**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**December 17, 2019**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The Regular Meeting Minutes**

**of November 12, 2019**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**Carmen Urso 2019 Good Neighbor 5th Ward**

**Lisete “Master” Matias for her Community Dedication**

**Third Ward Councilman Peter Brown for his service**

**Former Interim 8th Ward Councilman Coates**

**Director of Community Affairs Frank Dann for his service**

**Honoring Metro Liquors for their support of the Linden Community**

**Honoring Danuta Lisowska for her commitment to Linden**

**Tree City USA**

**ORDINANCE ON HEARING**

63-53 An Ordinance authorizing the sale of Lot 11, Block 537, known as 1610 Clinton Street on the current tax atlas of the City of Linden, in the County of Union, not needed for public use, by auction and establishing a minimum bid price of $90.000.00 and setting December 27, 2019, at 11:00 AM as the date and time for said Public Action in the Council Conference room of the Linden City Hall.

63-54 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.

BE IT ORDINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN:

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-15, Parking by Permit Only in Designate Residential Areas, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

DELETE SECTIONS 7-15.1 PARKING DECALS in its entirety

ADD NEW SECTION 7-15.1 PARKING DECALS.

63-55 An Ordinance authorizing the sale of a portion of Lot 13, Block 580, known as 1601 West Edgar Road, on the current tax atlas of the City of Linden in the County of Union, and not needed for public use to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for $10,000.00. (Required for intersection improvements for Route 1&9 at Avenue C.

63-56 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.

BE IT ORDINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN:

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter VII, Traffic

7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

Name of Street Spaces No. of Location

ADD:

817 Lincoln Street 1 On the southeasterly sideline of Lincoln Street, 30 feet more or less southeasterly from the

Projection of the southeasterly curbline of East

Henry Street in front of 817 Lincoln Street for a

Length of 22 feet. The aforesaid pace is specifically reserved and designated for a

vehicle for Wilbur Taylor to be identified by a

License plate number and 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.

DELETE:

622 East Curtis Street 1 On the southeasterly sideline of East Curtis

Street, 216 feet more or less southwesterly

Curbline of Bower Street, in front of 622 East

Curtis Street, for a length of 22 feet. The

Aforesaid space is specifically reserved and

Designated for a vehicle for Rachel Williams

To be identified by a 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 place.

63-57 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 59-10 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY ON MARCH 17, 2015, AS AMENDED. (Changing the amount of the amount of the bonds or notes to be issued from $501,600 to $2,211,600 and the amount of the down payment from $26,400 to $116,400.

63-58 An ordinance amending Chapter 2-7 entitled “Administrative Organization” by the City Council of the City of Linden. (amending 2-7.1, Creation of Committees; Appointment of Members; 2-7.2 Committees of the City Council, and 2-7.3 Departments, Boards and Commissions)

63-59 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, 199 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-10, Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

**7-10 PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS**

Name of Street Side Location

**ADD:**

Washington Avenue West From a point approximately 232 feet north of the north

Curbline of East Curtis Street and continuing 16 feet in

Northerly direction.

South Wood Avenue East From south curbline of East Edgar Road for a distance

Of 130 feet to the south.

63-60 An ordinance amending Chapter 4-37 entitled “Towing of unauthorized vehicles from private or quasi-private property within the City” by the City Council of the City of Linden.

63-61 An Ordinance adding a new section in Chapter 4, entitled “Mayor” creating the Division of

Information Technology and eliminating the Division of Computers. Section 1. There shall be added a new section in Chapter 4, entitled “Mayor” the following:

**2-4.5 Division of Information Technology.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. The amount of money collected during the month of November 2019 and turned over to the treasurer’s office is as follows:

2020 Taxes $146,502.94

2019 Taxes $21,705,989.75

2018 Taxes $0.74

PILOT (MORNING STAR) $0.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $0.00

Garbage Fee Late Fee $0.00

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $0.00

Year End Penalty $0.00

Returned Check Fee Paid $80.00

Returned Sewer Clean out ($0.00)

Returned Sewer Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check 2019 ($16,515.24)

Returned Check 2020 ($33.44)

Returned Check Interest ($0.00)

Returned Online Payments 2019 Taxes ($35,837.81)

Returned Online Interest ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $0.00

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $1,000.00

DPW Reso payments $1,499.16

Interest $27,063.65

Total $21,829,749.75

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2019 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

33 1 11/26/19 18-00019 $100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $100.00 payable to: DGJ Group, LLC, 1253 Springfield Avenue, Suite #-339,New Providence, NJ 07974, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 & 2019 tax sale on the following

block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

62 13 12/9/19 18-00036 $34,800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $34,800.00 payable to: Phoenix Funding, Inc, 1148 Springfield Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092 charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2019 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium**

110 6 11/26/19 18-00055 $1,300.00

507 1 11/26/19 18-00217 $1,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,500.00 payable to: Fig as Cust. for Fig NJ19, LLC, P.O. Box 54226, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

112 9 11/26/19 15-00071 $6,800.00

546 25 11/15/19 16-00346 $2,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of 9,000.00 payable to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC., 575 Route #-70, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium**

148 5 11/13/19 17-00123 $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: Fig as Custodian for Fig NJ18, LLC, Secured Party, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2019 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

163 28 12/4/19 18-00096 $3,100.00

256 6 11/7/19 18-00138 $3,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $6,200.00 payable to Greymorr, LLC, BMO 85, P.O. Box 1414, Minneapolis, MN 55480, charging same to account #9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2017 & 2019 tax sale on the following

block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

195 3 11/26/19 18-00113 $29,500.00

485 19 12/4/19 16-00316 $32,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $11,300..00 payable to FNA DZ, LLC FBO WSFS,120 N. La Salle Street, Suite #-1220, Chicago, IL 60602charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

**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**

255 1.02 11/7/19 16-00190 $100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $100.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC6, LLC Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2019 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

354 20 11/26/19 18-00157 $6,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $6,500.00 payable to: Christiana T C/F, CE/1 Firsttrust, P.O. Box 5021, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2018 & 2019 tax sale on the following

block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

415 6 11/26/19 18-00179 $33,700.00

427 7 12/3/19 17-00278 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $34,700.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC7, LLC Firstrust Bank, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

482 9 12/4/19 16-00314 $7,800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $7,800.00 payable to: Tower DB VII Trust 2017-1, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Refund of Property Taxes, Block 100 Lot 8.01**

**Hilary Waye, 1027 Essex Avenue**

**2 Family home, 2019 Refund Overpayment**

This property owner was deemed a 100% Disabled Veteran by the V.A. as of 12/4/17, and is entitled to the refund of 55% of the taxes from the date of purchase as this is a 2 family home. This property will be tax exempt going further for the portion of the 2 family in which Mr. Waye resides per Michael Frangella. The property owner is entitled to a refund for 2019 in the amount of $403.41.

**Refund 2019 Overpayment**

**$403.41**

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $403.41. payable to: Hilary Waye, 1027 Essex Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #-9-01-55-288-999-904.

**Overpayment Block 197, Lot 27 C002**

**Evelyn D. Payton, 45 Hussa Street, Unit #2**

The above referenced owner’s prepaid the 2019 3rd quarter property taxes and the mortgage company have paid and the owner’s payment has created an overpayment in the amount of $568.57 and the owner is entitled a refund.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $568.57, payable to: Evelyn D. Payton, 45 Hussa Street, Unit #2, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to # 9-01-55-288-999-904.

**Replacement Check Block 342 Lot 11, 410 W. Gibbons Street**

**2017 Garbage Fee Refund, Replace Stale Check**

Due to Equity Trust not cashing the original check from September 2017, and requesting a replacement as this is now stale and has been cancelled by the Treasurer’s Office.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $120.00, payable to: Equity Trust, Custodian acct#-Z105113, 518-7 Old Post Road, Edison, NJ 08817 charging same to account #9-01-09-699-046.

**Overpayment Block 390.02 Lot 16, Arvid & Sonia Arneja**

**615 Rosewood Terrace, 2019 overpayment**

The above referenced owner’s title company prepaid the 2019 4th quarter property taxes and the mortgage company have paid creating this overpayment in the amount $2,291.25 and the owner is entitled a refund.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of 2,291.25, payable to: Arvid & Sonia Arneja, 615 Rosewood Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to # 9-01-55-288-999-904.

**Overpayment Block 475, Lot 4 - Carlina Henry**

**2414 E. Edgar Road, 2019 overpayment**

The above referenced owner and the mortgage company paid part of the 2019 4th quarter property taxes and the owner’s payment has created an overpayment in the amount of $1,430.36 and the owner is entitled a refund.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of 1,430.36, payable to: Carlina Henry, 2414 E. Edgar Road, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to # 9-01-55-288-999-904.

**Overpayment Block 498 Lot 1.02, Christian Mantilla & A. Fatnori**

**715 Mack Place, 2019 overpayment**

The above referenced owner’s title company prepaid the 2019 4th quarter property taxes and the mortgage company have paid creating this overpayment in the amount $3,190.53 and the owner is entitled a refund.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $3,190.53, payable to: Christian Mantilla & A. Fatnori, 715 Mack Place, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to # 9-01-55-288-999-904.

**Removal of Balance Block 520 Lot 6 COVFT, 1900 C Brunswick Avenue**

Due to the property being sub-divided into multiple lots in January 2019 after the tax appeal for 2018 by the Tax Assessors’ office, the above referenced property had a very large 3rd & 4th quarter billing. Subsequently the Tax Assessor billing on the new lot for 2019 and the new lot not paying the entire amount due for August and interest being charged, there is now a balance due in the amount of $2,899.84 which I would like approval to be removed. Due to this being an extraordinary circumstance due to the issue of the sub-division.

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

1. Requesting approval of the following refunds:
2. Kathleen Gaylord is entitled to a refund in the amount of $89.50 for service that was provided on 8/2/2019. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Kathleen Gaylord, 1309 Sherwood Road, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 9-01-08-629-011.
3. Antonio Angoitia is entitled to a refund of $50.00 for a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $50.00 payable to Antonio Angoitia, 316 Spruce Mill Lane, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, charging same to account 9-01-09-699-069.

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

1. Advising that the Board of Health has issued fifty-seven (57) Certificates of Occupancy during the month of November, 2019.

**(\*\*\*) Personnel Department:**

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

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

Board of Health Sandra Darrar Supervising Clerk Jan. 1, 2020

Board of Health Gregory Imbriaco Sr. Housing Inspector Jan. 1, 2020

Board of Health Linda Wierzbinski Principal Clerk Jan. 1, 2020

Public Works Dept. Frank Chamberlain Radio Dispatcher Jan. 1, 2020

Public Works Dept. Tracey Malosky Heavy Equip. Operator Jan. 1, 2020

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

* 1. Resolution awarding a contract to Ambulance Reimbursement Systems Inc. for Ambulance Billing Services in an amount not to exceed $190,000.00

2019-420 Resolution for the purchase of one 20XPT Eager Beaver Trailer, w/accessories, at a cost not to exceed $20,152.64, from Cherry Valley Tractor Sales through the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Co-op EXCNJ Co-op #65 MCESCCPS, bid ESC 18/19-25. 18/19-22 for the Public Works Division.

* 1. Resolution declaring surplus certain items not needed for government use and authorizing their sale or disposition. (Misc. computer related equipment)
  2. Resolution authorizing the purchase of radios, under State Contract #83909 from Motorola Solutions, Inc. C/O Wireless C&E in the amount of $26,446.45.
  3. Resolution qualifying certain professionals for certain positions for the calendar year 2020 pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4.
  4. Resolution approving the award of a contract to All Traffic Solutions, Inc. in the amount of $34,369.50, for under State Contract number 17-FLEET-0076, for a Shield Radar Speed Sign. (Funds provided by a grant from Conoco Phillips Bayway Refinery).
  5. Resolution declaring surplus certain items not needed for government use and authorizing their sale or disposition. (Misc. computer related equipment)
  6. Resolution approving an amendment to a the contract, with Apruzzese, McDermot, Mastro & Murphy, P.C., in the amount of $10,000.00, for special labor counsel services on an as needed basis as determined by the City Attorney for 2019.
  7. Resolution requesting that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue, in the amount of $12,166.90, from the State of New Jersey Law and Public Safety in the 2019 budget of the City of Linden.
  8. Resolution recognizing Carmen Urso as 2019 Good Neighbor of the Fifth Ward, City of Linden.
  9. Resolution approving the transfer of 2019 appropriations.
  10. Resolution authorizing a change in the Custodian of Petty Cash fund, for the Fire Department, from Joseph Dooley to William Hasko.
  11. Resolution authorizing the City of Linden Fire Department to conduct Fire Department Training at 41 West Gibbons Street and 2721 Highland Avenue.
  12. Resolution closing out certain grant accounts.
  13. Resolution approving certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of November 2019, which do not appear on the Claims list.
  14. Resolution accepting a monetary donation, in the amount of $5,000.00, from Nustar to the Linden Fire Department.
  15. Resolution authorizing the application of a Municipal Alliance Grant, for the prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, through the County of Union, for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
  16. Resolution appointing Robert Sadowski a member of the Board of Health for a term that commenced January 1, 2018 and expiries December 31, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualifies.
  17. Resolution authorizing an amendment to the contract with A&A Curbing, Inc. in the amount of $14,812.00, for the reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks at various locations in the City of Linden. The total value of this contract, inclusive of this amendment is $107,387.00.
  18. Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement, with the Borough of Roselle, in an amount not to exceed $4,000.00, for the asphalt repair of North Wood Avenue.
  19. Resolution authorizing a contract, in the amount of $10,000.00 with Calcagni & Kanefsky, LLP for legal services concerning a personnel matter. This contract is awarded through a Non-Fair and Open Process pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4/20.5.
  20. Resolution authorizing an amendment, in the amount of $180.96, to the contract with Disposal Systems, Inc. for transportation and disposal of stockpile dirt at South Wood Avenue in the City of Linden. The total value of this contract, inclusive of this changes is $23,130.96.
  21. Resolution for Lisete Matias for her initiatives to the Community in hosting anti-bullying seminars.
  22. Resolution thanking Peter Brown for his service to the residents to the Third Ward as Councilman.
  23. Resolution thanking Paul Coates for his service to the residents of the Eighth Ward as interim councilperson.
  24. Resolution establishing goals for contracting with veteran owned business enterprises, the hiring of veterans in the municipal workforce and recognizing the military service of residents in the civic affairs of the City of Linden
  25. Resolution honoring Danuta Lisowska for her commitment to the City of Linden in assisting in putting together the first Polish Heritage Day.
  26. Resolution authorizing an amendment, in the amount of $40,000.00, to the contract engaging Muller Bohlin Associates, Inc. to assist the City of Linden in identifying State, Federal, & Local Funding sources and to render technical advice, program management and assistance with respect to identifying funding programs that are responsive to the needs of the City of Linden. Inclusive of this amendment the total value of this contract is $120,000.00.
  27. Resolution recognizing the service of Frank Dann to the City of Linden as Director of Community Services.
  28. Resolution honoring Metro Liquors for their support and dedication to the Linden Community.
  29. Resolution of the City Council formally censuring Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby.
  30. Resolution urging the Legislature to strengthen laws against cyber bullying and harassment.
  31. Resolution awarding a contract to Jo-Med Contracting Corp., in an amount not to exceed $25,000.00, for the services of emergency sewer repair located at 1401-1405 North Wood Avenue solicited by quotations.
  32. Resolution Authorizing Taurus Advisory Group, on behalf of the City of Linden, to investigate market conditions and secure energy supply contracts, for natural gas and electricity as authorized by P.L. 2001, c.30

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

**There are no Ordinances on Introduction**