**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2018 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**May 15, 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, May 15, 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 (7:11 pm)

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 April 17, 2018 and April 24, 2018 Council Meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote (Mr. Roman was absent).

**PRESENTATIONS**

**2018 Special Improvement District**

**Budget**

President Alvarez turned the floor over to Mr. Bono, SID Executive Director, to do a presentation on the 2018 SID Budget. Mr. Bono spoke on the budget and how it differed from prior year budgets. Mr. Bono asked for questions on the budget.

Felice Twaddle, 438 Laurita St. Mrs. Twaddle asked questions about the cell phone reimbursement that was included in the budget and the work that an architect would be doing for $56,000.00. Mr. Bono provided responses. He also asked Mrs. Twaddle to attend the SID meetings. Mrs. Twaddle also asked other questions regarding the flower pots on Wood Ave.

Mr. Brown spoke about some of the concerns that Mrs. Twaddle raised, and how the board was developing a plan, so that it could move forward, with improvements in a systematic manner. Mr. Bono spoke about the finances and how they were handled.

Mr. Javick moved to close the public hearing on the 2018 Special Improvement District Budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Hickey who voted no. (Mr. Roman was absent)

Mr. Javick moved for approval of the SID Budget. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with Ms. Cosby abstaining, and Mrs. Hickey voting no (Mr. Roman was absent from the room).

**City of Linden Mascot**

**Tiger**

No one from the Board of Education was present.

**Train Station Clean-Up**

**District Council 711**

Mr. Roman arrived.

President Alvarez explained how this group of people, Painters Union District Council 711, are here to be recognized. He spoke about Mr. Roman and his organization of the train station cleanup, and others that assisted. He called up the individual present representing District Council 711. Mr. Roman spoke about the cleanup of the train station, and the reasons that he organized it. He thanked the Council for their efforts. President Alvarez noted that the cleanup didn’t cost us anything, expect for the cost of the paint, read the resolution, presented it to them and thanked them for their help. One of the members spoke on behalf of District Council 711 and thanked the governing body for the recognition. He spoke about the efforts of the union to help out communities across the nation.

**Special Improvement District**

**Recognition of Members**

**Mike Bono, Executive Director**

**Marilyn Coplan, Member**

**Jay Colucci, Member**

**Alain Julien, Merchant Member**

President Alvarez called upon the Mayor and Mr. Brown to make the presentation to the members of the Special Improvement District. Mayor Armstead spoke about how these people volunteer to help run and improve our special improvement district, and thanked them for their time. He noted some of the items being planned as further improvements. The Mayor then read the resolution honoring these individuals, and then presented copies to each of the individuals. Mr. Brown thanked all of these individual for all of their hard work, at no compensation. He spoke about individuals not being so quick to criticize the work of the SID board. He also spoke about his long term relationship with the Coplans, and his, and the SID members efforts to promote unity.

**Linden High School**

**Easter Egg at White House**

The student being honored was not present.

**Linden Police Department**

**Police Week 2018**

Mayor Armstead spoke about how tough it was to be a police officer in today’s climate, and how much the service they provide is appreciated. The Mayor then read the resolution declaring the week of May 13th as Police Officers Awareness week. The Mayor presented a copy of the resolution to Chief Hart. Chief Hart thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition, and spoke about the officers who serve the people of Linden.

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**ORDINANCE CONTINUED FROM THE APRIL 17, 2018**

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 adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick and on a roll call vote the foregoing ordinance was ordered approved with by all voting yes with the exception of Ms. Cosby who voted no.

**ORDINANCE - HEARING**

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#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 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. Hickey 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:

#**62-26 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)

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. Javick 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:

**#62-27 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 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. Javick 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:

**#62-28 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.

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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:

**#62-29 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.

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

Mr. Joseph Sobeleski, 701 Inwood Rd. Mr. Sobeleski noted that he goes to a lot of places, that he is handicapped, and that a lot of places do not have handicapped parking. He reviewed his issues with handicapped parking, in Linden. Mrs. Hickey offered to stop by and see Mr. Sobeleski, and speak about his issues, so that possibly they can be addressed. She noted that these ordinances were not about those issues.

There being no further 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:

**#62-30 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 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. Strano moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick 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:

**#62-31 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 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. Ormon moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick 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:

**#62-32 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 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.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Ms. Malik asked where and how this camera system would be used. Chief Hart provided a response, noting the type of locations that would be under consideration. She asked a series of follow-up questions to which the chief responded.

Ms. Cosby spoke about phase II of the cameras, and that the Fifth Ward was hopeful that areas where the dumping took place, and where there have been violent crimes, will be on the list. She thought that the Fifth Ward was ignored during phase I.

Mayor Armstead noted that the request of Ms. Cosby would be taken under advisement but the placement would be decided by the Police Department.

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:

**#62-33 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 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.

Felice Twaddle, Laurita St. Mrs. Twaddle asked if this was to replace an ambulance, or if it was adding to the fleet due to the number of calls. Chief Dooley responded that the City will continue to have two ambulances providing servicing and one in reserve. Mr. Roman noted that the Fire Department was in desperate need of this ambulance.

There being no other 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.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

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

2018 Taxes $13,719,066.49

2017 Taxes $376,206.51

2016 Taxes $250.00

Garbage Fee Payments $30,558.32

Garbage Fee Penalty $2,160.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $0.00

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $50.00

Year End Penalty $2,388.06

Returned Check Fee Paid $20.00

Returned Check Fee Garbage Paid $0.00

Returned Sewer Clean out ($0.00)

Returned Sewer Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check 2018 ($1,180.97)

Returned Check 2017 ($0.00)

Returned Check Interest ($5.59)

Returned Online Payment 2018 Taxes ($3,566.09)

Returned Online Interest ($105.21)

Returned Check Garbage Fee ($0.00)

Returned Check Garbage Fee Penalty ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $2.578.12

State Audit Payment $0.00

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $2,200.00

DPW Reso payments $2,040.00

Interest $42,866.55

Total $14,175,526.19

**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**

23 10 5/1/18 16-00014 $1,100.00

141 7 4/16/18 16-00109 $800.00

174 23 5/2/18 16-00139 $800.00

231 16 5/4/18 16-00179 $800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $3,500.00 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 2017 on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

135 12 4/13/18 16-00105 $100.00

332 30 5/1/18 16-00221 $1,400.00

479 21 5/1/18 16-00310 $1,400.00

531 9 4/23/18 16-00331 $1,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,300.00 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

194 6 4/13/18 16-00152 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,000.00 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.

**Refund** Refund of Property Taxes, Block 154 Lot 5

Nathaniel Johnson Jr., 801 Bower Street

This property owner has been deemed a 100% Disabled Veteran by the V.A. as of March 7, 2016. Mr. Johnson is entitled to the 100% Disabled Veteran Status from this date on per Michael Frangella. The Homestead Benefit for 2015 was forwarded to the City and the property owner is entitled to a refund in the amount of $270.76.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $270.76, payable to: Nathaniel Johnson Jr., 801 Bower Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #-8-01-55-288-999-904.

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

1. Requesting approval of the following refunds:
2. Amy Gibbs is entitled to a refund in the amount of $163.67 for service that was provided on 11/5/2017. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Amy Gibbs, 28 W. Elizabeth Ave, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 8-01-08-629-011.

1. Horizon BC BS NJ is entitled to a refund in the amount of $ 507.22 for service that was provided on 12/10/2017. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Horizon BC BS NJ, PO Box 1609, Newark, NJ 07101-1609 charging same to 8-01-08-629-011.
2. Clover Health is entitled to a refund in the amount of $408.74 for service that was provided on 12/17/2016. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Clover Health, PO Box 471, Jersey City, NJ 07303 charging same to 8-01-08-629-011.

1. Clover Health is entitled to a refund in the amount of $173.32 for service that was provided on 7/1/2017. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Clover Health, PO Box 471, Jersey City, NJ 07303 charging same to 8-01-08-629-011.

**(\*\*\*) Linden Police Department, National Night Out:**

1. Requesting permission to close North Wood Avenue between Blancke Street and Elm Street on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 between the hours of 4:30pm and 7:30pm to hold the annual National Night Out Event.

**(\*\*\*) Recreation Department:**

1. Requesting permission to close Wood Avenue between Route 1&9 and Gibbons Street on Sunday, October 28, 2018 between the hours of 12noon and 6pm to hold the City of Linden Annual Halloween Parade. Additionally approving the Hold Harmless Agreement between the City and the Linden Board of Education for the use of two (2) Toro Work Carts for the parade.

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

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

**Department Employee Title Date**

Fire Dept. Thomas Anguella Firefighter June 1, 2018

Police Dept. Paul Zack Police Officer June 1, 2018

**(\*\*\*) City Clerk:**

**(6)** Requesting approval of the following bingo/raffle applications which have been

submitted to the City Clerk’s Office

**Application # Organization Raffle Fees**

RA-1808 PTSA LHS 50/50 $20.00

RA-1809 Robertozzi Scholarship Fund 50/50 $20.00

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

1. Advising that the Board of Health issued ninety (90) Certificates of Occupancy during

the month of April 2018.

Ms. Cosby moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

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

First Ward

Mrs. Ormon congratulated the police on the Unity Tour event, and spoke about how amazing the event was. Next she reported on speaking before a senior group about the safety of the residents. She then provided tips on safety and how to prevent crime, and recommend that all get to know their neighbors. Next she congratulated SID on the improvements that they are making for Wood Ave to look better, and talked about what she observed. She pointed out the empty stores, and the high rents that landlords are charging, urging residents to shop the downtown area.

Mrs. Ormon next reported on the old Pathmark site, explaining that Key Foods would be purchasing the site, and one of their brands would be opening there, although it hasn’t been determined which one. Next she displayed a check, from the Union County Freeholders, for $25,000.00 that would help with the rebuilding of Wales Park. Grant is from “The Level the Playing Field: grant program, which will help make this park handicapped accessible for our children. She thanked the Freeholders, with all her heart, for the program and the grant.

Second Ward

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 $1,256,891.00; 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 April at the rate of 1.00%.

Mr. Javick moved for approval of the report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Mr. Javick spoke about the recent fundraiser to help the family of a child with leukemia. He singled out the principle of School #8 and a member of the Board of Education, in particular for their efforts. Next he thanked the Police Department for their response to two recent incidents in the Second Ward. He provided details on the events, one a car accident and the other being a fire.

Mr. Javick provided details on an upcoming event to be held at the Library, and for a public meeting allowing citizens to provide input into revising the City’s master plan. He then informed all of the efforts of Public Works to deal with the pot holes caused by this past winter, and other items they are addressing.

Third Ward

Mr. Brown thanked Megan Martin, of the Department of Recreational Services and Public Property for her help in organizing and running Family Game Nights., He also extended thanks to the Mayor and the members of Council who attended these events.

Mr. Brown announced that he had contacted Six Flags (Great Adventure) and was able to develop a program, with them, in which they will be hiring and providing transportation to students from Linden High School during the summer. Next he spoke about a program that would allow student internship opportunities to Linden residents attending Kean University. He also provided details on a new program to take place in the Promenade Park.

Mr. Brown talked about the issue of public safety, and the idea that Linden is not safe, which is not true. He talked about the community meetings, that have been held with the police, to discuss safety. Next he spoke about the intersection of Wood Ave and Elizabeth Ave, and traffic safety issues. He noted that these were county roads, talked about the need for a new traffic study to be done, and asked residents to reach out for Freeholder Hudak to ask him to see that the new study gets done. He also provided contact information for Senator Scutari to ask for his help in Trenton.

Fourth Ward

Mr. Mohamed provided his contact information for Fourth Ward residents wanting to reach him. He wished all mothers a happy Mother’s Day,

Mr. Mohamed gave the report of the Board of Health of licenses issued. Next he spoke on the issue of civility among members of the council, particularly during election season. He talked about candidates attacking each other and not talking about the issues the City faces. He concluded that he was not here to attack people, but to build Linden up.

Fifth Ward

Ms. Cosby informed all that the report of the Construction Code Department was on file in the City Clerk’s office. Next she spoke about the installation of a voice mail system, in the Construction Code Department, and how the system would work. The department was also finalizing a guide, for homeowners, and their contractors, Accompany the guide would be a form where its receipt would be acknowledged.

Ms. Cosby announced details regarding her next Fifth Ward Community meeting. She thanked the police for attending the recent meeting of Moms Demand Action. She spoke about what parents need to do to ensure the safety of their children, when visiting friends, as regards to gun safety. Next she spoke about Linden developing a SLAP type program for those going through the municipal court and how it would be advantageous to the City.

Ms. Cosby provided a correction to a newspaper article and what her comments on the recently adopted budget where. She also clarified her position on the installation of cameras, and the illegal dumping that is taking place in the Fifth Ward. It was her position that the placement of the cameras should be only at the discretion of the police.

Ms. Cosby responded to the comments made by Mr. Mohamed regarding civility, stating that he needs to practice what he preaches, and concluded by relating an incident of concern to her.

Sixth Ward

Mr. Roman wished mothers everywhere a happy Mother’s Day. Next he spoke on phase II of the Merida South Wood Ave Development. He detailed what the new building would contain, including a restaurant. Next he talked about the groundbreaking for the new Walmart at Legacy Square, and the redevelopment of the old Walmart site on Avenue C. He then spoke about the recent cleanup of the train station and thanked a number of businesses and individuals for their donations of material and food.

Mr. Roman also spoke on the proposal, of a company, to buy land from the landfill site. He also addressed issues related to the cutting of grass at the blue acres site, dumping of asphalt on Willow Glade Road and the work done by the Construction Code Department to catch the person responsible. He spoke about the recent fundraiser to assist the family of a child with leukemia, from School 8, the traffic issues related to the intersections of Wood Ave and Elizabeth Ave. and the dangerous situation there. He noted a previous traffic study done at this location, and the money being spent in the Sixth Ward by the Freeholders.

Mr. Roman addressed the issue of the train station, the work that needed to be done and what was the responsibility of the City.

Seventh Ward

Mr. Strano wish all a happy Mother’s Day.

Mr. Strano gave the report of the Personnel Committee:

1. Police Department:
2. The unpaid internship of Samantha Ward from June 15, 2018 through August 15, 2018 pending the successful completion of all background requirements.
3. Fire Department:

a) The transfer of Sandy Vasquez, Clerk 1 effective May 21, 2018 at no change in salary.

b) Permission to begin background investigations for 6 Fire Fighter recruits

1. Department of Community Services:
2. Permission to post for 7 laborers due to retirements and title changes
3. Approval of Seasonal list on file in the Clerk’s Office

1. Engineering Department:

a) Permission to post Statewide via NJ Civil Service Commission for the position of Municipal Engineer Full Time

1. Department of Public Property/Recreational Services:

a) Approval of Seasonal list on file in the Clerk’s Office

b) Permission to post for Clerk 1(full time) internally, if no acceptable candidates, then to post externally.

6. City Clerk:

a) Permission to increase hours for Chelsea Liberos, not to exceed 35 hours per week during June 15, 2018 through August 15, 2018

7. Personnel:

a) Adoption of the amending Anti-Nepotism Policy, Article 11

1. FMLA/NJFLA:

Employee ID# 909077 Intermittent 1/1/18 through 12/31/18

Employee ID# 107427 Intermittent 4/1/18 through 12/31/18

Employee ID# 106731 Intermittent 4/13/18 through 12/31/18

Employee ID# 908713 Intermittent 4/16/18 through 4/16/19

Employee ID# 909399 Intermittent 4/25/18 through 10/25/18

Employee ID# 909505 Intermittent 3/1/18 through 3/1/19

Employee ID# 909119 Intermittent 3/28/18 through 12/31/18 Employee ID# 108047 FMLA 4/9/18 through 5/4/18

Employee ID# 107601 FMLA 6/1/18 through 7/13/18

Employee ID# 909491 FMLA 3/9/18 through 6/9/18

Employee ID# 000598 FMLA 3/19/18 through 6/18/18

Employee ID# 000942 FMLA 4/6/18 through 5/15/18

Mr. Strano opened the floor to questions from the public.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Asked questions regarding the increase in hours for Chelsa Libros to which Mr. Bodek provided responses.

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Ms. Cosby who abstained on item 7(a).

Mr. Strano gave his Seventh Ward report. He spoke on the upcoming Tremely Point Community Yard sale and informed all that construction has begun for the quiet zone. He thanked several employees and individuals for their help with this project, and noted the assistance of several residents.

Mr. Strano talked about the parking of tractor trailers, on Wood Ave and the need to upgrade signs in the area. He also talked about studies that were being done that would to help address speeding issues.

President Alvarez thanked former Councilman Mike Minarchenko for his efforts regarding the quite zone.

Eighth Ward

Mrs. Yamakaitis reported on the activities of the Mayor’s Youth Commission, including Kids to Parks day. She spoke about the individuals and groups that contributed and activities that would be available. Next she congratulated Rebecca Tattoli for being honored as volunteer of the year by the Municipal Alliance. She also announced a car wash that was being held by the Linden High School Senior Class as a fundraiser.

Mrs. Yamakaitis gave her Eighth Ward Report. She noted the denial of a four way stop sign, at Bachellor Ave, the reasons for the denial, and the need to revisit this issue. She identified other problem intersections in the Eighth Ward. Next she noted the resolution, on tonight’s agenda, amending the Park Plastic redevelopment Plan, and thanked Mayor Armstead and the LEDC for all of the redevelopment going on in the area. She spoke about the upcoming ground breaking for the St. Georges Ave redevelopment site. She concluded by thanking veterans for their service to this country.

Ninth Ward

Mr. Medina thanked all mothers and wished them a happy Mother’s Day. Next he gave the report of the library, including their new hours of operation. He informed all about a number of activities that the library was offering.

Mr. Medina gave his Ninth Ward report. He noted the road paving projects that are going on and asked residents, whose sidewalks were damaged by trees to call him so he could have them repaired. He spoke about other Ninth Ward issues, including one involving a fox. He concluded by promoting the car show, at Aviation Plaza.

Tenth Ward

Mrs. Hickey gave the report of the Fire Committee, including fees collected by the Fire Prevention Burea and the Ambulance reimbursement system. She then gave the report of the City Clerk’s Office and the City Clerk’s Licensing Division, not the number of licenses and documents issued, and the fees collected for the month of April.

Mrs. Hickey gave her Tenth Ward report. She noted which 10th Ward roads would be paved. She gave her deepest sympathies to the Vasquez family on the loss of their grandmother. Next she spoke about the recent Scout in Government meeting of the Council and one of the Scouts that was honored. She told the story, and informed all that the young man that the scout had assisted, Paul Lesiak, has lost his life to cancer. Next she thanked the new head custodian, at McManus Middle School, and spoke about the difference he has made to the school and the area around it.

Mrs. Hickey thanked Freeholder Hudak, and Senator Scutari for their efforts on behalf of Linden. She also responded to remarks made by her colleagues earlier. Next she addressed the issue of the train station, the repairs that need to be made, and that it is all talk, and not action is being taken. She spoke about several issues related to taxpayers, and the City newsletter, which she labeled as propaganda. She stated that she would always sit up here and tell the truth. It is time to stop this type of behavior. She informed all about an incident that occurred during the conference meeting.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead spoke about the train station and his conversations with NJ Transit, which he felt would be very fruitful, possibly leading to a new train station. He then called upon Mr. Brown, on his behalf, to give a report on the train station. At this point President Alvarez would not allow Mr. Brown to speak, for the Mayor. Mr. Antonelli was asked to give an opinion. He noted what the rules say and whose determination it was, noting previous cases of this being allowed. President Alvarez allowed Mr. Brown to speak. Mr. Brown detailed his conversations, with the governor’s office about the train station. He also spoke about discussion involving the traffic study, for the area and the need for the update.

Mayor Armstead then spoke about the scheduling of a town hall meeting, what its purpose was to be, and why it was canceled. He then addressed the issues, raised by Mrs. Hickey, regarding the city newsletter. He noted that it should have been out, but now will not go out till after the election. Mayor Armstead then spoke about street paving, how the work done in each ward was done on a rotating basis, odd/even. He noted the reasons for the delay, with paving projects, in some areas. He also talked about Wood Ave and the work that had to be done there, including completion of the punch list items for recent sidewalk widening.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the proposed use of the former Pathmark site, and the viable business that would be going in there. He also announced the details of the scheduled groundbreaking for phase II of the Merida site. He went into detail on what this building would include. He also announced a public meeting to allow input, into the City’s Master Plan. He also informed all as to a new gasification plant at the sewerage authority, the groundbreaking for the Park Plastics site, and a new business locating to Allan Street that would employees 30 to 40 individuals.

President Alvarez noted that he would be sitting down, with Mr. Antonelli to discuss the Council rules.

**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.**

John Principato, 1706 Westover Rd. removed 2018-219, 234, 235, 236, 238, 239, 240, 233 and 246.

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Rd. Removed 2018-219

John Roman removed 2018-232.

Mr. Strano moved for approval of resolutions 2018-214 through 2018-247, with the exception of 2018-219, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 238, 239, 240, 246, and 241. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with Mr. Javick voting no to 2018-214, and Ms. Cosby who voted no to 2018-230 and abstained on 2018-214.

**RESOLTUION: 2018-214**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE “LINDEN TIGER” AS THE**

**CITY OF LINDEN’S OFFICIAL MASCOT**

**WHEREAS**, the nickname “Tigers” and colors black and orange have been associated with Linden High School for almost a century; and

**WHEREAS,** it is one of the goals of the Mayor and Council to instill a sense of unity, camaraderie and teamwork between the City’s various official entities by adopting a common, and familiar identifier; and

**WHEREAS,** the adoption of the Linden Tiger as a common symbol representing the City of Linden, would be beneficial to the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that henceforth the “Linden Tigers” will be the official mascot and nickname for all of the City of Linden.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-215**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING Stacey L. carron, TAX COLLECTOR, TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19, authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Tax Collector, Stacey L. Carron has advised that an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

**WHEREAS**, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send three (3) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

**WHEREAS**, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of $25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the City of Linden wishes to charge $25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need for a vendor to administer tax lien services related to ELECTRONIC TAX SALE PROGRAM for the City of Linden’s annual tax sale to be held in June of 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), such services are considered "Professional Services" as within the scope of a licensed and regulated profession, and same may be awarded without competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1(c) **ROK INDUSTRIES, INC. d/b/a NJTaxlieninvestor.com** has qualified as an eligible vendor subject to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of Local Government Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** **BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden wishes to participate in the electronic tax sale; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector shall and hereby is authorized to participate in the electronic tax sale program.

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

**RESOLUTION: 2018-216**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS FOR SALE OR DISPOSITION NOT NEEDED FOR GOVERNMENT USE**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A 40A:11-36 provides for the sale/disposal of surplus property not needed for government use; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden desires to sell certain surplus property or dispose; and

**WHEREAS,** the items listed below are being declared surplus and not needed for municipal purpose; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to sell at public action or by other means as provided for in the statue using their best business discretion for the following items:

**various law books - see attached list**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to confirm the sale or disposal of said items.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-217**

**RESOLUTION QUALIFYING CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS IN**

**ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 40A:11-2(6)**

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) the City of Linden (the “City”), County of Union, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, instituted a policy to negotiate agreements for Professional Services on the basis of demonstrated confidence and qualifications for types of Professional Services required by the City pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

**WHEREAS,** the Purchasing Agent of the City of Linden has received in accordance with a published notice, sealed qualifications for various positions; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the fair and open process, and based upon review of the qualifications and recommendations therefore, certain professionals are qualified for certain positions for the calendar year 2018;

**REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL AND LITIGATION SERVICES**

**Archer & Greiner**

**Riverview Plaza**

**10 Highway 35**

**Red Bank, NJ 07701**

**Jardim, Meisner & Susser PC**

**30B Vreeland Road**

**Suite 201**

**Florham Park, NJ 07932**

**McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC**

**75 Livingston Ave.**

**Roseland, NJ 07068**

**Grace and Marmero**

**44 Euclid Street**

**Woodbury, NJ 08096-4626**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** thatin accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) on such basis as necessary, and for each of the approved and qualified vendors, a resolution approving each individual specific contract shall be considered by the Mayor and Council;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-218**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE CONTRACT A81330 FOR SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR POLICE VEHICLES FROM GENERAL SALES ADMINISTRATION, T/A MAJOR POLICE SUPPLY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain security equipment and supplies to outfit police vehicles from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey contract A81330 awarded to General Sales Administration t/a Major Police Supply, 47 N. Dell Avenue, Kenvil, NJ 07847 an authorized vendor and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and,

**WHEREAS**, General Sales Administration t/a Major Police Supply has been awarded Contract No A81330 for the provision of Police and Homeland Security Equipment and Supplies; 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 $52,411.56 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-902-684-919.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that General Sales Administration t/a Major Police Supply 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.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-219**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS,** said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will receive $6,600.00 from the State of New Jersey Law and Public Safety and wishes to amend its 2018 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum of $6,600.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with

Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local

Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:

DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $6,600.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:

DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN

Virginia Malik, 1633 Lenape Road. Ms. Malik asked who the director of the division of local government services is and where are they located. Mr. Bodek provided a response.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-246.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-220**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**LEAD HAZARD INSPECTIONS – CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPENSE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS,** said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will receive a subgrant not to exceed $3,000.00 from the City of Plainfield Health Department and wishes to amend its 2018 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum not to exceed $ 3,000.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with

Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local

Government Services:

Public and Private Revenue’s off-set with Appropriations:

Lead Hazard Inspections

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum not to exceed $3,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Program’s off-set by revenues:

Lead Hazard Inspections

**RESOLUTION: 2018-221**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LINDEN TAX COLLECTOR**

**TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH**

**P.L. 1994, C.72**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden does have an adopted City of Linden Budget for 2018 and the City of Linden has not received a certified tax rate from Union County as of this date, the City of Linden Tax Collector will be unable to mail the City of Linden’s 2018 tax bills on a timely basis; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden Tax Collector, in consultation with the City of Linden Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** in the County of Union and State of New Jersey on this 15th day of May, 2018 as follows:

1. The City of Linden Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the City of Linden for the third installment of the 2018 taxes on or before June 30, 2018.

2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2018 is hereby set at

$185,689,420.31, with an estimated rate of $6.858.

3. In accordance with law the third installment of 2018 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimate tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-222**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT WITH T&M ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR POROUS PAVEMENTAT MEMORIAL PARK IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden passed a resolution on March 20, 2018, No. 2018-153, retaining the services for Preparation of Contract Documents for Porous Pavement at Memorial Park in the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, qualifications have been received through a fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, T&M Associates, 11 Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ 07748 submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the ongoing nature of the work, it is necessary to provide an amendment for additional funds not to exceed $13,600.00; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures paid to date to T&M Associates, for services rendered under the original or substantially related contract is $46,000.00; and

**WHEREAS,** Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. G-02-40-165-017-220.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement for Professional Services awarded to T&M Associates is hereby amended to increase the contract an additional sum of $13,600.00, for a total contract of $46,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between T&M Associates and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement with T&M Associates to effectuate the foregoing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-223**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ACTING PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR 2017**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden passed Resolution No. 2018-24 on January 16, 2018 retaining the services Edward Cooper, Esq., as temporary public defender in Linden Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS,** because of the ongoing nature of the services for Edward Cooper, Esq., there is a need for additional funds not to exceed $10,000.00 for legal services relative to the aforesaid matter; and

**WHEREAS,** inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures paid to date to Edward Cooper, Esq. for services rendered under the original or substantially related contract is $15,000.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. T-03-56-806-000-126**;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement for Professional Services consistent with the above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-224**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT WITH PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITE REMEDIATION AT 1901 LOWER ROAD IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden passed a resolution on November 21, 2017, No. 2017-372, retaining the services of the Environmental Site Remediation at 1901 Lower Road in the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, qualifications have been received through a fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennoni Associates, Inc., 24 Commerce Street, Suite 300, Newark, NJ 07102 submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the ongoing nature of the work, it is necessary to provide an amendment for additional funds not to exceed $10,010.00; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures paid to date to Pennoni Associates, Inc., for services rendered under the original or substantially related contract is $27,310.00; and

**WHEREAS,** Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. C-04-55-905-588-919.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement for Professional Services awarded to Pennoni Associates, Inc., is hereby amended to increase the contract an additional sum of $10,010.00, for a total contract of $27,310.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between Pennoni Associates, Inc. and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement with Pennoni Associates, Inc. to effectuate the foregoing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-225**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2017 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the City of Linden’s Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS,** R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:50-6.5, a regulation requiring that the Governing Body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

**WHEREAS,** such Resolution and Certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five (45) days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS,** all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS,** failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local Governing Body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52-27BB52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who,

after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the

director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of

this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be

fined not more that one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) or imprisoned for not

more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 15, 2018.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-226**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH BRINKERHOFF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REGARDING REMOVAL OF AN UNDERGROUND TANK AT 2 S. WOOD AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need for environmental services at 2 S. Wood Avenue; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, qualifications have been received through a fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc. submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), such services are considered “Professional Services” as within the scope of a licensed and regulated profession, and same may be awarded without competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-666-919.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc., 1805 Atlantic Avenue, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736, at a fee not to exceed $11,540.00, in accordance with their proposal dated April 30, 2018; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc. and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute a contract with Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc. to effectuate the foregoing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-227**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO**

**FISCHER CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING OF MEMORIAL PARK PATHWAYS AND SEVENTH WARD PARK IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on May 2, 2018 for the resurfacing of Memorial Park Pathways and Seventh Ward Park in the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** a notice to bidders for said purpose was properly and legally advertised in the official publication(s); and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. C-04-55-904-676-919 ($90,000.00) and C-04-55-904-653-919 ($58,100.00); and

**WHEREAS**, Fischer Contracting, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $148,100.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that Council pass a Resolution authorizing the award of contracts;

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

1. A contract is awarded to Fischer Contracting, Inc. at their bid of $148,100.00.

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Fischer Contracting, Inc. and the City of Linden.

3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-228**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS,** said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will receive $19,120.00 from the County of Union and wishes to amend its 2018 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum of $19,120.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with

Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local

Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:

ROID 2018

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $19,120.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:

ROID 2018

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the sum of $7,117.20 will be appropriated for a matching funds requirement of the grant by the municipality and appears in the budget of the year 2018 under the caption “Matching Funds for Grants –ROID 2018”.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-229**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD GRANT**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS,** said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will receive $25,470.00 from the County of Union and wishes to amend its 2018 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum of $25,470.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with

Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local

Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:

Level the Playing Field

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $25,470.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:

Level the Playing Field

**RESOLUTION: 2018-230**

**CITY OF LINDEN RESOLUTION**

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

4/4/18 Workers Comp. claims 9,419.49

169261 4/4/18 GPNAJ registration A. Whelan 395.00

169260 4/4/18 ALS REPLCAEMENT CK 9,879.80

4/9/18 Payroll payroll 1,725,644.08

4/10/18 Worker’s Comp. claims 16,975.03

4/11/18 Vision Service Plan claims 4,366.62

4/11/18 Medco claims 55,508.07

4/13/18 SHBP Retirees April health premium 636,721.26

4/13/18 SHBP Active Feb. health premium 641,755.40

4/13/18 City of Linden April Dental 39,356.79

4/13/18 Sewerage “ 2,852.76

4/13/18 Housing “ 1,641.71

4/13/18 Library “ 900.31

4/13/18 Cobra “ 207.86

4/24/18 Medco claims 50,887.09

4/25/18 Worker’s Comp. claims 22,528.95

169487 4/25/18 C2 Creative March 2018 2,271.25

169499 4/25/18 Salcedo Aiba tax overpayment 267.57

169488 4/25/18 LRSA Sandy claim 5,488.71

169498 4/25/18 Molly Lenz garbage refund 60.00

169497 4/25/18 James & Paula Koplan “ 5.00

169496 4/25/18 Frank Albert Jr. “ 65.00

169495 4/25/18 Sheldon Williams “ 120.00

169494 4/25/18 Mortgage Midland “ 60.33

169493 4/25/18 John Balanta “ 5.00

169492 4/25/18 Berghow Orock “ 10.00

169491 4/25/18 Rochelle Green “ 10.00

169490 4/25/18 D & A Associates LLC “ 5.00

169486 4/25/18 Foundation Title LLC “ 5.00

**TRUST**

4/9/18 Payroll payroll 53,829.54

4/11/18 Treas. State of NJ training fees 22,336.00

**GRANT**

4/9/18 Payroll payroll 1,919.00

**SANITARY LANDFILL**

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

4/9/18 Payroll payroll 1,254.33

**RESOLUTION: 2018-231**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SOFTWARE REQUIRED FOR THE RENEWAL AND MAINTENANCE OF TIME CLOCKS AND ATTENDANCE EQUIPMENT WITH VISUAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden has a need to renew required software necessary to renew and maintain the time clocks and attendance equipment with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.1(dd) provides for the support software maintenance, consultation services and training services of propriety computer hardware and software; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A20.4 or 20.5, said contract is renewed as a non-fair and open contract; and

**WHEREAS,** the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year, commencing on July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for software at the rate of $53,125.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. has submitted a proposal dated May 1, 2018 indicating they will provide the software required for the aforesaid price; and

**WHEREAS**, funds have been previously certified and will be charged to account/line item 8-01-25-250-314-271; and

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2018-232**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REFERRING TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT UPON THE “AVENUE C REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” 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**, on March 22, 2017 the City Council of the City (the “**City Council**”), pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, authorized the Planning Board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to determine whether the property identified as Block 580, Lots 13 and 14 on the official tax map of the City (“**Study Area**”), met the statutory criteria for designation as an “area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9 2017,the Planning Board undertook said investigation and conducted a public hearing, all in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, and recommended to the City Council that the Study Area satisfied certain statutory criteria and thus constituted an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution 2017-222, which designated an area consisting of certain properties identified on the tax map of the City as Block 580, Lots 13 and 14 (the “**Property**”) as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the Property, the City Council also authorized the preparation of a redevelopment plan for the Property pursuant to the authority granted under the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Ricci Planning prepared the redevelopment plan entitled “AVENUE C REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”), providing the development standards for the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to refer to the Planning Board the 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.

**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. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-7(e), the City Council hereby refers the 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 amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, and submit same to the City Council within 45 days after referral, as required by the Redevelopment Law.
3. The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and the proposed amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, to the Planning Board for review.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

John Roman. Mr. Roman noted that this is the current location of Walmart, and once they leave there, the other stores back there are going to die. He spoke about the two options in the redevelopment plan. He spoke about his concerns for the other tenants that are located there, and how some had just signed new ten year leases. He noted that he would continue to monitor this issue.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-246.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-233**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REFERRING TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AN AMENDED AND RESTATED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE LINDEN AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT 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**, on March 15, 1994, the City Council of the City (the “**City Council**”), pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, authorized the Planning Board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to determine whether the property identified as Block 580, Lot 31.09 on the official tax map of the City (the “**Study Area**” or “**Property**”), met the statutory criteria for designation as an “area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 1994,the Planning Board undertook said investigation and conducted a public hearing, all in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, and recommended to the City Council that the Study Area satisfied certain statutory criteria and thus constituted an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 1994, the City Council adopted a resolution which designated the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the Property, the City Council also authorized the preparation of a redevelopment plan for the Property pursuant to the authority granted under the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Planners Diversified prepared, and the City adopted, the redevelopment plan entitled “Redevelopment Plan for the Linden Airport Development Area,” adopted July 1994 and amended through December 1998 (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”), providing the development standards for the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to refer to the Planning Board certain amendments to the 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.

**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. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-7(e), the City Council hereby refers the amendments to the 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 amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, Former Theater Site and Abutting Properties and submit same to the City Council within 45 days after referral, as required by the Redevelopment Law.
3. The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and the proposed amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, to the Planning Board for review.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

John Principato, 1460 Westover Road. Mr. Principato asked the location of all of this redevelopment property. Mr. Bodek and Mr. Strano noted the location. In response to his question, it was noted that the City owned the property. Mr. Antonelli explained the process and how it affects ownership.

Dennis Valvano, 515 North Wood Ave. Mr. Valvano asked a series of question regarding the property and if it was put out for bid. Mr. Antonelli explained that it was not a bid, and the process that was used. Mr. Valvano asked what the amendment was about, to which Mr. Antonelli provided an explanation. Mr. Valvano explained his concerns regarding what a developer would pay for this property depending on how it was zoned. Mr. Brown noted the review, by the City’s financial advisors, and there findings as to what the City was to receive for this property. Mrs. Hickey spoke about the RFQ, for this property, and agreed with Mr. Valvano that the City was not getting enough money for this property. She noted that she had talked to several developers who agreed. She also spoke about her disagreement with the East St. Georges Ave Development

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-246.**

Council president moved to table Resolution #2018-233 to the June 19, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Mohammed, Mr. Strano and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-234**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE CITY’S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 496, LOT 4 (IN THE AREA OF WORTH AVENUE AND BEDLE PLACE) SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1, *et seq.***

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

**WHEREAS**, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute areas in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law the city council (“**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,** the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City that an investigation occur with respect to certain parcels within the City and therefore authorizes and directs the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known on the City tax maps as Block 496, Lot 4 (in the area of Worth Avenue and Bedle Place) (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; and

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

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

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

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

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

Section 4. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, after giving due notice of the proposed boundaries of the Study Area and the date of the hearing to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment. The notice of the hearing shall specifically state that the redevelopment area determination shall authorize the City or City Council to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the delineated area, for the Study Area is being investigated as a possible Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area.

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

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

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

John Principato, 1460 Westover Rd. Mr. Principato asked who owns the property. The response was that the City owned the property.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-246.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-235**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 586, LOTS 8 AND 9, AND BLOCK 587, LOT 1 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY**

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the resolution adopted on April 18, 2000, the municipal council of the City (the **“City Council**”) designated the properties commonly known as Block 586, Lots 8 and 9 on the tax map of the City as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Redevelopment Law (the “**DuPont Redevelopment Area**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2000, by Ordinance 42-01, the City Council adopted a redevelopment plan for the DuPont Redevelopment Area, entitled “DuPont Redevelopment Plan”, dated August, 2010 (the “**2000 Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a resolution adopted on January 8, 2002, the Planning Board of the City of Linden (“**Planning Board**”) recommended that certain parcels adjacent to the DuPont Redevelopment Area, identified as Block 587, Lots 1 and 2.01 on the official tax map of the City, be designated as “an area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a resolution adopted on January 15, 2002, the City Council designated as “an area in need of redevelopment” certain other 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 “**2002 Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2004, 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 “**2004 Redevelopment Plan**”), which plan superseded the 2000 Redevelopment Plan and the 2002 Redevelopment Plan; 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, as such term is defined at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-3, 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**, on April 21, 2010, the City Council, in furtherance of the redevelopment of the DuPont Redevelopment Area, designated Block 586, Lot 11 as an area in need of redevelopment and added said parcel to the DuPont Redevelopment Area (the “**Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2010, the City Council, by Ordinance 54-59, amended the 2004 Redevelopment Plan to focus only on the Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area (the “**2010 Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, after additional hearings, and by resolution dated October 9, 2012, the Planning Board recommended that the City Council discontinue the designation of the ISP Redevelopment Area as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 2012-414, approved on or about November 21, 2012, the City Council rescinded the designation of the ISP Redevelopment Area as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution 2018-159, directing the Planning Board to again investigate whether the ISP Redevelopment Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2018, the Planning Board recommended that the ISP Redevelopment Area be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution 2018-200, designating that the ISP Redevelopment Area be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2018, the City Council adopted Ordinance #62-31, superseding and supplementing the 2010 Redevelopment Plan to include both the Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area and the ISP Redevelopment Area (aka LPH Land) (such new plan, the “**Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the area subject to the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan shall be referred to herein as the “**Redevelopment Area**”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, the City in its capacity as the redevelopment entity for the Redevelopment Area, with full authority to exercise the powers contained in the Redevelopment Law, desires to facilitate and implement the development of the Redevelopment Area in accordance with the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, PR II/GAR Tremley Property Two LLC (“**Property Two Redeveloper**”) has made application to be designated as the redeveloper for Block 586, Lots 8 and 9, Block 587, Lot 1 (“**Property Two Redeveloper Parcels**”), of which Property Two Redeveloper is the owner, and Property Two Redeveloper has provided information consisting of documentation evidencing financial responsibility and capability with respect to the Project (as defined herein), estimated total development costs for the Redevelopment Area, and estimated time schedule for commencement and completion of construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that Property Three Redeveloper meets all necessary criteria, including financial capabilities, experience, expertise and project concept descriptions, and, as a result, has determined to engage in negotiations with Property Three Redeveloper for the purpose of entering into this Redevelopment Agreement to designate Property Three Redeveloper as the exclusive redeveloper of the Project Area; and

**WHEREAS**, subject to the terms hereof, Property Three Redeveloper has agreed to develop or cause to be developed in the Redevelopment Area certain improvements consistent with the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan, together with the owner of Block 586, Lots 8 and 9, and Block 587, Lot 1, which shall consist of the following, as applicable: construction of eight (8) Class A high-bay industrial buildings encompassing approximately 4,126,000 square feet, with target uses of bulk distribution, materials processing, manufacturing, refrigeration, research & development and data centers, and/or other uses permitted under the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan (the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to implement the development, financing, construction, operation and management of the Project, the City now desires to enter into a redevelopment agreement with Property Three Redeveloper, a form of which redevelopment agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and which redevelopment agreement specifies the rights and responsibilities of the City, designates Property Three Redeveloper as redeveloper of the Property Three Redeveloper Parcel and specifies the rights and responsibilities of Property Three Redeveloper with respect to the Project.

**WHEREAS**, an affiliate of Property Two Redeveloper, Grasselli Road Urban Renewal LLC, was previously designated redeveloper of the Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area and entered into a redevelopment agreement with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to implement the development, financing, construction, operation and management of the Project, the Parties and Grasselli Road Urban Renewal LLC wish to terminate the existing redevelopment agreement covering the Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area.

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

1. The recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the redevelopment agreement substantially in the form as attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to such additions, deletions, modifications or amendments deemed necessary by the Mayor in his discretion, in consultation with the City’s professionals, which additions, deletions, modifications or amendments do not alter the substantive rights and obligations of the parties thereto, and to take all other necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the Agreement.
3. As an affiliate of Property Two Redeveloper, Grasselli Road Urban Renewal LLC LLC, was previously designated redeveloper of the Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area and entered into a redevelopment agreement with the City, and in order to implement the development, financing, construction, operation and management of the Project, the City and Grasselli Road Urban Renewal LLC wish to terminate the existing redevelopment agreement covering the Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-246.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-236**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 587, LOT 2.01 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY**

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the resolution adopted on April 18, 2000, the municipal council of the City (the **“City Council**”) designated the properties commonly known as Block 586, Lots 8 and 9 on the tax map of the City as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Redevelopment Law (the “**DuPont Redevelopment Area**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2000, by Ordinance 42-01, the City Council adopted a redevelopment plan for the DuPont Redevelopment Area, entitled “DuPont Redevelopment Plan”, dated August, 2010 (the “**2000 Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a resolution adopted on January 8, 2002, the Planning Board of the City of Linden (“**Planning Board**”) recommended that certain parcels adjacent to the DuPont Redevelopment Area, identified as Block 587, Lots 1 and 2.01 on the official tax map of the City, be designated as “an area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a resolution adopted on January 15, 2002, the City Council designated as “an area in need of redevelopment” certain other 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 “**2002 Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2004, 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 “**2004 Redevelopment Plan**”), which plan superseded the 2000 Redevelopment Plan and the 2002 Redevelopment Plan; 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, as such term is defined at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-3, 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**, on April 21, 2010, the City Council, in furtherance of the redevelopment of the DuPont Redevelopment Area, designated Block 586, Lot 11 as an area in need of redevelopment and added said parcel to the DuPont Redevelopment Area (the “**Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2010, the City Council, by Ordinance 54-59, amended the 2004 Redevelopment Plan to focus only on the Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area (the “**2010 Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, after additional hearings, and by resolution dated October 9, 2012, the Planning Board recommended that the City Council discontinue the designation of the ISP Redevelopment Area as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 2012-414, approved on or about November 21, 2012, the City Council rescinded the designation of the ISP Redevelopment Area as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution 2018-159, directing the Planning Board to again investigate whether the ISP Redevelopment Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2018, the Planning Board recommended that the ISP Redevelopment Area be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution 2018-200, designating that the ISP Redevelopment Area be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2018, the City Council adopted Ordinance #62-31, superseding and supplementing the 2010 Redevelopment Plan to include both the Expanded DuPont Redevelopment Area and the ISP Redevelopment Area (aka LPH Land) (such new plan, the “**Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the area subject to the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan shall be referred to herein as the “**Redevelopment Area**”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, the City in its capacity as the redevelopment entity for the Redevelopment Area, with full authority to exercise the powers contained in the Redevelopment Law, desires to facilitate and implement the development of the Redevelopment Area in accordance with the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, PR II/GAR Tremley Property Three LLC (“**Property Three Redeveloper**”) has made application to be designated as the redeveloper for Block 587, Lot 2.01 (“**Property Three Redeveloper Parcel**”), of which Property Three Redeveloper is the owner, and Property Three Redeveloper has provided information consisting of documentation evidencing financial responsibility and capability with respect to the Project (as defined herein), estimated total development costs for the Redevelopment Area, and estimated time schedule for commencement and completion of construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that Property Three Redeveloper meets all necessary criteria, including financial capabilities, experience, expertise and project concept descriptions, and, as a result, has determined to engage in negotiations with Property Three Redeveloper for the purpose of entering into this Redevelopment Agreement to designate Property Three Redeveloper as the exclusive redeveloper of the Project Area; and

**WHEREAS**, subject to the terms hereof, Property Three Redeveloper has agreed to develop or cause to be developed in the Redevelopment Area certain improvements consistent with the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan, together with the owner of Block 586, Lots 8 and 9, and Block 587, Lot 1, which shall consist of the following, as applicable: construction of eight (8) Class A high-bay industrial buildings encompassing approximately 4,126,000 square feet, with target uses of bulk distribution, materials processing, manufacturing, refrigeration, research & development and data centers, and/or other uses permitted under the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan (the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to implement the development, financing, construction, operation and management of the Project, the City now desires to enter into a redevelopment agreement with Property Three Redeveloper, a form of which redevelopment agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and which redevelopment agreement specifies the rights and responsibilities of the City, designates Property Three Redeveloper as redeveloper of the Property Three Redeveloper Parcel and specifies the rights and responsibilities of Property Three Redeveloper with respect to the Project.

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

1. The recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the redevelopment agreement substantially in the form as attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to such additions, deletions, modifications or amendments deemed necessary by the Mayor in his discretion, in consultation with the City’s professionals, which additions, deletions, modifications or amendments do not alter the substantive rights and obligations of the parties thereto, and to take all other necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the Agreement.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

John Principato, 1460 Westover Rd. Mr. Principato asked about the ownership of this piece of property. Mr. Antonelli responded that this piece was privately owned, noted the location, and who the owner is.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-246.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-237**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2018 AS**

**“PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE CITY**

**OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** Preeclampsia, including HELLP syndrome and eclampsia, is a dangerous condition of pregnancy that can, in its severest form, lead to maternal and/or infant mortality or premature birth with significant health risks for the mother and baby; and,

**WHEREAS,** Preeclampsia has as many as 320,000 cases diagnosed in America every year with approximately 25% resulting in severe, life-threatening consequences to a pregnant woman and her baby; and,

**WHEREAS,** Public Education as to the signs and symptoms of preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome and eclampsia can help women recognize the condition and seek appropriate medical care; and,

**WHEREAS,** Prenatal Education should include recognition of those signs and symptoms such as spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of face and hands, severe upper abdominal pain, blurred vision, persistent headaches, breathlessness; and,

**WHEREAS,** Many citizens of the City of Linden, have joined with the Preeclampsia Foundation to raise public awareness in order to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden do hereby designate that the month of May be recognized as **“Preeclampsia Awareness Month”**,and urge all Linden, residents by action of this proclamation, let it be known that we support the Preeclampsia Foundation’s efforts to reduce maternal and infant illness and mortality due to preeclampsia and related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-238**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING A REDEVELOPER AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 423, LOT 4.02 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY**

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

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the municipal council (the “**City Council**”) of the City of Linden (the “**City**”) on April 19, 2016, designated an area consisting of certain properties identified on the tax map of the City as Block 423, Lot 4.02 (the “**Property**”), as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, Ricci Planning will prepare for the City Council’s consideration for adoption a redevelopment plan, providing the development standards for the Property (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:l2A-4, the City Council has designated the City to act as the “Redevelopment Entity” (as such term is defined at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-3) for the Redevelopment Area and to exercise the powers contained in the Act to facilitate the development of the Project (as defined herein); and

**WHEREAS**, MERIDIA 1001, LINDEN, LLC (the “**Redeveloper**”) has made application to be designated as the redeveloper for the Property, for which Redeveloper is the contract purchaser, and Redeveloper has provided information consisting of documentation evidencing financial responsibility and capability with respect to the Project (as defined herein), estimated total development costs, and estimated time schedule for commencement and completion of construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that the Entity meets all necessary criteria, including financial capabilities, experience, expertise and project concept descriptions, and, as a result, has determined enter into a redevelopment agreement to designate the Entity as the exclusive redeveloper as to the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, Redeveloper has agreed to develop a project consistent with the proposed Redevelopment Plan to include construction of residential units of an amount not to exceed 402 residential units of which approximately 9.45% will be micro/studio units, approximately 23.56% will be studio units with interior bedrooms, approximately 43.71% will be one-bedroom units, approximately 14.39% will be one-bedroom units with dens, and approximately 8.9% will be two-bedroom units, together with 4,750 to 5,250 square feet of restaurant space, 3,270 to 3,623 square feet of supportive retail space, and approximately 546 on-site parking spaces, on the express condition that any change to the residential unit total, percentage breakdown of unit type, square footage of restaurant or retail space and/or on-site parking be approved by the Planning Board (as more fully defined in the redevelopment agreement, the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to implement the development, financing, construction, operation and management of the Project, the City now desires to enter into a redevelopment agreement with Redeveloper, a form of which redevelopment agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and which redevelopment agreement specifies the rights and responsibilities of the City, designates Redeveloper as redeveloper of the Property and specifies the rights and responsibilities of Redeveloper with respect to the Property.

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

1. The recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the redevelopment agreement substantially in the form as attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to such additions, deletions, modifications or amendments deemed necessary by the Mayor in his discretion, in consultation with the City’s professionals, which additions, deletions, modifications or amendments do not alter the substantive rights and obligations of the parties thereto, and to take all other necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the Agreement, conditioned upon the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

John Principato, 1460 Westover Road. Mr. Principato asked if the United Lacquer property was located on Elizabeth Ave. He also asked about resolution 2018-239, and what its purpose was.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-246.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-239**

**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 1001 WEST ELIZABETH AVENUE, BLOCK 423, LOT 4.02 (UNITED LACQUER), 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**, on July 21, 2015 the City Council of the City (the “**City Council**”), pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, authorized the Planning Board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to determine whether the property identified as Block 423, Lot 4.02 on the official tax map of the City (“**Study Area**”), met the statutory criteria for designation as an “area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2016,the Planning Board undertook said investigation and conducted a public hearing, all in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, and recommended to the City Council that the Study Area satisfied certain statutory criteria and thus constituted an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution 2016-160, which designated an area consisting of certain properties identified on the tax map of the City as Block 423, Lot 4.02 (the “**Property**”) as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the Property, the City Council also authorized the preparation of a redevelopment plan for the Property pursuant to the authority granted under the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Ricci Planning prepared the redevelopment plan entitled “Redevelopment Plan for 1001 West Elizabeth Avenue, Block 423, Lot 4.02 (United Lacquer),” (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”), providing the development standards for the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to refer to the Planning Board the 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.

**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. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-7(e), the City Council hereby refers the 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 amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, and submit same to the City Council within 45 days after referral, as required by the Redevelopment Law.
3. The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and the proposed amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, to the Planning Board for review.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-246.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-240**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REFERRING TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 496, LOT 3, 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**, on July 22, 2015, the City Council of the City (the “**City Council**”), pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, authorized the Planning Board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to determine whether the property identified as Block 496, Lot 3 on the official tax map of the City (“**Study Area**”), met the statutory criteria for designation as an “area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 2016,the Planning Board undertook said investigation and conducted a public hearing, all in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, and recommended to the City Council that the Study Area satisfied certain statutory criteria and thus constituted an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution 2016-134, which designated an area consisting of certain properties identified on the tax map of the City as Block 496, Lot 3 (the “**Property**”) as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the Property, the City Council also authorized the preparation of a redevelopment plan for the Property pursuant to the authority granted under the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Ricci Planning prepared the redevelopment plan entitled “Redevelopment Plan Block 496, Lot 3,” (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”), providing the development standards for the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to refer certain amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, to the Planning Board, 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.

**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. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-7(e), the City Council hereby refers the amendments to the 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 amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, and submit same to the City Council within 45 days after referral, as required by the Redevelopment Law.
3. The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and the proposed amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, to the Planning Board for review.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-246.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-241**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RELEASE ESCROW FUNDS TO LINDEN PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC RELEVANT TO THE DEVELOPER AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 587, LOTS 1 AND 2.01**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden is in possession of escrow funds relative to the Developer Agreement dated April 16, 2015, for payments associated with property acquisitions and other matter relating to Linden Property Holdings, LLC’s development of the property located on Block 587, Lots 1 and 2.01; and

**WHEREAS,** said agreement has come to fruition and Linden Property Holdings, LLC is requesting said escrow funds be released;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that said escrow funds totaling $15,375.18 relating to the aforementioned matter be released to Linden Property Holdings, LLC, attn. Carl R. Eckardt, c/o GAF, 1 Campus Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054; and

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

John Principato, 1460 Westover Road. Mr. Principato asked where this property was located.

**For roll call refer to Resolution #2018-246.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-242**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 13, 2018 AS POLICE WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls a Police Week: and

**WHEREAS,** the International Association of Chiefs of Police has declared law enforcement officer safety and wellness a top priority, and the IACP’s Center for Officer Safety and Wellness promotes the importance of individual, agency, family, and community safety and wellness awareness; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of the City of Linden Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

**WHEREAS,** the police department of the City of Linden has grown to be modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden call upon all citizens of Linden and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13, 2018, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council call upon all citizens of Linden to observe May 15, 2018 as Peace Officer Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-243**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCIL 711**

**FOR WORK PERFORMED AT THE LINDEN TRAIN STATION**

**WHEREAS,** The International Union of Painters & Allied Trades was chartered in 1887 and has been proudly representing painters, drywall finishers, glaziers (glass installers), and decorators for over 100 years; and

**WHEREAS,** The International Union of Painters & Allied Trades strive to improve communities through partnerships and outreach opportunities. They work to protect the environment and worker’s rights and believe in fighting against wage discrimination and wage inequality among all things centered around civil, human and worker’s rights; and

**WHEREAS,** it is their goal to enrich the lives of all working men and women and continue to work towards social and economic justice not only in the state of New Jersey, but across the nation; and

**WHERES,** On Saturday, April 21, 2018, District Council 711 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades held its Third Annual Community Day of Action. On this day, every District Council in the nation worked on projects within their respective communities. In New Jersey, District Council 711 was honored to partner with the City of Linden to recoat the underside of the bridge located at the Linden Train Station; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden do hereby recognize the men and women of District Council 711, who participated in the cleanup and restoration of the Linden Train Station; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be fittingly presented to **DISTRICT COUNCIL 711, NEW JERSEY** and be placed in the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden in recognition of the efforts of their organization to make Linden a better place.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-244**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**TAYLOR BATTLE AND JADE RODRIGUES FOR BEING CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE**

**140TH ANNUAL WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL**

**WHEREAS,** The White House Easter Egg Roll is a timeless tradition that dates back to 1878 under the administration of President Rutherford B. Hayes; and

**WHEREAS,** on April 2, 2018 President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania hosted the 140th annual Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House; and

**WHEREAS,** the lucky winners of a public lottery receive the honor of having their egg design displayed at the White House, which includes egg cutouts from each state; and

**WHERES,** Linden High School Students, Taylor Battle and Jade Rodrigues had their design selected unanimously from more than a dozen submitted from schools across New Jersey to the state Department of Education for consideration. And just like that, Taylor and Jade’s egg was on its way to the White House to represent the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS,** their design included the American Finch, blueberries, the Jersey Shore along with our state moto, “Liberty and Prosperity”. Taylor Battle and Jade Rodrigues credited their graphic design teacher, Ms. Debby Hefferman for teaching them the computer skills they needed, work within the color scheme which was limited to five Pantone colors that had to be incorporated into the design and made sure they got their work done by deadline; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden do hereby wish to congratulate Taylor Battle and Jade Rodrigues for their hard work and dedication and for being selected to represent not only the City of Linden but the State of New Jersey as well in the 140th White House Easter Egg Roll;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be fittingly presented to Taylor Battle and Jade Rodrigues and be placed in the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden in recognition of their efforts.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-245**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MIKE BONO AND**

**RESIDENT MEMBERS MARILYN COPLAN AND JOHANNA “JAY” COLUCCI FOR THEIR DEDICATED**

**SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LINDEN AND THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/LINDEN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS,** it is a priority of the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden to recruit and retain qualified, conscientious and motivated individuals to serve the community; and

**WHEREAS,** one element of pursuing this priority is communicating with volunteers that their service to the community is valued and appreciated. Such communication contributes to increased morale and job performance; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden want to recognize such individuals for their commitment to the City and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike Bono has served as the Executive Director since 1997, Marilyn Coplan and Jay Colucci have been Resident Members of the Special Improvement District/Linden District Management Corporation since 2002. The Special Improvement District promotes economic growth and employment within the business district and in particular the Special Improvement District fosters and encourage self-help programs to enhance the local business district in the City of Linden; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor and City Council wishes to express their gratitude and thanks to Mike Bono, Marilyn Coplan and Johanna “Jay” Colucci for their dedication and commitment to the City of Linden, its residents and business owners; 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 Marilyn Coplan, Mike Bono, and Johanna “Jay” Colucci in permanent recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-246**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING A REDEVELOPER AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 436, LOT 11.01 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY**

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2004, the City Council adopted Resolution 2016-134, which designated an area consisting of certain properties identified on the tax map of the City as Block 436, Lot 11, and thereafter subdivided into Lot 11.01 (the “**Property**”) as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, Planners Diversified prepared, and the City Council adopted, the redevelopment plan entitled “Infineum Redevelopment Project,” dated March 2004 (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”), providing the development standards for the Property; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:l2A-4, the City Council has designated the City to act as the “Redevelopment Entity” (as such term is defined at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-3) for the Redevelopment Area and to exercise the powers contained in the Act to facilitate the development of the Project (as defined herein); and

**WHEREAS**, Linden Edgar, LLC (the “**Redeveloper**”) has made application to be designated as the redeveloper for the Property, for which Redeveloper maintains an equitable interest and is in an agreement to purchase the Property from its current owner, and Redeveloper has provided information consisting of documentation evidencing financial responsibility and capability with respect to the Project (as defined herein), estimated total development costs, and estimated time schedule for commencement and completion of construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that the Entity meets all necessary criteria, including financial capabilities, experience, expertise and project concept descriptions, and, as a result, has determined enter into a redevelopment agreement to designate the Entity as the exclusive redeveloper as to the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, Redeveloper has agreed to develop a project consistent with the Redevelopment Plan, to include an approximately 5,585 square foot retail store and fueling station, an approximately 7,200 square foot one-story retail structure (or any other use permitted under the Redevelopment Plan), and approximately ninety (90) surface parking spaces (as more fully defined in the redevelopment agreement, the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to implement the development, financing, construction, operation and management of the Project, the City now desires to enter into a redevelopment agreement with Redeveloper, a form of which redevelopment agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and which redevelopment agreement specifies the rights and responsibilities of the City, designates Redeveloper as redeveloper of the Property and specifies the rights and responsibilities of Redeveloper with respect to the Property.

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

1. The recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the redevelopment agreement substantially in the form as attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to such additions, deletions, modifications or amendments deemed necessary by the Mayor in his discretion, in consultation with the City’s professionals, which additions, deletions, modifications or amendments do not alter the substantive rights and obligations of the parties thereto, and to take all other necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the Agreement.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Mr. Strano moved for approval of Resolutions #2018-219, #2018-232, #2018-234, #2018-235, #2018-236, #2018-238, #2018-239, #2018-240, #2018-241 and 2018-246. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was unanimously ordered approved.**

**President Alvarez stated that a lot of questions have been brought up, that he was not aware of, and moved to table Resolution 2018-233. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby, and approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes, except Mrs. Ormon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Mohamed, Mr. Strano, and Mrs. Yamakaitis who voted no. President Alvarez stated that this would be tabled and brought up next month.**

**Mr. Brown noted that council had received the agenda almost two weeks ago, and during that time and the Council President never read up on it. He asked what the questions where, and President Alvarez responded.**

**RESOLUTION: 2018-247**

**RESOLUION APPROVING A COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS**

**AGREEMENT WITH LSA LOCAL 125 AND LOCAL 125A**

Whereas the Council of the City of Linden has a collective negotiations agreement with the LSA Local 125 and Local 125A; and

Whereas, the prior agreement expired on December 31, 2017; and

Whereas the Council and the Union have negotiated a successor agreement.

Now therefore be it resolved that this Council approves the LSA Local 125 and Local 125A collective negotiations agreement effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Be it resolved that the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Linden to execute the attached collective negotiations agreement, subject to ratification by LSA Local 125 and Local 125A.

Be it further resolved that this resolution is effective subject to the aforementioned provisions.

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-34 Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of $291,500 for the acquisition of various items of capital equipment for the Police Department and authorizing the issuance of $276,925 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 #62-34 was introduced by Mr. Javick and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-35 Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of $90,090 for acquisition of firefighting equipment and personal protective equipment and authorizing the issuance of $85,586 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 #62-35 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:**

#62-36 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, Section 7-13, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

DELETE:

Street Side Hours Days Location

Hampden Street North 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm Fridays U.S. Rt 1 to terminus

Hampden Street South 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 pm Tuesday U. S. Rt 1 to terminus

Smith Street North 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm Fridays U.S. Rt 1 to terminus

Smith Street South 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 pm Tuesday U.S. Rt. 1 to terminus

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

Ordinance #62-36 was introduced by Mr. Roman and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-37 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” 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:

10-2 Fees

10-2.1 Subcode Fees is hereby amended

* + - 1. As peer N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17(a)

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

Ordinance #62-37 was introduced by Mr. Javick and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-38 Bond Ordinance restating Bond Ordinance, #61-65 providing an appropriation of $57,200 for acquisition of pay per space kiosk stations and authorizing the issuance of $54,340 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Roman commented

Ordinance #62-38 was introduced by Mr. Javick and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Javick, seconded by Mr. Roman the foregoing Ordinance was defeated by the following roll call vote, Mr. Javick, Ms. Cosby, Mr. Roman, Mr. Medina, Mrs. Hickey and Mr. Alvarez voting no.

Ms. Ormon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Mohammed, Mr. Strano and Mrs. Yamakaitis voted yes.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-39 Bond Ordinance restating bond ordinance #16-69 providing a bond ordinance amending Bond Ordinance number #59-16 finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Linden, New Jersey on April 21, 2015.

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

Ordinance #62-39 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:**

#62-40 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter V, Animal Control , 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 V, Animal Control, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

**ADD:**

**SECTION 5-5 REGULATING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS**

President Alvarez asked if there were any comments from the public.

Larry Cohen, Fanwood Humane Society, Mr. Cohen spoke about the ordinance, encouraged the adoption, and explained why the City needed to adopt this ordinance.

Ordinance #62-40 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:**

#62-41 Ordinance approving the amended Financial Agreement with SRV Linden 1 Urban Renewal LLC.

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

Ordinance #62-41 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

#62-42 An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance establishing a schedule of titles, salary ranges and regulations for maintain the classification and salary standardization plan of all employees of the City of Linden,” passed August 15, 1995 and approved August 16, 1995.

ADD:

Schedule 4-MM-4

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

Ordinance #62-42 was introduced by Mr. Roman and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Unanimously ordered approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Alvarez noted comments were limited to five minutes, and that no personnel, or political comments would be allowed. He added that if that rule were to be violated, he would stop the individual and ask them to leave.

Scott Garitt, 1212 Dewitt Terr. Mr. Garitt spoke about comments made by Mr. Mack, and was critical of the actions of those on the dais, and the actions and words spoken here. He noted that he eliminated names and events so as to be accused of being a shill for a candidate. He urged members of the governing body to put aside personal differences and act on behalf of the good of the City. He concluded by recommending that the elected officials act as leaders. He expounded upon his recommendations and what the residents should expect.

Craig Halloran, 120 Donaldson Pl. Mr. Halloran thanked all for their work on dealing with the problems at 597 W. Price St., around the corner from his house. He made several suggestion on dealing with the issue of abandoned properties in the future. He made a suggestion on dog licensing, rabies vaccinations and saving money. He noted that the Mayor had comments about something going on at the Sewerage Authority and that he would like more information on that. He suggested that he and Ms. Cosby could get together and go the authority so that he could understand it better.

Tanya Grissett, 422 S. Wood Ave. Ms. Grisset thanked Jennifer Honan for going above and beyond to help out with the Commissioner’s office in the State dealing with Legalized Games of Chance. She talked about the recent School 6 fundraiser. Next she spoke about the flower pots, on Wood Ave, and commended an individual who she heard bought and planted flowers around the City for beautification, and thanked him for his efforts. Next she pointed out, to Mr. Roman, the removal of the swing set by School 6. Next she noted reports dealing with ward wide yard sales, and the 6th ward clean up. She asked why they are ward specific and that should be done as a city wide event, like a team. Ms. Grissett questioned Mr. Brown about the train station, and the calls from the Governor regarding it. She also discussed an issue, related to the School 6 fundraiser, and a check for it that she received from the Linden Boxing Association. She explained the reason that she was returning the check.

Robert Scutro, 416 Helen Street. Mr. Scutro stated that he had some issues with Frank Dann. He spoke about an issue with an individual parking at the landfill site, and his discussions with Mr. Dann. Next Mr. Scutro brought up issues related to CDL drivers in the Public Works Department, and also talked about discipline given to drivers. He presented items to Council in support of his point of view on the issues he was discussing.

Ed Kaminski, Maple Ave. Mr. Kaminski that we are here for Linden, and was glad that all took part in the cleanup of the train station. He asked what the contract with New Jersey Transit says about Linden’s obligations, and asked if the contract can be posted for all to see. He next talked about Wood Ave, the work that was done, issues with that work, like the sidewalks cracking, and issues related to Wood Ave related to the use of Pot, and homeless individuals disrespecting the property of others. Mr. Kaminski talked about crime and safety, and the three murders that have occurred this year in Linden. He noted the professionalism of the Police Department and the great job they are doing. He provided other examples of issues of concern regarding safety and security. He added that he took offences to some of the early statements made regarding the reasons for certain crimes.

Felice Twaddle, 438 Laurita St. Ms. Twaddle commended Ms. Ormon on her statements, and that she feels safe leaving in Linden. Crime is not going away, but there are things that can be done to protect ourselves. Next she spoke about the child, at School 8, with cancer and how all came together to help, a real sense of community. She then criticized Mr. Brown for his being critical of her questions regarding SID. She reiterated her position on SID and particularly it not needing a store front. She recommended that those funds could better be used to hire people who are experts in redevelopment, and offered several suggestions for improving Wood Ave.

John Principato, You Know. Mr. Principato stated that there was nothing wrong with getting answers when questions are asked. He then spoke about the proposed purchase of city land by Febellia Corp, and the amount of the offer. He spoke on feeling safe and the work of the Police Department. He talked about being a business owner on Wood Ave, the location and areas around it that need to be cleaned up. He addressed issues related to the Tremely Point area that were of concern to him and on Brunswick Ave.

Janice Fisher, 58 Morris Ave, Manasquan, NJ. Ms. Fisher had left.

Cleadel Waye, 1027 Essex Ave. Informed Council that she had invited Governor Murphy to attend a town hall type meeting, in Linden, where he would participate via phone. She a spoke about comments made by the governor regarding providing assistance to towns that have train stations. She address the matter of the allocation of State funding, to municipalities and where that money is flowing.

Dennis Valvano, Mr. Valvano spoke about his shutting off people who endlessly complain, and suggested that the City create a Redevelopment Committee so that the City would stop being taken advantageous by developers. Mr. Valvano spoke about his new apartment building, on the former Big Stash’s site, and that he has rented 22 of the 30 apartments. The development was accomplished without any subsidies from the City and is profitable. He urged Council to stop giving away all of this stuff, to developers. Next he spoke about Wood Ave, that it needs a facelift, but it more importantly it needs a comprehensive plan.

Sal Renna, 1318 Emmy Pl. Mr. Renna asked questions about what happens when a new administration comes in, do ward issues get discussed. He provided the example of Emma Place, and the flooding that takes place there. He talked about the need to develop a plan to address quality of life issues in the individual wards. Are all of the members of Council made aware of the issues facing the other wards. He explained the reasons for his concerns.

Maria Laos. Ms. Laos spoke about her rehabilitation of several properties on St. Georges Ave. She informed Council of a new project that she wanted to undertake, and had purchased a tax lien so that she could move forward with it. That purchase was then rescinded by the City. She explained that the project that she wanted to build was a good one for the City and the area, noting that as with her other project, she took a chance in an area that no one else was touching. She informed Council of her ownership of the adjacent properties, needing this piece to move the project forward. She wanted to know why the Mayor wanted to sell this site to the Pastor Evans. She asked to get the assigned, for that site, back.

Claudio Diaz, Mr. Diaz stated that he does design work for Ms. Laos. He explained the concerns that he had expressed to Ms. Laos, regarding development in this area, and her insistence on moving the forward with this new project, He talked about Ms. Laos, and her familiarity with what the neighbors want and that is what she is doing.

Avi Shkedi. Mr. Shkedi noted that he also works with Ms. Laos. He spoke about the projects that she has done, in Linden, and how she not only cleans up her property, but adjacent properties to improve the neighborhood.

President Alvarez recapped the project that Ms. Laos was doing, the concerns that were raised over possible improprieties and that there is an investigator looking into the matter.

**Mr. Roman moved to close Public comment portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.**

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mayor Armstead stated that he appreciates all of the hard work that all of the Council members are doing, and that he knows that it is not easy. He spoke about the need for all to work together to save the taxpayers money.

Mrs. Ormon addressed the issue of safety raised by a public comment speaker. She noted that every town has its areas of concern regarding safety. She sympathized with him and his family, and noted the precautions that she takes.

Mr. Javick thanked everyone who came before Council tonight. He stated that it takes a lot to come up and speak about the issues that concern them.

Mr. Brown thanked Mr. Bono for being here this evening. He responded to comments that were made by Mrs. Twaddle and Mr. Valvano, and noted that his comments were not directed at them, but at people here on the dais. He added that some of the ideas, and suggestions, that were made are what the SID is doing.

Ms. Cosby spoke about council committees, and that they are all charged with addressing issues that are City wide. She hoped that a budget could be established to deal with issues that are ward wide. Next she spoke about the newsletter, noting that the members of Council were not asked to contribute to it, and highlighted issues that she thought should be addressed in the newsletter.

Mr. Roman read a quote, relating it to the members of the public who get up and speak at meetings.

Mr. Strano addressed issues that had been raised, earlier, regarding the Seventh Ward. He spoke about a sign on a business, that he thought was offensive, noting that he had requested that it be removed, and it was still there.

Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about Council persons bringing their ward issues, to the table, explaining that sometimes it takes time to address them. She talked about the need to bringing up these items and bring attention to them.

Mr. Medina talked about Ms. Laos, and the great job she is doing on St. Georges Ave.

Mrs. Hickey repeated the comments made by Mr. Medina, on Ms. Laos, and the great job she was doing. She also spoke about the various comments made this evening and the need to represent all of the citizens.

President Alvarez addressed the comments made by Mr. Garitt, and those comments hitting home. He stated that as a result he was going to try harder to work for the people. The Council President also provided responses to a number of the questions asked by members of the public during their comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Alvarez announced the following:

\*Council Conference meeting:

Monday, June 18, 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, June 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, 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 11:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk