**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2016 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**March 15, 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, March 15, 2016 at 7:33 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 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.

A roll call showed the following members were present:

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Donald Beyer

“ Peter Brown

“ Monty Brooks

Councilman Robert Sadowski

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Councilwoman Lisa Ormon was absent from the meeting. Mayor Armstead was excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Yamakaitis moved for approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2016, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Women’s History Month**

**Raquele Strickland**

**Mary Kostiushko**

President Alvarez called upon Councilwoman Cosby-Hurling, Yamakaitis and Hickey to come forward to make a presentation. He explained the purpose of the presentation. Mrs. Kostiushko was not present, but her daughter was present to receive the presentation on her behalf. Mrs. Yamakaitis read the resolution and presented it. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling noted that Ms. Strickland could not be present this evening and the presentation would be held to next month.

**2016 Unity Award for Achievement**

**Joann Fruciano**

**Lori Gonzalez**

Mrs. Yamakaitis came forward to make the 2016 Unity Award for Achievement for Mayor Armstead. She thanked the two individuals for all that they do for the children of Linden. Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about children with autism and read the Mayor’s proclamation honoring the two individuals and all they do for children with autism. The individuals thanked all for the acknowledgment.

**ORDINANCE TABLED AT THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#60-3 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER XXXI, ZONING, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999.**

**Delete Section 31-25.5, General Regulations and add new section 31-25.5 (Signs)**

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the hearing was now open, that all persons interested would be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the Ordinance and the Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

There being no persons to be heard, Mr. Brown moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beyer and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved with all in favor with the exception of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no.

**ORDINANCE – HEARING**

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#60-6** **Bond ordinance authorizing the resurfacing of various streets in and for the city of Linden and appropriating $2,640,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $2,508,000.00 in bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the hearing was now open, that all persons interested would be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the Ordinance and the Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

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

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#60-7 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, traffic, Section 7-10, Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:**

**DELETE Side Location**

**Linden Ave. East Between Carteret St and Park Ave.**

**ADD:**

**East Linden Ave. South Beginning at a point 400 feet east of**

**Carteret St and continuing to Park Ave.**

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the hearing was now open, that all persons interested would be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the Ordinance and the Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

There being no persons to be heard, Mrs. Yamakaitis moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved with all voting in favor with the exception of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no.

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#60-8** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Section 7-12, Parking Time Limited, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

**DELETE:**

*Street Side Hours Days Location*

East Linden Avenue Both 6:00 am to 5:00 pm Mon-Fri From S. Wood Avenue to the 300 block of E. Linden Avenue

**ADD:**

*Street Side Hours Days Location*

East Linden Avenue Both 6:00 am to 5:00 pm Mon-Fri From S. Wood Avenue to a point 400 feet east of Carteret Street

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the hearing was now open, that all persons interested would be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the Ordinance and the Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

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

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#60-9** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-26 Loading Zone, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

**AMEND SECTION 7-26.1**

Name of Street Time Side Location

Spruce Street Monday-Friday West Beginning at a point 96 feet north of

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m the northerly curb-line of W. Blancke St. and

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. extending to a point 270 feet north W. Blancke St.

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the hearing was now open, that all persons interested would be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the Ordinance and the Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

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

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

#**60-10** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-33.1A

Handicapped Parking On-street as follows:

ADD:

Name of Street Spaces

119 E. Henry St 1

20 E. Curtis St. 1

513 Alexander Ave 1

500 W. Blancke St. 1

S. Wood Ave (3203 Tremley Point Rd) 1

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the hearing was now open, that all persons interested would be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the Ordinance and the Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

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

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#60-11**  **An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-33.1A**

**Handicapped Parking on Street as follows: Delete:**

Name of Street Spaces

119 E. Henry St. 1

4 Clinton St. 1

45 W. 12th St 1

513 Alexander Ave 1

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the hearing was now open, that all persons interested would be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the Ordinance and the Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

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

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#60-12 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 by adding schedule 4-KK-1.**

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the hearing was now open, that all persons interested would be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the Ordinance and the Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk. Mr. Brown noted that many of the City employees had not had raises since 2014. The negotiations process has recently been completed and this is to put in place the salaries negotiated. He added that they were not given percentage raises, but flat dollar increases. He spoke in support of the raises being given.

There being no persons to be heard, Mrs. Hickey moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved with all voting in favor with the exception of Mr. Beyer and Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no.

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#60-13 An Ordinance to amend and supplement a Chapter VII, Traffic. That Chapter VII,**

**Traffic, Section 7-7.3, Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing and Removal, shall be and the same is hereby amended.**

President of Council Jorge Alvarez announced that the hearing was now open, that all persons interested would be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the Ordinance and the Clerk will read the Ordinance. Thereupon President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Jorge Alvarez inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

Judy Miller, resident. Ms. Miller asked what the ordinance does. Mr. Bodek responded explaining the change in process for declaring a snow emergency that the ordinance puts in place.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(\*\*\*) TAX COLLECTOR:**

1. The amount of money collected during the month of February 2016 and turned over to the treasurer’s office is as follows:

2016 Taxes $30,269,400.61

2015 Taxes $349,297.11

2014 Taxes $0.00

Garbage Fee Payments $194,246.01

Garbage Fee Penalty $2,290.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $28,089.04

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $10.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $0.00

Year End Penalty $6,039.18

Returned Check Fee Paid $20.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $0.00

Returned Check 2015 ($0.00)

Returned Check 2016 ($0.00)

Returned Check Interest ($0.00)

Returned Online Payment 2016 Taxes ($40,290.50)

Returned Online Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($170.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($15.00)

Arrears $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $2,250.00

DPW Reso payments $675.55

Interest $46,014.99

Total $30,857,856.99

**Tax** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 & 2015 tax sale on the following block & **Sale** lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

1 2 2/12/16 14-00001 $1,300.00

24 9 2/16/16 14-00021 $1,400.00

86 4 2/12/16 14-00065 $1,300.00

334 23 2/12/16 14-00234 $1,300.00

421 21 2/16/16 13-00380 $2,400.00

557 10 3/4/16 14-00352 $3,800.00

565 20 3/1/16 14-00359 $1,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $13,100.00 payable to: TTLBL, LLC, Attention: John Lemkey, 4747 Executive Drive, Suite 1, San Diego, CA 92121 charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Sale**

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

137 13 2/22/16 14-00104 $1,200.00

232 3 2/17/16 14-00192 $1,100.00

243 26.01 2/19/16 14-00198 $1,000.00

554 11 2/11/16 14-00343 $1,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,500.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC5 Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2012 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Sale**

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

154 8 3/1/16 11-00086 $11,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $11,000.00 payable to: Amaco, 125 Rockey Blvd # 623, Bear, DE 19701, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Sale Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

182 3 2/23/16 13-00229 $200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $200.00 payable to US Bank Cust BV Trst 2015-1, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #19, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2013 & 2014 tax sale on the following block & **Sale** lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

278 15 2/25/16 13-00288 $1,000.00

319 1 3/1/16 13-00311 $1,000.00

356 12 3/1/16 13-00331 $900.00

582 5 2/23/16 13-00498 $900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $3,800.00 payable to: MTAG Cust Fig Cap Invest NJ, 13, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Sale**

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

490 6 2/22/16 13-00432 $100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $100.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for Pro Cap 4 & Crdtrs, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Sale Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

537 5 3/7/16 14-00327 $5,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $5,000.00 payable to: PFS Financial 1, LLC US Bank Custodian, 50 South 16th Street-Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

**Refund** Block 165 Lot 14, Old Owner: Joan Beaucamp

New Owner: Vincenzo Bonello - 560 Cleveland Avenue

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the title agency have paid the 2015 4th quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the old owner’s mortgage company is entitled a refund in the amount of $3,006.58.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 3,006.58 payable to: Lereta, LLC, Returns & Refunds, 1123 Park View Drive, Covina, Ca 91724 charging same to # 6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 234 Lot 13, A Medina & R. Martinez

1706 Orchard Terrace

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the title agency have paid the 2016 1st quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of $2,040.03.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 2,040.03 payable to: A. Medina & R. Martinez, 1706 Orchard Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to # 6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 305 Lot 10, Nydia L. Vergara

1306 De Witt Terrace

The above referenced owner has paid a partial amount of $300.00, this should have been applied the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority balance due and was applied to the taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of $300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $300.00 payable to: Nydia L. Vergara, 1306 De Witt Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit** Block 368 Lot 34, Old Owner: Federal National Mortgage

**Balance** New Owner: James Park, 515 Amherst Road

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by the mortgage company and the title agency on the 2016 1st quarter. The overpayment amount is $2,182.83.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,182.83 payable to: Greater NJ Title Agency, 4 Bridge Street, Metuchen NJ 08840, charging same to account #-6-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 570 Lot 31, Former Owner: Librado Zapata

Current Owner: US Bank NA Trustee, 2705 Grasselli Avenue

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the title agency have paid the 2015 4th quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of $1,256.69.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 1,256.69 payable to Core Logic Tax Services, Attention: Kathy Bishop, 92-16 220th Street, Queens Village, NY 11428 charging same to account #6-01-55-288-999-904.

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:**

1. Advising that the following bingo/raffle applications have been submitted for approval:

**Raffle Application Organization** **Event** **Fees**

RA-1503 LHS PTA 50/50 $20.00

RA-1504 LHS PTA Tricky Tray $20.00

RA-1505 FOLAS 50/50 $20.00

RA-1506 FOLAS Tricky Tray $20.00

RA-1507 School #9 PTA 50/50 $20.00

RA-1508 LHS NJROTC 50/50 $20.00

RA-1509 Vietnam Veterans 50/50 $20.00

**(\*\*\*) MUNICIPAL TREASURER:**

1. Requesting approval to issue a refund to Teamcare in the amount of $649.70 for ambulance services that were provided on December 13, 2014. Payable to Teamcare, PO Box 5126, Des Plains, IL 60017-5126.

Requesting approval to issue a refund to UHC Community Plan in the amount of $65.50 for ambulance services that were provided on November 15, 2013. Payable to UHC Community Plan, Box 31364, Salt Lake City, UT 84131.

**(\*\*\*) BOARD OF HEALTH:**

1. Advising the forty-six (46) Certificates of Occupancy were issued during the month of February, 2016.

**(\*\*\*) MAYOR ARMSTEAD:**

1. Advising that he is appointing the following individual to the Environmental Commission:

Ron Damerau, as an alternate member beginning April 1, 2016 and terminating March 31, 2018.

**(\*\*\*) MUNICIPAL TREASURER:**

1. Advising that the following City of Linden employees have filed for retirement:

**Department** **Employee** **Title** **Date**

DPW Wayne Szuba Sr. Laborer March 1, 2016

Public Property Joseph Luciano Rec. Supervisor April 1, 2016

Police Department James Maroney Police Officer April 1, 2016

DPW Carolyn Bobenchik Supervising Clerk April 1, 2016

Mr. Brown moved for approval of Consent Items #1 through #6. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks and was ordered approved with all in favor with the exception of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and Mr. Medina who abstained.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SECOND WARD**

Mr. Beyer gave the report of the Construction Code Department for the month of February, 2016. The department issued 101permits, processed 146 certificates and collected $73,110.00 in fees.

Mr. Beyer noted that a few weeks ago there was a car accident on Lumber St. and West Blancke. One of the cars turned over on its roof. He noted that cars doing the speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour, in a residential area, don’t get turned over on their roof. He urged all to obey the speed limits. Mr. Beyer wished the Linden High School Boys basketball team good luck in their Tournament of Champions quarter final game tonight.

**THIRD WARD**

Mr. Brown announced that a four-way stop sign would be put up at E. Curtis and Maple Ave in the Third Ward. The ordinance will be introduced at the April meeting. He announced details of a joint First and Third Ward Easter Egg hunt that would take place this weekend.

Mr. Brown gave the following report of the Budget Review and Finance Committee:

1. The payment of bills totaling $1,029,418.24 bills have been signed by the Mayor, Council President and Finance Chairman and a detailed check register and vouchers are on file in the Clerk’s Office.
2. We are in receipt of the investments made by the City Treasurer for the month of February at the rate of .15%

**Mr. Brown moved for approval of the Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina**

**and was unanimously ordered approved.**

Mr. Brown announced that the 2016 municipal budget was being introduced tonight. He provided details on the budget and noted that this budget contained the lowest tax increase since 2006. He also spoke about some of the issues that were being addressed in this budget. He thanked the members of Council for their input on the budget and the Treasurer’s office for their assistance. Mr. Brown informed residents on how they could obtain copies of the municipal budget. He called upon the Clerk to read the budget introduction.

The Clerk read the following:

2016

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Municipal Budget of the City of Linden, County of Union for the Calendar Year 2016.

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2016.

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Union County Local Source (formerly The Progress) in the issued of March 24, 2016.

The Governing Body of the City of Linden does hereby introduce the following as the Budget for the year 2016.

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was introduced by the Governing Body of the City of Linden, County of Union, on March 15, 2016.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at City Hall, on April 19, 2016 at 7:00 O’Clock (p.m.) at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2016 may be presented by taxpayer or other interested persons.

Mr. Brown moved for approval of the introduction of the 2016 municipal budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Mr. Brown noted that most members of Council have meeting on the budget, in their wards, and the information on those meetings is posted on the City Website. He asked those interested in hearing a budget presentation to watch the website.

President Alvarez thanked Mr. Brown and spoke about the good job done by Mr. Brown and the Finance Committee. He also noted the good job done by Mrs. Zack.

**FOURTH WARD**

Mr. Brooks gave the report of Division of Transportation and Parking for the month of February. A total of $45,897.29 was collected from all sources.

Mr. Brooks spoke about the recent heavy rain storm, and a tree that came down as a result. He spoke about how the various departments worked together to remove the tree, on a weekend. Next he thanked the Traffic Division for the replacement of a traffic sign that had gone missing. Mr. Brooks provided his contact information.

**FIFTH WARD**

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling began her report by providing an update on the Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs Program. She noted that there are still spots left for children who wish to join. She noted the next meeting and that Wilson Pond will be stocked, after April 9th. The children will be going to an open house, and fishing program at the State Hatchery on April 9th. The Annual Fishing contest will be held on April 19th, at Wilson Pond.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling recognized Ms. Koblis on a blood pressure education program that the Board of Health recently ran, and stated that she did not understand why the information wasn’t on Linden TV, and the reasons why. Next she spoke about the Chair Yoga program and its purpose. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling announced that a Chair Yoga program will be run with the Board of Education for six weeks, and provided details on it.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about her experience, at School #4, with the Read Across America Program. She noted what a pleasure it was for her to participate.

Mr. Brooks spoke for a moment, noting that he forgot to thank Mrs. Tango for some help she provided.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about the meetings of the Personnel Committee, and the training they are trying to provide to the staff. She provided details on the training being offered. She thanked the other members of the Committee for seeing that vision.

**Mrs. Cosby Hurling gave the following report of the Personnel Committee:**

1. From the Personnel Division – the approval of the following Family Medical Leave Act/NJFLA requests:

(employee #000074) intermittent FMLA from 2/1/16 to 8/31/16

(employee #001046) FMLA from 1/25/16 to 4/11/16

(employee #005908) intermittent FMLA/NJFLA from 2/1/16 to 12/31/16

(employee #106914) FMLA from 2/18/16 to 4/4/16

(employee #000136) FMLA from 1/26/16 to 4/12/16

(employee #909072) FMLA from 2/19/16 to 4/4/16

(employee #0081417) intermittent FMLA/NJFLA from 2/1/16 to 12/31/16

(employee #909203) FMLA from 2/1/16 to 2/15/16

(employee #000724) intermittent FMLA 2/1/16 to 12/31/16

2. A reminder to all employees that the City policy regarding the changing of an employee’s retirement date without the need for authorization from the City Council is 90 days prior to the retirement date which was submitted to the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

3. In the Divisions of DPW, Public Property and Recreation – the approval of the seasonal lists which are on file in the Treasurer’s Office. The hiring of the following as seasonal Laborers for the Division of Public Works at the hourly rate of $10.00 effective March 16, 2016; subject to the successful completion of the City’s pre-employment requirements:

1. George Alves

2. Alexandro Primavera

3. Angelo Atanasio

4. Timothy Campbell-Cromante

5. Oscar Goff

6. Joshua Reyes

7. Derek Cohen

8. Daniel Frankel

The following names were submitted as seasonal for the Recreation Division programs; subject to the successful completion of the City’s pre-employment requirements:

1. Stacy Beltran, as anDay Camp Director at the hourly rate of $11.00 effective March 15, 2016 to September 30, 2016.
2. Karen Villamar, as an Art Teacher at the hourly rate of $15.00 effective March 15, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks and was ordered approved by all voting in favor with the exception of Mr. Brown, Mr. Sadowski, Mr. Strano and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no on Item #3 and Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who abstained on part #5 of Item #3.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about some wanting to make the hiring of provisional employees a political hire. She spoke about the need to firm up the City’s policies. She explained the process for hiring of all employees and particularly the seasonal ones. Next Mrs. Cosby-Hurling provided details on the budget presentation, by Mrs. Zack, that would take place in the Fifth Ward. She concluded by providing her contact information and how to be added to her text list.

**SIXTH WARD**

Mr. Sadowski gave the report of the City Clerk’s office. A total of $4646.48 in City Revenue was collected for the month of February, 2016. Next he gave the report of the Licensing Division of the City Clerk’s Office. For the month of January, 2016, a total of $5,945.00 and $2,961.00 for the month of February.

Mr. Sadowski spoke about street resurfacing to be done. He also spoke about the City, working with the County, to clean up the mess at Pleasant St. and U.S. 1 & 9. Next he requested that Sixth Ward residents, with curbs or sidewalks that needed to be repaired to please give him a call. Next he spoke about the police efforts to reduce speeding on Linden Avenue. He thanked DPW for cutting down a tree, in the Sixth Ward, Mr. Sadowski informed all that he had a problem with his home phone, recently, and if anyone had tried to reach him and couldn’t, please try again, as the phone is now fixed.

President Alvarez recognized Mrs. Cosby-Hurling, who spoke about the chair yoga program and its benefits.

**SEVENTH WARD**

Mr. Strano thanked the Fire Department for coming to a community meeting at the Seventh Ward Rec Center. He spoke about the presentation on Fire Prevention, and how great it was. Next he spoke about Tremely Point Road and the efforts to stop tractor trailers from using the residential portion of the street. He spoke about the steps already taken and additional ones that will be taken. Mr. Strano then spoke about Avenue C, which is a private roadway not belonging to the City of Linden. The City cannot patch the potholes on Avenue C and they are becoming dangerous. The City is looking into what can be done.

Mr. Strano requested that Chief Dooley give an update on the Quite Zone. Chief Dooley thanked Mr. Strano for his comments on the Fire Prevention presentation. The Chief then provided an update on the Quite Zone.

**EIGHTH WARD**

Mrs. Yamakaitis addressed a previous comment about political appointments being made, and recommended that people look at the last two years of appointments and see what ward they are coming out of. Mayor Armstead asked to spread the wealth around. She noted that appointments are not political but about every one having fair representation.

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave the report of the Fire Prevention Bureau for the month of February. For the month of February the bureau collected a total of $4180.84. The ambulance reimbursement system deposited a total of $50,879.78, for the month of February brining the year to date totals to $94, 991.51.

Mrs. Yamakaitis informed all that Phillips 66 donated $100,000.00 to the Linden Fire Department for the installation of an early warning system and railroad upgrade crossing. She explained what the grants would be used for, including making improvements for the establishment of the Quiet Zone. Mrs. Yamakaitis moved to accept the grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. Mrs. Yamakaitis then reported that Phillips 66 also donated $50,000.00 to the Linden Police and Fire Department for the purchase and installation of vehicle mounted computers. She explained the purpose of the computers. She then moved to accept the donation of $50,000.00 from Phillips 66. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sadowski and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Mrs. Yamakaitis announced that the Fire Department will be canvasing the Fifth and Eighth Wards looking for residents who are interested in having smoke detectors installed. The Red Cross will be working with the Fire Department to do the installations.

Mrs. Yamakaitis reported on discussion that she and residents of the Eighth Ward were having regarding the work being done by the gas and water companies in replacing lines. She noted her suggestions to do a punch list, due to the amount of damage the contractors for the gas and water companies is causing. She will be attending a meeting on this matter in the near future. Mrs. Yamakaitis then spoke about trimming of trees, and that it has not been forgotten, and that she will resubmit the list.

Mrs. Yamakaitis reminded all to pick up after their dogs and dispose of the waste properly. She then announced details of the annual Eighth Ward Easter Egg Hunt. She also provided details on the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser that FOLAS would be having at Apple Bees of Linden. She asked all to come out for the event and show their support.

Mrs. Yamakaitis announced that on April 25th she would be hosting a meeting of the group Mom’s Demand Action Against Gun Violence at the JTG Center and provided information on the event. She noted that she was in the process of scheduling a budget presentation for residents of the Eighth Ward in the near future.

**NINTH WARD**

Mr. Medina spoke the problems, in the Ninth Ward, being caused by the contractors replacing lines for the Water and Gas Companies. He reviewed the specific issues, noted how the work sites were being left a mess, and they wouldn’t be doing it in a number of other municipalities. He noted that Mrs. Yamakaitis is aware of his concerns and will make sure they are addressed at the meeting.

Mr. Medina then spoke about his priorities for 2016, and that one of his top ones was to upgrade the intersection of DeWitt and Raritan Road. He explained the problems with the traffic lights at that intersection, and plans for making improvements. Mr. Medina also spoke about the intersection of Summit and Princeton, and that he was attempting to make it a four-stop intersection. He then informed all that he, and Mrs. Hickey, were working on some dates for some community meetings, as well as a meeting where the CFO could present the 2016 Municipal Budget to the residents of the Ninth and Tenth Wards. He also announced a presentation, by the Linden Citizens Association, of the Active Shooters Program.

**TENTH WARD**

Mrs. Hickey spoke about how amazing the Union County St. Patrick’s Day Parade was. She also thanked the FMBA for inviting Council members to their annual dinner. She then spoke about the issue of potholes, and that Public Works is working to repair them. Mrs. Hickey then spoke about street paving and that before finalizing the list of streets, the City is waiting for a list of streets that the gas and water companies would be working on.

Mrs. Hickey announced that she would have a newsletter coming out by mid-April. She urged all, with the nicer weather coming, to slow down a little. She thanked CFO Alexis Zack and Chairman Brown on the great job they did on the budget. She spoke about tree trimming, and that the work is being done, and to be patient. She wished all a happy St. Patrick Day and Easter.

President Alvarez noted that there was no report from the Engineering Committee. He spoke about the upcoming meeting, with the gas and water company, and getting them to fix what they have damaged. Lastly he spoke about Haiti, There is a need, in Haiti, for water, and he several other engineers would be traveling there to work on a project to provide clean water to the residents. He then provided details on a fundraiser he would be hosting, at the promenade park, to raise funds for this mission.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**President Alvarez announced that 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.**

**Mr. Brown moved to remove Resolution #2016-144 from consideration. The motion was second by Mr. Medina and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.**

**Resolutions #2016-135, #2016-136, #2016-141 and #2016- 151 were removed at the request of Ms. Malik.**

**Resolution #2015-141 was removed at the request of Mr. Kaminski.**

**Mr. Brooks moved for approval of Resolutions #2016-131 through #2016-151 with the exception of Resolutions # 2016-135, #2016-136, # 2016-141, #2016-151. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was ordered approved with all in favor with the exception of Hickey who voted no on Resolution #2016-148.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-131**

**RESOLUTION FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR VILLANI BUS COMPANY BY QUOTATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to purchase bus transportation services 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,** Villani Bus Company, 811 E. Linden Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 was solicited for quotations; and

**WHEREAS,** Villani Bus Company provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed $31,915.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to the following:

6-01-28-370-199-271 $17,405.00

T-14-56-850-000-107 14,510.00

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Villani Bus Company be awarded a contract to supply bus transportation services at the low quote of $31,915.00

**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: 2016-132**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** there were certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of February, 2016 which do not appear on the Claims list,

**WHEREAS,** said payment must be ratified by the Governing Body of the City of Linden,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following payments be and hereby are approved:

**CURRENT**

**CK# DATE PAYABLE TO: PURPOSE AMOUNT**

2/2/16 Medco claims 81,901.62

2/2/16 Vision Ser. Plan claims 4,117.66

2/2/16 Worker’s Comp. claims 16,602.72

161260 2/3/16 N.J. Motor Vehicle Service stickers 25.00

161261 2/3/16 Rahway Post Office notices 3,609.10

161262 2/3/16 ETI Management search for PW Director 5,175.00

2/10/16 Workers Comp. claims 11,321.88

2/11/16 County of Union open space 183,244.86

2/11/16 County of Union County taxes 6,363,084.95

2/11/16 Payroll FICA 72,934.94

2/11/16 Payroll payroll 1,760,792.17

2/11/16 State Health active claims 662,710.60

2/11/16 State Health retired claims 565,769.57

2/18/16 Workers Comp. claims 42,314.68

2/19/16 Medco claims 87,964.03

2/24/16 Workers Comp. claims 17,444.66

161496 2/24/16 Joe Braxton REPLACEMENT CK 161234 185.00

161494 2/24/16 PMUA Nov tipping fees 15,846.60

161495 2/24/16 Two Tony’s food storm 261.17

2/26/16 Payroll FICA 60,261.44

2/26/16 Payroll payroll 1,622,835.11

2/29/16 Dental City claims 37,723.67

2/29/16 Dental Sewerage claims 3,142.68

2/29/16 Dental Housing claims 1,347.45

2/29/16 Dental Library claims 816.30

2/29/16 Dental Cobra claims 68.49

**TRUST**

2/11/16 Payroll payroll 131,009.88

2/26/16 Payroll payroll 21,979.86

**GRANT**

2/11/16 Payroll payroll 24,288.31

2/26/16 Payroll payroll 25,666.53

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

2/11/16 Payroll payroll 2,520.00

2/26/16 Payroll payroll 2,520.00

**CAPITAL**

2/11/16 Payroll payroll 57.68

**RESOLUTION: 2016-133**

RESOLUTION COMBINING BONDS AGGREGATING THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF $969,000 AUTHORIZED BY ONE BOND ORDINANCE HERETOFORE ADOPTED TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST OF VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY INTO ONE CONSOLIDATED ISSUE OF BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, MATURITIES AND OTHER DETAILS OF SAID CONSOLIDATED ISSUE.

March 15, 2016

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Linden, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the “City”), has heretofore adopted one ordinance authorizing bonds to finance part of the cost of various general improvements in said City; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to issue bonds pursuant to said ordinances in an aggregate principal amount of $969,000 and it is deemed advisable and in the best interests of the City, for the purpose of the orderly marketing of said bonds and for other financial reasons, to combine the bonds authorized under said one ordinance into one consolidated issue in the aggregate principal amount of $969,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY that:

Section 1. There shall be issued bonds of the City in the following principal amount pursuant to the following bond ordinance:

A. $969,000 bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 48-20)

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF $2,019,000 FOR CLOSURE OF THE LINDEN SANITARY LANDFILL FOR AND BY THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $2,019,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

heretofore finally adopted. The period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 15 years.

Section 2. The bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof are hereby combined into one consolidated issue of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of $969,000 and are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Bonds.” The bonds referred to in Section 1 shall each be designated “General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016” and shall be numbered with the prefix G from one consecutively upward. The bonds of said consolidated issue shall be dated the date of delivery and will be issued in fully registered form.

Upon issuance, the Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner in single denominations for each maturity of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016. Individual purchases of beneficial interests in the Bonds will be made in the denomination of $1,000 each or any integral multiple thereof.

Principal of the Bonds will be paid annually on April 1, in each of the following years and in the following aggregate amounts:

| **Year** | **Principal**  **Amount** |
| --- | --- |
| 2017 | $194,000 |
| 2018 | 194,000 |
| 2019 | 194,000 |
| 2020 | 194,000 |
| 2021 | 193,000 |

The Bonds shall not be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturity dates.

Section 3. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes for which the said General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016 are to be issued, taking into consideration the amount of such General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016 to be issued for said improvements or purposes, is 15 years.

Section 4. The Bonds shall bear interest from their date based on their outstanding principal amount at a rate to be determined as hereinafter set forth in Section 6 of this Resolution, shall be payable as to principal in lawful money of the United States of America at the administration office of the City in Linden, New Jersey, payable semi-annually on the first day of April and October in each year until maturity, commencing on October 1, 2016, by check or draft mailed on such interest payment date to the owners thereof registered as such as of each next preceding March 15 and September 15. Interest on the Bonds shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day calendar months.

Section 5. The Bonds shall be signed by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and the City Chief Financial Officer, by their manual or facsimile signatures, and the corporate seal of the City shall be affixed thereto, or imprinted or reproduced thereon and shall be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the City.

Section 6. The Bonds are hereby sold and awarded to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the price of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. [The Mayor and Clerk are authorized on behalf of the City to execute the said Purchase Agreement by and between the City and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.].

Section 7. The Bonds and the registration provisions endorsed thereon shall be in substantially the following form:

PASSED: March 15, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

President of Council

APPROVED: March 16, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Council President Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

No. 2016 G-\_

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CITY OF LINDEN,

IN THE COUNTY OF UNION

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2016

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| Date of Bond: April \_\_\_, 2016 | Principal Amount: $ |
|  |  |
| Date of Maturity: April 1, 20\_\_ | Registered Owner: |

The CITY OF LINDEN, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, (the “City”) hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the sum specified above as the Principal Amount on the date specified above as the Date of Maturity, upon presentation and surrender of this Bond, and to pay to the registered owner hereof interest on such sum, from the Date of Bond specified above until the Date of Maturity specified above, at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ Hundredths per centum (\_\_\_\_%) per annum payable on October 1, 2016 and thereafter semi-annually on the first day of April and October in each year. Principal of this Bond will be paid in lawful money of the United States of America, at the administration office of the City in Linden, New Jersey. Interest on this Bond will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft mailed on such interest payment date to the registered owner hereof as shown on the books of the City kept for such purpose by the Chief Financial Officer of the City (the “Bond Registrar”) as of the fifteenth day of the month preceding the date on which the payment of interest is to be made.

The Bonds shall not be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturity dates.

This Bond is transferable only upon the books of the Bond Registrar, by the registered owner hereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender hereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the City duly executed by the registered owner or such duly authorized attorney, and thereupon the City shall issue in the name of the transferee a new bond or bonds of the same aggregate principal amount, series, designation, maturity and interest rate as the surrendered bond. The City and any paying agent of the City may treat and consider the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the holder and absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal and interest due hereon and for all other purposes whatsoever.

This Bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds of the City and is issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey, a resolution of the governing body of the City entitled: “Resolution Combining Bonds Aggregating the Principal Sum of $969,000 Authorized by One Bond Ordinance Heretofore Adopted to Finance Part of the Cost of Various General Improvements in the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey Into One Consolidated Issue of Bonds and Providing for the Form, Maturities and Other Details of Said Consolidated Issue,” adopted March 15, 2016 and by virtue of certain bond ordinances referred to therein.

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond according to its terms. This Bond shall not be or be deemed to be a debt or liability of the State of New Jersey or a pledge of the faith and credit of the State of New Jersey.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the issue of bonds of which this is one does not exceed any limitation imposed thereon by said Constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE CITY OF LINDEN has caused this Bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its City Chief Financial Officer, and its corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) to be affixed, imprinted or reproduced hereon, and this Bond and said seal to be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk, and this Bond to be dated the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2016.

ATTEST:

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Joseph Bodek Derek Armstead

City Clerk Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alexis Zack

Chief Financial Officer

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on this bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations (additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the following list):

TEN COM as tenants in common UNIF GIFT MIN ACT

TEN ENT as tenants by the      Custodian

entireties (Cust) (Minor)

JT TEN as joint tenants with under Uniform Gifts

right of survivorship to Minors Act

and not as tenants

in common (State)

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE (FOR COMPUTER RECORD ONLY)

(Please Print or Typewrite Name and Address of Transferee)

the within bond, and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

Attorney, to transfer the within bond on the books kept for the registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated:

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the first page of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

CERTIFICATE AS TO LEGAL OPINION

The undersigned Clerk of the City of Linden, New Jersey hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the original legal opinion of the law firm of Gibbons P.C., Newark, New Jersey as to the validity of the issue of Bonds of which the within bond is one is available for inspection at the Office of the Clerk of the City of Linden, New Jersey and a copy thereof may be obtained by the registered or beneficial owner hereof upon request.

City Clerk

Section 8. The City Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed (a) to cause a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds which is to be rendered by the firm of Gibbons P.C. (complete except for omission of its date) to be printed or referred to on the Bonds, and at the time of the original delivery of payment for the Bonds and when such written opinion is rendered, to cause the City Clerk to certify to the truth and correctness of such copy of opinion by executing on each of said Bonds, by manual or facsimile signature, a certificate subjoined to each such copy, and to file a signed duplicate of such written opinion in such Clerk’s office and at each place at which the Bonds are payable, (b) to cause the applicable CUSIP number (if any) assigned for each of said Bonds by the CUSIP Service Bureau of Standard & Poor’s Ratings Service of New York, New York, to be printed on each of the Bonds, and (c) to cause, in the event that the Bonds shall qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance at the option of the purchaser thereof, such legend or reference (if any) of such insurance to be printed (at the expense of such purchaser) on the Bonds.

Section 9. Upon the date of issue of the Bonds, being the date of delivery of the Bonds to DTC on behalf of the successful bidder and the payment of the purchase price thereof in accordance with the Notice of Sale, the City Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed as of said date of issue, to execute and deliver to said successful bidder (a) an arbitrage certification with respect to the Bonds under and for the purpose of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and (b) an accompanying opinion of Gibbons P.C. as of said date of issue with respect to said arbitrage certification for the purposes of said Section 148.

Section 10. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be applied in the amounts and for the purpose provided in Section 1 hereof, and to pay and fund any bond anticipation notes theretofore issued for such purpose and then outstanding.

Section 11. The Mayor or Deputy Mayor and City Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to execute all documents and certificates necessary for the sale and delivery of said Bonds.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-134**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 496, LOT 3 ON THE CITY TAX MAPS AS ‘AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT’ PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

**WHEREAS,** the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et seq.* (the “**Redevelopment Law**”) authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land located therein constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS,** to determine whether certain parcels of land in the City of Linden (the “**City**”) constitute an area in need of redevelopment, the City’s municipal council (the “**City Council**”), by way of a resolution adopted July 21, 2015, authorized and directed the Planning Board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the property commonly known as Block 496, Lot 3 on the tax map of the City (the “**Study Area**”) meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law for designation as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS,** the aforesaid resolution authorized the Planning Board to investigate the Study Area as a Condemnation Redevelopment Area (as defined in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6(a) of the Redevelopment Law), within which the City may use all of those powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain; and

**WHEREAS,** Ricci Planning (the “**Planning Consultant**”) was engaged to conduct a preliminary investigation and prepare a written report for review by the Planning Board concerning whether the Study Area should be designated an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Planning Board received an investigative report from the Planning Consultant entitled “Redevelopment Study and Preliminary Investigation Report, Block 496, Lot 3” and dated December 21, 2015 (the “**Report**”), concerning the determination of the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 2016, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law at which it reviewed the Report, heard testimony from the Planning Consultant and determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and thereat adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council designate the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria and requirements of the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has determined that, based upon the recommendation of the Planning Board, the Study Area should be designated an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law, with such designation authorizing the City and City Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain.

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

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The recommendations and conclusions of the Planning Board are hereby accepted by the City Council.
3. Based upon the findings and recommendations of the Planning Board, the Study Area is hereby designated an area in need of redevelopment inclusive of the power of eminent domain, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of the Redevelopment Law (the “**Condemnation Redevelopment Area**”).
4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for review pursuant to Section 6(b)(5)(c) of the Redevelopment Law.
5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to serve, within ten (10) days hereof, a copy of this Resolution upon (i) all record owners of property located within the Condemnation Redevelopment Area, as reflected on the tax assessor’s records, and (ii) each person who filed a written objection prior to the hearing held by the Planning Board, service to be in the manner provided by Section 6 of the Redevelopment Law.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED: March 15, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

President of Council

APPROVED: March 16, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Council President Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

I, JOSEPH C. BODEK, City Clerk of the City of Linden, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Linden at a meeting held on March 15, 2016 as the same is taken from and compared with the original now remaining on file and of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of Linden, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , 2016.

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                                                           JOSEPH C. BODEK, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION: 2016-135**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden passed Resolution, No. 2016-79 at the January 19, 2016 Council meeting awarding a contract to Voya Financial Services for retirement planning specialist services for 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, a financial planner was not designated on said resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, an amended resolution is needed for said purpose;

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

1. A change to add Mark Clark as the designated Voya Financial Services financial planner for the City of Linden.
2. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik questioned what Mark Clark did for the City. Mrs. Zack provided an explanation.

**FOR ROLL CALL PLEASE REFER TO RESOLUTION #2016-151.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-136**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A DEED WITH THE CITY OF LINDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden, by deed dated November 30, 2001, recorded June 30, 2005 in the Union County Clerk’s Office in Deed Book 5512, Page 953, was allowed the right to use 1,200 +/- square feet of space in the building for purposes of a Public Library, and the right of the City of Linden Recreation Department to use and control that portion of the building so the City of Linden Board of Education to utilize said premises; and

**WHEREAS,** this deed is to remove that right of use, however, should the City of Linden Board of Education discontinue its use of said premises, or utilize same for a purpose other than an educational or administrative related purpose, the property shall automatically revert back to the City of Linden;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden Mayor and City Clerk, hereby execute said Deed; and

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

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. In response to questions from Ms. Malik, Mr. Antonelli explained what the deed restrictions were and why they were being removed.

**FOR ROLL CALL PLEASE REFER TO RESOLUTION #2016-151.**

**RESOLUTION: 2016-137**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CHARLES E. HECK ASSIST THE TAX ASSESSOR IN THE DEFENCE OF ALL UNION COUNTY TAX BOARD APPEALS FOR 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden has determined that it would be advisable and in the best interests of the City to retain the services of an appraiser/expert witness/consultant for defense of 2016 Union County tax appeals and assist the Tax Assessor; 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**, Charles E. Heck, CTA 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**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to the Account No. 6-01-20-156-117-273;

**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 Charles E. Heck, CTA, 506 Thompson Place, Middletown, New Jersey 07748, appraiser/consultant/expert witness at a fee not to exceed $16,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Charles E. Heck, CTA and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute a contract with Charles E. Heck, CTA to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2016-138**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND RELATIVE TO A PAYMENT FOR A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT**

**WHEREAS,** Vivint Solar, 24 Main Street, Ext. Suite 6 & 7, Sayerville, New Jersey 08872, paid a total amount of $1,910.00 for construction permits on four (4) residential Linden properties; and

**WHEREAS,** Vivint Solar will not need said permits; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C 5:23-4.18(b)2 “When plans have been reviewed and released by the Department or when a plan review is waived by the municipality in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(f)1x, then the enforcing agency construction permit fee shall be reduced by 20 percent from the amount otherwise specified in the municipal enforcing agency fee schedule.”, the City of Linden will retain 20% of the total permit fee as a review fee; and

**WHEREAS,** Vivint Solar is requesting a refund of the $1,528.00; and

**WHEREAS,** due to said circumstances, the City is desirous of refunding the $1,528.00;

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

1. A check in the amount of $1,528.00 is to be refunded to Vivint Solar, 24 Main Street, Ext. Suite 6&7, Sayerville, New Jersey 08872.

2. Said check will be mailed to them at the address noted above.

3. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-139**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO**

**ESTABLISH THE CURRENT FUND**

**OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 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 $81,629,140.38 and

**WHEREAS,** four 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 $27,209,713.46; 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: 2016-140**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO**

**ESTABLISH THE SANITARY LANDFILL**

**UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET**

**FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 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,** four months of the total temporary appropriations for the Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget cannot exceed the sum of $77,533.33; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following temporary appropriations be made in the amount of $77,533.33 and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-141**

**RESOLUTION**

**TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2016**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden desires to introduce the 2016 Temporary Capital budget of said municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden introduces the 2016 Temporary Capital Budget follows:

**Section 1.** The 2016 Temporary Capital Budget of the City of Linden is hereby introduced to read as follows:

**METHOD OF FINANCING**

**Est. Budget Capital Grant Debt**

**Project Costs Approp. Impr. Fund in Aid Authorized**

Wood Avenue Streetscape $990,000.00 $990,000.00 $49,500.00 $940,500.00

4 SUV’s – Police Department $198,000.00 $198,000.00 $9,900.00 $188,100.00

Citywide Vehicles $226,800.00 $226,800.00 $11,340.00 $215,460.00

Dell Laptops & Vehicle Mounts $176,000.00 $176,000.00 $8,800.00 $167,200.00

VDI Upgrade w/10BG NIC Cards $154,000.00 $154,000.00 $7,700.00 $146,300.00

ICOP Wireless Upgrade $88,000.00 $88,000.00 $4,400.00 $83,600.00

Police Dept Exterior Vault, Evidence $77,000.00 $77,000.00 $3,850.00 $73,150.00

Lockers, refridgerated Storage Units

Assessment & Planning Study $55,000.00 $55,000.00 $2,750.00 $52,250.00

for the LPD

HVAC Conversion at Firehouses $44,000.00 $44,000.00 $2,200.00 $41,800.00

(2) Automated Sanitation Trucks $803,000.00 $803,000.00 $40,150.00 $762,850.00

With Plows

95 Gallon Garbage Carts $369,600.00 $369,600.00 $18,480.00 $351,120.00

Asphalt $110,000.00 $110,000.00 $5,500.00 $104,500.00

**Section 2.** The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of these projects for 2016 Capital Budget, to be included in the 2016 Capital Budget as adopted.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Ms. Malik asked questions about the Wood Ave Streetscape project, and the work to be done. Mrs. Zack responded that the City had received grants for this program but had to pay for the work, up front, and get reimbursed for it. Mr. Vircik supplied the details on what the work being done was. They answered additional questions that she had. Mr. Brown spoke about the problems at the intersection of Elizabeth Ave and Wood Ave, and the need to address safety issues there. Ms. Malik asked how many Dell laptops and Vehicle mounts were being purchased. Mr. Brown noted that it was the entire police fleet. Mrs. Zack stated that she would have to look it up. Captain Turbett supplied some additional details. In response to Ms. Malik Captain Turbett explained what an NIC card was and why there being updated. Mrs. Malik then asked about the assessment and planning study for the police department. Captain Turbett explained what the study entailed and that it was being done by an outside consultant. Mr. Brown spoke about the need for someone with a specialized level of expertise to do the study. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling spoke about possibility revisiting the idea of a justice complex, on St. Georges Ave., to be shared with the Boro of Roselle. Mr. Brown commented on what was done on St. Georges Ave.

Mr. Kaminski asked questions about the Wood Ave Streetscape project, and the amount of money obtained through various grants. Mrs. Zack responded to the questions. Mr. Kaminski explained what his concerns were. Mr. Brown provided a response.

**FOR ROLL CALL PLEASE REFER TO RESOLUTION #2015-151.**

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| **CITY OF LINDEN** | | | | |
|  | RESOLUTION: 2016-142 |  |  |  |
| **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER 2015 APPROPRIATIONS** | | | | |
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| **BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, that the following transfers of 2015 appropriations be made in accordance with the provisions of Revised Statute 40A: 4-58. | | | | |
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|  | **CURRENT BUDGET** |  |  |  |
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| From: | Social Security System - Other Expenses |  | $ 100,000.00 |  |
| From: | Business Administrator - Salaries & Wages |  | $ 52,400.00 |  |
| To: | Public Employee Retirement Systems- Other Expenses |  |  | $ 152,400.00 |
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| From: | Business Administrator - Salaries & Wages |  | $ 80,000.00 |  |
| To: | Police & Firemans Retirement Systems - Other Expenses |  |  | $ 80,000.00 |
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**RESOLUTION: 2016-143**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A MUNICIPAL**

**RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION** **FORM WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF** **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY**, **OFFICE OF RECYCLING**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden has adopted an Ordinance providing for the collection of newspapers by the City of Linden on August 17, 1982 and approved August 18, 1982; and

**WHEREAS,** said Ordinance and amendments thereto requiring the recycling of glass containers and aluminum cans have actually been implemented under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works within the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the intent and spirit of the Recycling Act P.L. 1981, c. 278 to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**

**LINDEN** that the Public Works Department of the City of Linden is hereby authorized to apply for a Municipal Recycling Grant as authorized by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, Office of Recycling; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk and authorized personnel from the Public Works Department shall be permitted to sign any documents necessary to implement the application in order to obtain the grant for the year 2015; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the Ordinance providing for the recycling of glass containers, aluminum cans and used newspapers by the City of Linden is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION**: **2016-145**

**RESOLUTION HONORING RAQUELE STRICKLAND**

**DURING WOMAN’S HISTORY MONTH 2016**

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

**Whereas** American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

**Whereas** American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

**Whereas** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**Whereas** despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

**Whereas**, Raquele Strickland, a seventeen (17) year old Linden resident is one such individual, who despite her young age has already established herself as a writer and role model; and

**Whereas**, Raquele is a contributing writer/reporter to Love, GIRLS Magazine, and Just Us Kids and who has interviewed such noted individuals as Soledad O’Brien, Michelle Williams and Kelly Roland of Destiny’s Child; and

**Whereas**, Raquele Strickland is currently an honor student, who is also learning French and Korean; and

**Whereas** the Mayor and City Council wish to recognize the many accomplishments of Raquele Strickland during Women’s History Month, 2016.

**Now Therefore be it Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate Raquele Strickland on her many accomplishments during this early stage of life and recognize her as a woman of achievement during Women’s History Month, 2016.

**Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the Minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden, recognizing in perpetuity the accomplishments of Raquele Strickland and a copy be fittingly presented to her.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-146**

CITY OF LINDEN

**COUNTY OF UNION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PREMIUM MONIES**

**WHEREAS**, a tax sale certificate #11-00029 on block 61, lot 2 was sold on October 22, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, a premium of $ 19,800.00 was paid on this certificate; and

**WHEREAS**, Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector has verified that no redemption has taken place and the lien holder, Sunshine State Certificates, IV aka SSC Real Estate, LLC has foreclosed on February 29, 2016 and recommends said premium, totaling $19,800.00, be canceled and turned over the City Treasurer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that it does hereby authorize the cancellation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector and the City Treasurer.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-147**

**SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the City of Linden has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2016 budget year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Linden that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges

b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures

c. Cash deficit of preceding year

d. Reserve for uncollected taxes

e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items

f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school

purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,

b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth

c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-148**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET**

**AND SETTING THE HEARING ON THE BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-65 et seq. has

established a Special Improvement District (“SID”) by Ordinance 31-63 adopted on October 19, 1993 which created Linden Code Section 27-1 et seq.; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden SID has the responsibility to prepare and submit to the City Council a yearly budget and a report which explains how the budget contributes to the goals and objectives of the Special Improvement District; and,

**WHEREAS,** Linden Code 27-5 establishes a maximum added assessment that shall not exceed a sum of $0.050 of the total assessment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tax Assessor has determined that the total assessment for the Special Improvement District is $195,900.00 in 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Linden Code Section 27-6 the City Council is in receipt

of the 2016 yearly budget and the report which explains how the budget contributes to the goals and objectives of the Special Improvement District, both of which are attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:56-84(f) (2) City Council shall introduce and approve the yearly budget by a Resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:56-84(c) the City Council shall upon approval of the budget, fix the time and place for the holding of a public hearing upon the budget with the notice of the hearing and copy of the budget to be published at least 10 days prior to the date fixed therefore in the official newspaper of the City and not less than 28 days after the approval of the budget.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** that:

1. The 2016 Special Improvement District budget and a report which explains how the budget contributes to goals and objectives for the Special Improvement District are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, and made part hereof. The budget is hereby introduced being read by its title and declares that the conditions set forth in N.J.S.A 40:56-84(f)(1) are satisfied.

2. The hearing on the 2016 Special Improvement District budget shall be on

April 19, 2016 at City of Linden City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 North Wood

Avenue, Linden New Jersey, at 7:00 p.m.

3. The notice of the time and place for the holding of the public hearing upon the

budget and a copy of the budget shall be published in the Local Source on

March 24, 2016. Same was posted in City Hall and made available to any person requesting same.

**RESOLUTION:** **2016-149**

**RESOLUTION HONORING MARY KOSTIUSHKO**

**DURING WOMAN’S HISTORY MONTH 2016**

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

**Whereas** American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

**Whereas** American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

**Whereas** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**Whereas** despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

**Whereas** Mary Kostiushko is one such woman; and

**Whereas,** after the sneak attack by the forces of Japan on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941 plunged the United States into World War II, defense production became the priority of the Country; and

**Whereas,** Grumman Aircraft Corporation contracted with the Eastern Aircraft Division of General Motors to build the Wildcat fighter, which was a carrier based aircraft that was instrumental in winning the war in the Pacific, at the General Motors Facility in Linden; and

**Whereas,** numerous woman stepped forward to serve in the workforce and contribute to the war effort; and

**Whereas,** Mary Kostiushko became a “Rosie the Riveter” at the Linden plant where she worked on the Wildcat folding wing planes from 1944 to 1945; and

**Whereas** the Mayor and City Council wish to recognize the many accomplishments of Mary Kostiushko, during Women’s History Month, 2016.

**Now Therefore be it Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby thank Mary Kostiushko for her contributions to the war effort and recognize her as a woman of achievement during Women’s History Month, 2016.

**Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the Minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden, recognizing in perpetuity the accomplishments of Mary Kostiushko and a copy be fittingly presented to her.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-150**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AMENDING RESOLUTION 2016-87 AND AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE CITY’S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 469, LOT 38.03 SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1, *et seq.***

**WHEREAS,** the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et seq*. (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute areas in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law the city council (the “**City Council**”) of the City of Linden (the “**City**”) must authorize the planning board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to conduct a preliminary investigation of the area and make recommendations to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution 2016-87 authorizing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known on the City tax maps as Block 469, Lots 38.01, 38.02, 38.03, and 38.04 to determine whether such property meets the criteria for an “area in need of redevelopment” under the Redevelopment Law (the “**Prior Resolution**”); and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City that the Prior Resolution be amended to require an investigation solely with respect to the property commonly known on the City tax maps as Block 469, Lot 38.03 (the “**Revised** **Study Area**”), to determine whether the Revised Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Planning Board determines to recommend that the Revised Study Area should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment, pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Redevelopment Law, the City Council requests that the Planning Board also prepare a redevelopment plan for the Revised Study Area and submit same to the Municipal Council for its consideration; and

**WHEREAS,** the redevelopment area determination requested hereunder authorizes the City and City Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, other than the power of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a “**Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area**”).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Prior Resolution is hereby amended and the Planning Board is authorized and directed to conduct an investigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6 to determine whether the Revised Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5 to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment.

Section 3. As part of its investigation, the Planning Board shall prepare a map showing the boundaries of the Revised Study Area and the location of the parcel contained therein, and appended thereto shall be a statement setting forth the basis of the investigation.

Section 4. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, after giving due notice of the proposed boundaries of the Revised Study Area and the date of the hearing to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Revised Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment. The notice of the hearing shall specifically state that the redevelopment area determination shall not authorize the City or City Council to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the delineated area, for the Revised Study Area is being investigated as a possible Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area.

Section 5. At the public hearing, the Planning Board shall hear from all persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Revised Study Area is a redevelopment area.  All objections to a determination that the Revised Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment and evidence in support of those objections shall be received and considered by the Planning Board and made part of the public record.

Section 6. After conducting its investigation, preparing a map of the Revised Study Area, and conducting a public hearing at which all objections to the designation are received and considered, the Planning Board shall make a recommendation to the City Council as to whether the City Council should designate all or some of the Revised Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment.

Section 7. If the Planning Board recommends the Revised Study Area be designated as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, the Planning Board is further directed to prepare a redevelopment plan for the Revised Study Area pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Redevelopment Law. Upon completion of the redevelopment plan, the Planning Board shall transmit the plan to the City Council for its consideration.

Section 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-151**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to appoint Risk Manager for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 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**, Brown & Brown Public Risk Advisors of NJ have submitted a qualification to the City and have qualified for the aforesaid services; and

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

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

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

1. That Brown & Brown Public Risk Advisors of NJ is awarded without competitive bidding as an “Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (m) of the Local Public Contracts Law to provide Risk Manager services.

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

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Mr. Antonelli explained what the role of risk manager was, in response to questions from Ms. Malik.

Mr. Brown moved for approval of Resolutions #2016-135, #2016-136, #2016-141 and #2016-151. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**ORDINANCES – ON HEARING**

President Alvarez announced that public would be permitted on the ordinances on First Read, however the Council does not answer questions or respond to comment.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-14 Bond ordinance authorizing the HVAC conversion at firehouses and appropriating $44,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $41,800.00 in bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-14 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-15 Bond ordinance authorizing the acquisition of Asphalt for the Public Works Department and appropriating $110,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $104,500.00 in bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-15 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-16 Bond ordinance authorizing the acquisition of sport utility vehicles for the Police Department and appropriating $198,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $188,100.00 in bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-16 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sadowski the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-17 Bond ordinance authorizing the implementation of a streetscape project along the Wood Avenue corridor and appropriating $990,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $940,500.00 in bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof**.

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-17 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Beyer the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-18 Bond ordinance authorizing the acquisition of various items of capital equipment for the Public Works Department and appropriating $1,172,600.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $1,113,970.00 in bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-18 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-19 An ordinance to establish a CAP Bank for Calendar Year 2016.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-19 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sadowski the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-20 An ordinance to amend and supplement CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-42 PARKING FINES, 7-42.1 FINES ESTABLISHED SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: Amend various Parking Fine Amounts.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-20 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Beyer the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-21 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter X, Building and Housing. Section 1. Chapter X, Building and Housing, 10-2.1 Sub code Fees, shall be and the same is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:**

**Delete Section 10-2.1.1h (1), Building Sub code Fees, in its entirety:**

**Add Section 10-2.1.1h (1), Building Sub code Fees as follows:**

1. **Plan Review, Twenty Fire (25%) percent of amount charged for new construction permit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5-23-4.18(b)1. Said amount is non-refundable in the event the permit is cancelled for any reason.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-21 was introduced by Mr. Beyer and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Beyer, seconded by Mr. Medina the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-22 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII Traffic, 7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulation, 7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street**

* 1. **Delete: No. of Spaces**
     1. **Maple Avenue 1**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-22 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Medina the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-23 Bond ordinance authorizing the acquisition of various items of technology equipment for the Police Department and appropriating $418,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $397,100.00 in bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-23 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Medina the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-24 Bond ordinance authorizing an assessment and planning study for the improvement of the Police Department Headquarters and appropriating $55,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $52,250.00 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-24 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Medina the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was ordered approved with all voting in favor with the exception of Mrs. Cosby-Hurling who voted no.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-25 Bond ordinance authorizing the acquisition of various items of capital equipment for the Police Department and appropriating $77,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $73,150.00 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-25 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Medina the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-26 Bond ordinance authorizing the acquisition of various vehicles for and by the City of Linden and appropriating $226,800.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $215,460.00 in bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-26 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Brooks the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#60-27 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter IV, General Licensing as follows:**

**4-35 Licensing of Taxi Cabs, Delete Section 4-35.1 Definitions**

**Add Section 4-35.1, Definitions**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Ordinance #60-27 was introduced by Mr. Sadowski and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Edward Kaminski, Maple Avenue. Mr. Kaminski congratulated the Linden High School Boys Basketball team on the title they won. He spoke on how he attended the game, and what impressed him about the Linden kids. He also commented the teams win, tonight, in the Tournament of Champions. Next he spoke about the City website, what he found useful, and made some suggestions on how it could be better utilized. Next he talked about the downtown development and the need to address the issue of parking. He made a few suggestions on how to improve parking on Wood Ave. Mr. Kaminski spoke about the City’s effort to place cameras around town, and asked if the ones placed on Wood Ave, a number of years ago, were still working. He stated that if we spend money on these items we should do so wisely. Next he addressed comments made by Mr. Medina regarding the utility companies doing work in Linden.

Sandra Vazquez, Seymour Avenue. Ms. Vazquez stated that she was the 2016 Linden High Bash Chairperson. She noted the date of the bash, explained what the bash was, and where it would take place. Ms. Vazquez then spoke about the cost, and the need to fundraise to offset the cost. She provided details on some of the fundraising events planned, and asked all to help support the events.

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

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mr. Medina thanked Mr. Kaminski for his comments. He then spoke about his frustrations.

Mr. Strano stated that his no vote on the Personnel Report had nothing to do with the individuals on the report, but with the process. He spoke about the unfair process that took place in the past. He explained some of his concerns with process and the issues he was having.

Mrs. Cosby-Hurling stated that she wasn’t at the meeting last night. She noted that the Personnel Committee consisting of four people had agreed on the report that was read. She then addressed some of the comments by Mr. Strano, and that the process he described was no longer the way it was done. She detailed the current process for hiring seasonal employees, and the problems she had with prior process. The changes opens the process to all and takes the politics out of it. Mrs. Cosby-Hurling then spoke about praying that Pricilla daughter will come safety to her family.

Mr. Brown stated his agreement with Mrs. Yamakaitis and Mr. Strano earlier comment. He further stated that when a person, who was not at a meeting, labels things political it is sad. He noted that some here have reaped the rewards of a political process in obtaining their jobs. He spoke about his reasons for voting the way he did. Next, Mr. Brown spoke about the cameras on Wood Ave, that Mr. Kaminski referred to, and that they are not owned by the City and were put in as part of a study done three years ago. The new cameras that the City is talking about will be used to help deter crime and not for traffic purposes. He also addressed the issue regarding parking that Mr. Kaminski raised about Wood Ave. He also talked about the possible creation of Parking Authority to help address these issues.

Mrs. Hickey responded to some of the comments made by Mr. Strano and Mrs. Cosby-Hurling earlier. She noted that there were problems on both sides. She explained her reasons for voting yes, and that a policy needs to be put together, before the next meeting to address this. She spoke about the comments made by other councilmembers.

Mr. Brooks stated that he votes his conscious and reserves the right to change his mind at any time, and it is not due to any outside influence. He noted that all council member have exactly the same right.

President Alvarez also spoke on the issue.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Alvarez announced the following Council Meetings:

\*Council Conference meeting:

Monday, April 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting:

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the governing body Mr. Sadowski moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and was ordered approved by a roll call vote by all voting in favor with the exception of Mr. Brown who abstained. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk