILES ST – THE DEVELOPER HAS STARTED CONSTRUCTION AND WILL BUILD A 27 RESIDENTIAL UNIT BUILDING WITH OFF STREET PARKING.

2525 BRUNSWICK AVE – THE REDEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND THE DEVELOPER IS

BUILDING A 500,000 SQUARE FEET WAREHOUSE. THIS SITE WAS ONCE THE HOME OF THE SEAMANS MATTRESS FACTORY.

THE LINDEN LOGISTICS CENTER – WHICH IS BEING BUILT ON THE FORMER DUPONT AND ISP PROPERTIES BY ADVANCED GREEK WILL BE 4.1 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF WAREHOUSING. 2 OF THE 8 BUILDINGS ARE NEAR COMPLETION. THIS CENTER IS PROJECTED TO PROVIDE 3000 JOBS. THEY HAVE ALSO BUILT AND COMPLETED A BRIDGE TO ACCESS THE PROPERTY.

AMAZON – HAS SIGNED A LONG-TERM LEASE ON THE FORMER HOFFMAN KOOS WAREHOUSE PROPERTY SITE. THEY WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN THE SPRING OF 2021 AND WILL HIRE UPWARDS OF 100 FULL TIME JOBS WITH BENEFITS.

ARIES CLEAN ENERGY – THE DEVELOPER HAS STARTED CONSTRUCTION OF THIS GREEN ENERGY PROJECT, WHICH IS HOUSED ON THE LINDEN ROSELLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY PROPERTY. THEY WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL LATE SUMMER OF 2021.

CITIVILLAGE DEVELOPMENT – THE FIRST OF THE 2 BUILDINGS IS COMPLETED OF THIS MIXED-USE PROJECT AND THE DEVELOPER ALREADY HAS SIGNED LEASES ON SEVERAL OF THE APARTMENTS.

DC HOSPITALITY – THE WOODSPRINGS SUITES HOTEL IS FINISHED, AND READY FOR OCCUPANCY, AND THEIR CUBESMART STORAGE FACILITY IS NEAR COMPLETION.

THE LINDEN LANDFILL - WILL HOUSE THE HAWK RISE SOLAR FARM. CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN AND IT SHOULD BE FINISHED BY MARCH/APRIL OF 2021. THEY WILL BE OFFERING A COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM TO LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES.

LEGACY SQUARE – AS WE ALL KNOW WALMART IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS AND THE FOLLOWING ARE THOSE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE SIGNED LEASES OR UNDER CONTRACT: CHIK-FIL-A, FREDDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD, TACO BELL, LA FITNESS, KID'S EMPIRE, STARBUCKS, PANDA EXPRESS, AMERICA'S BEST CONTACT & EYEGLASSES, VERIZON/RUSSELL CELLULAR AND SEVERAL OTHERS.

LINDEN STATION APARTMENTS – WHICH ARE LOCATED ON THE FORMER JTG PROPERTY IS NEARING COMPLETION OF 234 MIXED-USE UNITS. LEASING IS ANTICIPATED IN SPRING 2021.

MEREDIA LIFESTYLES II – THE DEVELOPER IS FINISHING UP ON THE INTERIOR WORK OF THIS 145 MIXED-USE UNIT. THEY HAVE STARTED MARKETING THE APARTMENTS AND HAVE HIRED A CONTRACTOR TO HAVE "CAPS DINER" OPEN BY SPRING.

NUNOS – THE CITY HAS JUST APPROVED FOR THE PLANNING BOARD TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AS TO WHETHER THIS IS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT. THE PROJECT COULD POTENTIALLY BRING 50 NEW UNITS WITH RETAIL BELOW AND OFF-STREET PARKING.

OLD WALMART PROPERTY – THE OWNER OF THIS PROPERTY HAS PLANS TO DEMOLISH ALL THE BUILDINGS TO BUILD A NEW 315,000 SQUARE FEET WAREHOUSING BUILDING.

PARK PLASTICS – THE CITY HAS ADVERTISED ANOTHER RFP/RFQ WHICH WAS DUE DECEMBER 29. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING AS WE CHOOSE A DEVELOPER.

WITH ALL THE NEW WAREHOUSING NOW GOING ON IN OUR CITY WE APPLIED FOR A RAIL FREIGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY AND WERE GRANTED \$2.3 MILLION TO DEVELOP A CERTAIN PART OF TREMLEY POINT FOR RAIL SERVICE. THIS WILL HELP ALLVIATE THE TRUCK TRAFFIC ON OUR LOCAL ROADWAYS.

RNG ENERGY – THE DEVELOPER IS IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING ALL STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PERMITS SO THAT THEY CAN PUT A SHOVEL IN THE GROUND SOMETIME IN THE UPCOMING YEAR. THIS PROJECT WILL PRODUCE BIO-GAS WHICH WILL BE USED FOR HEAT AND POWER GENERATION.

WE HAVE MET WITH THE OFFICIALS OF OUR NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITY, ROSELLE, AND WE ALL AGREE THAT WE SHOULD RELY ON EACH OTHERS VARIOUS AREAS OF EXPERTISE IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE DEVELOPMENT ON THE ROSELLE SIDE OF THE ST. GEORGES CORRIDOR. A COMPLETELY DEVELOPED ST. GEORGES AVENUE CAN ONLY ADD TO THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THIS AREA.

ST GEORGE AVE AND CHANDLER – THE PLANNING BOARD APPROVED THE REDEVELOPMENT STUDY TO DECLARE THIS AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT.

UNITED LACQUER – THE DEVELOPER CAPODAGLI HAS COMPLETED REMEDIATION AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING A SHOVEL IN THE GROUND, BY LATE SPRING.

WAWA (CORNER OF PARK AVE AND EDGAR RD) – THE PLANNING BOARD HAS APPROVED THE FINAL SITE PLAN AND I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE GETTING A WAWA ON THE CORNER OF PARK AVE AND ROUTE 1 SOUTH.

I HAD ASKED THE SID COMMITTEE IF THEY COULD COME UP WITH A PLAN TO BRIGHTEN UP THE DOWNTOWN AREA. FROM YOUR PHONE CALLS AND TEXTS YOU AGREE THAT SID DID A GREAT JOB. IT WAS DONE TO LIGHT UP OUR DOWNTOWN AREA DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. THE WOOD AVENUE BUILDING OWNERS MADE OUR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS POSSIBLE AND I SINCERELY THANK THEM.

IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY FAMILY – THEY ARE WITH ME ALWAYS. THEY ALLOW ME TO WORK LONG HOURS AWAY FROM THEM, BUT THEY UNDERSTAND THE RESPONSIBILITY I HAVE AS YOUR MAYOR. MY LOVE FOR MY FAMILY IS WITHOUT LIMITATIONS.

TO OUR RESIDENTS: I WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR. I LOVE OUR CITY AND I WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL I CAN FOR YOU. MAY GOD BLESS YOU. MAY GOD BLESS LINDEN. AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

President Yamakaitis wished all a happy New Year. She congratulated Mr. Mohammed, Mr. Roman, Mr. Blaine and Mrs. Hickey on their elections and swearing-in. She spoke about this being unprecedented times, and thanked all who cooperated in making this special evening happen. She thanked the IT division for their efforts in making this happen. She announced that the Council Committee assignments would be given out, by the Clerk, after the meeting. She asked the Committee chairs to call their departments and members, so that all can attend the meeting. We are all together in this ship called Linden.

PRESENTATIOON OF CERTIVICATES OF ELECTION

President Yamakaitis called upon the City Clerk to present the Certificates of Elections, from Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, to the newly elected members of Council. The Clerk read the certificate, did a virtual presentation and announced the certificates would be delivered to the Council people.

A roll call showed the following members of the Governing Body present:

Councilwoman	Lisa Ormon
Councilman	Barry Javick
Councilwoman	Monique Caldwell
Councilman	Alfred Mohammed
Councilman	John Roman
Councilman	Ralph Strano
Councilman	Garnett Blaine
Councilman	Armando Medina
Councilwoman	Gretchen Hickey
Council President	Michele Yamakaitis
Mayor	Derek Armstead

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PRESENTATION

President Yamakaitis made the following announcement:
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.

An individual with the name of Shoogy, had their hand raised. President Yamakaitis recognized them, but they did respond to the recognition nor did they comment.

There being no other person wishing to be heard, Mrs. Caldwell moved to close the public hearing portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. Mohammed thanked the citizens of Linden and the Fourth Ward for having the confidence to re-elect him, and spoke about how he was looking forward to three more years. He noted that the Mayor and Council President have directed that, in 2021, there be no municipal tax increase, and that he was looking forward to working with them, and the citizens, toward that goal. Mr. Mohammed announced that he would be hosting a Fourth Ward Community meeting, and the details of the meeting. Next, he congratulated the three new individuals elected to the Board of Education, and spoke about the job done being done by the new superintendent of schools.

Mr. Mohammed pointed out the need for Council to set a new tone, in 2021, one that moves the City forward, and is not destructive. He discussed the need to defeat COVID. He called Linden the best City in the world. Mr. Mohammed discussed Mrs. Hickey's swearing in, and noted that her son, Patrick, who held the bible for her, was recently sworn-in as a member of the US Army. He spoke about Patrick's commitment to serve. He concluded by wishing all God bless.

Mr. Roman wished all a happy New Year. He then spoke about his campaign, for re-election, and acknowledged those who were at his side throughout the campaign. He talked about his father's passing, last year, and how much he is missed. He thanked his mother for instilling in their family certain values. Thanked his sister for her help on election day, and his brother for his help.

Mr. Roman noted his discussion, in 2017, with the Linden Democratic Chairman, Senator Scutari, seeking the party's endorsement to run for the Sixth Ward Council seat. The answer was no, so he ran off the line. That first campaign was tough, with lots of hard work. He thanked the residents of the Sixth Ward for putting their faith in him, and electing him. He then spoke about the upgrades to Wheeler Park, and to the Sixth Ward that have taken place over the past three years. He pointed out that he has re-established the Sixth Ward Democratic Club. He expressed his thanks to the Linden City employees.

Mr. Roman thanked for Senator Scutari for believing in him and supporting him in this year's campaign. He thanked the County Commissioners, Assemblywoman Carter and Sheriff Corvelli for working with him. He then spoke about JoJo Gonçalves the candidate who ran against him in the primary election. He thanked a number of other individuals who helped him with his campaign. Next, he spoke about his girlfriend, thanked her for her help, and told a story of her impression of the campaign, and the negativity that occurred during it, citing some examples. He described the negativity and harassment in the campaign that the Mayor had run against him. He stated that he wants to leave it in the past. Mr. Roman provided a definition of leadership and what it means to be a leader. He completed his comments by vowing to make it a priority to bring the Police Department to full compliment.

President Yamakaitis called upon Mr. Blaine to speak. In so doing she thanked him for the honor of allowing her to hold the bible for him when he was sworn-in.

Mr. Blain thanked the residents of the Eighth Ward for their confidence in him, by electing him to a full term. He expressed his hope that all members of Council work together to end the divisiveness.

Mrs. Hickey congratulated the other members of Council who were sworn-in to new terms. She expressed her thanks to her husband, Joe, sons Joey and Patrick and Senator Lesniak for being at her swearing in. She thanked the residents of the Tenth Ward for allowing her to represent them. She spoke about what she stands for, as a representative of the City of Linden, that she will continue to work to increase the size of the Police Department and will also continue to say no to re-development projects and PILOT agreements. Mrs. Hickey discussed the safety of Linden residents and the need for Linden to keep its small-town atmosphere. She vowed to address the needs of the residents.

Mrs. Hickey stated that before she was a member of Council, and had many friends. Since becoming a member of Council, she is constantly forced to choose sides, and in so doing, alienated people who she had thought of as friends. She spoke about the personal attacks that have been taking place, and the negativity. She noted that this is not why she became a member of Council.

Mrs. Ormon stated that in order for us to move forward, we must have a spirit of loving and forgiveness. He hoped that 2021 would be a year of forgiveness and moving the City forward. At that this point Mrs. Ormon had technical difficulties, President Yamakaitis stated that she would come back to her, later to compete her report.

Mr. Javick congratulated the members of Council sworn-in this evening and stated that he looked forward to working with them, in 2021. He also congratulated the new members of the Board of Education, and working with them.

Mrs. Caldwell wished all a happy New Year, and congratulated the newly sworn-in members of Council and Board of Education. She wished that the COVID 19 virus would go away. She spoke about focusing on improving the quality of life for her Third Ward neighbors. She provided her contact information to the public. She offered her condolences to two families, in her ward, for their losses and hoped for a peacefully and productive 2021.

Mr. Strano echoed the comments of his colleagues in congratulating the four council members sworn-in, noting that winning never gets old and it is habit forming. He stated that he was here to represent all of the City. He also offered congratulation to the newly elected members of the Board of Education.

Mr. Medina congratulated the four newly elected Council persons and spoke about looking forward to working with all in 2021. He stated his agreement with redevelopment happening in 2021. He concluded that he is looking forward to having the Council meetings held back in the Council Chamber.

Mrs. Ormon stated that 2021 should be a year of healing and moving forward. She wished the four newly sworn-in council members the best, adding that we cannot continue to hold onto the negativity. Forget the past and move the City forward. It is not about what happened in the past. Let's be a team, and we shouldn't, publicly, air our differences. God Bless.

Mr. Strano thanked Mr. Roman for nominating him for President of Council Pro Tempore, and the members of Council for the vote of confidence in him.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEMPORE

Council President announced that Council needs to elect a President of Council Pro Tempore, and asked if there were any nominations. Mr. Roman nominated Mr. Strano. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon. There being no other nominations President Yamakaitis asked the Clerk to conduct a roll call vote on the nomination. All voted yes, except Mr. Strano, who abstained.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION: 2021-1

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR 2021

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

That the following newspapers be and they hereby are designated as the official newspapers for the City of Linden for the year 2021:

The Star Ledger
Union County Local Source
Home News Tribune
News Record/Patriot

RESOLUTION: 2021-2

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS

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

Section 1. That interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00, shall be charged for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments to be calculated from the date the taxes or assessments were payable until the date of actual payment, and an additional penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on any delinquent balance remaining at the end of the calendar year.

Section 2. That no interest be charged if payment of any installment of taxes is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same became due.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

Resolution: 2021-3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TREASURER TO INVEST AND REINVEST FUNDS IN 2021 FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN

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

That Alexis Zack, Chief Financial Officer / Municipal Treasurer, be and she is hereby authorized to invest and reinvest in treasury obligations of the United States, certificates of deposit and savings certificates at such time and in such amounts as she deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFO/Treasurer shall make a monthly report to the City Council of the investments made by her.

Resolution: 2021-4

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION,
NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING NW FINANCIAL GROUP INC. AS
FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT ADVISORS TO THE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden, (the "City") is a municipal corporation and public body politic and corporate under the laws of the State of New Jersey (the "State"); 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, NW Financial Group, submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to appoint NW Financial Group to serve as financial and investment advisors to the City of Linden on every transaction the City of Linden enters into relating to the City's financial profile and debt issues and instruments, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 to be charge to account 1-01-20-130-115-255; 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 competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City has certified that funds are or will be available for this purpose;

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

1. NW Financial Group is hereby appointed to serve as financial and investment advisors to the City of Linden on all transactions, effective immediately.

2. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer and the City Clerk (including their designees, each an Authorized Officer) are hereby authorized to prepare, execute and deliver a professional services agreement setting forth the terms and conditions (including those set forth above) governing the provisions of such services.

3. That a copy of this resolution be published according to law.

Resolution: 2021-5

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD
OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES OF BOND COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, there exists the need for retaining the specialized legal services of bond counsel in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of bonds or notes of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, including the review of such procedures and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community for the year 2021; 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, Gibbons, P.C. submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services: and

WHEREAS, Gibbons, P.C. is a law firm which can provide such specialized legal services as bond counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that notice of the adoption of a resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. The law firm of Gibbons, P.C., a Partnership including Professional Corporation, One Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102-5310 is hereby retained as Bond Counsel for the City to provide the specialized legal services necessary in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of bonds or notes by the City.

2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the City a contract with said Bond Counsel in the form attached to this resolution.

3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a)) because the contract is for specialized services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law.

4. A copy of this resolution, as well as the contract attached hereto, shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

5. A notice of contract award and the adoption of this resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of the passage of this resolution.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: 2021-6

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN AND MAINTAIN BEST PRACTICES IN THE CITY OF LINDEN DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Linden, County of Union that for the year 2021, the following shall serve as the cash management plan of the City of Linden.

The Chief Financial Officer and/or Municipal Treasurer are directed to use this cash management plan as the guide in depositing and investing the City of Linden's funds.

The following Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) approved bank are authorized depositories for deposit of funds:

Wells Fargo Bank
Northfield Savings
Bank of America
Bank of New York
TD Bank
JP Morgan Chase Bank
Capital One
Unity Bank
US Bank
Morgan Stanley Trust
Trust Company of New Jersey
Wilmington Trust
Regal Bank
Webster Bank
Columbia Bank
Union County Savings Bank

All warrants or checks for the disbursement of money shall be made by any of the following officials and facsimile signatures may be used:

Derek Armstead, Mayor
Alexis Zack, CFO/Municipal Treasurer
Christine Figueiredo, Fiscal Analyst/ Assistant Municipal Treasurer – escrow accounts only
Department Turn over ONLY for the following:

Joseph Bodek, Municipal Clerk/ Chairman of Insurance Commission
Jennifer Honan, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Joan Turbett, Licensing Clerk
Stacey Carron, Tax Collector
Cassandra Corbett, Municipal Judge
Dave Hart, Police Chief
Nicholas Pantina, Director of Community Services/DPW/Public Property
Mary Ellen Tango, Director of Community Services
Lindsey Parker, Municipal Court Administrator
Jessica Sheehy, Supervisor of Personnel/Insurance Commission Secretary

The Chief Financial Officer and/or Municipal Treasurer are empowered to invest cash funds as bank balances will allow from time to time in order to realize a revenue. The below stated officers are authorized to transfer funds electronically for the purpose of investments and payroll only:

Alexis Zack, CFO / Municipal Treasurer
Christine Figueiredo, Fiscal Analyst/ Assistant Municipal Treasurer
Daniel Sobolewski, Clerk I
Stacey Carron, Tax Collector

The following are authorized as suitable investments:

Interest-bearing bank accounts in banks as authorized above for deposit of local unit funds (GUDPA approved).

- * Certificates of deposit in GUDPA approved banking institutions.
- * Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such as Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds.
- * Government money market mutual funds that comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e).
- * Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
- * Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school district of which the City is a part.
- * Any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, permitted by the State Division of Investments.
- * Local government investment pools which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e) and conditions set by the Division of Local Government Services.
- * New Jersey Cash Management Fund.
- * Repurchase agreements (repos) of fully collateralized securities which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e).

There are no approved security broker/dealers. In the event that a security broker/dealer should be approved during the year, the registered principal of said brokerage firm so approved shall be provided with and sign an acknowledgment that they have seen and reviewed the cash management plan.

Each month, the Chief Financial Officer/Municipal Treasurer shall prepare a report for the Finance Committee and the Municipal Treasurer that consists of the following: Average rate of monthly investments.

This document shall constitute the cash management policy of the City of Linden. Any official involved with the selection of depositories, investments, broker/dealers shall disclose any material business or personal relationship to the City Council and to the Local Finance Board or Local Ethics Board as applicable.

Any official who, in the course of his or her duties, deposits or invests in accordance with this plan shall be relieved of any liability for loss.

In keeping with the City of Linden Finance Department policies internal and external controls are constantly being reviewed and discussed best practices with the Finance/Budget Review Committee in accordance with the City's best practices for financial planning and management.

- * The goal of the Finance Committee is to review and generate enough annual (surplus, and maintain a reasonable surplus balance as what was realized in the prior year's budget.
During budget deliberations the Committee discusses the impact of the budget and evaluates the impact whether it is negative or positive on the tax payer.
Internal control processes are evaluated and updated on a continual basis.
- * Best Practices to be followed.

- Tax Assessor to notify CFO and City Council on any appeals filed and report monthly to both
 - All City of Linden authorities' liaisons will report monthly to City Council on their respective authority assignment. Review annually as the mission of the authority and efficiency of services being provided.
 - The review of all PILOTS will consist of the CFO, Tax Assessor and Tax Collector.
- A quarterly meeting will be setup to review all PILOT agreements and report to City Council.

RESOLUTION: 2021-7

Resolution authorizing re-establishment of Petty Cash Funds

Whereas, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Director of Community Services, Manager of Public Property and Recreational Services, Purchasing Agent and OEM Coordinator all have permission from the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services to maintain petty cash funds; and Whereas, in accordance with the law, all petty cash funds must be turned over to the Chief Financial Officer/Municipal Treasurer at the end of each year in the same amount as was originally issued. Now therefore be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Linden that the Chief Financial Officer/Municipal Treasurer is hereby authorized to re-establish the petty cash funds for the year 2021 as follows:

Fire Chief William Hasko \$100.00
 Police Chief David Hart \$200.00
 OEM Coordinator David Hart \$200.00
 Manager of Public Property Anthony Coplan \$200.00
 Assistant Superintendent of Public Works John Venditto \$200.00
 Purchasing Agent Annmarie Whelan \$100.00
 Parks & Recreation Director Ralph Dunham \$200.00

Resolution: 2021-8

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to provide quality and affordable health benefits to eligible employees and retirees; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to continue participation in the State Health Benefits Plan (SHBP) for medical benefits for eligible employees and retirees, based upon a review of marketplace options for the period January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the award of the health benefits services for the SHBP is done in accordance with state law for such professional services; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this proposal shall result in the renewal of the existing medical plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Linden wishes to continue enrollment in the SHBP in accordance with the following costs:

Health Insurance Premiums not to exceed \$3,501,000.00

RESOLUTION: 2021-9

RESOLUTION ENGAGING SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY AS AUDITORS

WHEREAS, there exists within the City of Linden the need for a municipal auditor for the year 2021; 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, Suplee, Clooney & Company submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. 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, Registered Municipal Accountants, of Suplee, Clooney & Company, Certified Public Accountants, possesses the requisite professional certification and experience necessary to serve in said position; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 0-01-20-135-114-255 (audit) and 0-01-20-130-115-255 (professional services);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Suplee, Clooney & Company at a fee not to exceed \$85,000.00 for the audit and \$15,000.00 for professional services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the scope of such services shall include the audit; the rendition of financial advice; assistance in the preparation of the yearly financial statement and budget; and such other necessary services as may be required by the City within the limitations of the fee set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute a contract with Suplee, Clooney & Company to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

RESOLUTION: 2021-10

RESOLUTION FOR ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES, INC. FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES SOLICITED BY QUOTATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to purchase animal control services from Associated Humane Societies Inc., 124 Evergreen Ave, Newark, NJ 07114 for the City of Linden; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the solicitation of competitive quotes and the award to a vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, Associated Humane Societies, Inc. was solicited for quotations; and

WHEREAS, Associated Humane Societies, Inc. provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the total amount not to exceed \$95,000.00 for services rendered from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to 1-01-27-340-187-271; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Associated Humane Societies, Inc. be awarded a contract to supply animal control services at the low quote not to exceed \$95,000.00 for services rendered from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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: 2021-11

RESOLUTION FOR EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

WHEREAS, there exists a need to provide maintenance and technical support for the City of Linden's Financial 2021 Accounting and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 19-44A-20 et seq, the City Treasurer has determined and certified in writing that the anticipated value will not exceed \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Edmunds and Associates Inc 301 A Tilton Road Northfield, NJ 08225 has agreed to provide the necessary services as outlined in the sum not to exceed \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-20.4 Edmunds and Associates Inc is prohibited from making reportable contributions through the term of the contract to any political or candidate committee prohibited in the Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, the services required to be performed constitutes an exception to public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(dd); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said sum not to exceed \$30,000.00 be charged to 1-01-20-110-107-273; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Linden that Edmunds and Associates is hereby awarded a contract to provide necessary services.

RESOLUTION: 2021-12

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO
ESTABLISH THE SANITARY LANDFILL
UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET
FOR THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2021 Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2020 Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$99,700.00; and **WHEREAS**, three months of the total temporary appropriations for the 2021 Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget cannot exceed the sum of \$26,171.25; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary appropriations be made in the amount of \$26,171.25 and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

RESOLUTION: 2021-13

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO
ESTABLISH THE CURRENT FUND
OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2021 Current Operating Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2020 Current Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$98,328,334.60 and

WHEREAS, three months of the total appropriations in the 2021 Current Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said Current Operating Budget is the sum of \$25,811,187.85; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made for current fund and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

Resolution: 2021-14

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 2021 DEBT SERVICE CITY OF LINDEN

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40-A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20, of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from 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	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his record

RESOLUTION: 2021-15

CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH DEBT SERVICE FOR SANITARY LANDFILL

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40-A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirement for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20, of the year preceding the beginning of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for their record

RESOLUTION: 2021-16

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A
CHIEF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4, a municipality shall appoint a Chief Municipal Prosecutor for a one-year term;

WHEREAS, an Assistant Municipal Attorney shall be designated and serve as the Chief Municipal Prosecutor, said term commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that **DEIRDRE MASON, ESQ.**, an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, shall be and hereby is appointed Chief Municipal Prosecutor of the City of Linden, and until his successor or successors has been appointed and qualified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to Law

RESOLUTION: 2021-17

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EDWARD COOPER, AS CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, there is a need to appoint a Chief Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Chief Public defender shall commence on January 1, 2021 and terminate on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to the qualifications required for the position, and due to the qualifications and experience of **EDWARD COOPER, ESQ.** that a residency requirement waiver is herein granted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN that **EDWARD COOPER, ESQ.**, an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, is appointed to serve as Chief Public Defender for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021 and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Mr. Javick moved for approval of the Resolutions 2021-1 through 2021-17. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION

Ordinance

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.

Ordinance #65-1 was introduced by Mr. Javick and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Javick seconded by Mrs. Caldwell the foregoing Ordinance was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Yamakaitis made the following announcements:

* Council Conference meeting: Monday, January 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave. (Meeting to be held virtually)

*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting:
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.
(Meeting to be held virtually)

*Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave. (Meeting to be held virtually)

Please check the City website, Linden-nj.org for directions on how to participate electronically in these meetings and for copies of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Roman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.