**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2019 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday,**

**June 18, 2019**

The regular meeting of the 2019 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Michele Yamakaitis and she 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 Michele Yamakaitis informed those present of the proper procedures for exiting the room in the event of an emergency.

Council President Michele Yamakaitis 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 Michele Yamakaitis 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:

Councilwoman Lisa Ormon

Councilman Barry Javick

“ Peter Brown

“ Alfred Mohammed

Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby

Councilman John F. Roman

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilman Paul Coates

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Michele Yamakaitis

Mayor Derek Armstead

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Brown moved for the approval of the May 21, 2019 regular Meeting Minutes, 2019 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**In Honor of Officer Byko by**

**Shield Graphics & Pic2Plaque**

**& Hans Herberg**

President Yamakaitis asked Mayor Armstead Police Chief David Hart to step forward to accept a presentation from Hans Herberg. Mr. Herberg spoke about the courage of Linden Police Officer John Byko, and provided details regarding his death, while on duty. Mayor Armstead thanked Mr. Herberg for greating the plaque honoring Officer Byko. Chief Hart noted that that the officer died eighty-four years ago, yesterday. The Chief then spoke about the sacrifice made by all officers, not only here in Linden, but throughout the Country.

**Ariana Eastwood – Concrete Rose Program**

President Yamakaitis called upon the Mayor and Mrs. Ormon to make the presentation to Ariana Eastwood. Mrs. Ormon spoke about Ariana, noting how long she has known her, and then read the resolution honoring her. Mayor Armstead spoke about attending various events, at Linden High School, how Ariana caught his attention, noting her outstanding attributes, and that he felt that she was going places. Ms. Eastwood thanked all for the recognition and spoke about how much it meant to her.

**2019 Middle School Baseball Team (Black)**

President Yamakaitis informed all that the presentation, to the baseball team, would be done, later, as they had a prior commitment before coming to the Council meeting.

**2018-2019 National Honor Society**

**2019 International Baccalaureate Program**

**There was no one present for presentations to the National Honor Society or for the Baccalaureate Program.**

President Yamakaitis called upon Dawn Beviano and Mr. Brown to speak about an event that the Linden Library was hosting. They spoke about the event, which was centered around Harry Potter, which was being held on June 29, 2019. They spoke about how the library, and the Recreation Department was working together to stage this event. Lastly they provided the details on the event.

**ORDINANCE ON HEARING**

President of Council Michele Yamakaitis announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#63-25 Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of $110,000 for acquisition of computer related equipment for various non-public safety departments and authorizing the issuance of $104,500.00 Bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.**

President of Council Michele Yamakaitis 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 Michele Yamakaitis inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Michele Yamakaitis 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. Brown moved for approval of Ordinance #63-25. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

President of Council Michele Yamakaitis announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#63-26 Ordinance authorizing the West Price Street Redevelopment Plan for Block 252, Lots 11 and 12, and Block 253, Lots 40 and 41.**

President of Council Michele Yamakaitis 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 Michele Yamakaitis inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Michele Yamakaitis announced that the public hearing on the Ordinance, would be held at the July meeting.

Mrs. Ormon moved to table Ordinance #63-26 to the July 16, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

President of Council Michele Yamakaitis announced that this is the date designated for the hearing and

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#63-27 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.**

**ADDING: Schedule 4-NN-5**

President of Council Michele Yamakaitis 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 Michele Yamakaitis inquired if there were any written objections.

None were presented and the Clerk stated that therefore none had been received. President of Council Michele Yamakaitis 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. Brown moved for approval of Ordinance #63-27. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

1. The amount of money collected during the month of May 2019 and turned over to the

treasurer’s office is as follows:

2019 Taxes $12,887,184.62

2018 Taxes $203,809.39

2017 Taxes $0.00

PILOT (MORNING STAR) $0.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $0.00

Garbage Fee $0.00

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $0.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $50.00

Year End Penalty $5,125.15

Returned Check Fee Paid $20.00

Returned Sewer Clean out ($0.00)

Returned Sewer Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check 2019 ($13,781.35)

Returned Check Interest ($0.00)

Returned Online Payments 2019 Taxes ($3,231.72)

Returned Online Interest ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $7,707.70

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $1,100.00

DPW Reso payments $0.00

Interest $35,227.67

Total $13,123,211.46

**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**

6 23 6/10/19 18-00008 $1,700.00

14 16 6/10/18 18-00014 $1,600.00

27 8 6/10/19 18-00016 $1,800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $5,100.00 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 2018 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium**

87 9 5/10/19 17-00066 $11,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $11,200.00 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 2017 & 2018 tax sale on the following

blocks & lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

107 6 5/22/19 17-00084 $1,500.00

152 12 5/21/19 16-00123 $18,700.00

168 5 5/21/19 17-00136 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $21,200.00 payable to: Actlien Holding, US Bank Cust, Actlien Holding, 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 2015 tax sale on the following blocks

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

114 15 4/18/19 16-00083 $50,600.00

114 16 4/18/19 16-00084 $50,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $101,100.00 payable to Stonefield Investment Fund, IV LLC,21 Robert Pitt, 21Suite #-207, Monsey, NY 10952, charging same to account # 9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium**

188 8 5/23/19 15-00126 $1,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,900.00 payable to: MTAG Cust Fig Cap Invest NJ, 13, 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 2017 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

276 27 6/5/19 17-00210 $34,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $34,000.00 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 2015 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

276 27 6/5/19 13-00287 $26,200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $26,200.00, payable to: TTLBL, LLC, Attention: John Lemkey, 4747 Executive Drive, Suite 510, San Diego, CA 92121 charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Overpayment** Block 101 Lot 25

Former Owner: Cheryl Williams

Current Owner: Mauro Rengifo & Maria H. Ramirez

1030 Essex Avenue

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and the new owner’s attorney have paid the 2019 2nd quarter property taxes creating this overpayment and the current owner’s mortgage company entitled a refund in the amount of $ 1,883.60.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,883.60, payable to: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Attention: Financial Support, 1 Home Campus, MAC X 2302-04D, Des Moines IA, 50328, charging same to account #-9-01-55-288-999-904.

**(\*\*\*) BOARD OF HEALTH:**

1. Advising that seventy-six (76) Certificates of Occupancy were issued during the month of May,

2019.

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:**

1. Requesting approval of the following Bingo/Raffle Application that was submitted to the City

Clerk’s Office.

**Organization** **Type of Raffle** **Fee**

Danny Robertozzi Scholarship Fund 50/50 $20.00

Loyal Order of Moose Pull Tabs $750.00

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK’S OFFICE, STREET CLOSURE APPLICATION:**

1. Requesting approval of the following street closure application which has been submitted to our

office for a Block Party. Aracelio Roman is requesting permission to close Bower Street between Cleveland Avenue and Union Street on Saturday, July 20, 2019 during the hours of 10am and 10pm. The Certificate of Liability Insurance has been received and approved by the Municipal Attorney and the Application has been reviewed and approved by the Chief of Police.

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

1. Requesting approval of the following refunds:
2. Group Health Incorporated is entitled to a refund in the amount of $201.58 for service that was provided on 10/25/2018. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Group Health Incorporated, PO BOX 2814 New York, NY 10116-2814 charging same to 9-01-08-629-011.
3. Horizon BC BS of NJ is entitled to a refund in the amount of $309.90 for service that was provided on 10/22/2018. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Horizon BC BS of NJ, PO BOX 420 Newark, NJ 07101 charging same to 9-01-08-629-011.
4. Horizon BC BS of NJ is entitled to a refund in the amount of $292.41 for service that was provided on 2/1/2019. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Horizon BC BS of NJ, PO BOX 420 Newark, NJ 07101 charging same to 9-01-08-629-011.
5. Daniel Cox is entitled to a refund in the amount of $250.00 for service that was provided on 6/5/2018. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Daniel Cox 4028 Forest Avenue Dover, DE 19904 charging same to 9-01-08-629-011.
6. Biedronka is entitled to a refund in the amount of $40.00 for a permit for certificate of inspection that was inadvertently filled out and paid for. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Biedronka, 1025 W. St. Georges Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 9-01-08-603-041.
7. Wizard Auto Body is entitled to a refund in the amount of $60.00 for a permit for certificate of inspection that was inadvertently filled out and paid for. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Wizard Auto Body, 140 E. St. Georges Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 9-01-08-603-041.
8. Peter Fiorini is entitled to a refund of $50.00 for a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance that was already completed and paid for by the previous bank owner. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $50.00 payable to Peter Fiorini, 34 Junction Road, Flemington, NJ 08822 charging same to 9-01-09-969-069.
9. Agnieszka Bak is entitled to a refund of $380.00 for a credit card overcharge for a railroad parking permit. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $380.00 payable to Agnieszka Bak, 800 W. Elm Street, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 9-01-08-609-013.
10. Lauren Williams is entitled to a refund of $900.00 for day camps. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $900.00 payable to Lauren Williams, 140 E. 12th Street, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to T-14-56-850-000-107.

**(\*\*\*) MAYOR’S OFFICE:**

1. Advising of the resignation of Robert Sadowski from the Library Board and that

He has appointed Rayna Martucci to fill the unexpired term effective

immediately and ending on December 31, 2021, or until her successor is

appointed and qualified.

**(\*\*\*) MAYOR’S OFFICE, PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

1. Advising that he is appointing Curtis Humphrey as a member of the Planning Board effective immediately and terminating December 31, 2020. This appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Roberto Vaz.

Mr. Strano moved for the approval of Consent Items #1 through #7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1st Ward**

Mrs. Ormon gave the report of the Transportation and Parking Division for the month of May 2019. A total of $58,910.00 was collected from all sources. Next she reported on a recent tour of the Linden Library that she participated in, and the purpose of the tour. She provided a briefing, on the library’s new rules regarding children at the library. Mrs. Ormon provided updates on the various paving projects taking place in the First Ward, and the project being done by the water company.

Mrs. Ormon next reported on the reopening of Wales Park, and the scheduling of a ribbon cutting ceremony for the revamped park. She noted that school was ending and urged all to be careful of the children playing outside during the summer weather. She offered her congratulations to Ms. Cosby on winning her primary election, and congratulated the other candidates who had won their primary elections. She also congratulated the First Ward Committee people, who won election on the Column C ticket.

**2nd Ward**

Mr. Javick gave the report of the Fire Prevention Bureau. A total of $8,537.51 was collected for the month of May. The ambulance reimbursement system collected $65,264.35 for the month of May, bringing the year to date total to $314,847.79. Next he spoke about various traffic issues in the Second Ward, and announced that the City first Junior Fire Academy would begin on July 15.

Mr. Javick asked those residents, who wanted a City tree planted in front of their homes, to reach out to their Council persons, with the request. All requests have to be in by June 28th. He also reminded residents that it was illegal to cut down or destroy City trees. He also talked about the various beautification projects going on around the City, and concluded by providing his contact information.

**3rd Ward**

Mr. Brown moved for approval to install street lights at the following locations, Poles #62506, #62597, #60594, #62105, #63566 and #63173LD. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Mr. Brown then gave the report of the Budget Review and Finance Committee:

BUDGET REVIEW AND FINANCE

Councilman Brown, Chairman

Councilman Javick, Member

Councilwoman Ormon, Member

June 18, 2019

Approval is requested for the following finance actions:

1. The payment of bills totaling $1,947,708.25. 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 May at the rate of 2.75%.

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

Mr. Brown noted various events that the Department of Recreation and Parks were holding, and urged residents to come out and enjoy them. He the spoke about the June 29th Harry Potter event that was being held at the Linden Library. He urged residents to attend it.

**4th Ward**

Mr. Mohamed congratulated all the winners, in the June Primary, noting that it was a great statement of democracy at work. He also offered congratulations to those that ran and lost. He gave the report of the City Clerk’s office, where $1,816.84 was collected for the month of May. He also spoke about the good things happening in the Fourth Ward, and asked all to pray for the great City of Linden.

**5th Ward**

Ms. Cosby noted that she had no committees to report on. She then reported on the installation of additional street lighting, on St. Georges Ave., and her efforts to get a “Push to Walk” crosswalk on St. Georges Ave. Next she noted that the renovations were starting on the Hagel Avenue Park. She spoke about the June Fifth Ward Community meeting, and the topics for discussion. She thanked the Fifth Ward residents who came out and voted in the primary election, adding that she was excited to continue her work for the ward, stating that the people have spoken. Next Ms. Cosby offered congratulation to the Democratic Committee people, described the job of a committee person. She then provided her contact information. She concluded by speaking about the new apartments being built, on St. Georges Ave, and efforts to fill them.

**6th Ward**

Mr. Roman asked all to keep the Scanlon family in their hearts, due to the recent passing of the mother. He asked 6th ward residents, wanting a tree planted, in front of their homes, to contact him prior to the June 28th deadline for his submission of a planting list. He also asked Sixth Ward residents who had a sidewalk, damaged by a tree, to contact him so he could place them on the list.

Mr. Roman spoke about the grand opening of the spray park, in Wheeler Park, by the County of Union. He noted the hours of operation, and that the spray park was free. He then noted request for street parking signs, on the streets around the park, to make it safe for those utilizing the new park. Mr. Roman spoke about the closing of Morris Ave, by Merida, to facilitate the construction of their new building. The street would be closed until September.

**7th Ward**

Mr. Strano began by giving the following Personnel Report:

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ralph Strano, Chairman

Lisa Ormon, Member

Barry Javick, Member

June 18, 2019

1. Police Department:

a. Permission to hire Jeffrey Nadler and Julian Pacheco as Police Officers effective July 1,2019, subject to the successful completion of the Police Department’s background check and successful completion of all medical and psychological examinations.

b. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Diana Chivetti, Public Safety Telecommunicator effective June 13, 2019.

c. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Officer Kevin Stanicki effective May 27, 2019.

d. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Konrad Blachowicz Clerk 2 effective June 7, 2019.

e. Permission to post for full time Clerk 1 due to the above resignation. Posting shall be internally and then externally.

2. Mayor’s Office:

a. Salary increase for Bradley Creanzo in the amount of $3,950.00, pro-rated, effective June 19, 2019 for increased duties.

3. Law Department:

a. The appointment of Zahirah Rodgers to Legal Secretary 1, effective July 1, 2019, at a salary of $42,282.00.

4. Municipal Court:

a. Permission to post for one part time Court Attendant both internally and then externally with the rate of $17.00/hr

b. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Carole Acton, Deputy Court Administrator effective June 20, 2019.

5. Community Services:

Public Works:

1. The appointment of Miroslaw Jankowski as a Diesel Mechanic, tier 2, effective July 8, 2019, at the salary of $21.00/hr, subject to successful completion of the City’s pre-employment requirements and granting a residency waiver.
2. The appointment of Mykola Besedin as a Mechanics Helper, tier 2, effective July 8, 2019 at the salary of $17.00/hr, subject to successful completion of the City’s pre-employment requirements and granting a residency waiver.

1. The appointment of Salustiano Deliz as a Mechanics Helper, tier 2, effective July 8, 2019, at the salary of $17.00/hr, subject to successful completion of the City’s pre-employment requirements.
2. The appointment of Jonathan Morek as a Mechanic, tier 2, from the Civil Service Certification, effective July 8, 2019, at the salary of $18.00/hr, subject to successful completion of the City’s pre-employment requirements.

e. Approval of Clean Communities List (list on file in the City Clerk’s Office)

Building and Grounds:

a. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Deshaun Consingh, Laborer 1 (tier2) effective June 11, 2019.

6. Department of Parks and Recreation:

a. The appointment of Ralph Dunhamn as Director of Parks and Recreation, effective July 8, 2019, at the salary of $117,500.00, subject to successful completion of the City’s pre-employment requirements and granting residency waiver.

b. Approval of Seasonal List (list on file in the City Clerk’s Office)

7. Board of Health:

a. The promotion of Stephanie Chrobak to Public Health Nurse Supervisor at the annual salary of $75000 effective July 1, 2019

8. Personnel:

FMLA

a. Employee ID# 8234 4/24/19-5/24/19

b. Employee ID# 0146 Intermittent 7/1/19-7/1/20

c. Employee ID# 91142 Intermittent 6/13/19 -6/13/20

d. Employee ID# 909635 5/1/19-8/4/19

Mr. Strano asked if there were any questions on the Personnel Report.

John Principato, Westover Rd. Mr. Principato, regarding item 2a asked what the individuals present pay was, and what the increased duties were, He asked about call-in pay, and if the person would still receive overtime, in addition to the this stipend. Mr. Roth and Mrs. Zack provided a response. Mr. Principato asked follow up questions, to which Mr. Roth provided responses. Mr. Principato, spoke about item 6a, noting that another person was being hired from outside Linden, and objected to the granting of the residency waiver.

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked if the position, in the Law Department was a new one. She also asked about the residency waivers in item #5, She asked about item 6a, asking who left that this person was replacing, and who he reports to. She also asked questions about the position of nursing supervisor, and the summer help. Mr. Roth provided responses.

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon, and was ordered approved with Ms. Cosby and Mr. Coates abstaining on all items, and Mr. Roman and Mrs. Hickey abstaining on item 6a.

**8th Ward**

Mr. Coates spoke about what a great town Linden is, with great people. He thanked the Police Department for their efforts in working to control speeding, in the Eighth Ward... Lastly he reported that the PSE&G lights, in the Eighth Ward that are out are being repaired.

**9th Ward**

Mr. Medina congratulated all who were elected and re-elected. He then reported on Ninth Ward street and road repairs, and that they will be starting soon. He thanked all that came out to the joint Ninth and Tenth Ward Community meeting, and added that he hoped to have more of them before the end of the year. He spoke about the passing of one of the Ninth Wards great neighbors, who was 90 years old, and offered condolences to the family. He concluded by providing his contact information.

**10th Ward**

Mrs. Hickey congratulated all of the winners from the primary election, and offered thanks to the Tenth Ward Democratic Committee people, and to the residents of the Tenth Ward for believing in her. She noted various resolutions, on the agenda, that she would not be supporting. She asked Tenth Ward residents who wanted a tree planted, or their sidewalk repaired to call her.

Mrs. Hickey reported on issues, involving children and teens, in the park behind McManus Middle School. She thanked Mr. Herberg for the presentation honoring Officer Byko. Mrs. Hickey asked residents not to blow landscaping debris into the streets, and to be considerate of their neighbors. She offered thanks to Ms. Beviano for all that she does, noting several causes that she has helped with.

Mrs. Hickey spoke about the recent tour of the library, that was given, and how informational it was. She noted that several new employees have been hired by the Department of Public Works, and negative issues that are now occurring in the Tenth Ward. She offered congratulations to the Director of Parks and Recreation, adding that two fabulous employees had been passed over.

Mrs. Hickey spoke on resolution 2019-244, noting her opposition to the creation of an investigative committee. She stated that if there was an issue, then the professionals should be contacted and allowed to do their jobs.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead spoke about the St. Georges Ave redevelopment project and how it was moving along. He informed all about a slight delay, with phase 2, of this project, due to an encroachment, by PSE&G on the property. He then spoke about the dynamics of the project, and what had been contemplated for the site. He informed all as to how to rent commercial space, in the project.

Mayor Armstead then provided an update on the Tremely Point redevelopment warehouses. Next he talked about the current Quick Check site, by the train station, and a possibility of it being declared an area in need of redevelopment, after a study by the Planning Board. He informed all about a meeting with the NJDOT regarding a possible WAWA being located on Park Ave and Routes 1&9. He noted the current delay, and the reasons for it. Next he spoke about a recent meeting, he had with Governor Murphy and the comments made by the Governor, regarding Linden’s lowering it property taxes two years in a row.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the City’s use of Technology, the need to create a separate IT Division, and the possible hiring of a consultant to move this concept along. Next he noted that the redevelopment of the former JTG Scaffolding site has generated a half-million dollars in fees that would be used towards next year’s budget. He further explained how these projects generate revenue.

Mayor then spoke about the recent election, and how it involved attacks on various communities within the City of Linden. To help combat these types of divisive comments, he would be developing a division of Culture and senior outreach, and explained its mission. He then talked about the upcoming Linden High School graduation, schools being out for the summer and the need to drive carefully. He congratulated all those who took the time to run for elected office, naming each.

**RESOLUTIONS**

President Yamakaitis made the following announcement:

Public comments will be permitted for those specific resolutions to be removed from the consent approval. Each member of the public shall be given up to 3 minutes to speak on a resolution that they requested to be removed from the agenda. If they request more than one resolution to be removed, regardless of number, they will have a total of 5 minutes to speak on all.

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.

Mr. Strano moved to remove resolution 2019-245 from consideration. The motion was seconded by

Ms. Ormon. Mrs. Hickey asked why this resolution was being removed, noting a discussion, last night regarding another appointment, to this Authority, that was held as the person was moving. Mr. Strano stated that it was a council appointment, and he wanted to remove it for further consideration, and Mrs. Hickey could vote it up or down. Mrs. Hickey noted Mr. Strano lack of familiarity with the Linden Housing Authority’s operations, and how essential this member was to the operation of the Authority. She spoke about the attributes of the individual, and how this was not discussed in the Conference meeting. Mr. Strano differed with Mrs. Hickey, on whether or not it was discussed. Mr. Antonelli noted that the person, if removed from the agenda tonight, would become a holdover, and continue to serve. Mrs. Hickey called what is going on disgusting. A discussion followed. Ms. Cosby asked for clarification as to which member was moving away, and if Karen Lukenda was that person. She noted that the person moving was not Mrs. Lukenda, and the persons being appointed to the Board are recommended by the Housing Authority Director, Ann Ferguson. That has been the process for nine years. She speculated as the reasons the names were being removed, and repeated the process used for the past years. The motion to remove resolution 2019-245 was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Ms. Cosby, Mr. Roman, Mr. Coates, Mr. Medina and Mrs. Hickey.

**BASEBALL TEAM RECOGNITION**

President Yamakaitis noted that the Linden Middle School Baseball team was now present and that the presentation honoring them would now be done. She called up the Coach, and members of the team and asked Mayor Armstead to do the presentation. Mayor Armstead spoke about there being two Middle School Baseball teams, Black and Orange, and that last year the Black team had won only one game. This year, he noted, that they went undefeated. He commended the team for their behavior, on and off the court. The Mayor then read the resolution honoring the team. Coach Clark spoke, and thanked all for this recognition of the teams accomplishments. He then talked about the perfect record, of this team.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Craig Halloran asked to remove Resolution 2019-244.

Hans Herberg asked to remove Resolutions 2019-244 and 268.

John Principato asked to remove Resolutions 2019-236, 244, 251, 255, 258, 260, 261, 265, 267 and 268.

Virginia Malik asked to remove Resolutions 2019-239, 240, 244, 246, 249, 250, 251, 252, 258, 259 and 268.

John Kaczor asked to remove Resolutions 2019-244 and 268.

Kelly Valsic asked to remove Resolutions 2019-236 and 244

John Roman asked to remove Resolutions 2019-244, 260 and 268.

Mr. Medina moved to approve Resolutions 2019-232 through 2019-272 with the exception of 2019-236, 239, 240, 244, 246, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 258, 259, 260, 261, 265, 267, and 268. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey, and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Mrs. Cosby who voted no to 2019-253, and abstained on 2019-243 and 255.

John Principato. Mr. Principato Asked the following: 2019-236, what does aviation Council do and why are they needed.; 2019-251 How many laptops are being purchased; 2019-255 Where is the property located that the Planning Board is doing the investigation on; Mr. Principato complained the limited amount of time he had to ask questions; 2019-256 Where is the contaminated dirt going, and was any of it placed in City parks; 2019-258 the City is looking to spend money to put a cover over the Promenade Park, did you know that Columbia Bank had offered to pay for this; 2019-260 the appointment of a law firm to represent the City in the court case with the Linden Democratic Committee, is a waste of money; 2019-261 asked about the shared services agreement, and if no one in house is qualified; 2019-265 this already went before the Planning Board, and felt that someone has something cooking; 2019-266 stated that he knows the property owner and the family has been in Linden longer than any of us have been alive; 2019-267 is this another public relations firm? Who owns it and how many such firms is the City using, at what cost. Mr. Antonelli provided a response to 2019-236. He also responded to 2019-244 and explained the authorization in the statute and what the investigation was about. Mrs. Zack responded to 2019-251 that there were 12 laptops being purchased. Mr. Polles responded to the questions on 2019-255. Mr. Dann spoke on 2019-258, and stated that he was not aware of the bank’s willingness to cover this cost. Mr. Antonelli explained the reasons for the actions being taken in resolution 2019-260. Mr. Patina responded to the questions on 2019-261, noting the prices that were obtained, from engineering firms for this service, and that this was the most economical method to obtain the service. Mr. Antonelli provided responses to the questions on resolutions 2019-266 and 267, explaining the qualifying resolution and the process. He noted that this would be the only firm supplying this service to the City.

Hans Herberg. Mr. Herberg asked if it was a conflict of Interest for Council to investigate one of their own sitting members. He thought that the investigation should be done by the Police department or the Prosecutors office. Regarding resolution 2019-268 Mr. Herberg noted that the public relations firm was owned by James Devine, and that he, Mr. Herberg, was not happy with Mr. Devine over some tweets that Mr. Devine had sent out a couple of years ago. He read the tweet to the governing body, and noted his concerns. He asked the governing body to find someone with a better history. Mr. Antonelli responded to 2019-244, stating that there was no conflict of interest. Mayor Armstead responded to 2019-268, explaining the previous hiring of a public relations firm, their leaving, and how long the City has gone without one. The Mayor spoke about the need for a PR firm.

Craig Halloran. Mr. Halloran spoke on resolution 2019-244, thanking the Council for listening to his comments. He noted that the Police Department and the Prosecutors office was looking in this matter, and the governing body has better things to do with their time.

Ed Kaminsky. Resolution 2019-244. Mr. Kaminsky stated that he mirrored the comments made by Mr. Halloran, calling the investigation a big waste of time. He noted that it is a slippery slope being done to punish people. He urged the governing body to allow the people with the skills to do so to conduct the investigation. He called the train station filthy, adding that we should not be wasting money on stuff like this.

John Kaczor. Mr.Kazor called resolution 2019-244 a joke. Regarding 2019-268 he spoke about Mr. Devine’s wife, Lisa McCormick, how she was the Mayor’s candidate for surrogate. His opinion was that Mr. Devine would just be the Mayo’s mouthpiece.

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked questions regarding resolutions 2019-239 and 240. Regarding resolution 2019-244, she stated that everything has been said, and that she is not in favor of this investigation/ regarding 2019-256, she asked what was the reason. Regarding resolution 2019-246, she asked what the reason was. For resolution 2019-250, she asked to make sure, that no personnel use of the computers took place. Ms. Malik asked for an explanation of resolution 2019-258. Regarding 2019-259, she asked why this was needed and didn’t the City already have a grant writer in place. Mrs. Zack provided an explanation as to the need for the services being provided in Resolutions 2019-239 and 240. Chief Hart added additional details to the explanation. He also responded to 2019-246, explaining the Police Chaplin program. Mrs. Zack explained the grant being given in 2019-249. She also responded to the questions regarding 2019-250. In addition Mrs. Zack also explained the need for the new laptops, for the governing body, referencing the City’s computer policy regarding usage. With resolution 2019-252 Mrs. Zack explained the grant and the process for including the funds in the 2019 budget. She also spoke on 2019-259, noting that the same grants person had been appointed for part of the year, and this was giving them a contract for the remainder of the year. Mayor Armstead had provided a response to questions on resolution 2019-268 earlier.

Kelly Valsic. Regarding Resolution 2019-236, Ms. Valsic noted that the City owns the airport, and the operator is the tenant. She thought that the operator should be paying for this service. With resolution 2019-244 Ms. Valsic asked who the members of the Committee would be, and what their experience was. Mr. Antonelli responded to the questions on resolution 2019-236, as he did to 2019-244.

Mr. Medina moved for approval of resolutions 2019-236, 239, 240, 244, 246, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 258, 259, 260, 261, 265, 267, and 268. Mrs. Hickey seconded the motion. President Yamakaitis asked for discussion on any of the items.

Ms. Cosby 2019-244. Ms. Cosby noted that the investigative committee, formed regarding the former prosecutor, stated over a few months ago, and has yet to meet. She had offered to be on this committee, but only if she could chair the committee. That didn’t happen she noted her reasons for wanting to serve on the committee. She noted that if this resolution passes, tonight, she was going to give her recommendations for the formation of other investigative committees, and what they would be investigating. She asked what this Committee was investing.

Ms. Cosby 2019-246. Ms. Cosby stated that, with all due respect to the Chief and the individuals being appointed, she had twice recommended the creation of a public safety committee, which would have included the Fire Department, and twice it was voted down. She explained the makeup of the committee, and what it would have provided for to the community. She asked for Council to circle back to the creation of a public safety commission.

Ms. Cosby 2019-268. Ms. Cosby stated that 2019-268 is simply public relations for the Mayor, which is not fair to her as a sitting council member, and the other members of council. She spoke about creating her own flyers and the reasons why. She also stated that a newspaper is biased and does not include all aspects of the community.

Mrs. Hickey 2019-244. Mrs. Hickey stated that she had spoken, at the conference meeting, stated that she believes this matter was left in the hands of the authority. She spoke about her signs, from last year, being taken, and that she was sent a picture of them all sitting in the DPW yard. She addressed the issue raised about Councilman Roman, and thought that things around here are done very sneakily. She spoke about the need to defend Mr. Roman, and how she wanted to investigate the people who are on the committee. She reiterated that these investigations should be left in the hands of the authorities, who have been trained to do this.

Mrs. Hickey 2019-260. Mrs. Hickey stated that there is no reason why anyone, sitting in this audience, should bear the expense of this being paid for out of tax dollars. This is all about political games, and should be paid for out of political campaign accounts.

Mrs. Hickey 2019-268. Mrs. Hickey stated that friends and family, who had signed up for City services, such as the day camp, and provided email address, then started receiving lots of emails form the Column C candidates. She went on to state that James Devine, who owns CMD media, and has been the Mayor’s campaign manager, and whose wife was a Column C candidate. She thought it regrettable that people had entered their information into City data bases had that information given to political organizations. Mrs. Hickey stated that the Mayor needs to have his PR person, but he doesn’t need to pick such a dirty man, like this. There are other classy PR persons to choose from.

Mr. Mohammed 2019-244. Mr. Mohammed stated that he would come to this committee’s meetings, with an open mind, to determine the facts, not his feelings. He spoke about his like for Mr. Roman. He went on stating that he was here to make an inquiry, like any other legislative body. He stated that Mr. Roman would be treated fairly, and without prejudice. Then a report would be issued to this body.

Mr. Roman 2019-251. Mr. Roman noted that the purchase of the laptops has been discussed by the IT Committee for a number of years. He noted the issues with the current laptops. He noted a number of items that were eliminated from the original quote, to save the City money.

Mr. Roman 2019-260 Mr. Roman stated that the Aloia Law firm is very connected to the Township of Union He also noted, at the Board of Education, the hiring of various professionals. Mr. Roman spoke about the negotiated settlement, to the lawsuit that would have settled it, that was rejected. He called the expenditure of the $10,000.00 a waste of tax dollars.

Mr. Roman 2019-268. Mr. Roman noted various actions of Mr. Devine and what he has done. He asked question about previous billings that were done by CDM media. Mr. Roman called this resolution a payback resolution for Mr. Devine, as Mr. Devine’s wife had run as a surrogate candidate on the Column C line. He noted various charges that had been brought against Mr. Devine, including criminal charges, and some of Mr. Devine’s actions.

Mr. Roman 2019-244. Mr. Roman stated that council is forming an investigative committee. Mr. Roman stated that the City attorney also represents me, but asked me to leave the room so that he can investigate me. They are not looking to investigate any other employees. They did what they were told to do. Mr. Roman then reviewed the chain of events that led him to take the actions that he did. He explained the authority given to council, by the City charter, and called himself a whistleblower. Mr. Roman noted the various actions that he had taken, and noted that the statute requires that the meeting be in public to investigate.

Mr. Brown 2019-260. Mr. Brown explained that the City is not suing the Linden Democratic Committee, it the committee that is suing the City. He explained the 8th Ward council selection, and spoke about the need to move the City forward. He talked about misinformation being given out.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-232**

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PREMIUM MONIES**

**WHEREAS,** Resolution #-2017-339 authorized premium monies to be cancelled and turned over to the City;

**WHEREAS**, a tax sale certificate #13-00287 on block 276 lot 27 was sold on June 27, 2014;

**WHEREAS**, a premium of $ 26,200.00 was paid on this certificate; and

**WHEREAS**, Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector has verified that no redemption has taken place, and the lien holder of tax sale certificate #13-00287, TTLBL, LLC has assigned to TTLREO 2, LLC. And TTLREO 2, LLC has foreclosed on August 23, 2017 and recommends said premium, totaling $26,200.00, be canceled and turned over the City Treasurer. On May 22, 2019 an order vacating the foreclosure was received by the Tax Collector, Stacey L. Carron.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that it does hereby authorize the transfer of $26,200.00 back to the premium account to be forwarded to the lien holder once a redemption occurs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector and the City Treasurer.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-233**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT TO APPRAISAL CONSULTANTS CORP. FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISER SERVICES FOR STATE COURT TAX APPEALS FOR 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden previously awarded a contract to Appraisal Consultants Corp. for Real Estate Appraiser Services in an amount not to exceed $10,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to amend the contract by an additional $25,000 for a total revised contract in the amount of $35,000.00; 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 his designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 9-01-20-156-117-272;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that an amendment to the contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Appraisal Consultants Corp., Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants, Presidential Center, 293 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 200, Livingston, New Jersey 07039; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the terms of said agreement shall be for a period of one year at a fee not to exceed $35,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution expressly modifies as to the amount only the previously executed contract documents between Appraisal Consultants Corp. and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to sign documents with Appraisal Consultants Corp., if any, to effectuate the foregoing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be published according to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-234**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT TO SOCKLER REALTY GROUP FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISER SERVICES FOR STATE COURT TAX APPEALS FOR 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden previously awarded a contract to Peter Sockler, M.A.I. Real Estate Appraiser Services in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to amend the contract by an additional $15,000 for a total revised contract in the amount of $35,000.00; 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 his designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 9-01-20-156-117-272;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract amendment for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Sockler Realty Group, 299 Ward Street, Suite C, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the terms of said agreement shall be for a period of one year at a fee not to exceed $35,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly amends the prior contract documents between Sockler Realty Group and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to sign documents with Sockler Realty Group, if any, to effectuate the foregoing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be published according to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-235**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REFUND OF DEPOSITS

FROM THE 2019 ONLINE TAX SALE

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2019 an On-Line Tax Sale was conducted by Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector of the City of Linden and;

WHEREAS, due to multiple unsuccessful bidders, permission is requested to refund all deposits from the Tax Sale Account held by the Tax Collector and;

WHEREAS, due to said circumstances, the City is desirous of refunding said monies:

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

1. The Municipal Attorney has directed the Tax Collector to refund

all monies being held in the Tax Sale Account.

1. This resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**Resolution:** 2019-236

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AVIATION COUNSEL**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden has determined to retain the services of Aviation Counsel to represent the City of Linden and airport operations, and to render legal advice and assistance to the city and to the City Attorney; 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**, Ingelsino Webster Wyciskala & Taylor submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services: and

**WHEREAS,** since professional legal services are rendered or performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by the laws of the State of New Jersey; the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq.) permits the award of a contract therefore as a Professional Service without competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost of the service is not to exceed $10,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Director has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No.9-01-20-155-123-255;

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

1. That the law firm of Ingelsino Webster Wyciskala & Taylor, Attorneys at Law of the State of New Jersey be and is hereby retained as Aviation Counsel to the City for all matters concerning airport operations.

2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Ingelsino Webster Wyciskala & Taylor setting forth the terms and conditions of the legal services to be rendered.

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as a contract for professional services may be awarded without competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:11-5 (1) (a).

4. For the services hereinabove described as Ingelsino Webster Wyciskala & Taylor shall be awarded an agreement in the amount not to exceed $10,000.00 for the calendar year 2019. The City shall not be liable for payment of any monies exceeding the contract price stated herein unless additional funds are approved by the governing body and the contract amended in accordance with applicable law.

5. A notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-237**

**RESOLUTION OF AWARD FOR WINNER FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE 2020 FORD FUSION POLICE RESPONDER HYBRID SEDANS THROUGH THE CRANFORD CO-OP LOCATED IN THE LINDEN POLICE DETECTIVE BUREAU**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to purchase vehicles from an authorized vendor under the Cranford CO-OP Contract #47-CPCPS, awarded to Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-3409 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**, Winner Ford has been awarded Contract #47-CPCPS, for the provision of hybrid sedans; 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 $84,066.00 (3 vehicles @ $28,022.00 each) and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number 9-01-26-301-159-277.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Winner Ford 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: 2019-238**

**RESOLUTION OF AWARD FOR ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL FOR PURCHASE OF THREE FORD ESCAPES THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION CODE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Co-op (MCCPC) Contract #15C. Awarded to Route 23 Automall LLC, 1301 Route 23, Butler, NJ 07405 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**, Route 23 Automall LLC, has been awarded Contract No.15C, for the provision of utilities vehicles; 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 $75,000.00 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number 9-01-22-295-207-274,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Route 23 Automall LLC 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: 2019-239**

**RESOLUTION FOR STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF CAMERA RELATED COMPUTER HARDWARE FROM PASCACK DATA SERVICES, AN AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR OF DELL UNDER NASPO STATE CONTRACT #19-TELE-00656**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to purchase camera related computer hardware to establish connections for remote camera sites from an authorized distributor under the State of New Jersey Contract #19-TELE-00656 awarded to Pascack Data Services, 55 Harrison Road Suite 105, Glen Rock, NJ 07453, 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**, 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 $55,117.00 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number numbers:

C-04-55-902-685-919 $37,967.55

9-01-25-250-314-272 $17,149.45

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Pascack Data Services 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: 2019-240**

**RESOLUTION FOR STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF UPGRADING END OF LIFE HARDWARE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FROM PASCACK DATA SERVICES, AN AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR OF DELL UNDER NASPO STATE CONTRACT #19-TELE-00656**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to purchase hardware that will replace end of life for Public Safety (Police/Fire/Dispatch) from an authorized distributor under the State of New Jersey Contract #19-TELE-00656 awarded to Pascack Data Services, 55 Harrison Road Suite 105, Glen Rock, NJ 07453, 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**, 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 $329,419.95 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number #C-04-55-902-700-919

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Pascack Data Services 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: 2019-241**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MONIQUE TORRE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

That **MONIQUE TORRE,** a resident of the City of Linden, New Jersey, has tendered her resignation, on May 17, 2019, as a member of the Board of Health of the City of Linden, and said resignation is hereby accepted effective as of the date of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-242**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH KM CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR POROUS PAVEMENT AT MEMORIAL PARK IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden passed a Resolution No. 2018-392 on October 16, 2018 approving an award of a contract to KM Construction Corp. for Porous Pavement at Memorial Park in the City of Linden in the amount of $475,975.94; and

**WHEREAS**, a change order in the amount of $13,551.99 is required to extend the project; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures for said contract is $489,527.93; 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. G-02-40-165-017-220;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement awarded to KM Construction Corp. is hereby amended to increase the contract by the additional sum of $13,551.99, for a total contract of $489,527.93; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between KM Construction Corp. 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 KM Construction Corp.; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-243**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE**

**RENT LEVELING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

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

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

Citizens

Pauline Blahuta

1314 Winans Avenue, Linden, New Jersey

Edward Kaminski

201 Maple Avenue, Linden, New Jersey

Doris Matey\*\*\* (New Appointment)

113 Carteret Street, Linden New Jersey

Landlords

Timothy McLeod

182 Berkshire Place, Linden, New Jersey

**VACANCY**

Tenants

Mark MacDonald

115 W. Blancke Street, Linden, New Jersey

Danielle Cratice

834 Gilchrist Avenue, Linden, New Jersey

Alternate No. 1

Joanne Gareis

843 Laurita Street, Linden, New Jersey

Alternate No. 2

Angela Thomas-Braxton

334 E. Price Street, Apt 8, Linden, New Jersey

Section 2. The above named persons shall serve as members of the Rent Leveling Board of the City of Linden for a term of one year effective July 1, 2019 and until their successors shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-244**

**RESOLUTION CREATING A MUNICIPAL COUNCIL INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE PURSANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:48-25**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden has determined to utilize its statutory powers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-25 to form a Municipal Council Investigatory Committee (“MCIC”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to statute, the MCIC has the power to investigate any activity of the municipality, which includes subpoena powers to assist in its investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden is of the opinion that based upon video evidence, and other information received, that Councilman John Roman accessed the Department of Public Works yard, without authority or permission to do so, claiming to have done so to preserve evidence related to an investigation already commenced by another law enforcement agency; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has determined it is appropriate to appoint a MCIC to undertake a more detailed investigation of this matter and such other related matters that may come before MCIC as the investigation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to vest in said MCIC all powers set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:48-25, *et seq.*, and set forth in City Code, 2-5.3, including, without limitation, the power to issue subpoenas and to enforce same, and to solicit and obtain testimony and documents under oath.

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

1. The City Council hereby creates a MCIC to undertake a further investigation Councilman John Roman access of the Department of Public Works yard, without authority or permission to do so, claiming to have done so to preserve evidence related to an investigation already commenced by another law enforcement agency.
2. The MCIC shall consist of the following members: Council President Michele Yamakaitis and Councilman Alfred Mohammed.
3. The MCIC shall be vested with all powers set forth in N.J.S.A 40:48-25 and in City Code, 2-5.3, and all other applicable laws and regulations related thereto, including but not limited to the use of subpoena power.
4. The MCIC shall diligently pursue its investigation and prepare a Confidential Report setting forth the scope of the investigation, identifying the witnesses testifying before the MCIC, the documents reviewed, the facts as established as a result of said investigation, the conclusions as to whether there any violations or deviations from statutory, regulatory, or operating rules and standards applicable to municipal government.
5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to advise all municipal officers and Department Heads to cooperate with the MCIC and all such employees, officers and witnesses before the MICI shall maintain confidentiality of their testimony and documents produced.

**RESOLUTION: 2019- 245**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAREN LUKENDA A MEMBER OF THE**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that Karen Lukenda, residing at 5 Furber Avenue, in the City of Linden, shall be and she hereby is appointed a member of the Housing Authority of the City of Linden to serve a five year term effective June 15, 2019 and terminating June 14, 2025, and until his/her successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this appointment is made pursuant to the Ordinance of the City of Linden entitled, “An Ordinance Creating the Housing Authority of the City of Linden,” approved May 7, 1965, and that said member shall have and exercise all powers and duties prescribed by said ordinance ant the “Local Housing Authority Law” (N.J.S.A. 55:14A-1 et. seq.), including, by not limited to the educational requirements for Commissioners.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-246**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLIN’S FOR THE CITY OF**

**LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the provisions of an Ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHAPLAIN FOR THE LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT,” passed February 20, 2019 and approved February 21, 2019, and as amended and supplemented; and

**WHEREAS,** said ordinance provides for the appointment of Chaplains, after their qualifications by the City of Linden Police Department, by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor has appointed the following as Chaplin’s to the City of Linden’s Police Department, Pamela Boykin Jones, Joshua Hess, Bishop Manuel Donelson, Edgardo P. Jocson, Pastor Barry Wise, and Reverend Father Peter De Franco, OSB., to a one year term commencing June 20, 2019 and terminating June 19, 2020, continuing to serve in that capacity until he/she is either terminated or reappointed with the recommendation of the Chief of Police; and

**WHEREAS,** said persons appointed as Chaplin shall serve in that capacity without rank or salary.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY,** the City Council of the City of Linden that it does hereby confirm the appointments of, Pamela Boykin Jones, Joshua Hess, Bishop Manuel Donelson, Edgardo P. Jocson, Pastor Barry Wise, and Reverend Father Peter De Franco, OSB., as Chaplin’s to the City of Linen Police Department.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-247**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM USE OF A PORTION OF WEST MORRIS AVE BY MERIDIA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**

**WHEREAS,** Meridia Development Company (“Owner”) is the owner of certain property that is subject to the South Wood Avenue Redevelopment Plan (“RDP”) and

**WHEREAS**, they have requested that they be allowed to use a portion of certain City of Linden owned property known as West Morris Avenue, at its intersection with South Wood Avenue, for the staging certain pieces of construction equipment, needed for the project that they are building between Morris Avenue and Linden Avenue; and

**WHEREAS,** residents would have access, from Penn Pl., and on street parking would still be available to residents; and

**WHEREAS,** said use agreement would terminate on September 2, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden is desirous to grant such use subject to the providing of an insurance certificate naming the City of Linden as a co-insured in the amount of $1,000,000.00 and the execution of a hold harmless agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are directed and authorized to execute any document necessary to effectuate said agreement ; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-248**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**BASEBALL TEAM (BLACK)**

**WHEREAS,** under the direction of Coach Michael Clark, the 2019 Linden Middle School Baseball Team (BLACK) had a very successful season; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2019 Middle School Baseball Team (BLACK) consisted of team members Matthew Castillo, Daniel Ciprian, Jahson Correa, Ivan Cruz, Julian Cruz, Connor Lewis, Carmine Meola-Dreissig, Michael Meola-Dreissig, Aleksander Nycz, Philip Orzechowski, Jimmie Jones, Andrew Plummer, Lucas Prendez, Philop Principato, and Robert Zack; and

**WHEREAS,** during their eleven game season they went undefeated season; and

**WHEREAS,** The Mayor and Council of the City of Linden wish to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Coach Clark and 2019 Middle School Baseball Team (BLACK).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden do hereby recognize and congratulate Coach Michael Clark and the members of the 2019 Linden Middle School Baseball Team (BLACK), Matthew Castillo, Daniel Ciprian, Jahson Correa, Ivan Cruz, Julian Cruz, Connor Lewis, Carmine Meola-Dreissig, Michael Meola-Dreissig, Aleksander Nycz, Philip Orzechowski, Jimmie Jones, Andrew Plummer, Lucas Prendez, Philop Principato, and Robert Zack; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**,that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden, and that a copy be presented to Coach Clark and all of the members of the 2019 Linden Middle School Baseball Team (Black).

**RESOLUTION: 2019-249**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**STREET SMART PEDESTRIAN SAFETY 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 $41,000.00 from the State of New Jersey Law and Public Safety and wishes to amend its 2019 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 2019 in the sum of $41,000.00 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 Revenues off-set with Appropriations:

Street Smart Pedestrian Safety Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $41,000.00 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:

Street Smart Pedestrian Safety Grant

**RESOLUTION: 2019-250**

**RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR LOCAL 469 FROM SPECIALTY GRAPHICS, LLC UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain uniforms for Local #469 from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Co-op (MCCPC) Contract #22. Awarded to Specialty Graphics, LLC, 1950 Old Cuthbert Road, Unit H, Cherry Hill, NJ 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**, Specialty Graphics LLC, has been awarded Contract No. for the provision of uniforms; 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 $60,000.00 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number 9-01-20-131-113-266.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Beyer Ford 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: 2019-251**

**RESOLUTION AWARDED TO PASCACK DATA SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAPTOPS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL SOLICIATED BY QUOTATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to purchase laptops for mayor and city council for the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the solicitation of competitive quotes and the award to a vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS,** Pascack Data Services, 200 Central Avenue, Suite 100, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 was solicited for quotations; and

**WHEREAS,** Pascack Data Services provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed $20,828.76; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to accounts:

C-04-55-900-543-919 $11,000.00

C-04-55-900-663-919 3,219.56

C-04-55-900-679-919 83.81

C-04-55-900-525-919 1,093.89

C-04-55-900-491-919 4,509.15

9-01-20-131-113-207 923.35

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Pascack Data Services be awarded a contract for laptops at the low quote of $20,828.76.

**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: 2019-252**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**CLEAN COMMUNITIES FY2019 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 has received $76,374.11 from the State of New Jersey Clean Communities Account Fund and wishes to amend its 2019 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 2019 in the sum of $ 76,374.11 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:

Clean Communities 2019

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $ 76,374.11 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:

Clean Communities 2019

**RESOLUTION: 2019-253**

**CITY OF LINDEN RAT RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** there were certain payments made by the Municipal Treasurer during the month of May 2019 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:

**CK# DATE PAYABLE TO: PURPOSE AMOUNT**

5/1/2019 Vision Service Plan March, April, May Vision Claims $13,425.86

5/1/2019 Unity Bank Workers Comp 4/22 – 4/28 $17,107.27

5/1/2019 Express Scripts/Medco Prescription Claims 3/23 – 4/5 $84,783.44

5/1/2019 Express Scripts/Medco Prescription Claims 4/6 – 4/19 $102,790.59

5/3/2019 Elavon, Inc. May Merchant Fee – Dog License $36.46

5/3/2019 Elavon, Inc. May Merchant Fee – Garage Sale $54.99

5/3/2019 Payroll Payroll – Current $1,738,452.67

5/3/2019 Payroll Payroll – Trust $59,126.91

5/3/2019 Payroll Payroll – Grant $7,923.34

5/3/2019 Payroll Payroll – Unemployment $809.65

5/7/2019 US Bank Admin Fee – Refunding Bonds 03 $1,100.00

5/7/2019 US Bank Admin Fee – Linden Theater 04 $3,555.75

5/7/2019 US Bank Admin Fee – South Wood Ave 04 $3,300.00

5/8/2019 Unity Bank Workers Comp 4/29 – 5/5 $8,456.23

5/10/2019 Express Scripts/Medco Prescription Claims 4/6 – 5/3 $92,431.42

5/13/2019 County of Union 2nd Qtr. County Purpose Tax $7,500,034.89

5/13/2019 County of Union 2nd Qtr. County Open Space Tax $218,119.63

5/14/2019 SHBP Retirees May Health Premium $439,262.41

5/14/2019 SHBP Avtive March Health Premium $683,040.95

5/15/2019 Unity Bank Workers Comp 5/6 – 5/12 $16,507.17

173189 5/15/2019 NJ Motor Vehicle Comm. Registration Renewal for Fire Boat $52.00

173190 5/15/2019 Practice Assoc. Medical Medical Services $900.00

5/17/2019 Payroll Payroll – Current $1,725,963.33

5/17/2019 Payroll Payroll – Trust $70,219.37

5/17/2019 Payroll Payroll – Grant $5,939.63

5/17/2019 Payroll Payroll – Capital $201.88

5/17/2019 Payroll Payroll – Unemployment $701.96

5/22/2019 Unity Bank Workers Comp 5/13 – 5/19 $41,820.63

5/22/2019 Express Scripts/Medco Prescription Claims 5/4 – 5/17 $39,933.12

5/29/2019 Delta Dental of NJ May Dental Claims – City $38,936.32

5/29/2019 Delta Dental of NJ May Dental Claims – Sewerage $3,126.94

5/29/2019 Delta Dental of NJ May Dental Claims – Housing $1,298.88

5/29/2019 Delta Dental of NJ May Dental Claims – Library $948.88

5/31/2019 Unity Bank Workers Comp 5/20 – 5/27 $23,334.54

173458 5/31/2019 NJ Motor Vehicle Comm. Registration for 3 Police Vehicles $60.00

**RESOLUTION: 2019-254**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THAT A LIEN** **BE PLACED**

**ON VARIOUS PREMISES FOR WORK COMPLETED BY THE DEPT. OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** premises known and designated as follows have been the subject of

controversy as said premises had a heavy growth of weeds, grass and debris thereon and/or unsafe and hazardous conditions; and

Block 112 Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue

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Block 59 Lot 18 1413 Clinton Street

Block 64 Lot 3 1216 Passaic Avenue

Block 297 Lot 8 241 Elmwood Terrace

Block 572 Lot 16 3113 Fedor Avenue

Block 295 Lot 7 230 Rosewood Terrace

Block 541 Lot 4 22 East 20th Street

Block 118 Lot 1 1218 McCandless Street

**WHEREAS,** proper notice has been provided to the owners of said properties to have said premises cleaned up, as this was in violation of a City Ordinance, and the owners have not complied with the request; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with City Ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto, the City may remove or cause to be removed said heavy growth of weeds, grass and debris when the owners have refused or neglected to do so; and

**WHEREAS,** the condition of said lots had become a health hazard and safety hazard, and for the best interests of the City of Linden it was necessary for the City of Linden to have said

properties cleaned up by the Department of Community Services employees at the cost as follows:

Block 112 Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue $515.00

Block 112 Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue $195.00

Block 59 Lot 18 1413 Clinton Street $385.00

Block 64 Lot 3 1216 Passaic Avenue $876.14

Block 297 Lot 8 241 Elmwood Terrace $330.00

Block 572 Lot 16 3113 Fedor Avenue $550.00

Block 295 Lot 7 230 Rosewood Terrace $270.00

Block 541 Lot 4 22 East 20th Street $2,873.51

Block 118 Lot 1 1218 McCandless Street $680.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF** **LINDEN,** that it hereby directs the Receiver of Taxes to place a lien against the aforementioned properties, at the amount noted above, and such liens shall become and form part of the taxes levied upon such properties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the owners of the properties or their agent.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-255**

**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 587, LOTS 8, 9 AND 23 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 587, Lots 8, 9 and 23 (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, in connection with the Study Area, authorizes the City and City Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, except 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 not 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 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 (non-condemnation).

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION:2019-256**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF STOCKPILE AT SOUTH WOOD AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden passed a Resolution No. 2019-182 on April 16, 2019 approving an award of a contract to Disposal Systems, Inc. for Transportation and Disposal of Stockpile at South Wood Avenue in the City of Linden in the amount of $36,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, a change order in the amount of $2,676.96 is required to extend the project; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures for said contract is $38,676.96; 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-04-55-901-623-919;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement awarded to Disposal Systems, Inc. is hereby amended to increase the contract by the additional sum of $2,676.96, for a total contract of $38,676.96; and

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-257**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED CONTRACT WITH JO-MED CONTRACTING CORP. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CURBS & WALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden passed a Resolution No. 2018-406 on October 15, 2018 approving an amendment to the contract with Jo-Med Contracting Corp. for the Reconstruction of Curbs & Walks at Various Location in the City of Linden in the amount of $86,352.77; and

**WHEREAS**, a change order in the amount of $5,903.17 is required to extend the project; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures for said contract is $92,255.94; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account Nos. C-04-55-901-671-919 ($3,818.71) and C-04-55-901-692-919 ($2,084.46); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement awarded to Jo-Med Contracting Corp. is hereby amended to increase the contract by the additional sum of $5,903.17, for a total contract of $92,255.94; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between Jo-Med Contracting Corp. 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 Jo-Med Contracting Corp.; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-258**

**RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SHADE SYSTEM THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FROM SHADE SYSTEMS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services from an authorized vendor under the Houston-Glaveston Area Council awarded to Shade Systems, Inc., 4150 S.W. 19th Street, Ocala, FL 34474, authorized vendor and,

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

**WHEREAS**, Shade Systems, Inc., for the provision of shade systems; 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 $91,360.56 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account #T-03-56-800-100-026

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor, Council President, City Clerk and/or such other city officials as is necessary and proper be authorized to execute such documents as necessary to implement this resolution.

**RESOLUTION:** **2019-259**

**RESOLUTION 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**

**WHEREAS**, there exists within the City of Linden the need for a consultant in order to continue to obtain grants and for the purpose of assisting the City of Linden in identifying state and federal funding programs; 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**, Muller Bohlin Associates submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2019; 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**, Muller Bohlin Associates, having offices at 101B North Wood Ave., Suite B, Linden, NJ 07036 possesses the requisite professional certification and experience necessary to serve in said position; and

**WHEREAS**, funds will be made available for this purpose to be charged to Account No: 9-01-20-110-103-256;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Professional Services be and hereby is awarded to Muller Bohlin Associates at a fee not to exceed $40,000.00 for a term beginning July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the scope of such services shall include assisting the City of Linden in identifying State, Federal & Local Grant funding sources and rendering technical advice and assistance with respect to identifying funding programs that are responsive to the needs of 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 Muller Bohlin Associates to effectuate the foregoing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be published according to law.

**Resolution:** 2019-**260**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden has determined to retain the services of Special Counsel to represent the City of Linden in Linden Democratic Committee v. City of Linden, et al., and other matters as assigned to Special Counsel by the City Attorney from time to time; 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**, Aloia Law Firm, LLC has submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services: and

**WHEREAS,** since professional legal services are rendered or performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by the laws of the State of New Jersey; the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq.) permits the award of a contract therefore as a Professional Service without competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost of the service is not to exceed $10,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Director has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No.9-01-20-155-123-255;

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

1. That the Aloia Law Firm, LLC, be and is hereby retained as Special Counsel.

2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with the Aloia Law Firm, LLC setting forth the terms and conditions of the legal services to be rendered.

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as a contract for professional services may be awarded without competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:11-5 (1) (a).

4. For the services hereinabove described the Aloia Law Firm, LLC shall be awarded an agreement in an amount not to exceed $10,000.00 for the calendar year 2019. The City shall not be liable for payment of any monies exceeding the contract price stated herein unless additional funds are approved by the governing body and the contract amended in accordance with applicable law.

5. A notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-261**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES**

**AGREEMENT WITH THE LINDEN ROSELLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION AND MAINTAINANCE OF THE CITY C-4 COLLECTION SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority (“LSRA”), which would provide the City of Linden with a DEP Licensed Operator to operate and maintain the City’s C-4 collection system; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost of said service shall not exceed $6,000.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are directed and authorized to enter into a Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is attached; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Director has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No 9-01-20-165-124-255.;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a duly executed copy of this Resolution be sent to the LSRA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be published and take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-262**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RAPID RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC. FOR THE RESTORATION/SERVICE/REMODEL FOR “REPLACEMENT OF 4’ BOILER PIPE” FOR THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE BUILDING, 1901 LOWER ROAD, LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to restore, service, and remodel for “Replacement of 4’ Boiler Pipe” for the Municipal Garage building located at 1901 Lower Road; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the solicitation of competitive quotes and the award to a vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS,** Rapid Recovery Services, LLC. 375 North Street, Teterboro, NJ 070608 was solicited for quotations; and

**WHEREAS,** Rapid Recovery Services, LLC, Inc. provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed $8,600.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to the following account No. 9-01-55-274-999-019

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Rapid Recovery Services, LLC. be awarded a contract to Restoration/Service/Remodel for at the low quote of $8,523.23.

**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: 2019-263**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL WASHINGTON JUNETEENTH NATIONAL HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE AND NATIONAL JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN**

**WHEREAS,** for 150 years, Juneteenth National Freedom Day continues to be the most recognized African-American holiday observance in the United States. Also known as "Emancipation Day", "Emancipation Celebration", "Freedom Day", "Jun-Jun", "Juneteenth Independence Day" and "Juneteenth." Juneteenth National Freedom Day commemorates the survival, due to God given strength and determination, of African-Americans, who were first brought to this country stacked in the bottom of slave ships in a month long journey across the

Atlantic Ocean known as the "Middle Passage"; and   
  
**WHEREAS**, approximately eleven and one-half million African-Americans survived the voyage to the New World, the number that died is likely greater, only to be subjected to whipping, castration, branding, rape, tearing apart of families and forced to submit to slavery for more than 200 years

after arrival in the United States; and   
  
**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth commemorates the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the south by Union General Granger, on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas, more than two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln. For the first time, in over 130 years of the annual celebration, Juneteenth has finally been "officially recognized" as Juneteenth Independence Day in America by the President and Congress of the United States; and   
  
**WHEREAS**, this reality is particularly underscored by the fact that it was in the 1st session of the 105th Congress via the bipartisan cooperation of the Former Congresswoman Barbara Rose-Collins (D-Michigan), Former Senator Carol Mosely-Braun (D-Illinois), Congressman J.C. Watts (R-Oklahoma), Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia), Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Mississippi) and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-South Dakota), that Senate Joint Resolution 11 and House Joint Resolution 56 were successfully shepherded through both Houses of Congress, in a successful effort to officially recognize Juneteenth as the Independence Day Observance of Americans of African descent in 1997; and   
  
**WHEREAS**, Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures, religions and countries-of-origin, share in a common love of and respect for "freedom", as well as a determination to protect their right to freedom through democratic institutions, by which the "tenets-of-freedom" are guaranteed and protected. The "19th of June" or Juneteenth Independence Day, along with the "4th of July", completes the "cycle of freedom" for America's Independence Day observances. "Until All are Free, None are Free" is an oft repeated maxim that can be used to highlight the significance of the end of the era of slavery in the United States; and   
  
**WHEREAS**, the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation is sponsoring the premier celebration, concert, worship services and campaign to commemorate America's 2nd Independence Day Observance, the "19th of June", as one which completes the cycle of America's 18th century Independence Movement, initiated with the "4th of July", 1776 "Declaration of Independence" and to recognize this country's movement towards a "One America", advanced by a sincere dialogue of the realization of what Juneteenth historically means to all Americans, promoting racial healing, reconciliation, restoration and justice, through the National Day of Reconciliation and Healing From the Legacy of Slavery and the National Juneteenth Black Holocaust "Maafa" Memorial Service; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS**: the City of Linden hereby adopts this resolution in support of the National Juneteenth Holiday Campaign and encourages participation of our members, families and communities in the Annual WASHINGTON JUNETEENTH National Holiday Observance, on the National Mall, Lincoln Memorial and US Capital, during the week of the "19th of June" in Washington, DC.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-264**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RAPID RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC. FOR RESTORATION/SERVICE/REMODEL MUNICIPAL GARAGE CEILING IN** **THE LOCKERROOM AT THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE, 1901 LOWER ROAD, LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to restore, service, and remodel ceiling in the lockerroom for the Municipal Garage building located at 1901 Lower Road; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the solicitation of competitive quotes and the award to a vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS,** Rapid Recovery Services, LLC. 375 North Street, Teterboro, NJ 070608 was solicited for quotations; and

**WHEREAS,** Rapid Recovery Services, LLC, Inc. provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed $13,750.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to the following account No. 9-01-55-274-999-019

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Rapid Recovery Services, LLC. be awarded a contract to Restoration/Service/Remodel for at the low quote of $13,743.20.

**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: 2019-265**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE CITY’S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 513, LOT 1 (A/K/A 1201 SOUTH PARK AVENUE) ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN ‘AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT’ (WITHOUT CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

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

**WHEREAS**, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute areas in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law the city council (“**City Council**”) of the City of Linden (the “**City**”) must authorize the planning board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to conduct a preliminary investigation of the area and make recommendations to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** on April 16, 2019, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 513, Lot 1, a/k/a 1201 South Park Avenue on the tax maps of the City (hereinafter the “**Study Area**”), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment providing that a redevelopment area determination would authorize the City and City Council to use all those powers permitted by the Redevelopment Law, other than the power of eminent domain; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2019, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and recommended that the City Council designate the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria and requirements of the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has determined that, based upon the recommendations of the Planning Board, the Study Area should be designated an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law, such designation authorizing the City and City Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, other than the power of eminent domain.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 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 recommendations and conclusions of the Planning Board are hereby accepted by the City Council.

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

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for review pursuant to Section 6(b)(5) of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to serve, within ten (10) days hereof, a copy of this Resolution upon (i) all record owners of property located within the Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, as reflected on the tax assessor’s records, and (ii) each person who filed a written objection prior to the hearing held by the Planning Board, service to be in the manner provided by Section 6 of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-266**

**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 254, LOTS 1-10 (A/K/A IN THE AREA OF 7 NORTH WOOD AVENUE TO 27 NORTH WOOD AVENUE, AND FROM 11-15 WEST ELIZABETH AVENUE TO 101 WEST ELIZABETH AVENUE) SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT (CONDEMNATION), PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1, *et seq.***

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

**WHEREAS**, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute areas in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law the city council (“**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 254, Lots 1-10 (a/k/a in the area of 7 North Wood Avenue to 27 North Wood Avenue, and from 11-15 West Elizabeth Avenue to 101 West Elizabeth Avenue, 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, including the power of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a “**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 (condemnation).

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 property in the delineated area, for the Study Area is being investigated as a possible 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 (condemnation).

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-267**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-125, QUALIFYING CERTAIN**

**PROFESSIONALS PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH**

**N.J.S.A 19:44a-20.4**

**WHEREAS,** on March 19, 2019, the governing body of the City of Linden adopted Resolution 2019-125, qualifying certain professionals pursuant to a fair and open process, in accordance with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4; and

**WHEREAS,** based upon review of the qualifications, with the City Attorney, it was determined that certain professionals are, and were qualified for certain positions for the calendar year 2019;

**WHEREAS,** based on said review Resolution 2019-125 should be amended, to include an additional firm, as follows:

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

CMD Media LLC

488 W. Grand Avenue

Rahway, NJ 07065

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** that said resolution 2019-125 is hereby amended, and that in 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; and

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

**RESOLUTION: ­­­­2019-268**

**RESOLUTION** **AWARDING A CONTRACT WITH CMD MEDIA LLC**

**FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**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,** CMD Media LLC, 488 W. Grand Avenue, Rahway, NJ 07065submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to award a contract for said purpose in an amount not to exceed $8,500.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or his designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 9-01-20-110-105-255

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** hereby awards a contract for Professional Services to CDM Media LLC in an amount not to exceed $8,500.00;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute said agreement with CDM Media LLC to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-269**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ARIANA EASTWOOD FOR RECEIVING THE LEADERSHIP AWARD THROUGH THE CONCRETE ROSE PROJECT FOR 2019**

**WHEREAS,** the Concrete Rose Project (CRP) founded in December of 2012 in memory of Bashon Ameel Rose, is a community-based non-profit organization that operates throughout the Greater Union County Area working with today’s youth by guiding them towards a path of success and away from the negative social factors that are plaguing our society; and

**WHEREAS,** on May 3, 2019 the Concrete Rose Project held its 2nd Annual Hidden Figures Youth Excellence Awards Ceremony with the theme of “Celebrating Tomorrow’s Agents of Change”; and

**WHEREAS,** Ariana Eastwooda Senior at Linden High School was recognized by the Concrete Rose Project as the recipient of the Leadership Award. Ariana recently received the following honor and awards from the Linden Board of Education: High Honor Roll, Distinguished Cadet, Aptitude Award, Outstanding Cadet, Exemplary Conduct Award and Physical Fitness Award as a member of the Linden High School R.O.T.C. Program; and

**WHEREAS,** in her spare time Ariana enjoys playing sports and has been a member of both the Volleyball Team and Girl Spring Track Team. Outside of school Ariana has participated in the Governor’s STEM Program, Young People’s Youth Division, Junior Jewels President Dance Ministry, Leadership Training Conference Delegate 2016 and Leadership Training Conference Counselor 2017 – 2026; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor and City Council wishes to congratulate Ariana Eastwood on her many accomplishments and her dedication to her education and volunteering her time to make the City of Linden a better place; and

**BE IT FURTHER 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 Ariana Eastwood in permanent recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-270**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL**

**2018-2019 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS,** in 1921 Linden High School established a National Honor Society to recognize those students whose personal achievements reflect the criteria standards of character, scholarship, leadership and service; and

**WHEREAS,** members of the Linden High School Chapter of the National Honor Society are carefully selected, membership is both an honor and a commitment. Honor Society members must exhibit academic achievement, leadership, honorable and admirable character, as well as service demonstrating that the member is willing to use their talents and skills for the improvement of society; and

**WHERERAS,** the following students have been chosen as distinguished members of the National Honor Society and pledge to uphold the purpose and principles of the society;

**Jeremiah Acosta, Mariel Alvarracin, Stephanie Araujo, Yaneli Argueta, Rosibell Arias Peralta, Samuel Aristizabal-Sanchez, Christopher Banks, Serhenna Bazile, Alison Benitez, Jaclyn Beviano, Brooke Beyer, Shakirah Brown Roberts, Ashley Burgos, Navaeh Corvington, Brianna Davis, Love Desrosiers, Laryssa Destin, Ariana Eastwood, Maria Elijius, Maryam Elweshahy, Nicole Gragoso, Jocelyn Grijalva, Muhsin Khan, Patrycja Komajda, Nancy Lima De Felix, Daniel Lopez, Diane Lopez, Michael Lopez, Siarrah Myers, Melody Ortega, Sydney Padilla, Natalie Perez, Allan Pierre, Thara Polanco Diaz, Jannice Quevedo-Vilcahuaman, Ian Rengifo, Jade Rich, Jasmine Saldanha, Michael Scarpelli, Nanda Seaurattan, Tiffany Suarez, Nahomy Suarez Dieppa, Angelica Szurlej, Asia Todd, Melanie Vargas, Janai Williams, Piotr Zelazny**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council, City of Linden,do hereby congratulate the **2018-2019 LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** members for their exceptional accomplishments and commend them for their efforts in earning recognition as a member of the National Honor Society.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden to mark in perpetuity the accomplishments of theses honor society members and that a copy of this resolution be fittingly present to them.

**Resolution: 2019-271**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL**

**2019 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS,** in August of 2001 Linden High School was selected to join the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB-DIP), designed for highly motivated 11th and 12th grade students. Linden High School is one of only ten schools in the state of New Jersey to offer this program; and

**WHEREAS,** the IB Programs offers a continuum of international education, encouraging both personal and academic achievement. Challenging students to excel in their studies and in their personal development; and

**WHERERAS,** the following students have been chosen as distinguished members of the 2019 International Baccalaureate Diploma Program:

**Jeremiah Acosta, Mariel Alvarracin, Carolina Andrade, Christopher Banks, Serhenna Bazile, Shakira Brown Roberts, Maria Elijius, Maryam Elweshany, Lerany Jimenez, Muhsin Khan, Josiah Lewis, Andrew Lopez, Jaysa Martinez, Gilbert Nolasco, Katherine Polo, Jannice Quevedo-Vilcahuaman, Andrew Salermo, Angelica Szurlej, Yaniris Valerio, Piotr Zelazny**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council, City of Linden,do hereby congratulate the recipients of the International Baccalaureate Diplomafor their exceptional accomplishments and commend them for their efforts in earning recognition as a member of the program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden to mark in perpetuity the accomplishments of these students and that a copy of this resolution be fittingly present to them.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-272**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RAPID RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC. FOR INSTALLATION OF LED LIGHT FIXUTRES AT THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE, 1901 LOWER ROAD, LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to upgrade the lighting to led light fixtures in conjunction with the restoration of services from the recent in the Municipal Garage building located at 1901 Lower Road; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the solicitation of competitive quotes and the award to a vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS,** Rapid Recovery Services, LLC. 375 North Street, Teterboro, NJ 070608 was solicited for quotations; and

**WHEREAS,** Rapid Recovery Services, LLC, Inc. provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed $37,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to the following account No. 9-01-55-274-999-019

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Rapid Recovery Services, LLC. be awarded a contract to Restoration/Service/Remodel for at the low quote of $37,500.00.

**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.

President Yamakaitis asked for a roll call vote. The members of the council voted yes for the above resolutions, with the following exceptions. Mr. Brown abstained on resolutions 2019-244 and 2019-268. Ms. Cosby voted no to resolutions 2019-249, 253, 267 and 268 and abstained on resolutions 2019-266 and 255. Mr. Roman voted no to 2019-244, 260, 267 and 268. Mr. Coates voted no to resolutions 2019-244, 265, 266, 267, 268 and 269 and abstained on resolution 2019-260. Mr. Medina voted no to resolutions 2019-244, 260 and 268. Mrs. Hickey voted no to resolutions 2019-244, 260, 265, 266 and 268. She abstained on resolutions 2019-236. President Yamakaitis abstained on resolution 2019-250. After a review, by the City Clerk, it was determined that the vote on resolutions 2019-244 and 2019 -268 were tie votes, and called upon the Mayor to break the tie.

Mayor Armstead 2019-244 The Mayor spoke in support of the resolution creating the investigative committee. He stated that this is not the first time that Linden has done this. He noted what he agreed with, and that he did not agree with a person entering City property, without authority. He stated that the DPW facility is a secure facility, and people are not allowed to enter it without permission. He noted the proper procedure and protocol to enter the site. He spoke about the cameras, at the site, their placement, and what they observed. He noted that an investigation is under way, and the inventory committee will attempt to come up with its findings, and those findings will be sent to the prosecutor, but since the employee was a county employee he would have to send the matter out to another agency. The Mayor voted yes to resolution 2019-244.

Mayor Armstead 2019-268. Mayor Armstead stated that a lot was said this evening regarding the hiring of CMD Media. He noted that his office was in desperate need of someone to handle PR. He spoke about the newspaper that went out last year and what its content was. The Mayor disputed some of the statements, made earlier, noting that MR. Divine was not his campaign manager. His wife did run for surrogate. The Mayor, explained that he has been running campaigns, in this town, by himself, and has done it quite successfully. He vigorously denied that Mr. Devine played any role in his campaign. He added that no press release would go out, from his office without his review. He discussed the reasons for selecting Mr. Devine. He then declared that his vote was yes for resolution 2019-268.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODCUTION**

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#63-28** **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 approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.**

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

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

7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulations

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

Name of Street No. of Spaces

**ADD:**

**1301 Bower Street 1**

**(On Cleveland Avenue)**

Ordinance #63-28 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Javick who was excused.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#63-29 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 ad approved August 16, 1995.**

**ADD: Schedule 4-NN-6**

Ordinance #63-29 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Javick who was excused.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#63-30 Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of $88,000 for citywide curb and sidewalk reconstruction and authorizing the issuance of $83,600 bonds or notes for the City for financing part of the appropriation.**

Ordinance #63-30 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#63-31 Bond ordinance authorizing various improvements and acquisition of various items of capital equipment for the Municipal Garage and appropriating $234,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $222,585 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

Ordinance #63-31 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#63-32 Bond ordinance providing an appropriation of $1,238,600 for the acquisition of various items of capital equipment for the Department of Public Works and authorizing the issuance of $1,176,670 bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation**.

Ordinance #63-32 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#63-33 An Ordinance creating the position of Parking Enforcement Officer.**

Ordinance #63-33 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**#63-34 An Ordinance amending Chapter VII Section 20 entitled one-way streets.**

7-20 One Way Streets

Name of Street Direction Parking Permitted

ADD:

E. Baltimore Ave South E. St. George Ave to Union St.,

But remove Union Street

Between E. Baltimore Ave. &

John St.

Ms. Cosby moved to remove ordinance #63-34, for further consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina.

Mrs. Ormon was given permission to make a comment, by the Council President. Mrs. Ormon stated that as Chair of the Accident Review Committee she would strongly encourage on this, at least for another month. She stated that she was agreeing with Mrs. Cosby. This is her ward and she is very familiar with the street. Mrs. Ormon felt that Ms. Cosby needs to be brought into the conversation before this decision is made.

The motion to remove the resolution, from consideration, was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. Ms. Cosby noted, when she voted, that she had never seen a traffic study done so quickly, and that she was never contacted about it. She requested to be invited to the committee meeting, when this was discusses. Ms. Ormon agreed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hans Herberg, 1501 Westover Rd. Mr. Herberg talked about the comments he had made earlier, regarding Mr. Devine, and noted his concerns regarding this individual. He discussed press releases, and what they should contain. Next he spoke about Mr. Roman, and the need for due process, adding that Mr. Roman has never broken any law before. He went on to speak about the placement of political signs, and that they should only be placed with the permission of the homeowner. He then talked about the plaque he had presented earlier, honoring Officer Byko.

Craig Halloran, 120 Donaldson Pl. Mr. Halloran informed all that he had analyzed the budget, and that there was a sizable surplus in it. He recommended that $25,000.00 be put on the side and that each council person be given a budget of $2,500.00 to run an event in their ward.

Anthony Mislan, Mr. Mislan stated that this was another meeting where people asked questions, and got the same generic answers from the City Attorney. He spoke about the investigative committee and that is revenge, against Mr. Roman, for blowing the whistle on the Mayor’s contributor He requested that a group chat be created, and that Ms. Cosby be added to it so that she is brought up to date on City events.

Scott Gavitt, DeWitt Terrace. Mr. Gavitt stated that he is having a difficult time accepting that the lack of decorum, at the meetings is coming from the residents. He stated that this is ridiculous. He spoke about what is going on, and the failure of the governing body to lead. He called upon them to accept responsibility for their actions. He went on to note his objections to various aspects of how the meetings are conducted. He also addressed the issue of having a police officer present at the meeting.

John Principato, 1706 Westover Rd. Mr. Principato noted his earlier comments about a person, who is assigned to the Mayor’s office, being given a $3,900.00 raise. This is not an attack on the individual, but he was given a salary increase, for increased duties, but he will still be getting overtime. Mr. Principato disputed the comments, made earlier, by Mr. Roth, explaining the raise. He stated that he is tired of getting rhetoric and lip service. He then discussed the call he had gotten, when he ran against the Mayor, and his signs were being taken, with the point being why City employees are removing any political signs.

Robert Scutro. Mr. Scutro brought up the issue of the asbestos removal that he alleged was done improperly by Merida, and the lack of protection for the children in School 6. He noted that he is a lot of investigation, and there are a number of City employees who are involved. He read an email send to the City attorney and alleged that the City attorney takes orders from the developer’s attorney. He spoke about the various documents he had reviewed, in the Engineering Division, regarding this project, and others that he has obtained from the State of New Jersey. He stated that no one cares about the children and that the school has not been cleaned from the asbestos and the children tested.

Henry Mack. Mr Mack began by asking President Yamakaitis for three additional minutes beyond the five that he is allowed. The answer was no. Mr. Mack then noted that he had reports, from the peoples, to the members sitting on the dais. Next he spoke about an incident, that recently happened, on Wood Avenue, and thanked the Police and OEM for their response. He concluded by telling the Mayor what the peoples told him to tell the Mayor.

Mr. Mohammed moved to close the Public Comment portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mrs. Hickey stated that she did not know whether she wanted to be upset or mad, this evening. She noted that has worked and volunteered for over twenty-five years, for the City and the Housing Authority. She spoke about how Mrs. Ferguson treats all of the residents in the Authority buildings. Mrs. Hickey noted her efforts to assist the residents in the Housing Authority buildings. She spoke about Council members, who had their own issues, and were looking for power and not passion. Mrs. Hickey spoke about a conversation with her husband, about fixing up her house, because Linden is not the same anymore.

Mr. Strano stated that he wanted to congratulate all those candidates, who ran – win, lose, or draw. He thanked those that worked for him in the election. Mr. Strano asked Seventh Ward residents, who may want a tree planted in front of their homes to either call him or email him. He provided his contact information.

Mr. Roman stated that Bradley Creanzo is underpaid and is worth every penny of the raise, and should be getting more money. He pointed out that Mr. Brown abstained on the whole investigative committee vote, but was allowed to orchestrate the whole thing in executive session, during the conference meeting. He added that he was “kicked out” of the session, which didn’t make sense. He then read a quote from FDR regarding power and the organization of government.

Ms. Cosby made clarification that the money that has been raised, by any political Pac is not public money. It is raised through donations that people willing give. It is intended to be spent for politics. She added that when she was on the personnel committee there was a unanimous vote, by council, to get a 1-800 number for employees to report issues. It would have eliminated some of the drama, now going on in the City. She added that it was then removed before it got started. Ms. Cosby provided a phone number, for those interested in the commercial leasing of unit in the St. Georges Ave redevelopment project.

Mr. Brown spoke about having met, in executive session, to discuss the formation of the investigative committee. He then explained his reasons for abstaining on the resolution. He noted his past complaints about harassment by Mr. Roman, against him. He noted that Mr. Roman was not present during the executive session, and he is putting out incorrect information. Mr. Brown noted that what he wanted to talk about, was the homeless problem here in the City. He has heard more rhetoric about lawn signs, that about people.

Mrs. Ormon stated that she wanted to say thank you to someone that has really stepped up to the plate. Last June we needed a campaign manager, and his name was not Jim, his name was Danny. She thanked Danny Yamakaitis for stepping to the plate, and spoke about how hard he worked for the team.

Mr. Mohammed congratulated Garnett Blaine, who won the election for the Eighth Ward Council Seat, and also congratulated Paul Coates, who fought a valiant fight. He congratulated Mayor Armstead on also becoming the Chairperson of the Linden Democratic Party. Mr. Mohammed assured Mr. Roman that he would get a fair hearing before him.

Mayor Armstead noted that this week he was made privy to a video of person following his vehicle, and making comments, which he posted on Facebook, as he followed him. He spoke about the inappropriate types of behavior that this encourages. The Mayor stated that he is entitled to a police officer, but has not done that. When he sees this type of behavior, then maybe he should have a police officer. He described an incident involving Mr. Mohammed, and himself, an individual taking pictures.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Yamakaitis announced the following Council Meetings:

\*Council Conference meeting:

Monday, July 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting.

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

There being no further business to come before the governing body Mr. Roman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk

Written Comments submitted by Ms. Cosby:

I have no committees however, I would like to report on some of the things that I discussed in months prior.

1, The light that was requested to be installed on St. Georges Avenue near the bridge in the 1500 block has been installed to help brighten up the area where we have asked the state to consider installing a push to stop red light at 1600 E. St Georges Avenue.

2. The state DOT has accepted our request and Senator Scutari's office has confirmed that they are our ally on this matter and will do what they can to help expedite the process for us here in Linden to make the road safer for everyone.

3. Hagel Ave Park renovations have begun and have been stalled due to the weather.  I have been informed that the work will continue as soon as the ground firms up.

4. June community meeting guest were members of NY Life, They provided valuable information and will come back to discuss their products on Sept. 14 at the all cancer walk at our information table.

The next community meeting will be on August 15 and our focus will be immunization awareness and the new voting machines. So people can learn how to use them, I am told they are easy to use and less confusing.

I thank those who voted and I congratulate the winners of the election in the ward.  Pat a committee member over 40 years in district 1 and Mr. Wade, Lester won. In District two Virginia and Elijah in ward 3 there was an upset, Patricia won and Phil won re-election in district 3 in district 4 I won and Anthony won.  I acknowledge those who congratulated me but, the way I was treated during the election was disheartening and I am a big girl and this is politics and as Councilwoman Orman stated, the people have spoken. I am still here to do the work of the people.   So that everyone is clear, a committee members, in some cities known as district leaders, is the first level of elected office and they are ( in my opinion) supposed to work with the councilmember and the chairman of the party for the people.  The committee members technically report to the county chair and each city has committee members. As always, I can be reached at 908-718-7933.  I have some information about the citi village the new development, while I did not support the abatement as I have never voted on tax abatements since I have been on council. People have been asking about the rents and amenities and so on. I am committed to helping get this place occupied because the occupancy determines how much money we get in the PILOT.  If anyone has anything and they can always call me and or go to my website rhashonna.com

That concludes my report council president.

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