**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**JULY 18, 2017**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The Regular Meeting**

**Minutes of June 20, 2017**

**PRESENTATION**

**2017 CITY OF LINDEN BUDGET HEARING**

**ORDINANCE ON HEARING**

#61-43 Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of $100,000 for citywide curb and sidewalk reconstruction for and by the City of Linden and authorizing the issuance of $95,000. Bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

#61-44 Bond ordinance authorizing the resurfacing of city owned parking lot at train station, appropriating $100,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $95,000.00 Bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

#61-45 An ordinance to create a new chapter entitled “City of Linden Municipal Port Authority” by the City Council of the City of Linden.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(\*\*\*) Tax Collector:**

1. The amount of money collected during the month of June 2017 and turned over to the Treasurer’s office as follows:

2017 Taxes $1,381,113.53

2016 Taxes $536,510.36

Garbage Fee Payments $135,280.80

Garbage Fee Penalty $8,735.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $1,690.10

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $0.00

Year End Penalty $8,706.23

Returned Check Fee Paid $0.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $0.00

Returned Check 2017 ($10,977.16)

Returned Check Interest ($168.25)

Returned Online Payment 2017 Taxes ($0.00)

Returned Online Interest (0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($720.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($20.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $54,755.26

Premium $1,468,800.00

Sewer Clean out charge $2,600.00

DPW Reso payments $710.00

Interest $95,796.49

Total $3,682,812.36

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2017 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

4 9 6/13/17 16-00002 $1,700.00

103 12 6/21/17 16-00075 $1,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,800.00 payable to: Actlien Holding, US Bank Cust, Actlien Holding, Tower DBW VI 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

7 11 6/19/17 16-00004 $400.00

7 17 6/19/17 16-00005 $800.00

34 3 6/15/17 16-00024 $800.00

53 2 6/12/17 16-00038 $1,200.00

142 8 6/13/17 16-00110 $800.00

152 13 6/12/17 16-00124 $800.00

174 3 6/30/17 16-00138 $800.00

191 10 6/27/17 16-00149 $1,100.00

215 49 6/19/17 15-00151 $200.00

277 7 6/19/17 16-00196 $1,100.00

303 13 6/30/17 16-00213 $800.00

533 8.02 6/15/17 16-00332 $100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $8,900.00 payable to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC., 575 Route #-7, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 103, Brick, NJ 08723, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 & 2017 tax sale on the following

block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

10 15 6/28/17 15-00006 $900.00

24 8 6/19/17 16-00016 $21,200.00

63 4 6/26/17 16-00050 $700.00

118 6 6/13/17 16-00088 $100.00

125 8 6/19/17 16-00095 $1,000.00

507 2 6/19/17 15-00292 $7,400.00

537 19 6/28/17 16-00336 $100.00

557 5 6/13/17 16-00351 $100.00

567 10 6/19/17 16-00362 $100.00

582 25 6/29/17 16-00367 $100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $31,700.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC6, LLC Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

24 2 6/30/17 16-00015 $15,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $15,200.00 payable to: TWR as CST for Ebury Fund 2 NJ, LLC, P.O. Box 54908, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium**

43 5 6/27/17 15-00024 $1,000.00

402 23 6/15/17 15-00236 $1,300.00

474 8 6/13/17 15-00271 $1,000.00

582 27 6/19/17 15-00346 $1,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,800.00 payable to: MTAG Cust Fig Cap Invest NJ, 13, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2017 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

69 20 6/26/17 16-00055 $32,200.00

501 8 6/13/17 16-00321 $10,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $42,500.00 payable to: Tower DBW VII Trust 2017-1, 500 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

76 4 6/12/17 16-00062 $1,400.00

253 6 6/29/17 16-00189 $1,400.00

292 10 6/19/17 16-00206 $1,400.00

293 5 6/12/17 16-00207 $1,400.00

479 18 7/5/17 16-00309 $1,400.00

528 7 6/19/17 16-00328 $1,100.00

537 3 6/30/17 16-00333 $1,400.00

554 11 6/13/17 16-00349 $1,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $10,600.00 payable to: FWDSL & Associates, LP, Attention: Jared Cucci, 17 W. Cliff Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

128 13 6/28/17 16-00098 $16,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $16,400.00 payable to: KCC Promised Lands, LLC, 2560 Route 22 East, # 175, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

143 12 6/30/17 16-00112 $11,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $11,400.00 payable to: MTAG Cust for Empire VIII NJ Portfolio, P.O. Box 2208, Hicksville, NY 11802, charging same to account #7-01-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

175 5 6/21/17 14-00144 $1,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,200.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC5 Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

182 5 6/30/17 15-00122 $13,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $13,300.00 payable to: **CFT Services, LLC, Cust for Phoenix Funding, Inc**, 917 Mountain Avenue, Suite #-1A, Mountainside, NJ 07092 charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

230 5 7/5/17 14-00189 $1,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,900.00, payable to: TTLBL, LLC, Attention: John Lemkey, 4747 Executive Drive, Suite 1, San Diego, CA 92121 charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

482 3 6/28/17 16-00313 $8,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $8,300.00 payable to FNA DZ, LLC FBO WSFS, 2400 Ogden Avenue, Suite #-120, Lisle, IL 60532, charging same to account #-7-01-55-276-999-956.

**Credit Balance** Block 222 Lot 7

Old Owner: Mohammed Alhaj

New Owner: Marcian Debas- M. Leticia

57 Furber Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by the old owners’ mortgage company and the Abstract Company on the 2017 1st quarter. The overpayment amount is $2,308.58.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,308.58 payable to: Heritage Abstract Company, 350 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Suite #-A1003, Morristown, NJ 07960, charging same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit Balance** Block 381 Lot 18 1015 W. Curtis Street

After reviewing a lien account, it was found a lien was sold void abinitio on the above property at the 2017 tax sale, and just being notified. As advised by legal council, this certificate has to be cancelled and the monies must be refunded to the outside lien holder.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $130.00, charging same to account #7-01-08-607-011 and $91.10 charging account # 7-01-55-288-999-904 made payable to: G.Kavita and or Ghansham N. Chainani, 3 Mershon Lane, Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

**Credit Balance** Block 396 Lot 3

Old Owner: J-R-F Vitello- B. Vitello L/E

New Owner: Konstantin & Marina Kalugin

1403 Kent Place

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by the title agency on the 2017 2nd quarter prior to the Homestead Benefit being applied by the State of New Jersey. The overpayment amount is $664.40.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $664.40 payable to: Suburban Title Examiners, Inc, 2253 South Avenue, Suite #-7, P. O. Box 07076, charging same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 422 Lot 5

111 Lindegar Street

After reviewing a lien account, a Sewer clean out charge was billed in error, and the lien holder has paid the 2017 charge in error. I am requesting that the amount of $101.96 be refunded to the lien holder.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the total amount of $101.96 charging to account #- 7-01-08-641-011 for $100.00 principal and # 7-01-08-606-011 for interest of $1.96 payable to: US Bank Cust BV002 Trst & Crdtrs, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA.

**Credit Balance** Block 465 Lot 11

Alba N. Salcedo

209 W. Morris Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lots due to the owner’s mortgage company and the owner paying the 2017 2nd quarter property taxed creating the overpayment in the amount of $267.57.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $267.57 payable to: Alba N. Salcedo, 209 W. Morris Avenue, Linden NJ 07036, charging same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit Balance** Block 469 Lot 14

Christina Wojton

202 S. Stile Street

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lots due to the owner’s mortgage company and the owner’s Title agency paying the 2014 2nd quarter property taxes creating the overpayment in the amount of $2,501.60.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,501.60 payable to: Christina Wojton, 22 Katheryn Street, Clark, NJ 07066, charging same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit Balance** Block 556 Lot 11

Old Owner: Paul Santiago & Agata Pena

New Owner: Juan Alvarez

1602 Winans Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by the old owners’ mortgage company and the title agency on the 2017 2nd quarter. The overpayment amount is $1,572.76.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,572.76 payable to: First Integrity Title Agency, LCC, 27 Mechanic Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701 , charging same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**Credit Balance** Block 575 Lot 11

Carmen Pueyo

215 Buchanan Street

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lots due to the owner’s mortgage company and the owner paying the 2014 3rd quarter property taxes creating the overpayment in the amount of $1,332.38.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,332.38 payable to: Carmen Pueyo, 215 Buchanan Street, Linden NJ 07036, charging same to account #-7-01-55-288-999-904.

**(\*\*\*) Municipal Treasurer:**

1. Advising that the following City Employees have filed for retirement:

**Department Employee Title Date**

Construction Code Louis Milonas Electrical Sub-Code Official August 1, 2017

Fire Department Matthew O’Halloran Firefighter August 1, 2017

**(\*\*\*) LINDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

1. Requesting approval of the following tax payments to the Board of Education:

July 2017 $7,697,378.75 January 2018 $7,697,378.75

August 2017 $7,697,378.75 February 2018 $7,697,378.75

September 2017 $7,697,378.75 March 2018 $7,697,378.75

October 2017 $7,697,378.75 April 2018 $7,697,378.75

November 2017 $7,697,378.75 May 2018 $7,697,378.75

December 2017 $7,697,378.75 June 2018 $7,697,378.75

**Total from July 2017 to June 2018 $92,368,545.00**

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK**

1. Requesting approval of the following bingo/raffle applications which have been submitted to the City Clerk’s Office

**Application # Organization Raffle Fees**

RA-1611 Mongil Corporation 50/50 $20.00

RA-1612 Mongil Corporation Casino Night $100.00

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

1. Requesting approval of the following refunds:
   1. Esneda Moren is entitled to a refund in the amount of $690.00 for service that was provided on 6/23/2016. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Esneda Moreno, 312 Ashton Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account 7-01-08-629-011.
   2. UHC Atlanta is entitled to a refund in the amount of $325.55 for service that was provided on 1/21/2017. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: UHC Atlanta, PO Box 740800, Atlanta, GA 30374 charging same to 7-01-08-629-011.

**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.**

* 1. A resolution approving the moving of a bus stop, along Wood Avenue, Southbound, between Wood Place and Edgar Road.
  2. A resolution approving the introduction of the calendar year 2017 Special Improvement District budget, in the amount of $195,700.00 and setting the hearing on the budget for August 15, 2017.
  3. A resolution qualifying certain professionals as special counsel for aviation matters.
  4. A resolution establishing the current fund operating budget for the period of January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 in the sum of $56,882,061.56.
  5. A resolution establishing the Sanitary Landfill utility operating budget for the period of January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 in the sum of $167,500.00.
  6. A resolution approving the award of a contract to Sanitation Truck Corp. for the purchase of containers for the collection of solid waste material at their bid of $289,250.00.
  7. A resolution certifying certain payments, made by the Municipal Treasurer, during the month of June 2017, which do not appear on the claims list.
  8. A resolution urging the State Legislature to extend the 2% CAP on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract awards.
  9. A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with the County of Union to modify the Cooperative agreement dated June 18, 2014 (Community Development and Housing assistance activities).
  10. A resolution approving a contract with the Linden Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and the City of Linden in an amount not to exceed $55,000.00 commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.
  11. A resolution approving the award of a contract to Mark Paving Co., Inc. for resurfacing of certain streets, in the City of Linden, at a fee not to exceed $316,962.93 in accordance with their bid dated July 6, 2017.
  12. A resolution amending the contract with Appraisal Consultants Corp. for real estate appraisal services for tax appeals for 2017 by providing an additional sum of $25,000.00. Inclusive of this amount the total contract is $45,000.00.
  13. A resolution authorizing an amendment to the contract with Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. for resurfacing of Dr. King Park by providing an additional sum of $4,672.50. Inclusive of this amount the total contract is $58,020.00.
  14. A resolution approving the installation agreement for Generator Adaptor Controller Cabinets at various intersections in the City of Linden with the State of New Jersey with the City contributing $15,525.00 towards the total estimated cost of $62,100.00.
  15. A resolution appointing Monique Torre a member of the Board of Health, to fill an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2019 and until her successor is appointed and qualifies.
  16. A resolution appointing Cynthia Weaver as a member of the Linden District Management Corporation (SID) to a three year term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualifies.
  17. A resolution urging state and federal legislators to aggressively pursue funding for the Gateway Program.
  18. A resolution authorizing a pre-litigation settlement, in the amount of $7,250.00, with the NJDEP in the matter entitled the City of Linden, 1901 Lower Road.
  19. A resolution rescinding resolution #2017-136, the cancelation of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00105 premium monies.
  20. A resolution authorizing an award of contract for software required for the renewal and maintenance of time clocks and attendance equipment with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. in the amount of $54,250.00 for a one year period commencing July 1, 2017 through June 1, 2018.
  21. A resolution declaring certain items surplus, scrap and authoring their sale or disposition in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 (Computer, telephonic, and computer related equipment).
  22. A resolution awarding a contract for a security system, under the Union Co-op Pricing System, for police headquarters to Maffey’s Lock and Safe, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $35,000.00.
  23. A resolution approving the award of a contract to Eastern Datacomm for an Audit to initiate a Lockdown Emergency Notification solution for the City of Linden at no cost to the City.
  24. A resolution engaging Sockler Realty Group at a fee not to exceed $2,100.00 to conduct an appraisal and authorizing the Mayor to commence negotiations with the property owner for Block 238, Lot 34 more commonly known as 1300 Orchard Terrace.
  25. A resolution authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the NJ office of Homeland Security, Division of Fire safety with the Department of Community Affairs, NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Urban Area Security Initiative and the City of Linden Fire Department to participate in the UASI Decontamination Task Force.
  26. A resolution appointing Thomas Callahan as a member of the Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a three year term commencing June 5, 2017 and expiring June 4, 2020 and until his successor is appointed and qualifies.
  27. A resolution awarding a contract to P.R. Strategies for public relations services in an amount not to exceed $15,000.00.
  28. A resolution to amend the 2017 Capital Budget

**PROJECT Est. Budget Capital Grants General Bonds**

**Cost Approp. Imp. Fund in Aid Bonds**

**Train Station $1,000,000.00 $1,000,000.00 $41,396.00 $958,604.00**

**Improvements**

**N. Bound &**

**S. Bound**

* 1. A resolution designating the property commonly known as Block 581, Lot 11.05 on the City Tax Maps as an “Area in need of Redevelopment” (without Condemnation) pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S. A. 40A:12A-I et seq.

**ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION**

#61-46 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic.

7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulations

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking on-street

Name of Street Spaces

**ADD:**

608 Roselle Street 1

1. Winans Avenue 1

#61-47 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, passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999 and as amended and supplemented.

#61-48 A bond ordinance authorizing various capital improvements at the Linden Train Station, and appropriating $1,000,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $950,000. Bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

#61-49 An ordinance amending Chapter 2-15 entitled “Division of Personnel Services.” (Moves the Division of Personnel Services supervision from the City Treasurer to the City Clerk).