**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**JANUARY 2, 2018**

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

**PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE**

**SWEARING IN OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE 2018 COUNCIL**

**President of Council Jorge Alvarez announces the Members of Council, who were elected in the November 7, 2017 General Election have subscribed to their Oaths of Office prior to January 1, 2018, but, for the benefit of the public in attendance, the Officials will repeat the process.**

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

**COUNCILMAN OF THE FOURTH WARD, Alfred D. Mohammed – Will be sworn-in by Mayor Derek Armstead. Holding the Bible will be his wife, Fatimah Morgan. Will his sons, Alfred and Joseph Mohammed, his daughter Naiamar Tucker, East Orange Mayor Ted R. Green, and his friend Jimmy Small, please come up to the podium.**

**COUNCILMAN OF THE SIXTH WARD, John Francis Roman – Will be sworn-in by Freeholder Christopher Hudak. Holding the Bible will be his father, Thomas Roman. Will his mother, Melinda Roman, brother, Brian Roman, sister, Danielle Roman, and nephew Finn, please come up to the podium.**

**COUNCILWOMAN OF THE EIGHTH WARD, Michele Yamakaitis – Will be sworn-in by City Clerk Joseph C. Bodek. Holding the Bible will be her husband, Luke Yamakaitis. Will her sons, Daniel and Thomas Yamakaitis please come up to the podium.**

**COUNCILWOMAN OF THE TENTH WARD, Gretchen Hickey – Will be sworn-in by Senator Raymond J. Lesniak. Holding the Bible will be Ryan Vasquez, who is covering for Ann J. Ferguson, who is ill. Will her, husband, Joseph Hickey, sons, Joseph and Patrick Hickey, sister Jennifer Brook, brothers Doug and Jeff Brook and sister-in-laws Julie & Robyn Brook and Jamal Thompkins please come up to the podium.**

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION**

**ROLL CALL**

**MAYOR’S ANNUAL MESSAGE**

**PRESENTATION’S AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEMPORE**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(There are no consent items)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR THOSE SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT APPROVAL. PLEASE READ THE SYNOPSIS OF THE RESOLUTIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE. EACH IS INFORMATIVE AND SELF-EXPLANATORY. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION, THE COUNCIL, WILL ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS ON IT.**

**2018-1 Resolution designating the official newspapers for the City of Linden for the year 2018.**

**2018-2 Resolution fixing the rate of interest to be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments. (8% per annum on the first $1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in the excess of $1,500.00 shall be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments to be calculated from the date the taxes or assessments were payable until the date of the actual payment, and an additional penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of delinquency in excess $10,000.00 on any delinquent balance remaining at the end of the calendar year. No interest shall be charged if payment of any installment of taxes is made within 10 days after the date upon which the same became due.**

**2018-3 Removed from Consideration**

**2018-4 Removed from Consideration**

**2018-5 Resolution designating Assistant Municipal Attorney Nicholas P. Scutari, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor for a one year term for the year 2018.**

**2018-6 Resolution designing Associated Humane Societies, Inc. to provide animal control services for the City of Linden at amount not to exceed $95,000.00 for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.**

**2018-7 Resolution to amend the current fund operating budget for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018. Three months of the total appropriations in the 2017 Current Operating Budget in the sum of $25,517,235.34.**

**2018-8 Resolution to establish the Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018. Three months of the total appropriations in the 2017 Sanitary Landfill Utility Operating Budget in the sum of $36,275.00.**

**2018-9 Resolution appointing the members of the standing committees of the City Council.**

**2018-10 Resolution establishing Ad Hoc Committees of the Council and appointing their members.**

**2018-11 Resolution establishing a cash management plan for the City of Linden, including designation of depositories, authorization to sign checks and warrants, invest cash funds, transfer funds electronically, authorize suitable investments, and list of reports to be prepared by the Treasurer each month.**

**2018-12 Resolution providing for the permanent debt service requirements of the City of Linden for the coming fiscal year and making appropriations to cover the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, inclusive:**

**DEBT SERVICE-CITY OF LINDEN BUDGET**

Payment of Bonds $2,895,000.00

Interest on Bonds $1,880,000.00

Interest on Notes $500,000.00

Payment of BANS $850,000.00

**DEBT SERVICE-GREEN TRUST LOAN PROGRAM**

Payment of Principal & Interest $117,000.00

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

Payment of Principal & Interest $1,295,000.00

**DEBT SERVICE-UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT**

1998 Lease (Airport) $200,000.00

2010 Lease (Airport) $1,200,000.00

2003 Lease (P.A.L.) $136,000.00

2004 Lease (Wood Avenue) $255,000.00

Morningstar $475,000.00

2016 Refunding Services $2,800,000.00

**2018-13 Resolution to establish a debt service for the Sanitary Landfill:**

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

**Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes $194,000.00**

**Interest on Notes $0.00**

**2018-14 Resolution approving a contract with Edmunds and Associates, Inc., to provide maintenance and technical support for the City of Linden’s Financial Accounting and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at a fee not to exceed $28,000.00.**

**2018-15 Resolution authorizing the Municipal Treasurer to invest and re-invest funds for the City of Linden.**

**2018-16 Resolution approving the execution of a Contract with NW Financial Group, Inc., as the financial and investment advisors to the City of Linden on every transaction the City enters into relating to the City’s financial profile and debt issues in an amount not to exceed $50,000.00.**

**2018-17 Resolution of the City of Linden to authorize participation in the State Health Benefits Plan for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018. Health Insurance Premiums not to exceed $4,992,061.00 for that period.**

**2018-18 Resolution approving the execution of a Professional Service Agreement with Suplee, Clooney & Company as auditors for the year 2018 at a fee not to exceed $91,050.00**

**2018-19 Resolution appointing Gibbons, P.C. a professional services contract for Bond Counsel.**

**2018-20 Resolution authorizing a change in the custodian of the petty cash fund in the Police Department to David Hart.**

**2018-21 Resolution authorizing a change in the custodian of the petty cash fund in the Division of Public Works to Fran Dann.**

**2018-22 Resolution authorizing a Petty Cash fund in the following Departments: Police Department, in an amount not to exceed $200.00 and authorizing Chief David Hart to have custody of the fund; Fire Department in an amount not to exceed $100.00 and authorizing Fire Chief Joseph Dooley to have custody of the fund; OEM in an amount not to exceed $100.00 and authorizing OEM Coordinator David Hart to have custody of the fund; Division of Public Property in an amount not to exceed $200.00 and authorizing Alfred MacDonald, Director of Public Property and Recreational Services to have custody of the fund; Division of Public Works in an amount not to exceed $200.00 and authorizing Director of Community Services Fran Dann to have custody of the fund; and Division of Purchasing in an amount not to exceed $100.00; authorizing Annmarie Whelan to have custody of the fund.**

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

**There are no ordinances on introduction.**