

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

April 20, 2021

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

PROCLAMATION

Mayor’s Monarch Butterfly Pledge Day

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ORDINANCE ON HEARING

65-13 An Ordinance establishing a CAP Bank for Calendar Year 2021.

65-14 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:
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65-15 An Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$363,000 for acquisition of sport Utility vehicles and related equipment/accessories for the Police Department and authorizing the issuance of \$344,850 Bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

65-16 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, 199,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

BE IT ORDINED 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 REGULATIONS
7-33.1 A Handicapped Parking On-Street

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Spaces</u>	<u>No. of Location</u>
ADD: 110 West 16 th St.	1	On the northwesterly sideline of West 16 th Street, 120 feet more or less southwesterly from the projection of the southwesterly curblineline of Winans Avenue in front of 110 West 16 th Street for length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for a vehicle for Cynthia Dudley-Hayes to be identified by license plate number and placard to be issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing or displaying handicapped license plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.
2021 Von Spiegel Place	1	On the northwesterly side of Von Spiegel Place, 63 feet more Or less southwesterly from the projection of the southwesterly Curblineline of McCandless Place in front of 2021 Von Spiegel Place and continuing for a length of 22 feet in a southwesterly Direction. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and Designated for a vehicle for Kristi DePalma to be identified by License plate number and placard to be issued by the City, And no other vehicle bearing or displaying handicapped License plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted To park in such space.

65-17 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter XXVI, flood damage prevention, 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 XXVI, Flood Damage Prevention, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter XXVI, Flood Damage Prevention, Amend Section 25-17 Stormwater Control.

AMEND SECTION 26-17 STORMWATER CONTROL

65-18 An Ordinance adopting an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the St. Georges Avenue Redevelopment Area – Phase II.

ORDINANCE ON HEARING FROM THE APRIL 6, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING

65-19 An Ordinance approving the application for a long-term tax exemption and authorizing the City of Linden to enter into a financial agreement with West Price Street North Urban Renewal, LLC for property identified on the official tax map of the City of Linden as Block 252, Lots 11 and 12.

65-20 An ordinance approving the application for a long-term tax exemption and authorizing the City of Linden to enter into a financial agreement with Linden Harmony Urban Redevelopment Urban Renewal, LLC for property identified on the official tax map of the City of Linden as Block 253, Lots 40 and 41.

CONSENT AGENDA

(*) Tax Collector:**
(1) Advising the following monies were collected and turned over to the Municipal Treasurer during the month of March, 2021.

Overpayment Block 31 Lot 13, Bachir Bayor
209 Garfield Street, 2020 4th quarter overpayment

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company has paid the 2020 4th quarter property taxes as well the owner, which has created this overpayment and the owner, is entitled a refund for \$2,309.21.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$2,309.21 payable to: Bachir Bayor, 209 Garfield Street, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to # 1-01-55-288-999-904.

Overpayment Block 410 Lot 10, 1837 N. Stiles Street
Owner Payment error

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to a payment error paid towards the Property Taxes instead of the Sewer billing made by the daughter on behalf of her father. The overpayment amount is \$250.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$250.00 payable to Jessica Lopez, 1837 N. Stiles Street Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account # 1-01-55-288-999-904.

Overpayment Block 463 Lot 12, Catherine Czerwinski
301 Kennedy Drive, 2019 1st quarter overpayment

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company has paid the 2019 1st quarter property taxes as well the title company, which has created this overpayment and the owner, is entitled a refund for \$3,033.90.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$3,033.90 payable to: Catherine Czerwinski, 301 Kennedy Drive, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to # 1-01-55-288-999-904.

Tax Sale Requesting the refunds of the premiums paid at the 2020 tax sale on the following block & lot.

Block	Lot	Redemption Date	CTF#	Amount
5	15	3/16/2021	19-00002	\$1,600.00
40	39	3/15/2021	19-00019	\$2,300.00
40	47	3/16/2021	19-00020	\$1,600.00
76	15	3/15/2021	19-00028	\$2,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$7,600.00 payable to: Jing Yang, 628 N. Butrick Street, Waukegan, IL 60085, charging same to account #-1-01-55-276-999-956.

Tax Sale Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following block & lot.

Block	Lot	Redemption Date	CTF#	Amount
16	9	4/7/2021	17-00013	\$40,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$40,900.00 payable to: Sunshine State Certificates IV, LLLP, Bank United Trustee, 7900 Miami Lakes Drive West, Miami Lakes, FL 33016, charging same to account #-1-01-55-276-999-956.

Tax Sale Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2019 & 2020 tax sale on the following block & lot.

Block	Lot	Redemption Date	CTF#	Amount
51	33	4/6/2021	18-00030	\$3,100.00
92	5	3/16/2021	19-00035	\$1,200.00
99	5	3/16/2021	19-00037	\$1,500.00
148	1	3/16/2021	19-00062	\$1,200.00
164	2	3/16/2021	19-00075	\$1,900.00
210	14	3/26/2021	19-00100	\$4,300.00
212	1	3/16/2021	19-00101	\$2,400.00
379	4	3/16/2021	19-00132	\$1,200.00
440	10	3/16/2021	19-00145	\$1,200.00
487	3	2/23/2021	19-00163	\$1,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$19,200.00 payable to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC., 575 Route #-70, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723, charging same to account #-1-01-55-276-999-956.

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

<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>CTF#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
132 2	3/25/2021	16-00101	\$20,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$20,100.00 payable to: Murray Hill Investments, LLC, 83 Hunterdon Boulevard, Murray Hill, NJ, 07974, charging same to account #-1-1-55-276-999-956.

Tax Sale Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2020 tax sale on the following block & lot.

<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>CTF#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
132 12	3/16/2021	19-00057	\$700.00
147 18.03	3/26/2021	19-00061	\$800.00
463 37	4/6/2021	19-00153	\$800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$2,300.00 payable to: US Bank Cust ProCap8 PROCAP MTGII, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-1-01-55-276-999-956.

Tax Sale Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2019 & 2020 tax sale on the following blocks & lots.

<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Cert#</u>	<u>Premium</u>
148 4	3/15/2021	19-00064	\$1,500.00
457 29.01	3/17/2021	19-00151	\$1,900.00
469 18	4/1/2021	19-00155	\$2,900.00
552 6	3/15/2021	19-00181	\$1,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$ 7,900.00 payable to: Fig as Cust. for Fig NJ19, LLC, P.O. Box 54226, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #-1-01-55-276-999-956.

Tax Sale Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2019 tax sale on the following block & lot.

<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>CTF#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
428 7	4/7/2021	18-00186	\$12,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$12,400.00 payable to: Phoenix Funding, Inc, 1148 Springfield Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092 charging same to account #-1-01-55-276-999-956.

(*) Shade Tree Commission:**

(2) Advising that Mayor Armstead has appointed the following individual to the Shade Tree Commission:

Gloria Montealegre, 510 McCandless Street, Linden, NJ to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mike Alexy who has resigned. Her term shall take effect immediately and terminate December 31, 2022.

(*) Environmental Commission:**

(3) Advising that Mayor Armstead has appointed the following individual to serve as the Chairperson of the Environmental Commission.

Mr. Peter Brown, 101 E. Blancke Street., Apt. 19
Mr. Joseph Chrobak, 724 Riverbend Drive

(*) Municipal Treasurer:**

(4) Requesting approval of the following refunds:

Service date of 8/4/2020

United Healthcare Ins. Co. is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$90.36 for service that was provided on 8/4/2020. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$90.36 payable to: United Healthcare Ins. Co. c/o Asset Protection Unit, Inc., P.O. Box 32521, Amarillo, TX 79120, charging same to 1-01-08-629-011.

Service date of 7/8/2016

Horizon NJ Health is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$79.00 for service that was provided on 7/8/2016. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$79.00 payable to: Horizon NJ Health, Claims Services, P.O. Box 24077, Newark, NJ 07101-0406, charging same to 1-01-08-629-011.

Permit Refund

Robert Kud is entitled to a refund of \$50.00 for a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance that was already completed. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$50.00 payable to Robert Kud, 218 S. Stiles St., Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account 1-01-09-699-069.

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(5) Uptown Linden/Special Improvement District:

Requesting approval to hang a banner across Wood Avenue advertising the Farmers Market that will be held this year and run from June 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

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| 2021-161 | Resolution for the purchase of one 2021 Ford F150 4 x 4 Crew Cab solicited by quotation For the City of Linden Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$35,391.00. |
| 2021-162 | Resolution qualifying certain professionals for the Calendar Year 2021 – Board of Health Assessment Services. |
| 2021-163 | Resolution ratifying certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the Month of March 2021. |

- 2021-164 Resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting to award a concession contract relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.
- 2021-165 Resolution to close out grant accounts and Neighborhood Preservation accounts.
- 2021-166 Resolution establishing the current fund operating budget for the period of January 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021 in the sum of \$40,970,139.45.
- 2021-167 Resolution to establish the sanitary landfill utility operating budget for the period of January 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021 in the sum of \$41,541.67.
- 2021-168 Resolution awarding a contract with T&M Associates for the preparation of construction documents and construction administration services for the rehabilitation of the City Hall Parking Garage at a fee not to exceed \$56,500.00.
- 2021-169 Resolution appointing Deputy Fire Chief Christopher D. Rooney as Fire Official effective April 21, 2021.
- 2021-170 Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Original site license agreement City of Linden and original power purchase agreement executed in connection with the Union County Improvement Authority's renewable energy program.
- 2021-171 Resolution approving the 2021 Temporary Capital Budget as follows:

METHOD OF FINANCING

<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. Costs</u>	<u>Budget Approp.</u>	<u>Capital Impr. Fund</u>	<u>Grant in Aid</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>
EMS SUV & Related Equipment & Accessories	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$2,750.00		\$52,250.00
Command Vehicle – Fire Dept	\$74,800.00	\$74,800.00	\$3,740.00		\$71,060.00
Street Resurfacing	\$4,400,000.00	\$4,400,000.00	\$220,000.00		\$4,180,000.00
JTG Roof Replacement	\$330,000.00	\$16,500.00			\$313,500.00

- 2021-172 Resolution appointing Anthony Charles a constable in the City of Linden for a three year term commencing April 21, 2021 and terminating April 20, 2024.
- 2021-173 Resolution appointing James Moore as an alternate member of the Linden-Roselle Sewerage Authority for a five-year term commencing May 1, 2021 and terminating on April 30, 2026 and until his successor has been appointed and qualifies.
- 2021-174 Resolution amending Resolution 2021-87 which authorized a shared services agreement with the City of Elizabeth for Certified Health Officer. (reducing the term of the contract to two months)
- 2021-175 Resolution awarding a contract to T&M Associates to design Park Improvements to Wilson and Memorial Parks at a fee not to exceed \$106,750.00.
- 2021-176 Resolution awarding a contract to Pennoni Associates for Municipal On-Call Engineering Services at a fee not to exceed \$20,000.00
- 2021-177 Resolution awarding a contract to DLS Contracting, Inc., for 2020-2021 (Year 46) Community Development Resurfacing in an amount not to exceed \$295,695.25.
- 2021-178 Resolution awarding a contract to DLS Contracting for 2020-2021 curb and sidewalk program in an amount not to exceed \$375,850.00.
- 2021-179 Resolution Declaring April as Autism Awareness Month
- 2021-180 Resolution recognizing the Linden High School Varsity Coed Swim Team.
- 2021-181 Resolution of support of the City Council of the City of Linden authorizing an application to the Sustainable Jersey Grant program in the amount of \$2,000.00 to re-establish it's "Green Team."

- 2021-182 Resolution for the emergency installation of sump pumps and control panel to Apollo Sewer & Plumbing, Inc. at their low quote of \$24,979.48.
- 2021-183 Resolution for the purchase of fencing for Lexington Park from Nation Fence Systems, Inc., through the Union County Co-Op at an amount not to exceed \$37,250.00.
- 2021-184 Resolution in support of the Route 1 & 9 Safety Improvements by the NJ Department of Transportation.
- 2021-185 Resolution authorizing the filing of the COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding Grant Application Form with the NJ Department of Health.
- 2021-186 Resolution authorizing the filing of the Local Public Health Capacity Grant Application Form with the NJ Department of Health.
- 2021-187 Resolution engaging Muller Bohlin Associates, Inc., to provide Grant Writing Services for the Board of Health and assisting in applying for grants in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a term through December 31, 2021.
- 2021-188 Resolution for a State Contract to utilize a confiscated firearms destruction Program at no cost to the City. Said contract is awarded to Phoenix Distributors, Feasterville, PA 19053.
- 2021-189 Resolution approving the award of a contract with CME Associates for the sampling and analysis of wells and piezometers, air permitting and reporting, leachate monitoring and ACO Compliance services at the Linden landfill from January through June 2021 at a fee not to exceed \$111,881.00.
- 2021-190 Resolution designating the property commonly known as Block 159, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 (aka 611 Ziegler Avenue, 300 Roselle Street) as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- 2021-191 Resolution waiving the fees for a Community Wide Yard Sale, in the Seventh Ward, on Saturday, May 15, 2021, with a rain date of Sunday, May 16, 2021.
- 2021-192 Resolution awarding a contract to Strategic Consulting Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$17,400.00, for Board of Health Assessment Services.
- 2021-193 Resolution waiving fees for a Community Wide Yard Sale, in the First, Second and Third Wards on May 22, 2021 and May 23, 2021, with a rain date of June 5, 2021 and June 6, 2021.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 65-21** Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of \$129,800 for the acquisition of various items of capital equipment for the Fire Department authorizing the issuance of \$123,310 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.
- 65-22** Bond Ordinance authorizing the resurfacing of various streets in and for the City of Linden, appropriating \$4,400,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$4,180,000 in Bonds or Notes to finance part of the cost thereof.
- 65-23** Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$330,000.00 for the replacement of the roof at the JTG Recreation Center for the City of Linden and authorizing the issuance of \$313,500.00 in Bonds or Notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.
- 65-24** Ordinance of the City of Linden, adopting a Redevelopment Plan entitled, "Redevelopment Plan Block 513, Lot 1 (South Park Avenue Redevelopment) pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NO PERSONAL, POLITICAL OR DEROGATORY COMMENTS: (not to exceed 3 minutes). We ask, that due to the current health crisis that questions and/or statements be limited to items on the agenda, only. Thank you for your cooperation. Please raise the hand on the Ring Central site and wait to be recognized.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

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