**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2016 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**January 5, 2016**

The regular meeting of the 2016 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Jorge Alvarez and he 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 Clerk rendered the opening prayer, after which the members of the Governing Body and the persons in attendance saluted the flag.

Council President Jorge Alvarez informed those present of the proper procedures for exiting the room in the event of an emergency.

Council President Jorge Alvarez asked all members of the public, wishing to speak during the public comment session to please sign in on the sign-in white sheets provided in the front of the room.

Council President Jorge Alvarez asked all to place their cell phones on vibrate, and if they must take a call to please leave the room to do so.

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the Members of Council who were elected in the November 3, 2015 General Election subscribed to their Oaths of Office prior to January 1, 2016, but, for the benefit of the public in attendance, the Officials will repeat the process.

Council President Alvarez called each of the following members up, one at a time and announced the details of those that would be participating in the swearing in.

COUNCILWOMAN OF THE FIRST WARD, Lisa Ormon – Was sworn-in by her brother, Mayor Derek Armstead. Holding the Bible was her husband, Peter Ormon. Keira Ormon, Chase Ormon and Ana Armstead came up to the podium.

COUNCILMAN OF THE NINTH WARD, Armando Medina – Was sworn- in by Senator Nicholas P. Scutari. Holding the Bible was Robert Frazier. Dawn Beviano, Richard Guerra and Richard Gerbounka came up to the podium.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION**

President Alvarez called upon the City Clerk would be asked to present the certificates of election to those elected in the November 3, 2016 election. The Clerk then presented the certificates to each of the elected officials.

A roll call showed the following members were present:

Councilwoman Lisa Ormon

Councilman“ Donald Beyer

“ Monty Brooks

Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby- Hurling

Councilman Robert Sadowski

“ Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

President Alvarez announced that Mr. Brown was excused this evening.

**MAYOR’S ANNUAL MESSAGE**

Council President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead to give his State of the City Speech.

Mayor Armstead gave the following speech:

Good Evening Council President, Members of the City Council, Elected Officials, Family, Friends and Residents of the City of Linden.

It is with great honor and pride that I give to you my First “State of the City Address”. I am happy to report that the State of the City **IS STRONG**. **IT IS VIBRANT**. Linden is **coming back stronger than ever**.

First, let me congratulate the members of the City Council who are taking office today. Councilman Armando Medina of the 9th ward, on his successful bid for reelection. To Ralph Strano on his appointment to Councilman in the 7th Ward. Although, his official start was in November, I look forward to working with him on many new initiatives, some of which were started in 2015 and will directly impact his ward and its residents.

Lastly, but not least, Councilwoman Lisa Armstead-Ormon of the 1st Ward. Words cannot describe how proud I am of my little sister. She is **smart**, she is **tough**, and **she works harder than anyone I know**. I thank the good Lord that our father lived long enough to see her win the primary last June. Lisa, I know Daddy is watching over us right now with a big smile on his face. Knowing him he is probably waiting to see who wins the first time we “**agree to disagree**.” I am sure his money is on you.

A year ago, when I first took the oath of office for Mayor, I pledged to do whatever I could to help the city council reduce the municipal tax burden on our residents. I will be the first to admit that this hasn’t been easy. While we can’t control the county or the board of education tax levies, that are part of our tax bills, we must do whatever we can to reduce our municipal share.

I am happy to report that the new Special Improvement Districts, while off to a slow start, are finally taking shape. When up and running at full force, the SID’s will bring in needed additional revenues that can be used toward tax relief for our residents. At the same time providing needed services to our businesses in those districts. Our goal is not to shift the tax burden from our residents to businesses, but rather to ensure that we focus on the creation of safe corridors and esthetically pleasing business districts that say **“Welcome to the City of Linden”, and “Linden is Open for Business”.**

Another revenue generating initiative that we have been looking into is a Hazardous Materials Storage and Emergency Response Fee. This is permitted by New Jersey law and recently has been adopted by neighboring Carteret. Implementing this assessment will help minimize potential risks to life, property, the environment, and community. This would establish a direct line of communication between the industries with our Emergency Response Personnel. It will enable us to know where these chemicals are located, what they do, what materials are present, and to ensure they are used safely. At the same time, it will improve our ability to handle emergencies situations in this area.

There are three words that can best describe this program: **SAFETY, SAFETY and SAFETY.**

Last year, I announced the **“Hire Linden First”** Employment Program. Our goal was to find Linden jobs for qualified Linden residents. Pamela Jones and her staff of Communities in Cooperation, since implementation, 4 ½ to 5 months ago, have enabled 44 residents to become gainfully employed. To me, considering the program is just getting off the ground, the percentage of 7 out of 10 individuals who have found employment is a wonderful opportunity and our goal is to keep that number growing.

As an older community, we face special challenges as we transition from a manufacturing based economy, to a retail and warehousing economy. Our business community continues to be responsive and we are happy to work with them.

**WE MUST GROW OUR CITY**, and to do that I rely heavily on our Linden Economic Development Corporation, headed by our Director, Richard Puschel. Rich has been doing a fabulous job since coming onboard and under his direction, the LEDC, along with my office, has been working tirelessly to attract new businesses and investments in Linden. Again I say “**LINDEN IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS”**.

Many companies like AG Energy and Enerkem are looking to locate their businesses here. Goodman Birtcher is looking to expand on their investment and Duke Realty has begun construction of a new 500,000 Square Foot warehouse, which could generate upwards of 500 jobs.

Request for Proposals will be going out within the next 2 weeks for our St. Georges Avenue Redevelopment Project. This is an area that is long overdue to be redeveloped.

We all know that Linden is a great place to live and raise a family. That’s why I am happy to report that Phase One of the Meridia Development Project on Wood Avenue is now renting. This 176 unit building of market rate apartments is already starting to become occupied, since their grand opening in the end of 2015. Phase Two of the Meridia project will break ground later this year.

Recently, the City Council, with my full support, agreed to study West Elizabeth Avenue from Wood Avenue to Stiles St. This will determine if it should be declared an area in need of redevelopment.

Since the City owns property along this corridor, **TONIGHT**, I am recommending that any proceeds from the sale of the City land go solely to eliminate the City Garbage Fee. This fee is unfair to our taxpayers, and all of us have campaigned to eliminate it. I am hopeful that this will be an example of the Mayor and City Council working together, to help the taxpayers of our community. Too often proposals and ideas never reach the point of official debate or a vote.

**Tonight,** I challenge this council to have an **open**, **transparent** **discussion of ideas**. Let’s not hesitate in letting our residents know where we stand on issues. We were all elected to make hard decisions, at times. I sincerely believe that we need to encourage consensus, not hinder it.

Since we all have the best interests of our great city at heart, let’s show our residents that we are a **DEMOCRACY IN ACTION.**

Finally, I would like to wish the Council, our City Residents and their families a Happy Healthy New Year. Feliz Ahno New-A-Vo, Stain-She-Vago No-Vago Row-Coo, Bon-Nah Nay

And Thank you for allowing me to be your Mayor, God Bless you All.

**REMARKS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

President Alvarez spoke about the reasons that he ran for office that he ran as a coach, but spent a lot time, this year as a referee. Despite that a lot has been accomplished. He detailed a number of significant accomplishments during the past year. He spoke about this government working together for good of the residents of Linden. He noted that the residents are the government, and the members of the governing body only work for them. It was President Alvarez hope to get more residents involved in the government of the City of Linden.

President Alvarez recognized a number of officials that were present in the audience.

**PRESENTATION’S AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator and Democratic Municipal Democratic Chairman Nicholas Scutari spoke about how proud he was of all of the member of the Council. On behalf of the Linden Democratic Committee and Linden City Democratic Club he made presentations to Mrs. Ormon and Mr. Medina.

Gerald Bishop, 650 N. Wood Ave. Mr. Bishop is the steward for the Teamsters working for the City of Linden. Mr. Bishop spoke about the dedicated folks he represents, and how proud he was of them. He then made a presentation to Mrs. Ormon, stating it was being made in the spirit of cooperation going forward. Mr. Bishop then spoke about the negotiation process, the outcome for his unit, and then thanked several individuals who were instrumental in the bargaining process. Mr. Bishop concluded with proposing that his work force hold a serious of public meetings to have a dialog with members of the public and his membership.

Delores Hynes, 510 Harrison Ave. Ms. Hynes made a presentation to Mr. Medina from the Linden Citizens Club, and wished him nothing but the best in the future.

Dawn Beviano, 26 Academy Terrace. Ms. Beviano congratulated Mr. Medina, on behalf of the Ninth Ward, on his re-election. She spoke about his hard work, as Councilman, during the prior three years. Next she spoke about running, for the Board of Education, with Mrs. Ormon and congratulated her on her election to the City Council.

Keira A. Ormon, 901 Summit Street. Ms. Ormon, congratulated her mom, and stated that she hopes that her mother would enjoy her job. She asked all to be kind to her mother, and for all to show support and respect. Mrs. Ormon assured her daughter that she was kind and that kindness breeds kindness.

Sonia Armstead Pittman, 1030 Clark Street. Mrs. Pitman wished all of the members of Council a happy New Year, and offered congratulations to her sister Lisa Armstead Ormon. She stated that the City was in great hands as was the First Ward, and noted why. Mrs. Pittman stated how proud she was of Mrs. Ormon, and offered her congratulations, again.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

First Ward

Mrs. Ormon, noted that she campaigned all week, except Sunday, which is dedicated to the Lord. She thanked her husband, Peter, and called him her rock. She spoke about his qualities that she most appreciated and for his understanding of her wanting to do this job. Mrs. Ormon stated Peter was a wonderful father to their children and an awesome husband. Next she thanked her mother for help in keeping her children safe while she pursued this goal. She also thanked her bothers, Jimmy and Mark, and sister Sonia, and how much they helped in this campaign. Mrs. Ormon spoke about the lesson her father had taught them to be of service, not only to the community but to our fellow men. She stated she was proud to be their sister. She then thanked several other family members for their help, and detailed what each of them did to help. Mrs. Ormon thanked several members of the community for their help in the campaign.

Mrs. Ormon thanked the people of the First Ward, and what she learned about the people of the First Ward. She concluded by speaking about how winning the election gave her the privilege to sit here and represent the people of the First Ward and working with all.

Ninth Ward

Mr. Medina wished all a Happy New Year and thanked them for being here this evening. He then thanked the Ninth Ward Constituents for allowing him to represent them for the last three years. He spoke about his efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Ninth Ward. He noted that the job of Councilman requires true dedication to the residents, ethics and several layers of skin. He spoke about the greatest quality is being able to come together to solve issues and resolve problems affecting the residents. Mr. Medina thanked a number of individuals who believed in him and his commitment to the City. He gave a big thank you to his wife for help and being there for him.

Mr. Medina asked the residents of the Ninth Ward for their help in identifying the issues that face the Ninth Ward and solve them to make Linden a great place to live and raise families. He wished all a prosperous 2016.

Second Ward

Mr. Beyer congratulated Lisa Ormon for a job well done. He assured the people of the First Ward that they were in good hands. Next he congratulated Mr. Medina on his re-election. He wished all a Happy New Year, and to be safe in 2016.

Fourth Ward

Mr. Brooks offered his greeting to Mrs. Ormon, and stated that she would do a great job. He then congratulated Mr. Medina and stated he looked forward to continuing to work together with him. He thanked everyone out there and encouraged them to enjoy their New Year. He then spoke about providing for the safety of the residents of Linden. Mr. Brooks thanked the members of the Fourth Ward Community for the opportunity to allow him to serve them.

Fifth Ward

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling noted that she will speak about her goals for the upcoming year at the next meeting. She then welcomed Mrs. Ormon to the Council, and stated that she knew that Mrs. Ormon would make a contribution to Council. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling congratulated Mr. Medina on his re-election and spoke about what they had accomplished, working together. She wished all a Happy New Year and stated that she looked forward to working together with her neighbors to bring progress to the residents of Linden.

Sixth Ward

Mr. Sadowski stated that tonight was a night to welcome Mrs. Ormon and Mr. Medina. He stated that he was looking forward to working with them and to having a good year. He wished Happy New Year to everyone and urged Sixth Ward residents, with any problems, to please give him a call. He thanked the council members sworn-in this evening for being there and urged all to work together.

Seventh Ward

Mr. Strano congratulated Mrs. Ormon and Mr. Medina on being sworn in this evening. He stated that he looked forward to working with both of them, this year. He spoke about his anticipation for great accomplishments for the City of Linden, this year, and into the future. He wished all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year for 2016.

Eighth Ward

Mrs. Yamakaitis congratulated and welcomed to Council Mrs. Ormon and welcomed back Mr. Medina. Both wards are going to have great representatives. She stated that she looked forward to working with all of Council to move Linden forward. She also welcomed back Mr. Strano to Council. She wished all a Happy New Year.

Tenth Ward

Mrs. Hickey congratulated Mrs. Ormon and stated that she has a beautiful family. She thanked Mr. Medina for all that he has done, and stated how glad she was to have him back this year. Mrs. Hickey stated how happy she was to be here, and to work with everyone to get things done.

Mayor Armstead had no additional comments.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEMPORE**

President Alvarez spoke about the role of President of Council Pro Tempore. President Alvarez opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of Council Pro Tempore. He then nominated Mrs. Yamakaitis as President of Council Pro Tempore. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Sadowski. There were no other nomination. Mrs. Yamakaitis was unanimously elected President of Council Pro Tempore by a roll call vote. The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mrs. Yamakaitis as President of Council Pro Tempore.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**President of Council Jorge Alvarez made the following announcement:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR THOSE SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT APPROVAL. PLEASE READ THE SYNOPSIS OF THE RESOLUTIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE. EACH IS INFORMATIVE AND SELF-EXPLANATORY. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION, THE COUNCIL, WILL ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS ON IT.**

**There were no request to remove any resolution from the agenda.**

**Mr. Beyer moved for approval of resolutions #2016-1 through #2016-26. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-1**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL**

**NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR 2015**

**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 2016:

The Star Ledger

Union County Local Source

Home News Tribune

News Record/Patriot

**RESOLUTION: 2016-2**

**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 non-payment 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: 2016-3**

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

**THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Linden, County of Union that for the year 2016, 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:

Community First Bank

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

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

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

James Schulhafer, Police Chief

Alfred MacDonald, Superintendent of Public Property

Mary Ellen Tango, Director of Community Services

Susan Sanchez, 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

Janice Brown, Supervising Clerk

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.

**Resolution: 2016-4**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TREASURER TO INVEST AND REINVEST FUNDS 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: 2016-5**

**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 2016; 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 $35,000.00 to be charge to account 6-01-20-130-115-255; 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: 2016-6**

**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, 2016 through March 31, 2016, 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 $3,383,830.00

**RESOLUTION: 2016-7**

**RESOLUTION FOR EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to provide maintenance and technical support for the City of Linden’s Financial Accounting and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; 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 $27,010.00; 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 $27,010.00; 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 $27,010.00

be charged to 6-01-20-131-113-273; 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: 2016-8**

**RESOLUTION ENGAGING SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY AS AUDITORS**

**WHEREAS,** there exists within the City of Linden the need for a municipal auditor for the year 2016; 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. 6-01-20-135-114-255;

**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 $87,300.00; 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: 2016-9**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO**

**ESTABLISH THE CURRENT FUND**

**OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016**

**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 2016 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 2015 Current Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of $89,695,917.38 and

**WHEREAS,** three months of the total appropriations in the 2015 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 $23,545,178.31; 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: 2016-10**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO**

**ESTABLISH THE SANITARY LANDFILL**

**UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET**

**FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016**

**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 2016 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 2015 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 232,600.00; and **WHEREAS,** three months of the total temporary appropriations for the Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget cannot exceed the sum of $58,150.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following temporary appropriations be made in the amount of $58,150.00 and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-11**

**Resolution authorizing re-establishment of Petty Cash Funds**

Whereas, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Acting Superintendent of Public Works, Director of Public Property, 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 2016 as follows:

Fire Chief Joseph Dooley $100.00

Police Chief James Schulhafer $200.00

OEM Coordinator James Schulhafer $100.00

Director of Public Property Alfred MacDonald $200.00

Acting Superintendent Louis Scaldino $100.00

Purchasing Agent Annmarie Whelan $100.00

Mary Ellen Tango, Department of Community Services $100.00

**Resolution: 2016-12**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 2016 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, 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, 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, 2016 to December 31, 2016 inclusive:

**DEBT SERVICE-CITY OF LINDEN BUDGET**

Payment of Bonds $2,800,000.00

Interest on Bonds $1,100,000.00

Interest on Notes $150,000.00

Payment of BANS $200,000.00

**DEBT SERVICE-GREEN TRUST LOAN PROGRAM**

Payment of Principal & Interest $100,000.00

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

Payment of Principal & Interest $ 1,270,000.00

**DEBT SERVICE-UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT**

1998 Lease (Airport) $200,000.00

2010 Lease (Airport) $1,160,000.00

2003 Lease (P.A.L.) $130,000.00

2004 Lease (Wood Avenue) $250,000.00

2005 Lease (Stadium) $300,000.00

2005 Lease (Library) $160,000.00

2006 Lease (Fire House) $ 1,970,000.00

Morningstar $450,000.00

2007 Lease Library Supplemental $600,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION: 2016-13**

**Change In Custodian of Petty Cash Fund For**

**City of Linden Police Department**

WHEREAS, Michael Boyle, Police Chief was custodian of the Police Department Petty Cash Fund, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the City of Linden is changing custodians to James Schulhafer, Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, James Schulhafer is bonded in the amount of $100.00 by virtue of a surety bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body,

of the City of Linden, County of Union hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government

Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-14**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR 2016**

**WHEREAS,** Assistant Municipal Prosecutors shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of one (1) year and shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by ordinance and by further resolution of the Council;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that **MOHAMED JALLOH, ESQ,** an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, shall be and hereby is appointed Assistant Municipal Prosecutor of the City of Linden for the year 2016 and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION:** **2016-15**

**RESOLUTION ENGAGING GREENER BY DESIGN, LLC TO ASSIST THE CITY OF LINDEN IN IDENTIFYING STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES AND TO RENDER TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO IDENTIFYING FUNDING PROGRAMS THAT ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS**

**OF THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, there exists within the City of Linden the need for a consultant in order to continue to obtain grants and for the purpose of assisting the City of Linden in identifying state and federal funding programs; 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**, Greener by Design, LLC submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2016; 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**, Greener by Design, LLC, having offices at 94 Church Street, Suite 301, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901, possesses the requisite professional certification and experience necessary to serve in said position; and

**WHEREAS**, funds will be made available for this purpose to be charged to Account No. 6-01-20-110-103-255;

**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 Greener by Design, LLC at a fee of $6,000.00 per month, beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for a total not to exceed $72,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the scope of such services shall include assisting the City of Linden in identifying Regional Contribution Agreement funding sources and rendering technical advice and assistance with respect to identifying funding programs that are responsive to the needs of 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 Greener by Design, LLC to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2016-16**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO VOYA FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR RETIREMENT PLANNING SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR 2016**

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need for the provision of Retirement Planning Specialist Services for the City of Linden’s Deferred Compensation Plan for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq., this Council determined to implement a “fair and open process” for the procurement of such services; and

**WHEREAS,** a “Request for Proposals” (RFP) was issued on October 22, 2015 and responses were received on November 5, 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** having considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee, this Council has determined that a contract for said services be awarded to Voya Financial Services; and

**WHEREAS,** Voya Financial Services, One Orange Way B3-N, Windsor, Connecticut 06095-4774, has agreed to provide the necessary services as outlined above at no cost to the City; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) authorizes Council to award a contract without competitive public bidding if the subject matter consists of an exception to such requirements as set forth therein; and

**WHEREAS,** the consulting and related services to be provided herein constitute an exception to the public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law under N.J.S.A. 40A::11-5(1)(m);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** a contract is hereby awarded to Voya Financial Services, pursuant to a fair and open process, and to provide the necessary services as outlined above at no cost to the City; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said contract upon further approval by the Law Department for the aforesaid service.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-17**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC**

**DEFENDER FOR 2015**

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

That **MICHAEL SIMITZ, ESQ.,** 345 Hemlock Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, is appointed to serve as Municipal Public Defender for a one year term commencing January 1, 2016 and terminating December 31, 2016 and until his successor is appointed and qualifies.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-18**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CHIEF PUBLIC**

**DEFENDER FOR 2016**

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

That **ANTHONY PALUMBO, ESQ.,** Palumbo & Renaud, 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, is appointed to serve as Chief Municipal Public Defender for a one year term commencing January 1, 2016 and terminating December 31, 2016 and until his successor is appointed and qualifies.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-19**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY, AND DESIGNATING SAME AS AN ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR.**

**WHEREAS,** Assistant Municipal Attorney shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of three (3) years and shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by ordinance and by further resolution of the Council; and

**WHEREAS,** **Nicholas P. Scutari** an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, shall be and hereby is appointed Assistant Municipal Attorney of the City of Linden for a term of three (3) years, commencing January 1st, 2016 and terminating December 31st, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Assistant Municipal Attorneys shall be designated and serve as the Chief Municipal Prosecutor and/or Assistant Municipal Prosecutor, and shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of one (1) year to said position; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a need to appoint a Chief Municipal Prosecutor.

**BE RESOLVED THAT Nicholas P. Scutari,** an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, shall be and herby is appointed Assistant Municipal Attorney of the City of Linden for a term of three years (3) year, commencing January 1st, 2016 and terminating December 31st, 2018, and until his successor or successors have been appointed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Nicholas P. Scutari** shall be and herby is appointed Chief Municipal Prosecutor of the City of Linden for a term of one year (1) year, commencing January 1st, 2016 and terminating December 31st, 2016, and until his successor or successors have been appointed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** This Resolution shall take in accordance with law.

***RESOLUTION:* 2016-20**

***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 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 calendar year; and

**WHEREAS,** the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 20, 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, 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, 2016 to December 31, 2016 inclusive:

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

Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes 105,000.00

Interest on Notes 20,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION: 2016-21**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD**

**WHEREAS,** Municipal Attorneys shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of three (3) years and shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by ordinance and by further resolution of the Council;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that **Daniel Antonelli, ESQ,** an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, shall be and hereby is appointed Municipal Attorney of the City of Linden for a term of three (3) years, commencing January 1st, 2016 and terminating December 31st, 2018, and until his successor or successors has been appointed and qualified.

**Resolution: 2016-22**

**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 2015; 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 River Front Plaza, Newark, New Jersey 07102 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.

1. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Resolution: 2016-23**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE MEMBERS**

**OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS,**  municipal code, section 2-7.2 creates the following standing committees of the City Council: 1)Personnel; 2) Budget Review and Finance; 3) Public Works/Clean Communities; 4) Airport/Airport Lease; 5) Fire; 6) Construction Code/Lighting; 7) Engineering/Affordable Housing; 8) Public Property and Community Services; 9) Real Estate, Revenue Enhancement and Development; 10) Negotiations and Labor Relations; 11) Cable TV, Technology and Communications; 12) Law; and 13) Accident Review; and

**WHEREAS,**  Section 2-7.2 further provides that the membership of each standing committee shall be composed of three (3) or more members of the Council, but not to exceed four (4) members of Council; and

**WHEREAS,**  said section also provides that the membership of the standing committees shall be appointed by a majority of the members of Council then present and voting at the organizational meeting of the Council to serve until the next organizational meeting; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that a majority of the members of the Council have determined that the membership of the Standing Committees of Council shall be appointed as per the attached list; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this resolution shall hereby take effect immediately.

**Resolution: 2016-24**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AD HOC COMMITTEES**

**OF THE COUNCIL AND APPOINTING THEIR MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS,** municipal code 2-7.1 provides that a majority of the members of Council then present and voting at the annual reorganization meeting shall establish such ad hoc committees as they deem necessary and appoint the members thereof; and

**WHEREAS,** Council has determined that the need exists for the following Ad Hoc committees of Council: 1) Linden Landfill/Linden Greenway; 2) Scout Day Activities; 3) City Clerk; 4) FAA Committee Newark Airport Noise Pollution); .

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Council does hereby create the following Ad Hoc Committees of Council: 1) Linden Landfill/Linden Greenway; 2) Scout Day Activities; 3) City Clerk; 4) FAA Committee Newark Airport Noise Pollution;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a majority of the members of Council have determined that the membership of the Ad Hoc Committees of Council shall be appointed as per the attached list: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this resolution shall hereby take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-25**

**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 $154,305.00 for services rendered from January 6, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to 6-01-27-340-187-271; 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 $154,305.00 for services rendered from January 6, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

**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:** **2016-26**

**RESOLUTION ENGAGING MULLER BOHLIN ASSOCIATES, INC. TO ASSIST THE CITY OF LINDEN IN IDENTIFYING STATE, FEDERAL & LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES AND TO RENDER TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO IDENTIFYING FUNDING PROGRAMS THAT ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, there exists within the City of Linden the need for a consultant in order to continue to obtain grants and for the purpose of assisting the City of Linden in identifying state and federal funding programs; 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**, Muller Bohlin Associates submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2016; 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**, Muller Bohlin Associates, having offices at 101B North Wood Ave., Suite B, Linden, NJ 07036 possesses the requisite professional certification and experience necessary to serve in said position; and

**WHEREAS**, funds will be made available for this purpose to be charged to Account No:6-01-20-110-103-256;

**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 Muller Bohlin Associates at a fee not to exceed $118,000.00. These funds will be paid from the grants that Muller Bohlin brings into the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the scope of such services shall include assisting the City of Linden in identifying State, Federal & Local Grant funding sources and rendering technical advice and assistance with respect to identifying funding programs that are responsive to the needs of 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 Muller Bohlin Associates to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**President Alvarez called upon the Senator Scutari to administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Antonelli. Holding the bible for Mr. Antonelli was his wife, Jacquelin.**

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**There were no ordinances on first reading.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**President Alvarez announced that on behalf of Mayor Armstead, himself, Councilwoman Ormon, Councilman Medina, the Linden City Democratic Committee, and Democratic Chairman Nicholas Scutari all are invited to the JTG Center for sandwiches and refreshments.**

**President Alvarez announced the following Council Meetings:**

**Conference meeting: Monday, January 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Council Office, City Hall, Linden, NJ.**

**Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Council Office, City Hall, Linden, NJ.**

**Council meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, Linden, NJ.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joseph C. Bodek**

**City Clerk**