**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**JANUARY 3, 2017**

**Meeting called to order by President of Council Jorge Alvarez, who announces that the notice of this meeting stating the date, place and time has been disseminated as required under the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.**

**PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE**

**SWEARING IN OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE 2017 COUNCIL**

**President of Council Jorge Alvarez announces the Members of Council, who were elected in the November 8, 2016 General Election have subscribed to their Oaths of Office prior to January 1, 2017, but, for the benefit of the public in attendance, the Officials will repeat the process.**

**The Oath of Office will be administered to the following elected and re-elected officials:**

**COUNCILMAN OF THE SECOND WARD, Barry E. Javick – Will be sworn-in by Judge William A. Daniel. Holding the Bible will be his fiancée Debora Azevedo.**

**COUNCILMAN OF THE THIRD WARD, Peter Brown – Will be sworn-in by Mayor Derek Armstead. Holding the Bible will be Katarzyna Kozak. Will his father, Peter Brown, Jr. and his children Peter Alexander Brown III, Andrew Constantine Brown and Arabella Maria Brown, please come up to the podium.**

**COUNCILWOMAN OF THE FIFTH WARD, Rhashonna Cosby-Hurling – Will be sworn-in by Judge Carl L. Marshall. Holding the Bible will be her sister, Mrs. Kim Cosby Thomas. Will the family members in attendance please come up to the podium.**

**COUNCILMAN OF THE SEVENTH WARD, Ralph Strano – Will be sworn-in by City Clerk Joseph C. Bodek. Holding the Bible will be his wife, Marybeth Strano. Will the family members in attendance please come up to the podium.**

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION**

**ROLL CALL**

**MAYOR’S ANNUAL MESSAGE**

**PRESENTATION’S AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEMPORE**

**Administration of the Oath of Office to the President of Council Pro Tempore.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(There are no consent items)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**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.**

**2017-1 Resolution designating the official newspapers for the City of Linden for the year 2017.**

**2017-2 Resolution fixing the rate of interest to be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments. (8% per annum on the first $1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in the excess of $1,500.00 shall be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments to be calculated from the date the taxes or assessments were payable until the date of the actual payment, and an additional penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of delinquency in excess $10,000.00 on any delinquent balance remaining at the end of the calendar year. No interest shall be charged if payment of any installment of taxes is made within 10 days after the date upon which the same became due.**

**2017-3 Resolution appointing Anthony Palumbo, Esq. to serve as Chief Municipal Public Defender for a one year term commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.**

**2017-4 Resolution appointing Michael S. Simitz, Esq. to serve as Municipal Public Defender for a one year term commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.**

**2017-5 Resolution designating Assistant Municipal Attorney Mohamed Jalloh, Esq. as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for a one year term for the year 2017.**

**2017-6 Resolution designating Assistant Municipal Attorney Nicholas P. Scutari, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor for a one year term for the year 2017.**

**2017-7 Resolution to amend the current fund operating budget for the period of January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. Three months of the total appropriations in the 2016 Current Operating Budget in the sum of $24,538,410.84.**

**2017-8 Resolution to establish the Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget for the period of January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. Three months of the total appropriations in the 2016 Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget in the sum of $66,675.00.**

**2017-9 Resolution appointing the members of the standing committees of the City Council.**

**2017-10 Resolution establishing Ad Hoc Committees of the Council and appointing their members.**

**2017-11 Resolution establishing a cash management plan for the City of Linden, including designation of depositories, authorization to sign checks and warrants, invest cash funds, transfer funds electronically, authorize suitable investments, and list of reports to be prepared by the Treasurer each month.**

**2017-12 Resolution providing for the permanent debt service requirements of the City of Linden for the coming fiscal year and making appropriations to cover the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, inclusive:**

**DEBT SERVICE-CITY OF LINDEN BUDGET**

Payment of Bonds $3,000,000.00

Interest on Bonds $1,200,000.00

Interest on Notes $425,000.00

Payment of BANS $350,000.00

**DEBT SERVICE-GREEN TRUST LOAN PROGRAM**

Payment of Principal & Interest $100,000.00

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

Payment of Principal & Interest $1,325,000.00

**DEBT SERVICE-UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT**

1998 Lease (Airport) $200,000.00

2010 Lease (Airport) $1,155,000.00

2003 Lease (P.A.L.) $135,000.00

2004 Lease (Wood Avenue) $250,000.00

Morningstar $455,000.00

2007 Lease Library Supplemental $385,000.00

Refunding Services 2016 $2,300,000.00

**2017-13 Resolution approving a contract with Edmunds and Associates, Inc., to provide maintenance and technical support for the City of Linden’s Financial Accounting and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, at a fee not to exceed $27,550.00**

**2017-14 Resolution engaging Greener By Design, LLC to assist the City with Redevelopment Specialist Services for a one year contract beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 at a total fee not to exceed $84,000.00, payable in twelve monthly installments. (The City will be reimbursed these cost through a redevelopment escrow)**

**2017-15 Resolution authorizing the Municipal Treasurer to invest and re-invest funds for the City of Linden.**

**2017-16 Resolution engaging Muller Bohlin Associates, Inc. to assist the City of Linden in identifying State, Federal & Local Funding sources and to render technical advice, program management, and assistance with respect to identifying funding programs that are responsive to the needs of the City for a one year contract beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 at a total fee not to exceed $110,000.00. (Paid from the grant administrative fee)**

**2017-17 Resolution approving the execution of a Contract with NW Financial Group, Inc., as the financial and investment advisors to the City of Linden on every transaction the City enters into relating to the City’s financial profile and debt issues in an amount not to exceed $35,000.00.**

**2017-18 Resolution authorizing a Petty Cash fund in the following Departments: Police Department, in an amount not to exceed $200.00 and authorizing Chief Jonathan Parham to have custody of the fund; Fire Department in an amount not to exceed $100.00 and authorizing Fire Chief Joseph Dooley to have custody of the fund; OEM in an amount not to exceed $100.00 and authorizing OEM Coordinator David Hart to have custody of the fund; Division of Public Property in an amount not to exceed $200.00 and authorizing Alfred MacDonald to have custody of the fund; Division of Public Works in an amount not to exceed $100.00 and authorizing General Supervisor John Venditto to have custody of the fund; and Division of Purchasing in an amount not to exceed $100.00; authorizing Annmarie Whelan to have custody of the fund.**

**2017-19 Resolution to establish a debt service for the Sanitary Landfill:**

**Debt Service – City of Linden – Dedicated Landfill Budget**

**Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes $105,000.00**

**Interest on Notes 20,000.00**

**2017-20 Resolution of the City of Linden to authorize participation in the State Health Benefits Plan for the period of January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. Health Insurance Premiums not to exceed $4,992,061.00 for that period.**

**2017-21 Resolution approving the execution of a Professional Service Agreement with Suplee, Clooney & Company as auditors for the year 2017 at a fee not to exceed $88,975.00**

**2017-22 Resolution awarding a contract to Associated Humane Societies, Inc. for animal control services for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed $120,000.00.**

**2017-23 Resolution authorizing a change in the Custodian of the Petty Cash fund for the Office of Emergency Management to Dave Hart.**

**2017-24 Resolution appointing Gibbons, P.C. a professional services contract for Bond Counsel.**

**2017-25 Resolution referring to the Planning Board, for review and comment, certain amendments to the redevelopment plan for the St. Georges Avenue Redevelopment Area – Phase II.**

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

**#61-1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ST. GEORGES AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA – PHASE II.**