**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2018 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**April 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the 2018 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm., prevailing time.

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

The Clerk rendered the opening prayer, after which the members of the Governing Body and the persons in attendance saluted the flag.

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

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

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

A roll call showed the following members were present:

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Lisa Ormon

Councilman Barry Javick

Councilman Peter Brown

Councilman Alfred Mohammed

Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby

Councilman John F. Roman

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Strano moved for the approval of the Regular Minutes of March, 20, 2018 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was ordered approved with all in favor with the exception of Mr. Brown who abstained.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**2018 City of Linden Budget Hearing**

Chief Finance Officer Alexis Zack, and Mayor Armstead gave a presentation explaining the 2018 budget to those in attendance. The Mayor went into detail regarding the various redevelopment projects, and what they mean to Linden. At the conclusion of the presentation, Council President Jorge Alvarez opened the floor for discussion.

President Alvarez announced that the public hearing on the 2018 budget was now open, and asked for public comment.

Mr. Brown spoke and thanked all for their help with the budget. He talked about the positives in this budget and singled out a number of individuals and thanked them not only for the work on the budget, but the City’s fiscal affairs all year long.

Mrs. Hickey spoke about her concerns with this budget, explaining why. She talked about the lack of reoccurring revenue, and made a statement on the budget, detailing her views. She read a statement that she had prepared regarding the budget, stating that the budget should not be confused with good management.

Mr. Roman talked about wanting to make sure the Council did the right thing with the budget. He noted that he felt that for a lot of years there was miss-management, but he is glad to see it all coming together, and criticized one time revenue uses to reduce the taxes.

Mr. Brown noted that he was upset about the criticism alleging fiscal miss-management. He pointed out what the various financial rating agencies had to say about the City and its finances, all positive. He also noted that he has consistently asked for recommendations, from members of Council, regarding the budget and none were put forward.

Mrs. Hickey stated that she wasn’t being miss-led, and felt that the presentation was miss-leading to the residents. She noted the calls for the hiring of more police and firemen and her support of our public safety agencies.

Mrs. Ormon talked about being a life-long resident of Linden and how she saved to buy her first home. When you are saving every little bit helps. The $12.00 reduction in the municipal tax rate is not a lot, but it is a saving.

Mr. Mohammed stated that for a while he thought that he was at Fox News. We should be celebrating the lowering of our municipal taxes. He then talked about playing politics here, and that the Council should respect each other. He concluded by calling upon the Board of Education and County of Union to hold the line on their taxes, so that the City residents would benefit.

President Alvarez apologized for what went on here tonight and stated that he was not a politician, just a regular guy. He labeled the budget, being adopted, not fiscally responsible.

Mayor Armstead noted that the City’s financial professionals were present, and asked Warren Korecky of Supplee Clooney Company (Auditor) to come to the Microphone and answer some questions regarding the budget. In response to questions, from the Mayor, Mr. Korecky spoke about the budget being fiscally responsible with stable revenues. He declined to answer other questions, deferring that they were policy decisions to be made by the governing body. He spoke about the use of surplus.

Ms. Cosby moved to close the budget hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

The introduced budget represents a total of $109,130,559.75 in expenditures for the year 2018 which is a decrease of $26,033.58 from the 2017 introduced budget. I am pleased to announce this budget represents a yearly decrease of $12.77 on your municipal portion of your tax bill based on an average assessed home of $131,756.

The City of Linden is focused on providing our residents with a variety of city services and quality of life improvements. The City Council worked very hard in the budget process to keep the municipal portion of your property taxes from suffering from any drastic tax increases. The City of Linden recognizes taxpayers need tax relief and the City administrators have worked very hard to deliver a slight decrease on the municipal portion of your tax bill.

In addition, the Council recognizes the need for increased Public Safety and in this budget it covers an increase of twenty one Police Officers and an additional eight Firefighters.

I would like to thank all the members of the governing body for their assistance and recommendations on the 2018 budget. I would like to especially thank every Department Head for their dedication and diligence in preparing their 2018 municipal budgets.

Mr. Javick moved for approval of the 2018 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

President Alvarez announced that he was just informed that the former First Lady Barbara Bush passed away. He asked for a moment of silence.

**Shade Tree Commission**

**Tree City USA**

**President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead to come forward and received, from the members of the Shade Tree Commission, the recognition naming the City of Linden as a Tree City USA. Jeff Tandul, President of the Commission explained the qualifications to become a Tree City USA, and thanked several individuals for their assistance. He spoke about items of concern for the Commission. Mayor Armstead thanked Mr. Tandul, and the rest of the members of the commission for all of the hard work that they do.**

**Police Department**

**National Public Safety Telecommunication Week**

Mayor Armstead spoke about the outstanding job being done by dispatchers in the 911 center. He noted what a critical part of police work they are, and how hard working and dedicated they are. He then read the resolution for 911, honoring the dispatches. The Mayor thanked each one, individually, and presented each with a copy of the resolution.

Chief Hart noted the hard work being done by the dispatches and what a great group of men and woman they are.

**Women’s History Month**

**Pamela Jones**

Mayor Armstead spoke about the kind of individual she is, her dedication to Linden, including the creation of the Linden First Program, and how she gives it a 500% effort. He read the resolution honoring Pastor Jones and presented her with a copy of it.

Ms. Jones spoke about the need for people with great minds to accomplish building our town up. She spoke about her sense of accomplishment on being recognized tonight. She thanked the Mayor, Council and structure of Linden for their support, and concluded by speaking of Linden as a city with a bright future because of the Mayor and Council.

**Soehl Middle School**

**Isabella Scocozza**

**21st Century Program**

Mrs. Ormon introduced Ms. Scocozza and spoke about the outstanding person she is. Ms. Ormon thanked Ms. Scocozza for what she does, and how well she does it for the children of Linden, and with love. She concluded by explaining what the Century 21 center is and how it is funded.

**Mayor Derek Armstead**

**MAYOR OF THE YEAR**

**GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

President Alvarez called upon Mrs. Ormon and Mrs. Yamakaitis to make a presentation to the Mayor. Mrs. Ormon noted that it was an honor and a pleasure to make this presentation. She explained that last Thursday Mayor Armstead was named Mayor of the Year by the Gateway Chamber of Commerce. He was selected from the twenty-one (21) Mayors of Union County. She talked about what it takes to receive this recognition from the Chamber. Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about how prestigious it was to receive this award, as the Mayor was chosen by Mayors of the other towns located in Union County. She then read the resolution honoring the Mayor.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the honor bestowed on him, with his selection as Mayor of the Year, by the Gateway Chamber of Commerce, the largest Chamber in the State of New Jersey.

**ORDINANCE ON HEARING**

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#62-19** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

That Chapter VII, Traffic, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows”

7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS

7-33.1 Handicapped Parking On-Street

*Name of Street Spaces No. of Location*

DELETE:

308 Kennedy Drive 1 On the northwesterly side of Kennedy Drive, 445 feet

More or less easterly from the projection of the northeasterly line of South Stiles Street for a length of 22 feet.

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. Hickey moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina 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:

**#62-20** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter X, Building and Housing, 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.

Section 1. That Chapter X, Building and Housing, Article I, State Uniform Construction Code, shall be and the same is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Chapter X, Building and Housing

10-2 Fees

10-2.1 Subcode Fees is hereby amended to read as follows:

10-2.1.1 As per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17(a) fees may be rounded to the nearest dollar amount.

(CHANGES CERTAIN FEES)

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, Ms. Cosby moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina 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:

**#62-21** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised general ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

DELETE SECTION 7-12.2 TIME LIMITED METER PARKING in its entirety:

ADD SECTION 7-12.2 TIME LIMITED METER PARKING:

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. Javick moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon 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:

**#62-22** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter IV, General Licensing, 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.

DELETE SECTION 4-35.25 TAXICAB STANDS – DESIGNATION, ESTABLISHMENT AND USE in its entirety.

ADD NEW 4-35.25 TAXICAB STANDS – DESIGNATION ESTABLISHMENT AND USE.

(PROHIBITS OVERNIGHT PARKING OF TAXIS ON STREETS)

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. Hickey moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be continued to the May 15, 2018 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and on a roll call vote was ordered approved with all voting in favor with the exception of Ms. Cosby and Mr. Strano who both abstained.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#62-23** An ordinance providing an appropriation of $508,700 for the acquisition of a City wide camera system for the Policed Department and authorizing the issuance of $483,265 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

Mr. Javick moved to remove Ordinance #62-23 from further consideration. The motion was seconded by

Ms. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**#62-24** An ordinance providing an appropriation of $243,100 for the acquisition of an ambulance for the Fire Department and authorizing the issuance of $230,945 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

Mrs. Hickey moved to remove Ordinance #62-24 from further consideration. The motion was seconded by

Mr. Javick and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

1. The amount of money collected during the month of March 2018 and turned over to the treasurer’s office is as follows:

2018 Taxes $1,570,570.10

2017 Taxes $349,192.56

2016 Taxes $0.00

Garbage Fee Payments $21,911.32

Garbage Fee Penalty $1,685.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $790,145.01

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $0.00

Year End Penalty $47,911.46

Returned Check Fee Paid $76.90

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $20.00

Returned Sewer Clean out ($0.00)

Returned Sewer Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check 2018 ($3,689.84)

Returned Check 2017 ($0.00)

Returned Check Interest ($26.76)

Returned Online Payment 2017 Taxes ($0.00)

Returned Online Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $0.00

State Audit Payment $0.00

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $2,045.17

DPW Reso payments $2,782.78

Interest $245,837.08

Total $3,028,460.78

**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**

56 13 3/20/18 16-00041 $1,100.00

159 1 4/5/18 16-00132 $19,100.00

175 2 3/14/18 16-00140 $1,600.00

200 52 3/14/18 16-00159 $1,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $23,700.00 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 #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

137 13 3/29/18 16-00106 $1,600.00

154 14 3/20/18 16-00128 $1,500.00

209 8 3/29/18 16-00168 $15,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $18,600.00 payable to: FWDSL & Associates, LP, Attention: Jared Cucci, 17 W. Cliff Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**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**

208 22 3/29/18 16-00166 $400.00

417 20 3/14/18 16-00271 $800.00

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 Trystone Capital Assets, LLC., 575 Route #-70, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723, charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**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**

391 29 3/28/18 16-00258 $1,000.00

400 12 3/14/18 15-00234 $6,200.00

457 16 3/28/18 16-00287 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $8,200.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC6, LLC Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**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**

491 12 3/28/18 16-00319 $32,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $32,900.00 payable to: Tower DBW VII Trust 2017-1, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-8-01-55-276-999-956.

**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**

569 18 3/27/18 14-00361 $43,800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $43,800.00 payable to: PFS Financial 1, LLC US Bank Custodian, 50 South 16th Street-Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 charging same to account #8-01-55-276-999-956.

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

1. Requesting approval of the following refunds:
   1. CSDCMAC Refund

300 W. Munsell Ave, Unit AA1, Linden, NJ 07036

Luis Pachon is entitled to a refund of $50.00 for a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance that was already completed and paid for by the previous bank owner. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $50.00 payable to: Luis Pachon, 327 Edgewood Road, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 8-01-09-699-069.

* 1. Aetna is entitled to a refund in the amount of $917.07 for service that was provided on 10/3/2017. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $917.07 payable to: Aetna, PO Box 14079, Lexington, KY 40512-4079 charging same to 8-01-08-629-011.
  2. Deborah Alexander is entitled to a refund in the amount of $103.16 for service that was provided on 2/11/2017. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $103.16 payable to: Deborah Alexander, 319 Kennedy Drive, Linden, NJ charging same to 8-01-08-629-011.
  3. UHC MDC HMO is entitled to a refund in the amount of $252.80 for service that was provided on 8/5/2016. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $252.80 payable to: UHC MDC HMO, PO Box 31362, Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0362 to 8-01-08-629-011.

**(\*\*\*) Board of Health:**

1. Advising that fifty-eight (58) Certificates of Occupancy were issued during the month of February, 2018.

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

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

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

Public Property John Weidele Laborer (Tier 1) April 1, 2018

**(\*\*\*) Linden Cultural & Heritage Committee:**

1. Requesting permission to close Wood Avenue between Elizabeth Avenue and

East Curtis Street between the hours of 6am to 9pm on Saturday, September 29,

2018 to hold the Annual September to Remember Street Festival. Additionally

requesting permission to hang banners advertising the event. (Dates and locations to be determined)

**(\*\*\*) Linden Fire Department:**

1. Requesting permission to close Wood Avenue between Elizabeth Avenue and Elm Street between the hours of 4pm to 9pm on Friday, October 5, 2018 to hold their Annual Fire Prevention and Life Safety Fair.

**(\*\*\*) Special Improvement District (SID):**

1. On behalf of Uptown Linden, Inc., the Development Corporation of the Special Improvement District, we hereby request permission to hang a banner across Wood Avenue advertising the “Farmer’s Market” that will be held on Saturday’s from May 19, 2018 through Saturday, October 27, 2018.

**(\*\*\*) Linden Police Department – Police Unity Tour:**

1. Requesting approval to hang a banner advertising the Police Unity Tour at East Curtis Street for the period of May 1, 2018 through May 10, 2018. The Unity Tour will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

**(\*\*\*) Galloping Hill Cruisers Car Show:**

1. Requesting approval to hold Classic Car Shows on Monday evenings from May 7th through October 29, 2018 from 5pm to 9pm at Aviation Plaza. The event will be held in conjunction with the Mayor, Council and City of Linden. The requirements of municipal code section 4-21 shall be waived and the insurance certificate shall be provided by the City of Linden as co-sponsors.

Mr. Mohammed moved for approval of Consent Items #1 through #9. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**First Ward**

Mrs. Ormon congratulated everyone that was recognized this evening. Next she stated that she wanted to recognize a lot of children, in our community. She noted that with all going on, April was not recognized as Autism Awareness month. She provided statistics on autism, spoke about autism, her family, and the need to embrace these children. Next she reported on the Easter egg hunts that were held. She thanked the many individuals for their assistance, particularly the parents of the children. She noted the role of the Board of Education with the rescheduling of one of the hunts. She spoke about how it was just about the children, and was planning to do it this way next year.

Mrs. Ormon talked about the Board of Education and steps that were being taken to address the safety and security of the buildings. She also requested residents stay off of school grounds, and the reasons why, relaying an event that a principle told her about.

Mrs. Ormon informed all, that while it is not official, there is someone that is looking at the former Pathmark site to establish a food based store. It is not a chain, but the name would be familiar to many. She also announced details of her upcoming community yard sale and picnic. Mrs. Ormon informed all about an event titled “Rock the Vote” which is a youth voter education event. She provided details on the event, and provided contact information by which to obtain further information.

**Second Ward**

Mr. Javick thanked Mrs. Ormon for all of the help she gave him with the Second Ward Easter egg hunt.

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

Approval is requested for the following finance actions:

1. The payment of bills totaling $949,113.54; 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 March at the rate of 1.00%.

Mr. Javick moved for approval of the Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor with the exception of Mrs. Yamakaitis, who abstained.

Mr. Javick spoke about a little girl, and her family, that need help, as she was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. He provided details on the diagnostic and informed all that the staff at School 8 has put together a campaign called “together it is easier” to show support for the child and her family. He announced details on a fundraiser to benefit the family, and how to make donations.

**Third Ward**

Mr. Brown spoke about the Special Improvement District (SID) and that he would be giving a detailed report, in May, on items that the SID was doing, in conjunction with the adoption of their budget. He spoke about creating an open door policy for the SID office. Next Mr. Brown spoke about Chief Hart’s appearance on 101.5, regarding what our police are doing, community policing, and putting Linden in a positive light.

Mr. Brown thanked the Board of Education for an event that he, Mrs. Ormon, Mayor Armstead, and others that they were invited to today. He detailed what the Biz Town New Jersey program was about, calling the program a homerun. Mr. Brown then spoke about trying to create a program, for the youth of Linden that piggybacks off of the Linden First Program. He detailed his discussions with the Board of Education, the creation of a job fair, and creation of a mock interview process to better prepare the students for interviews. He announced that Great Adventure will be a major part of the job fair, offering summer jobs to Linden youth.

**Fourth Ward**

Mr. Mohammed gave a report, from the Board of Health, detailing the various licenses it has issued. He announced that the Fourth and Eighth Ward will be holding a Community meeting, tomorrow, in the John Street Community Center. Next he congratulated former Fourth Ward Councilman Monty Brooks for his nomination to service on the Board of Health. He spoke about Mr. Brooks having a great attitude, and citizenship.

Mr. Brown spoke about the need for repairs to the train station. He spoke about discussions, with the Governor’s office regarding the need for repairs, versus building a new train station. The City is working to impress upon the Governor, and New Jersey Transit, the need for a new train station. In the meantime work on some of repairs, by the City, should start soon as the weather permits.

**Fifth Ward**

Ms. Cosby announced that she did not have this month’s report of the Construction Code Department, but a copy would be available in the City Clerk’s office.

Ms. Cosby moved for the installation of a street light at 23 W. Munsell Avenue, on Pole #60390LD. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Ms. Cosby information regarding the regularly scheduled community meeting, and the topics of discussion. It will be part of the Wellness Series. She next announced details on the Lions Club Fish Fry fundraiser, and that she had tickets, if anyone was interested.

Ms. Cosby spoke about the legacy award that was started two years ago by a local resident. She informed all about who would be recognized this year. She asked that individuals save the date, May 8th, for an event regarding, children, guns, and gun violence. It is being sponsored by Moms against Guns. She asked those interested in attending, to please pre-register, and explained how to do that. Ms. Cosby informed Fifth Ward residents on how to get free text alerts from her regarding Fifth Ward activities.

Ms. Cosby spoke, as a former member of the Personnel Committee, what she had hoped to provide to the employees. She then talked about the Construction Code Department, and complaints that were being received. As a result, not only would training be provided to employees of the Construction Code Department on dealing with difficult customers, but to other departments as well.

Ms. Cosby concluded by providing her contact information.

Mr. Mohammed announced details of the City’s rabies vaccination program, including the dates, times and places of the free clinic.

**Sixth Ward**

Mr. Roman gave the report of the Division of Transportation. A total of $82,666.70 was collected from all sources for the month of March. Next he spoke about being the Board of Education liaison. He noted discussion that he, Mayor Armstead and the superintendent of schools were having regarding have class III police officers in the schools to provide additional security. The officers would start as a pilot program, and be done as a shared service agreement.

Mr. Roman noted some of the topics discussed at the public properties meeting. He also spoke about phase two of the Meridia development, on South Wood Ave that is starting. Mr. Roman talked about his train station/Sixth Ward Community cleanup. He explained the change in dates. He noted the work to be done, particularly at the train station, invited all to come and work together. Next Mr. Roman promoted an APP called, SEECLICKFIX. He explained what the APP was for, and how it worked.

Mr. Roman provided his contact information.

President Alvarez noted that the painters and glaziers union would be partnering with the City to help with the cleanup at the train station, noting the work that they would be doing. Mr. Roman added that Mr. Brown was able to get a company to power wash the sidewalks. Council President noted that this was not costing the City anything, and invited all to come join.

**Seventh Ward**

Mr. Strano then gave the following report of the Personnel Committee:

1. Police Department:
2. Approval to perform background investigations for the hiring of 11 police recruits.
3. Approval of the intergovernmental transfer of Union County Sheriff Officer Dominick Mele to Police Officer at the annual salary of $50,000 pending successful completion of pre-employment requirements effective May 1, 2018.
4. The provisional appointment of Emerito Ruiz, Jr as Computer Service Technician at the annual salary of $37,500 effective May 1, 2018.
5. The hiring of Melissa Stanley Clerk 1 at the annual salary of $34,548 effective May 1, 2018.
6. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Claudy Toussaint, Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee effective March 27, 2018.
7. Department of Community Services:
8. Change in title for Daniel Krok, Shane Gullette and Robert Thieling to Truck Driver at the hourly rate of $21.00 effective April 18, 2018.
9. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Eric Haefner, Laborer effective March 30, 2018.
10. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Oscar Goff, Laborer effective April 9, 2018.
11. Department of Treasury:

a) Amending the retirement date of Margaret Nadler to July 1, 2018.

b) Change in title for Tanya Caliencoff to Asst. Payroll Supervisor as per Civil Service Desk Audit retroactively effective September 2, 2017 at no change in salary.

1. Department of Public Properties & Recreational Services:

a) Approval of Seasonal List on file

b) Permission to post for (1) full-time Electrician (tier 2) at the range of $30.00-$40.00 per hour.

c) Permission to post for (4) full-time Laborers (tier 2) at the hourly rate of $15.00.

d) Permission to post for (1) full-time Diesel Mechanic (tier 2) at the hourly rate of $21.00.

1. Fire Department:
2. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Vincent Guarino, Probationary Fire Fighter effective April 16, 2018.
3. Personnel:

a) FMLA/NJFLA:

Employee# 000267 FMLA 4/13/18 - 5/27/18

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was unanimously ordered approved.

Mr. Strano congratulated all of the recipients of resolutions tonight. He also congratulated Mayor Armstead on being selected Mayor of the Year by the Greater Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

**Eighth Ward**

Mrs. Yamakaitis announced that she had a message from the Bayway Community Advisory Panel, that the turnaround maintenance program, at the refinery is now complete. The refinery wanted to thank Eighth Ward residents, and Linden residents for their patience and understanding.

Mrs. Yamakaitis announced that she would be co-hosting a joint Fourth and Eighth Ward Community meeting, and provided details on the meeting. Next Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about the issue of graffiti tags on routes 1 & 9, thanked the inspectors from the Construction Code Department for helping to address this issue immediately. She asked resident, if they see anyone doing this type of activity, to report it to the police immediately. Mrs. Yamakaitis stated that she has also requested that the State clean the graffiti on the bridge crossing routes 1 & 9.

Mrs. Yamakaitis announced the Fifth Anniversary of the Karate School on Grier Avenue, and invited residents to come and join them. She noted that the school does offer classes to children with special needs. She also announced details of the recreation “Sittercise” program being offered at the Eighth Ward shelter. Mrs. Yamakaitis announced the date for the Kids in Park Program, and asked residents to save the date. The program is cosponsored by the Mayor’s Youth Commission.

Mrs. Yamakaitis also congratulated Mayor Armstead on receiving the Mayor of the Year from the Gateway Chamber of Commerce, and the honor that it was. She noted some of the reasons that he was selected.

**Ninth Ward**

Mr. Medina noted that he wanted to touch on two projects that he is working on for the Ninth Ward. The first regards Raritan Road. He detailed his discussions with the County of Union, the County Police Chief and the Linden Police Chief, regarding safety concerns. A traffic study is currently being done. He discussed the issues that he hoped to be addressed. The second project involved the paving of Wood Avenue between Raritan Road and Amsterdam Ave. That part of Wood Ave is a city road, but it is shared with Roselle. He is trying to get the road paved, but is not receiving the cooperation from Roselle.

Mr. Medina next spoke about technology, and the APP that Mr. Roman spoke about. He talked about the use of technology to connect with people. At the next meeting of the Technology Committee the development of a Linden APP would be discussed. He noted the items, he hoped, would be provided in the APP.

Mr. Medina congratulated the Mayor on being selected as Mayor of the Year, and provided his contact information.

**Tenth Ward**

Mrs. Hickey gave the report of the City Clerk’s office, noting the various activity, and that $5,761.66 in City revenue was collected. The Licensing Division collected $6.765.00 for the month of March. She noted that the City Clerk’s office, will be present at the rabies clinic, to license dogs.

Mrs. Hickey reported that the Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of $13,021.54 for the month of March. In addition the Ambulance reimbursement system collected $68,962.77 for the month of March, bringing the year to date total to $228,831.60. Mrs. Hickey congratulated everyone that was recognized this evening. She next spoke about attending the Ninth Anniversary of the Linden Library, and talked about the amazing job that the staff does.

Mrs. Hickey updated residents on the paving projects being done in the Tenth Ward, and the work is being done quickly. She asked Tenth Ward residents, if they have any issues with sidewalks, to call her and provided her contact information. She thanked all of the employees, and departments for their great work on the budget.

Mr. Roman announced that the play, Beauty and the Beast was being put on at Soehl Middle school. He noted there was a performance tomorrow night, and invited residents to attend.

Mr. Medina announced that the replacement of the sidewalks around Weirkmister Park will be done this year, thanks to a donation by the gas company.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead noted that part of his report was the presentation done earlier. He noted that Linden form of government is a strong council weak mayor. He added that when he campaigned for Mayor, in 2015 one of his issues was the elimination of the garbage tax. He spoke about his goal of getting six councilmen to work towards the goal of pulling the cart in the same direction, and that goal was reached in 2017. As a result the garbage tax was eliminated and taxes have been lowered. He challenged the members of council to work together to pull the cart in the same direction. He noted the commentary made earlier, about not being happy to vote to lower taxes. He hoped all would work together, and dig in to see that some of these projects move a little faster, to help with taxes.

President Alvarez stated that he could not speak for everybody, only for himself. He noted that no one is unhappy that taxes are down, but there is concern about next year. President Alvarez hoped that taxes are lowered next year. Mayor Armstead and President Alvarez spoke about the budget, and the efforts to reduce it. Mr. Brown stated that he could not tell what is going to happen next year, and the budgeting process. He noted the memos that ask for recommendations on the budget, that do not receive answers. He challenged those with concerns to produce a budget of their own. Mrs. Hickey then responded to Mr. Brown’s comments, and a discussion ensued between Mrs. Hickey and Mr. Brown.

**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.**

**Council President moved to remove Resolutions #2018-190 and #2018-191. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cosby and on a roll call vote was unanimously ordered approved.**

**Resolutions #2018-179, #2018-182, #2018-183, #2018-184, #2018-186, #2018-200 and #2018-202 were removed at the request of Ms. Malik.**

**Resolution #2018-181 was removed at the request of Mr. Roman.**

**Ms. Cosby moved for the approval of Resolutions #2018-179 through #2018-203 with the exception of #2018-179, #2018-181, #2018-182, #2018-183, #2018-184, #2018-186, #2018-200 and #2018-202. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was ordered approved with all in favor with the exception of Ms. Cosby who abstained on Resolutions #2018-185, #2018-194, #2018-197 and Mrs. Hickey who voted no on Resolution #2018-185.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-179**

**RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF CHEMICAL ROOT CONTROL THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FROM DUKE’S ROOT CONTROL, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services from an authorized vendor under the Houston-Glaveston Area Council awarded to Duke’s Root Control, Inc., 1020 Hiawatha Blvd West, Syracuse, NY 13204, authorized vendor and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by National contracting units is authorized by the Local Finance Notice 2012-10 using National Cooperative Contracts: Application of P.L. 2011, c. 139.; and,

**WHEREAS**, Duke’s Root Control, Inc. Contract #16-5551, for the provision of sewer cleaning, hydro-excavating, inspection equipment & miscellaneous services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best means available to obtain services for; and,

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the service is not to exceed $20,317.31 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-901-623.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Duke’s Root Control, Inc. be awarded a contract for a term of one year or until new awards are made; and,

**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.

**Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. In response to Ms. Malik, Mr. Dann explained what the process entailed and where it would be used.**

**FOR ROLL CALL REFER TO RESOLUTION #2018-202.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-180**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PREMIUM MONIES**

**WHEREAS**, a tax sale certificate #14-00115 on block 148 lot 6 was sold on June 5, 2015;

**WHEREAS**, a premium of $ 23,800.00 was paid on this certificate; and

**WHEREAS**, Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector has verified that no redemption has taken place, and the lien holder of tax sale certificate #14-00115, Phoenix Funding, Inc. has assigned to Arianna Holding Company. And Arianna Holding Company has foreclosed on February 21, 2018, and recommends said premium, totaling $23,800.00, 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: 2018-181**

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH UNION COUNTY FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO KNOPF STREET, AMON TERRACE AND LAURITA STREET**

**WHEREAS,** Union County has provided $1,500,000 in matching funds for the improvement of municipal infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS,** Knopf Street, Amon Terrace and Laurita Street have deteriorated to a point of being unsafe to the traveling public; and

**WHEREAS**, a cost for said improvements has been estimated at $300,000.00;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** formally approves the grant application for the above stated project in the amount of $150,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to Union County on behalf of the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Linden and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement.

John Roman – Mr. Roman noted that each Council person gets $300,000 for paving of streets in their wards, with the odd numbered wards funded one year, and the even the next year. Mr. Roman asked if the money, from this grant, was in addition to the capital funds from the City of Linden, or if it was evening out and no councilperson was getting anything extra. Mr. Vircik stated each ward gets $300,000.00.

**FOR ROLL CALL REFER TO RESOLUTION #2018-202.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-182**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEEMNT WITH LEGALSHIELD FOR AN IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden is desirous of providing an identity theft protection program for its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, said protection program is a voluntary employee benefit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden enter into an agreement with LegalShield to provide the City of Linden employees with an identity protection program as an voluntary employee benefit; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor hereby be authorized to sign said agreement between the LegalShield and the City of Linden, as approved by the City Law Department, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to same and affix the City Seal thereon.

Ms. Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Mrs. Yamakaitis explained that this was a benefit that was being offered to City employees. There was no cost to the City, as the vendor would be paid by the employees.

**FOR ROLL CALL REFER TO RESOLUTION #2018-202.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-183**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACA REPORTING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2016**

**WHEREAS**, The Affordable Care Act (ACA) added Section 6056 to the Internal Revenue Code, which requires applicable large employers to file information returns with the IRS and provide statements to their full-time employees about their health insurance coverage offered; and

**WHEREAS**, the City meets the IRS definition of an applicable large employer and must adhere to the IRS reporting requirements under Section 6056; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to contract a vendor to perform such reporting to adjust incorrect reporting for the 2016 year; and

**WHEREAS,** Medcom has provided the most advantageous price in an amount not to exceed $8,920.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to 8-01-20-130-120-201; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden Broker is recommending Medcom, has the capabilities necessary to fulfill the ACA reporting requirements; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Linden wishes to enter into a contract with Medcom, with an address of MSC #378, PO Box 830270, Birmingham, Al 35283-0270, for ACA reporting services for the 2016 year at a cost not to exceed $8,920.00.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. In response to Ms. Malik, Mr. Bodek explained what ACA reporting services detailed.

**FOR ROLL CALL REFER TO RESOLUTION #2018-202.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-184**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOBILITIE TO INSTALL,**

**OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ANTENNAS AND SMALL SHROUDS ON FOUR EXISTING UTILITY POLES WITHIN**

**THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** Mobilitie requested permission from the City regarding plans to antennas and small shrouds on four (4) existing utility poles in the City of Linden;

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden finds the installation of Mobilitie antenna and shrouds at the following locations within the City to be in the public interest:

S. Wood Avenue at 15th Street

Cranford Avenue at St. Georges Avenue

E. Curtis Street at Clark Street

Union Street at Bower Street;

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

1. That Mobilitie is hereby granted permission to install, operate and maintain four (4) antennas and shrouds at the aforementioned locations within the City of Linden.

2. That Mobilitie shall provide the City of Linden with a certificate of insurance naming the City of Linden as an additional insured.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should there be any deviation from either the routing or method of installation as presently proposed, Mobilitie will notify the City of Linden and post a performance bond for the work, if said bond is determined by the City of Linden to be required.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Mr. Vircik explained that this is a telecommunications company that was placing antenna on PSE&G poles.

**FOR ROLL Call REFER TO RESOLUTION #2018-202.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-185**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 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 $.0050 of the total assessment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tax Assessor has determined that the total assessment for the Special Improvement District is $38,853,200.00 in 2018; and

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

of the 2018 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 2018 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 2018 Special Improvement District budget shall be on

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 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

April 26, 2018. Same was posted in City Hall and made available to any person requesting same.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-186**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUBORDINATION OF MORTGAGE FOR 1119 DEWITT TERRACE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden through the Neighborhood Preservation Program holds a mortgage with a perpetual lien on the property known as 1119 Dewitt Terrace, Linden, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS,** the owner of the property has sought to refinance their first mortgage lien on the property; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden has been requested to subordinate its mortgage on 1119 Dewitt Terrace to the new first mortgage; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interests of the City to subordinate its mortgage on 1119 Dewitt Terrace to the new first mortgage issued by Freedom Mortgage Corporation;

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

1. The Mayor, and/or his designee, and the City Clerk, and/or his designee are hereby authorized to execute and attest to the subordination of the mortgage for 1119 Dewitt Terrace to Freedom Mortgage Corporation.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Mr. McCarthy explained the resolution and why it was necessary. He responded to various other questions from Ms. Malik. She noted that the answers satisfied her questions to resolution 2018-202.

**FOR ROLL CALL REFER TO RESOLUTION #2018-202.**

## RESOLUTION: 2018-187

# **Resolution Supporting the**

***2018 UDrive. UText. UPay.***

***Distracted Driving Crackdown***

**April 1 - 21, 2018**

**Whereas**, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

**Whereas**, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

**Whereas**, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

**Whereas**, in 2015 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,477 deaths and 391,000 injuries on our nation’s roads; and

**Whereas**, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in nearly 750,000 crashes between 2011-2015; and

**Whereas**, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2018 Crackdown* from April 1 - 21, 2018 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

**Whereas**, the national slogan for the campaign is *UDrive. UText. UPay*; and

**Whereas**, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden declares its support for the *Distracted Driving 2018 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 - 21, 2018 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-188**

**RESOLUTION WAIVING FEES FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE**

**TO BE HELD IN THE NINTH AND TENTH WARDS**

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to allow a community wide garage sale in the Ninth and Tenth Wards on April 28, 2018 and April 29, 2018 with a rain date of May 5, 2018 and May 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden shall waive all fees for permits for a garage sale including the completion of an application form pursuant to City Code 4-3.1 entitled “Garage Sales”; and

WHEREAS, the city wide garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year; and

WHEREAS, chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.

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

1. The City of Linden hereby waives fees for permits for a community wide garage sale in the Ninth and Tenth Wards to be held on April 28, 2018 and April 29, 2018 with a rain date on May 5, 2018 and May 6, 2018;.
2. The city wide garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year.
3. Chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.
4. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-189**

**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 2018 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: 2018-190**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO**

**ESTABLISH THE CURRENT FUND**

**OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH MAY 31, 2018**

**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 2018 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 2017 Current Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of $88,813,515.58 and

**WHEREAS,** five months of the total appropriations in the 2017 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 $37,005,631.49; 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 #2018-190 WAS REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-191**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION TO**

**ESTABLISH THE SANITARY LANDFILL**

**UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET**

**FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH MAY 31, 2018**

**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 2018 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 2017 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 128,900.00; and **WHEREAS,** five months of the total temporary appropriations for the Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget cannot exceed the sum of $53,708.33; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following temporary appropriations be made in the amount of $53,708.33 and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

**RESOLUTION #2018-191 WAS REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-192**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MONTY BROOKS**

**A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

That MONTY BROOKS, residing in the City of Linden, County of Union and State of New Jersey, be and he hereby is appointed a member of the Board of Health of the City of Linden according to an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF LINDEN", as amended, to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of Joseph Eckenrode, Jr., that commenced January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2018, and until his/her successor is appointed and qualifies.

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| **Resolution # 2018-193** |  |  |  |  |
| **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION** | | |  |  |
| **OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS CHECKS** | | |  |  |
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| **WHEREAS**, the City of Linden hereby desires to cancel the following un-cashed checks | | | | |
| from the City of Linden Claims Account, which are over one year old, | | | |  |
| **WHEREAS**, these checks are outdated and hereby void, | | | |  |
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| **Vendor Name** | **Check Date** | **Check Number** | **Check Amount** |  |
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| ABA Equities, LLC | 6/8/2016 | 162275 | 540.00 |  |
| Joanna Babiarz | 6/22/2016 | 162564 | 25.00 |  |
| Estate of Pauline Lahita | 6/22/2016 | 162706 | 629.40 |  |
| Estate of Esther Hergenhan | 6/30/2016 | 162807 | 629.40 |  |
| The Rogers Group | 7/20/2016 | 162948 | 5,535.34 |  |
| M&T Bank | 7/27/2016 | 163041 | 2,500.00 |  |
| US Bank N.A. | 7/27/2016 | 163044 | 3,000.00 |  |
| Linden Board of Education | 8/17/2016 | 163176 | 200.00 |  |
| Pascack Data | 8/17/2016 | 163280 | 8,570.02 |  |
| Motorola | 9/21/2016 | 163495 | 1,560.00 |  |
| Verizon | 9/21/2016 | 163502 | 13.10 |  |
| NJ Municipal Manager Assoc. | 9/21/2016 | 163557 | 10.00 |  |
| Core Logic Tax Services | 10/19/2016 | 163851 | 393.15 |  |
| Azmo Mechanical Inc | 11/23/2016 | 163902 | 795.00 |  |
| Emergency Manager Project LLC | 11/23/2016 | 164030 | 450.00 |  |
| Pennsylvania State University | 11/23/2016 | 164076 | 2,250.00 |  |
| Core Logic Tax Services | 11/23/2016 | 164195 | 15,090.20 |  |
| Star Ledger | 12/21/2016 | 164553 | 198.50 |  |
| Linden Dr. Martin Luther King | 12/21/2016 | 164639 | 80.00 |  |
| Core Logic Tax Services | 12/21/2016 | 164687 | 807.88 |  |
| Wayne Hanns | 2/22/2017 | 165279 | 45.00 |  |
| Core Logic Tax Services | 2/22/2017 | 165281 | 6,454.51 |  |
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|  | **TOTAL** |  | **$ 49,776.50** |  |
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| **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden is hereby | | | | |
| cancelling these checks from the City records. | |  |  |  |

**RESOLUTION: 2018-194**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** there were certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of March, 2018 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**

169016 3/2/18 Muller Bohlin Dec payment 7,853.75

3/7/18 Vision Service Plan claims 4,476.00

3/7/18 Worker’s Comp. claims 31,664.19

3/12/18 Payroll payroll 1,898,406.87

3/13/18 Medco claims 78,164.99

3/13/18 Worker’s Comp. claims 35,409.42

3/14/18 SHBP Retirees March Health Premium 622,138.71

3/14/18 SHBP Active Jan Health Premium 655,753.03

3/20/18 Worker’s Comp claims 22,500.44

169254 3/22/18 Superior Court of NJ filing fee 52.00

169255 3/22/18 T&L Catering Chamber Breakfast 648.50

3/26/18 Payroll payroll 1,229,833.94

**TRUST**

3/12/18 Payroll payroll 57,503.54

3/26/18 Payroll payroll 19,235.54

**GRANT**

3/12/18 Payroll payroll 8,039.22

3/26/18 Payroll payroll 4,222.26

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

3/12/18 Payroll payroll 512.00

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

3/26/18 Payroll payroll 1,473.11

**RESOLUTION: 2018-195**

**RESOLUTION WAIVING FEES FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE**

**TO BE HELD IN THE SEVENTH WARD**

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to allow a community wide garage sale in the Seventh Ward on May 19, 2018 with a rain date of May 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden shall waive all fees for permits for a garage sale including the completion of an application form pursuant to City Code 4-3.1 entitled “Garage Sales”; and

WHEREAS, the city wide garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year; and

WHEREAS, chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.

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

1. The City of Linden hereby waives fees for permits for a community wide garage sale in the Ninth and Tenth Wards to be held on May 19, 2018 with a rain date on May 20, 2018;.
2. The city wide garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year.
3. Chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.
4. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-196**

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING EILEEN M.**

**WILLIAMS FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WITH THE LINDEN INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden are pleased to commend and congratulate Eileen M. Williams, a highly esteemed member of the Garden State Community, who will be honored by the Linden Industrial Association at the Association’s 83rd Annual Dinner on April 19, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, this prestigious accolade is being bestowed upon Eileen M. Williams in grateful appreciation of her tenure of service to the Linden Industrial Association and her many activities on behalf of the City of Linden, Union County, and this State; and

**WHEREAS**, a longstanding and valued employee of the Westfield Law Firm of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, P.C., Eileen M. Williams has served with distinction as Treasurer of the Linden Industrial Association for thirty-nine years; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen M. Williams has further distinguished herself through her active and tireless efforts within her family and community of South River, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, by repeatedly demonstrating her devotion to helping others through her employment and community, Eileen M. Williams has earned the respect and admiration of all who know of her efforts and has set a professional and personal standard toward which others might strive; and

**WHEREAS**, the strength and success of the City of Linden depends, in great measure, upon dedicated individuals like Eileen M. Williams who use their time and talents for the common good;

***Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*** by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Linden that the Mayor and the Council of the City of Linden join with the Linden Industrial Association in honoring Eileen M. Williams, pays tribute to her meritorious record of service, leadership and commitment as Treasurer of the Association, and extends best wishes for her continued happiness and success; and

***Be It Further Resolved*** that a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution, signed by the Mayor and the President of the Council of the City of Linden be transmitted to Eileen M. Williams.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-197**

**National 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicator Week**

**April 8 – 14, 2018**

**WHEREAS,** 9-1-1 was designated by Congress as the national emergency call number under the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-81); and

**WHEREAS,** 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire, emergency medical services, or other appropriate emergency response entities; and

**WHEREAS,** in an emergency, most Americans depend on 9-1-1. Each day, more than half a million public safety telecommunicator’s answer desperate calls for help, responding with services that save the lives and property of American citizens in need of assistance; and

**WHEREAS,** the dedicated men and women are more than anonymous voices on the telephone line. They deserve to be recognized for the sacrifices they make; working nights, holidays and weekends with little to no sleep; and

**WHEREAS,** the telecommunicator’s of Linden Central Dispatch are a group of such individuals, that we rely on for their knowledge and professionalism as they make critical decisions and quickly dispatch needed aid; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Linden wishes to thank:

Dispatch Supervisor Karen Wilson, Dispatch Supervisor Nancy Vesci, Dispatch Supervisor Wendy Slovinsky, Dispatch Supervisor Kim Matos, Dispatch Supervisor Louis Safner, Dispatcher Rose Vazquez, Dispatcher Cynthia Cosby-Woods, Dispatcher Matthew Bermudez, Dispatcher Brittney Florio, Dispatcher Michael Chabak, Dispatcher Alexandra Pirozzoli, Dispatcher Michael Clemendore, Dispatcher Cyntasia Battle, Dispatcher Ericka Payne, Dispatcher Thomas Pardist, Dispatcher Vanessa Blanc; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden pay tribute and acknowledges the bravery, sacrifices, and accomplishments of Telecommunicators’s by declaring the week of April 8 – 14, 2018 as “National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be entered in the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden and that a copy hereof be appropriately presented to The City of Linden Telecommunicator’s in recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 218-198**

**RESOLUTION RECOGINIZING ISABELLA SCOCOZZA FOR HER DEDICATED**

**SERVICE TO THE LINDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE**

**21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**

**WHEREAS,** it is a priority of the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden to recognize the qualified, conscientious and motivated public employees who serve the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Isabella Scocozza is one such individual who deserves this recognition for her commitment to the City of Linden and to the students in Linden Public Schools. Isabella Scocozza, a lifelong Linden Resident, holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and English and a Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration from Kean University; and

**WHEREAS,** Isabella began her teaching career for the Linden Public School District in 1999 as a Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher at Soehl Middle School teaching 6th grade and went on to become the Vice Principal and Program Director at Soehl Middle School, a position she currently holds. She has been involved with the 21st Century Community Learning Center, which is housed at Joseph E. Soehl Middle School since its inception within the Linden Public School District in 2005 ; and

**WHERERAS**, the 21st Century Program has serviced 2,462 students and 2253 parents and guardians within the Linden community. The program runs each school day from 2:45-5:45pm and provides students with a safe environment after hours when many parents or guardians are not home. It has enabled middle school students to receive an extended school day with homework tutorial, recreation, class trips and daily snacks just to name a few of the program benefits ; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor and City Council wishes to express their gratitude and thanks to Isabella for her dedication and commitment to the City of Linden, its residents and our school children by formally acknowledging its appreciation to Isabella Scocozza for her dedicated service; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that** a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden and a copy hereof be presented to Isabella Scocozza in permanent recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-199**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REFERRING TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE EXPANDED DUPONT REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND THE ISP REDEVELOPMENT AREA, 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 a municipality to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute “areas in need of rehabilitation” and/or “areas in need of redevelopment”; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, by Resolution dated April 18, 2000, the City Council (“**City Council**”) of the City of Linden (the “**City**”) designated as “an area in need of redevelopment” the properties identified as on the City tax maps as Block 586, Lots 8 and 9 (the “DuPont Redevelopment Area”); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the City Council on May 16, 2000, by Ordinance 42-01, adopted a redevelopment plan for the DuPont Redevelopment Area (the “**DuPont Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution dated January 15, 2002, the City Council designated as “an area in need of redevelopment” the properties identified on the City tax maps as Block 587, Lots 1 and 2.01 (the “**ISP Redevelopment Area**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 20, 2002, the City Council by Ordinance 45-4, adopted a redevelopment plan for the ISP Redevelopment Area (the “**ISP Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council amended the ISP Redevelopment Plan by Ordinance 47-58 on August 19, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2004, following the recommendation of the City Planning Board (“**Planning Board**”), the City Council, by Ordinance 48-98, adopted a single, combined redevelopment plan for the redevelopment of the DuPont Redevelopment Area and the ISP Redevelopment Area (the “**Original Redevelopment Plan**”), superseding all previous adopted redevelopment plans for the DuPont Redevelopment Area and the ISP Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2005, the City Council, by Ordinance 49-67, designated the Union County Improvement Authority to act as the redevelopment entity for the redevelopment of the DuPont Redevelopment Area and the ISP Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of litigation commenced in the New Jersey Superior Court, Ordinances 48-98 and 49-67 were invalidated; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, in furtherance of the redevelopment of the DuPont Redevelopment Area, studied whether a portion of Block 586, Lot 11 was also an area in need of redevelopment, and on April 21, 2010 adopted a resolution so designating that parcel and including it in the Original DuPont Redevelopment Area creating the “**Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area**”; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2010, the City Council by Ordinance 54-59, adopted certain amendments to the Original Redevelopment Plan addressing only the Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area (the Original Redevelopment Plan, as amended, hereinafter the “**DuPont Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2012, the City Council by Resolution 2012-14 accepted the recommendation of the Planning Board and rescinded the previous designation of the ISP Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2018 the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the ISP Redevelopment Area, and on April 10, 2018, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and recommended that the City Council designate the ISP Redevelopment Area as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2018, the City Council designated as “an area in need of redevelopment” the ISP Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to refer to the Planning Board the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan, as described on *Exhibit A* attached hereto, for its review and comment, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-7 of the Redevelopment Law, to incorporate both the ISP Redevelopment Area and the Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area under a single plan to be known as the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan, supplementing and superseding the DuPont Redevelopment Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey that:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area and the ISP Redevelopment Area shall be referred to collectively as the Grasselli Road Redevelopment Area.
3. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-7(e), the City Council hereby refers the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan, as described on *Exhibit A* attached hereto, to the Planning Board for review and recommendation. The Planning Board shall prepare a report regarding its recommendations as to the aforementioned Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan and submit same to the City Council within 45 days after referral, as required by the Redevelopment Law.
4. The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and the proposed Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, to the Planning Board for review.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-200**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 587, LOTS 1 AND 2.01 ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN ‘AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT’ (WITHOUT CONDEMNATION) 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 March 20, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 587, Lots 1 and 2.01 on the tax map of the City (hereinafter the “**Study Area**”), to determine whether the 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 providing that a redevelopment area determination would authorize the City and City Council to use all those powers permitted by the Redevelopment Law, other than the power of eminent domain; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2018, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and recommended 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 recommendations of the Planning Board, the Study Area should be designated an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law, such designation authorizing 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.

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

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

Section 2. The recommendations and conclusions of the Planning Board are hereby accepted by the City Council.

  Section 3. Based upon the findings and recommendations of the Planning Board, the Study Area is hereby designated an area in need of redevelopment other than the power of eminent domain pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of the Redevelopment Law (the “**Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area**”).

Section 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) of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 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 Non-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.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked questions regarding the City’s involvement in redevelopment projects.

**FOR ROLL CALL REFER TO RESOLUTION #2018-202.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-201**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANGELA THOMAS-BRAXTON TO THE RENT LEVELING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

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

Section 1. That, pursuant to the provisions of an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE, CONTROL AND STABILIZE RENTS AND CREATE A RENT CONTROL BOARD WITHIN THE CITY OF LINDEN," passed October 3, 1972 and approved October 4, 1972, and as amended and supplemented, there shall be and hereby are appointed as members of the Rent Leveling Board of the City of Linden the following persons:

Alternate No. 2

Angela Thomas-Braxton

Section 2. The above named persons shall serve as members of the Rent Leveling Board of the City of Linden for a term of one year effective April 18, 2018, and expiring June 30, 2018 and until her successors shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-202**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUBORDINATION OF MORTGAGE FOR 1815 W. PRICE STREET IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden through the Neighborhood Preservation Program holds a mortgage with a perpetual lien on the property known as 1815 W. Price Street, Linden, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS,** the owner of the property has sought to refinance their first mortgage lien on the property; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden has been requested to subordinate its mortgage on 1815 W. Price Street to the new first mortgage; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interests of the City to subordinate its mortgage on the 1815 W. Price Street, Linden, New Jersey to the new first mortgage to be issued by Third Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cleveland, 7007 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44105;

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

1. The Mayor, and/or his designee, and the City Clerk, and/or his designee are hereby authorized to execute and attest to the subordination of the mortgage for 1815 W. Price Street to Third Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cleveland.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Virginia Malik,1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik noted her questions were answered with the answers to 2018-186.**

**Ms. Cosby moved for approval of Resolutions #2018-179, #2018-182, #2018-183, #2018-184, #2018-186, #2018-200 and #2018-202. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was unanimously ordered approved.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-203**

**RESOLUTION HONORING MAYOR DEREK ARMSTEAD FOR HIS**

**SELECTION AS MAYOR OF THE YEAR BY THE**

**GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**WHEREAS,** the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce on April 12, 2018 held its 29th Annual Mayor’s Dinner at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel in Elizabeth; and

**WHEREAS,** each year the Mayor of each of the twenty one municipalities in the County of Union are given an opportunity to speak about their respective municipality; and

**WHEREAS,** Mayor Armstead of the City of Linden was nominated Mayor of the Year by the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor has during his first term of office, eliminated the garbage tax, generated new revenue through carefully planned development and has invested in public safety by increasing the compliment of police officers; and

**WHEREAS,** the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce has voted Derek Armstead of the City of Linden, Mayor of the Year; and

**WHEREAS,** in honor of the Mayor, City Council adopts this Resolution as public recognition of this accomplishment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City Council publicly recognizes and thanks the Mayor for his efforts on being honored as Mayor of the Year by the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, and further dedicates the trophy to all the residents, the businesses and the merchants of the merchants of the City of Linden.

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-25 Bond ordinance authorizing the resurfacing of various streets in and for the City of Linden, appropriating $3,190,000. Therefore and authorizing the issuance of $1,843,950 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 #62-25 was introduced by Mr. Javick and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Javick, seconded by Mrs. Hickey the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-26 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter II, Administration, 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.

**DELETE SECTION 2-61** in its entirety

**ADD NEW 2-61 AS FOLLOWS:**

**2-61 LINDEN CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

(FIXING THE NUMBER OF TERMS THAT CAN EXPIRE IN ANYONE YEAR SO THAT IT MATCHES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS)

Mr. Roman stated, for the public, that this is fix the terms, and how they are staggered. It is not changing anything else to do with the Cultural and Heritage Committee.

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

Ordinance #62-26 was introduced by Mrs. Hickey and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Javick the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-27 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

Section 1. that Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-16, PARKING OF TRUCKS

DELETE

7-16.1 Prohibited in its entirety

ADD

New Section 7-16.1

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

Ordinance #62-27 was introduced by Mrs. Hickey and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Javick the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-28 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an Ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” Passed November 23, 1999 and as amended and supplemented.

Chapter VII, Traffic

7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

*Name of Street Spaces No. of Location*

**DELETE:**

518 Monmouth Ave 1 On the southeasterly sideline of Monmouth Avenue,

196 feet more or less northeasterly from the projection

Of the northeasterly curbline of Maple Avenue, in front

Of 518 Monmouth Avenue for a length of 22 feet. The

Aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designed for

A vehicle for Barbara Pezzuto identified by license plate

Number and a placard to be issued by the City, and no

Other vehicle bearing or displaying handicapped license

Plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to

Park in such space.

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

Ordinance #62-28 was introduced by Mrs. Hickey and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Medina the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-29 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an Ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” Passed November 23, 1999 and as amended and supplemented.

Chapter VII, Traffic

7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

*Name of Street Spaces No. of Location*

**ADD:**

428 Brook Street 1 On the northeasterly sideline of Brook Street, 280 feet more or less northwesterly from the projection of the northwesterly curbline of Knopf Street in front of 428 Brook Street for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for a vehicle for Kimbal Harris to be identified by license plate number and placard number P1596129 issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing or displaying handicapped license plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.

711 McGillvray Place 1 On the northeasterly sideline of McGillvray Place, (for 710 McGillvray Place) 244 feet more or less northwesterly from the projection of the northwesterly curbline of Grier Avenue in front of 711 McGilvray Place for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for a vehicle for Jose A. Rosado to be identified by license plate number and placard number P1927611 issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing or displaying handicapped license plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.

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

Ordinance #62-29 was introduced by Mrs. Hickey and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Medina the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-30 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.

Amending and modifying Schedule 4-MM-3

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

Ordinance #62-30 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Strano, seconded by Mr. Javick the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-31 An ordinance to adopt a redevelopment plan for the Grasselli Road Redevelopment Plan for the Grasselli Road redevelopment area, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

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

Ordinance #62-31 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon, seconded by Mr. Brown the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-32 An ordinance providing an appropriation of $508,700 for the acquisition of a City wide camera system for the Policed Department and authorizing the issuance of $483,265 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

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

Ordinance #62-32 was introduced by Mrs. Hickey and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Medina the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-33 An ordinance providing an appropriation of $243,100 for the acquisition of an ambulance for the Fire Department and authorizing the issuance of $230,945 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

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

Ordinance #62-33 was introduced by Mrs. Hickey and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Medina the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote

unanimously ordered approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rick Robinson, Union County. Mr. Robinson was no longer present.

Tanya Brigett, 422 South Wood Ave. Ms. Brigett noted her previous request to make the streets around Soehl Middle School one way. She was told no, as the residents were opposed to it. She asked if a poll was done of the residents. President Alvarez advised her that she would receive answers at the end. Next Ms. Brigett noted the she knows that Routes 1 & 9 is a county road that work would be done because of the Walmart complex, but the lane stripeing needs to be addressed as it is non-existent Questions were asked as to the exact location. Ms. Bridgett reminded members of the governing body that tomorrow is the last day of the play being put on by students at Soehl Middle School and tickets are only $5.00. Ms. Bridgett noted that she is an advocate for the children of Linden, as they are the future of our town, county and country. She informed the governing body of that the Union County Prosecutors Office is offering a program, tomorrow, on cyber bullying, and provided details on it. She spoke about the proper use of social media. She also spoke about autism.

Henry Mack. Mr. Mack spoke about text he received, from the peoples, about Dairy Queen, and what they told him. He also spoke about a text that he received about the budget, and Mr. Brown’s outstanding ability to deal with the budget. He next addressed comments to Mr. Mohammed about statements he made earlier in the meeting. Mr. Mack spoke about various traffic issues that have not been addressed.

Cledel Way. Ms. Way offered quotes from the bible to the governing body. She then spoke about the Mayor and how proud she is of him as the first African American Mayor. The work he has done to pull the town together. She spoke positively about the redevelopment going on, and addressed the comments that were made about the budget. She thanked various people about their work on the budget, spoke about getting involved and urged all to stay united.

Mrs. Ormon moved to close the public comment portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

President Alvarez explained the purpose of this comment period, to answer questions, and address issues raised during the public comment period. Comments are limited to one minute.

Mrs. Ormon thanked Ms. Brisett for the comments she made regarding Facebook.

Mr. Brown spoke about the issue of traffic and safety around Soehl Middle School. He noted the steps that he has taken to address them, and other areas, within his ward, where traffic safety needs to be addressed. He spoke about the use of social media and the targeting of his children and other members of the governing body’s children. Kids are off limits.

Mr. Mack responded to the comments made by Mr. Mohammed.

Ms. Cosby addressed Mr. Mohammed’s comments to Mr. Mack, and why Mr. Mack should be listened to. She urged, all, to get out from behind the keyboard, have a conversation, and have it without hostility.

Mr. Roman addressed the traffic issues, raised by Ms. Brisett, regarding routes 1 & 9, and other areas of concern for that roadway. He wished Mr. Sal Renna a speedy recovery from his surgery.

Mr. Strano spoke about the issues, on Routes 1 & 9, and a Seventh Ward resident who was contacting him. He noted that Route 1 & 9 is a state highway and not a County road.

Mr. Javick thanked all for their comments. He stated that he had done a one-way street around School 8, like what was being requested at Soehl, and that it is working fantastically. He congratulated the Mayor on his award.

Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about the route 1 & 9 corridor, in the Eighth Ward, and what actions she is hoping the state would take.

Mrs. Hickey said she would like to tell everyone to have a wonderful night. That we are all entitled to our opinions. She also spoke on the issue of the use of social media. She also stated, that she may not always agree with everyone, and it is part of her job to tell the public how she voted on issues.

President Alvarez noted that he was just informed that the section of routes 1 & 9 being discussed, is scheduled to be paved. He also announced that he would be running his special needs soccer clinic for kids, and provided a history of it.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Conference meeting, Scout in Government, Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Council Meeting, Scout in Government: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

\* Council Conference meeting, Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting:

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

There being no further business to come before the governing body, Ms. Cosby moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk