**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2019 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday,**

**May 21, 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, May 21, 2019 at 7:20 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.

President Yamakaitis noted the appointment of Paul Coates as the Eighth Ward Council person. She noted that he had previously been sworn-in, but that a ceremonial swearing in would take place this evening. She asked Mr. Coates to go to the front of the dais, where he was sworn-in by State Senator Nicholas Scutari.

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 (arrived 9:31 pm)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**US POSTAL SERVICE REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF**

**A POST OFFICE ON ST. GEORGES AVE.**

President Yamakaitis introduced representatives, including Michael K. Bullard and Chiquita Jones-Sweaingen, of the U.S. Post Office and turned the floor over to them. They did a presentation on the reopening of Station A, on W. St. Georges Ave. At the conclusion they asked for public questions or comments. Mrs. Cosby asked that the placement of post office, on the eastern end of the town, as people who live there must come all the ways to the Wood Avenue Post Office. The response provided was that this hearing was specifically about the reopening of Station A, but offered suggestions on how the councilperson could proceed with her request. Various members of the public asked questions that Mr. Bullard or Ms. Jones-Sweaingen, responded to. At the conclusion, Mr. Bullard noted that the public comment period would be open for thirty days, and informed all as to how those comments could be done.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**METAVIRO OF NEW JERSEY – STAGE 4 METASTATIC BREAST CANCER**

**NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK RECOGNITION**

President Yamakaitis, called up Lauren O’Brien, and announced that Mayor Armstead sends his regrets, as he would like to be here for this presentation, however, he is attending another meeting. She spoke about other causes that she has worked with Ms. O’Brien on, and read the resolution. Ms. O’Brien noted that about 115 woman a day are killed by metastatic breast cancer, and explained the meaning of metastatic. She spoke about her reasons for becoming involved, in this cause, and the reasons why the month of May was chosen to highlight this disease. She concluded by informing all about how they can help in this cause.

**PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

President Yamakaitis asked Director of Community Services Frank Dann and Mr. Strano to join her for a presentation on Public Works Week. Mr. Strano noted that it is important to recognize the men and women who work in Linden’s DPW, all year long. He noted that in his opinion, Linden’s DPW department is second to none. He spoke about the various roles that these individual assist with, particularly their role in restoring services after Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Strano noted the dates that National Public Works Week is being celebrated, the banner that was hung, in Linden marking this occasion and read the resolution declaring Public Works Week, in Linden. Mrs. Yamakaitis thanked the men and women, of public works, for all of their efforts in keeping the City running. Mr. Dann, noted that while he tends to get the praise, he is not the one, out there in the streets, doing the work. He thanked the Mayor and Council for this honor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Roman moved for the approval of the April 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 23, 2019 Scout Government Meeting Minutes and May 2, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and was ordered approved on a roll call vote with all voting in favor with the exception of Mr. Coates who abstained.

**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:

**#63-19 Bond ordinance authorizing the resurfacing of various streets in and for the City of Linden, appropriating $2,200,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $2,090,000 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.**

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. Strano moved for approval of Ordinance #63-19. 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:

**#63-20 Bond Ordinance authorizing an appropriation of $950,290 for the acquisition of various items of capital equipment for the Fire Department and authorizing the issuance of $902,775 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.

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked what capital items were being provided. Chief Dooley provided a response, noting that most of the money was going to the purchase of a new fire engine.

There being no other persons to be heard, Mr. Javick moved to close the hearing on Ordinance #63-20, and asked for approval. 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:

**#63-21 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter XXXI, Zoning to implement the City’s Master Plan Reexamination Report.**

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 #63-21. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina 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:

**#63-22 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—4**

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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. Strano moved for approval of Ordinance #63-22. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman 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:

**#63-23 An ordinance approving the application for a long term tax exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with DC Storage Linden Urban Renewal, LLC. (Storage facility)**

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.

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik stated that her comments also applied to Ordinance #63-24. Ms. Malik asked why we are giving a PILOT to a storage facility and hotel, and why we’re not dealing with the parent company. Mr. Polles, special redevelopment Council and Mr. Marinella, of NW Financial provided the responses.

Hans Herberg, Mr. Herberg, asked about the term of the agreement. Mr. Polles stated it was for thirty years.

Kelly Vlasic. Ms. Vlasic noted that her question pertained to 63-23 and 63-24. She stated that she understood that this was the same builder, with the long term tax exemptions. She added that it seems that it is the same builders who are getting these tax exemptions, and asked at what point do we stop giving these long term tax exemptions to the same developer, and bring in someone else. Mr. Marinella responded, noting that this developer has not received any other PILOTS from the City. He added that every one of the financial analysis of these projects has to stand on its own. He explained the items, that his company looks at in determining the appropriateness of providing the PILOT, and what the law provides for in making that determination.

Ed Kaminski. Mr. Kaminski stated that he is not inherently against PILOT agreements, but he believed that they were being overused. He asked questions about the vacant properties and their prior use.

Diane Wilverding. Ms. Wilverding asked if the Board gets any of the PILOT. The response was that the Board of Education will continue to receive the taxes on the land, just as it does today.

John Principato. Mr. Principato, asked Mr. Marinella how long he was the Financial Advisor to the City. Mr. Antonelli noted that NW Financial has had a long term relationship with the City. Mr. Principato noted that it was his believe that Mr. Marinella does not have the City of Linden’s, and his best interest, in mind. He noted his reasons and concerns. Mr. Marinella responded.

There being no other persons to be heard, Mrs. Ormon moved to close the hearing on Ordinance #63-23, and asked for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick. President Yamakaitis asked for Council discussion on the Ordinance.

Mr. Roman asked Mr. Marinella what the payment was in year one, $250,000.00 and what the payment would be in year thirty, and if it would stay around that amount. Mr. Marinella responded noting the payment would increase by 2%, and provided numbers for various years. At Mr. Roman request he provided that total of all of the years, $9.1 million. Mr. Roman asked further question regarding the land tax, that Mr. Marinella responded too. Mr. Roman’s point was that the City, and not the Board of Education, was benefiting from this agreement.

Mr. Brown stated that he thought that NW Financial had the City’s best interest at heart. He then provided the number of $173,226,244.40, explaining that is the amount of money that is being collected, from all of the PILOT programs, after thirty years. He noted Linden’s need to stay competitive with other municipalities, with these programs. Mr. Brown added that due to these PILOT programs the City was able to eliminate the garbage tax, and reduce taxes, for two years in a row. He spoke about the various certifications that employees, of NW Financial, hold to qualify them in advising the City.

There being no further request for discussion, President Yamakaitis ordered a roll call vote. Ordinance 63-23 was ordered approved on a roll call vote with all voting in favor with the exception of Ms. Cosby, Mr. Coates, and Mrs. Hickey who voted no.

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

further consideration respecting an ordinance entitled:

**#63-24 An ordinance approving the application for a long term tax exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with DC Hospitality Linden Urban Renewal LLC. (hotel)**

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, Mrs. Ormon moved to close the public hearing, and to approve Ordinance #63-24. The motion was seconded by Mr. Javick. President Yamakaitis recognized Mr. Brown for discussion.

Mr. Brown noted that in addition to the PILOT payments, there is a separate hotel tax that they pay, which benefits the City.

There being no further discussion President Yamakaitis called for a vote. Ordinance 63-24 was ordered approved on a roll call vote with all voting in favor with the exception of Ms. Cosby, Mr. Coates and Mrs. Hickey who voted no.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

1. The amount of money collected during the month of April 2019 and turned over to the treasurer’s office is as follows: (To be added once received)

**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**

1 2 5/2/19 17-00001 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,000.00 payable to: Fig as Custodian for Fig NJ18, LLC, Secured Party, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

8 23 4/8/19 16-00008 $14,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $14,000.00 payable to: TLOA of NJ, LLC, C/O TLOA Servicing’s, LLC, P.O. Box 54077, New Orleans, LA 70154-4077, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

103 19 4/29/19 16-00076 $13,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $13,600.00 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 2017 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**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: MTAG as CST for Ebury Fund 2 NJ, LLC, P.O. Box 54908, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016 & 2018 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

234 19 4/16/19 17-00181 $1,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,400.00 payable to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC., 575 Route #-70, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

385 17 4/8/19 17-00263 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,000.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC7, LLC Firstrust Bank, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

following blocks & lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

394 6 5/1/19 16-00261 $11,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $11,000.00 payable to: Tower DB VII Trust 2017-1, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Refund** Block 222 Lot 9

Old Owner: Jose L. Consuegra

New Owner: Juan Marin

53 Furber Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by the title agency on the 2019 2nd. The overpayment amount is $2,035.11.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,035.11 payable to: Investment Title, LLC, 222 Ridgedale Avenue, Suite #-302, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 charging same to account #-9-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 475 Lot 32

Daryl Hernandez

53 Furber Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to an overpayment by the title agency on the 2019 2nd. The overpayment amount is $2,556.80.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,556.80 payable to: Evident Title Agency, Inc., 874 Pompton Avenue, Suite B2, Cedar Grove, NJ 07090 charging same to account #-9-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 580 Lot 57

Lake Avenue Associates, LLC

1835 W. Edgar Road

2019 overpayment

The above referenced owner’s prepaid the 2019 2nd quarter property taxes and the mortgage company have paid and the owner’s payment has created an overpayment in the amount of $21,478.83 and the owner is entitled a refund.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $21,478.83, payable to: Lake Avenue Associates, LLC, 67 Mountain Boulevard, Suite #-201, Warren, NJ 07059, charging same to # 9-01-55-288-999-904.

**(\*\*\*) City Clerk’s Office, Block Party Application:**

1. Requesting approval of the following Street Closure Application. Mr. Jonathan L. Scott of Shave & Groove Barbershop is requesting approval to close E. Curtis Street between Roselle Street and Bower Street on Saturday, June 8, 2019 to hold a Block Party and Community Giveback Event between the hours of 1pm and 8pm. The application has been approved by the Police Chief and the appropriate insurance has been provided and approved by the Municipal Attorney.

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

1. Advising that the Board of Health issued fifty-eight (58) Certificates of Occupancy during the month of April, 2019.

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

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

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

Municipal Garage Eddie Green Laborer (Tier 1) May 1, 2019

Public Property Vincent Bergin Laborer (Tier 1) July 1, 2019

Fire Dept. Timothy Smigelsky Fire Fighter July 1, 2019

Fire Dept. Timothy Poskay Fire Fighter May 1, 2019

**(\*\*\*) Special Improvement District/Uptown Linden, Inc.:**

1. Requesting approval to hang a banner across Wood Avenue advertising the “Farmer’s Market Day” which will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

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

1. Requesting approval of the following refunds:
   1. Vacant/Foreclosure Registration Fee Refund: Niber F. Pereira-Douglas Cohn is entitled to a refund in the amount of $5,000.00 for a vacant/foreclosure registration fee for property at 2041 Alberta Avenue. The property no longer needs to be registered. Payable to Niber F. Pereira-Douglas Cohn c/o Lilia Munoz, 400 38th Street, Suite #403, Union City, NJ 07087 charging same to account 9-01-08-610-011.
   2. Aetna, Inc.: Is entitled to a refund in the amount of $649.70 for service that was provided on 7/23/2018. Payable to Aetna, Inc., PO Box 14079 Lexington, KY 40512-4079 charging same to account 9-01-08-629-011.
   3. Horizon BC BS: Is entitled to a refund in the amount of $359.00 for service that was provided on 12/7/2018. Payable to Horizon BCBS of NJ, PO Box 420, Newark, NJ 07101-0420 charging same to 9-01-08-629-011.
   4. Loyal American Life Insurance Company: Is entitled to a refund in the amount of $423.27 for service that was provided on 11/21/2018. Payable to Loyal American Life Insurance Company, PO Box 30010 Austin, TX 78755-3010 charging same to account 9-01-08-629-011.

**Ms. Cosby moved for the approval of Consent Items #1 through #6. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was unanimously ordered approved, by a roll call vote.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Yamakaitis noted that she would to provide updates, on several Eighth Ward projects, that she had started, before she became Council President. She began by speaking about a number of street paving projects that will be taking place, this year, in the Eighth Ward. She asked Eighth Ward residents to be aware of temporary no parking signs, put up, for these projects. She added that the anticipated start dates, she had provided, could change due to weather conditions. President Yamakaitis informed all, that as Council President, she is open to the residents of all wards, and provided her contact information. She concluded by reminding all of the Council rules regarding speaking at meetings.

**10th Ward**

Mrs. Hickey spoke about issues that were arising concerning the trimming of trees, in the Tenth Ward. She explained that due to delays in the trimming of trees, by the City, residents are taking it upon themselves to trim trees. She had Mr. Dann explain what was the City right of way, and if residents were not sure if it was a city tree, or not, to call DPW to send an inspector, to make that determination. Mrs. Hickey noted the dangers that occur when people trim trees themselves. Next Mrs. Hickey stated that she is getting lots of complaints, from residents, about uncut lawns, explaining the legal process that the Board of Health needs to follow to cut lawns on vacant properties. Next she addressed the issue of potholes, around School 9 and the complaints she is receiving.

Mrs. Hickey announced that tomorrow night there would be a joint community meeting for the Ninth and   
Tenth Wards, at the Five Star Adult day care center. She noted that pizza would be served and that it was donated. She informed all as to the departments that would be present, and that there would be a question and answer period. Next she announced that there would be a joint Ninth and Tenth Ward yard sale, and provided the details on the event. She congratulated Public Works on National Public Works week, and spoke about issues related to campaigning by the schools, detailing the problems and stating that it was unacceptable.

**9th Ward**

Mr. Medina read a letter from the National Association of Letter Carriers regarding the recent food drive they held in Linden, and that it was there most successful Linden event, ever. They thanked the City for its assistance. He also read a letter from the Linden food pantry, thanking the City for the assistance that it provided to the Letter Carriers food drive. Mr. Medina then gave his Ninth Ward report. He thanked DPW for the work being done in the Ninth Ward, asked residents to advise him of the need for repairs to curb and sidewalks, in front of their homes, and added that they must have been damaged by a tree.

Mr. Medina thanked the Board of Health for their help in dealing with the overgrown properties in the Tenth Ward, and informed all that DPW was working hard to address the pothole issues. He referenced complaints, from North Wood Avenue residents, about speeding, and that the police would soon begin a enforcement effort in the area. Lastly he provided his contact information.

**8th Ward**

Mr. Coates thanked Council President Yamakaitis for her service to as Eighth Ward Council person. He noted that he will be a voice for the Eighth Ward, He spoke about some of the Eighth Ward street paving projects that would be starting in the near future. Mr. Coates spoke about complaints from residents about street lights that were out. He contacted PSE&G and informed them of the locations. He concluded by providing his contact information.

**7th Ward**

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

1. Board of Health:

a. Grant the permission to post for the full-time position of Clerk 1 both internally and externally.

2. Police Department:

a. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Police Officer Victor Pozsonyi effective May 1, 2019.

b. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Ericka Payne, Public Safety Telecommunicator effective May 8, 2019.

c. The change in compensation method for Thomas Pardist, Public Safety Telecommunicator, from full-time to Per Diem effective May 22, 2019.

d. The appointment of Melissa Severt as Public Safety Telecommunicator effective May 22, 2019, subject to successful completion of the City’s pre-employment requirements.

3. Engineering:

a. The appointment of Adam Marchwinski and Zachary Percoskie as Engineering Aides (summer interns) effective May 28, 2019 through August 31, 2019 at the hourly rate of $15.00, subject to the City’s pre-employment requirements.

b. Amend for the April 16, 2019 meeting, the hourly rate of Robert Greeley III, Engineering Aide-Summer Intern, to the hourly rate of $15.00.

4. City Clerk:

a. Accepting the resignation in good standing of Chelsea Libreros, part-time Clerk 1 effective

May 10, 2019.

5. Community Services:

a. Division of Public Works:

i. The termination of George Alves, Laborer 1 effective May 3, 2019.

ii. The termination of John O’Brien, Laborer 1 effective April 3, 2019.

iii. The appointment of Shirelle Hardwick-Williams as part-time Clerk 1 the wage of $18.98 per hour effective June 3, 2019, subject to successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

iv. The appointment of Tyrone Hinton as Truck Driver (Tier 2) effective June 3, 2019 at the wage of $21.00 per hour, subject to successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

v. The appointment of the following individuals as Laborers (Tier 2) effective June 3, 2019 at the wage of $15.00 per hour, subject to successful completion of all pre-employment requirements:

A. John Polizzano

B. John Mayo

C. Jason Brown

D. Da’Mar Long

iv. Approval of Seasonal List on file in the City Clerk’s office.

b. Division of Parks and Recreation:

i. Approval of Seasonal List attached

c. Division of Buildings and Grounds

i. Approve the promotion of James Kindnerski to Maintenance Repairer 1 at the wage of $17.00 per hour effective May 22, 2019

ii. The appointment of the following individuals as Laborers (Tier 2) effective June 3, 2019 at the wage of $15.00 per hour, subject to successful completion of all pre-employment requirements:

1. Andrew Miller
2. Matthew Rabadi
3. Deshaun Consingh

9. Personnel:

a. Amend the wage rates for the following personnel approved at the April 16, 2019 meeting based upon an administrative correction:

i. Bryan Bowser – wage of $35.50 per hour retroactive to May 1, 2019.

ii. Matthew Czerwinski – wage of $26.75 per hour and amend his title to be Maintenance Worker 2 Grounds (Tier 2) retroactive to May 1, 2019.

iii. Mark Macdonald – salary level to be Tier 2 retroactive to May 1, 2019.

iv. Joli Done - annual wage of $39,321 retroactive to May 1, 2019.

b. Approve the following FMLA/NJFLA leaves:

Employee ID# 108337 5/12/19-9/6/19

Employee ID# 909200 Intermittent 4/30/19-4/30/20

Employee ID#91533 5/7/19 -6/13/19

Employee ID#106903 4/20/19 -5/20/19

Employee# 909350 3/15/19-6/07/19

10. Mayor’s Office

a) The appointment of Ashanti Haley as a summer intern effective June 5, 2019 through June 21, 2019 at the hourly rate of $15.00, subject to the City’s pre-employment requirements.

President Yamakaitis opened the floor for comments from the public.

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked about, Item #2, parts c and d, Item #9, part a, as to what the administrative correction was, and what was the rate they were coming from. She also asked about why some of the summer camp personnel were hired from the period May through November. Mr. Roth responded to Ms. Malik’s question. Mr. Dann also provided a response as to the reasons for the extended employment period for the summer camp personnel, and how they would be used.

Mr. Strano moved for the approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Javick who was absent from the room and Ms. Cosby and Mr. Coates who voted no.

Mr. Strano announced that a contract has been awarded the removal/blending of the piles of soil that were stored on the old Mather Spring Works property. He detailed how some of the soil would be used. He noted that for 2019 odd numbered wards would be having their paving projects done.

**6th Ward**

Mr. Roman congratulated Mr. Coates on his appointment as Eighth Ward Council person. He then spoke about the stamp out hunger program and how awesome it was, and noted other activities that benefit the LINCS food pantry. Next he spoke about the removal of dead trees, in the Sixth Ward. Mr. Roman announced that he had conducted a Go-Fund-Me campaign, and had raised sufficient funds for the City to purchase two pet chip scanners and one hundred chips.

Mr. Roman noted the opening of the spray park, in Wheeler Park, by the County of Union and talked about traffic signal upgrades in the Sixth Ward. He noted recent attack’s that were made on him, in various media, and provided an update on the asbestos removal issue that he had raised last month. He noted that the State was looking into the possibly that criminality was involved. He then reviewed the issues with how the asbestos removal was done, and how it may have had an effect on Sixth Ward residents and students. He stated that the majority of this council was willing to hide issues related to the asbestos removal to maintain their majority on Council in June. President Yamakaitis, Mr. Roman and Mr. Antonelli became involved in a discussion about Mr. Roman’s being out of order.

**5th Ward**

Ms. Cosby stated that she would not be “begging” for any extra time for her report, and that she would be providing a complete written copy of it to the Clerk to be added to the minutes. She began by welcoming Mr. Coates to the Council. Next Ms. Cosby provided details about a number of activities that she was working on, and her upcoming community meeting. Next she spoke about the membership of the Environmental Commission and the need to fully staff its membership. She reported on the recent meeting of the Linden Housing Authority, and the award of excellence in management that the Authority recently won.

Ms. Cosby spoke of the recent moving of all of the Fifth Ward polling places into School 4, the reasons for it and that she had not received any complaints from the residents of the Housing Authority. She next talked about the joint meeting of the three boards that run the Linden Housing Authority, and its purpose. She provided an update on the Cranford Avenue paving project, and spoke about the efforts to get a traffic light, for East St. Georges Ave, installed the NJDOT, in order to help save lives. She referenced the comments made by NJDOT about the proposed light. Ms. Cosby talked efforts to raise money for the New Jersey Afterschool All Star program. She concluded by speaking about her POD cast and providing her contact information. (At the conclusion of the minutes, is a copy of the complete statement provided by Ms. Cosby of her comments)

**4th Ward**

Mr. Mohammed thanked President Yamakaitis for her leadership, and offered her his congratulations on Mrs. Yamakaitis son’s recent graduation with a master’s degree. Next he gave the report of the City Clerk’s office. A total of $2,271.47 was collected for the month of April. Next he noted that he had received correspondence from a group of Fourth Ward residents and read the letter he had received, from them, concerning traffic accidents and speeding in the area of Bergen Ave and McCandless St. He noted there request to address the issues, and that he was turning it over to the police for investigation. He concluded by providing his contact information and wished all of the veterans a happy Memorial Day.

**3rd Ward**

Mr. Brown noted that he was Chairman of the Recreation Committee, and wanted to let residents know that there are more programs, this year, then in years past. He also spoke about the need for programs for senior citizens.

Mr. Brown then gave the following report of the Finance Committee:

Approval is requested for the following finance actions:

1. The payment of bills totaling $1,558,855.47. Bills have been signed by the Mayor, Council President and Finance Chairman and a detailed check register and vouchers are on file in the Clerk’s Office.
2. We are in receipt of the investments made by the City Treasurer for the month of April at the rate of 2.75%.

Mr. Brown moved for approval of the Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon, and was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting in favor, except Ms. Cosby, who vote no.

Mr. Brown spoke about information regarding two issues facing the City that were discussed in a flyer.

The first was about crime, and its increase in Linden. He stated that crime is not increasing in town, and stated that if residents have questions, on crime, that they should talk to the police chief. The second issue was about street paving, and that the amount being spent, this year, being reduced. He noted the amount, and that it was actually an increase. He had Mrs. Zack explain that the amount, last year, went up, due to the City receiving a large grant, for specific paving projected, related to streets bearing truck traffic, from the NJDOT. The amount spent, each year, on street paving, over the last few years was reviewed.

Mr. Brown talked about an article, from last year, and went over the reasons that he was not running for re-election. He spoke about the hate that was filtering out, from this body, to the public.

(Mrs. Hickey left the meeting 9:27 pm)

**2ND Ward**

Mr. Javick gave the report of the Fire Committee. The Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of $6318.77 for the month of April. The Fire Department, Ambulance billing system collected a total of $64,819.30 for April, for a total deposit of $249,583.44. He announced that this year the Fire Department will be hosting its first junior fire academy, provided details on the event and how to obtain applications.

Mr. Javick noted that last month he spoke about speeding issues in the Second Ward, and informed all that the situation is being monitored, and that summons have been issued. He spoke about an expanded police presence, in the parks. He talked about the tree planting, at School #8, for Arbor Day. He asked Second Ward residents, not to Double Park, by School #8 when picking up students. DPW is catching up on tree trimming, in the Second Ward.

Mr. Javick spoke about the revitalization of W. Elizabeth Ave, with the redevelopment projects, at the former JTG Scaffolding and United Lacquer sites moving forward. Next he spoke about the street repaving projects, in the Second Ward, that would be done this year, explaining that some of these streets haven’t been done in a number of years. He concluded that Linden is a great place to live, and provided his contact information.

(Mayor Armstead arrived, 9:31 pm)

**1st Ward**

Mrs. Ormon began by giving the report of the Division of Transportation and Parking collected a total of $62,365.10 from all sources. Next she proceed to give her First Ward report. She spoke about a First Ward child, with cancer, and a fundraising effort to assist the family. She explained how donations, to that cause could be made, and asked that all of the members of Council come out and support this child and family. Next she reported on the new Super Fresh store, in the Second Ward, and how amazing it was, detailing the array of products that they are offering, and thanked Key Foods for coming to Linden. She spoke about the planning for a grand opening, and that all are invited.

Mrs. Ormon reported on various road paving projects, planned for the Second Ward. She apologized for some of the parking inconveniences that were being caused by the paving projects, but noted it would be worth it in the end. Next she announced a community yard sale that would be taking place, and that her annual community picnic, which she had been planning, will be postponed until July. She discussed tree trimming, in the Second Ward, the cost of Special Education, to the Board of Education, and the need to provide these children with an education. Talking about the funding needed and the funds that the State provides to supplement that cost.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead talked about the recent opening of the Super Fresh supermarket, and about its coming to Linden. He spoke about street paving, in Linden, and the amount of money spent on it. He noted the rather grants that the City received, under a special NJDOT program, last year. He then addressed the issue of crime, and the Police Department doing the right thing by actually reporting the numbers, and not fudging them. Next he informed all about the reopening of Linden Post Office Station A, and how it came about.

Mayor Armstead reported that he was in discussion, with the developer for the St. Georges Ave project, and they were speaking about the development of a shuttle, to run between the site and the train station. Next he spoke about the traffic accidents, involving pedestrians, on East St. George Ave, and his hope that the NJDOT would quickly address them. He returned to the topic of the Super Fresh, and the hiring they did, through the Linden First Program, and how many Linden residents were hired there, adding that they asked for assistance with hiring at their other locations. He spoke about the new storage facility and hotel that would be coming to Linden and what it meant, in terms of revenue, to the City.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the celebration of National Public Works week, and how critical the employees of the Department of Public Works are to the residents of Linden. He thanked the employees, of Public Works, for their efforts. He also thanked the Board of Education for giving the residents of Linden a zero tax increase, this year, and stated his hope that the County of Union would mindful, and try to do the same. The Mayor reminded all that June 4th was primary Election Day, and to come out and vote. Lastly the Mayor spoke about the number of times that the Council President had to bang the gavel, his having a picture of a member of the audience giving the “finger” and someone making fun of a disabled person. This is a business meeting, and there should be decorum. This is not a show.

Mr. Brown announced that the Port Authority, of New York and New Jersey is seeking resident/commuters to join the new Port Authority Bus Terminal Advisory Council. He noted that the deadline to apply is June 7th and that this is a twelve month pilot program.

President Yamakaitis thanked Mayor Armstead for his discussion on decorum, at these meetings, and also showed the Council members who showed respect.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Mrs. Yamakaitis stated that public comments will be permitted for those specific resolutions to be removed from the consent approval. Please read the synopsis of the resolutions, which have been prepared by the City Clerk’s office. Each is informative and self-explanatory. However, if you wish to address a specific resolution, the Council, will entertain questions on it.**

**Mr. Strano moved from the approval of Resolutions #2019-193 through #2019-231 with the exception of Resolutions #2019-197, #2019-199, #2019-200, #2019-201, #2019-203, #2019-205, #2019-209, 2019-213, #2019-217, #2019-218 #2019-2019, #220, #2019-221, #2019-222, #2019-225, #2019-226 and #2019-230. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting in favor with the exception of Ms. Cosby who abstained on Resolution #2019-217 and Mr. Coates who was absent.**

**Resolutions #2019-199, #2019-200, #201, #2019-203, #2019-203, #2019-209, #2019-219, #2019-220, #2019-221, #2019-225, and #2019-226 were removed at the request of Mrs. Malik.**

**Resolutions #2019-217, #2019-209, #2019-213, #2019-219 #2019-220 were removed at the request of Ms. Cosby.**

**Resolution #2019-218 was removed at the request of Mr. Roman.**

**Resolution #2019-201 was removed at the request of Ms. Wilverding.**

**Resolutions #2019-205, #2019-209, #2019-219, #2019-20, #2019-221, #2019-222, #2019-225 and #2019-230 were removed at the request of Mr. Principato.**

**Resolutions #2019-197 and #2019-217 were removed at the request of Mr. Halloran.**

**Resolutions #2019-201, #2019-209, #2019-219, #2019-220, #2019-221 and #2019-222 were removed at the request of Mr. Herberg.**

**RESOLUTION: 2019-193**

**CITY OF LINDEN RAT RESOLUTION**

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

4/3/2019 Unity Bank Workers Comp Claims 3/25 – 3/31 $16,964.09

4/5/2019 Payroll Payroll – Current $1,680,626.89

4/5/2019 Payroll Payroll – Trust $70,497.13

4/5/2019 Payroll Payroll – Grant $6,035.06

4/5/2019 Payroll Payroll – Capital $872.41

4/5/2019 Payroll Payroll – Unemployment $1,160.48

4/11/2019 Unity Bank Workers Comp Claims 4/1 – 4/7 $9,151.60

172960 4/11/2019 Sheri Humphrey Cultural & Heritage Reimbursement $621.89

172961 4/11/2019 NJ Motor Vehicle Comm. Title for Police Department $60.00

4/15/2019 SHBP Retirees April Health Premium $404,285.536

4/15/2019 SHBP Active February Health Premium $702,511.38

4/17/2019 Unity Bank Workers Comp Claims 4/8 – 4/14 $58,563.14

173176 4/18/2019 Knights for a Cause Inc. Arthouse Spring Break Camp $6,000.00

173177 4/18/2019 ADP Payroll Fees 2/26 – 2/28 $5,964.85

4/18/2019 Payroll Payroll – Current $1,693,672.84

4/18/2019 Payroll Payroll – Trust $69,707.88

4/18/2019 Payroll Payroll – Grant $5,991.26

4/18/2019 Payroll Payroll – Capital $447.02

4/18/2019 Payroll Payroll – Unemployment $932.26

4/23/2019 Elavon, Inc. Merchant Fee – Garage Sale $54.99

4/23/2019 TD Bank, NA Refunding 2016 Debt Payment $397,314.24

173178 4/24/2019 Christina T C/F CE/1 Block 209 Lot 44 Premium Tax $31,100.00

173179 4/24/2019 Trystone Capital Assets Premium Tax Sale $14,900.00

173180 4/24/2019 US Bank Cust BV Trst Block 61 Lot 6 Premium Tax $100.00

173181 4/24/2019 US Bank Cust PC7 Premium Tax Sale $2,400.00

173182 4/24/2019 Fig Custodian for Fig NJ Premium Tax Sale $5,700.00

173183 4/24/2019 Act Lien Holdings Premium Tax Sale $16,300.00

173184 4/24/2019 Jacobus & Associates Block 362 Lot 12 $794.98

173185 4/24/2019 FNA DZ, LLC FBAWSFS Block 540 Lot 2 Premium Tax $18,200.00

173186 4/24/2019 US Bank Cust for PC6 Block 549 Lot 8.02 $1,400.00

173187 4/24/2019 Lillian Zhang Premium Tax Sale $38,200.00

4/29/2019 Unity Bank Workers Comp Claims 4/15 – 4/21 $47,911.62

4/29/2019 Depository Trust Co. GO Bonds 2011 Debt Payment $1,273,937.50

4/29/2019 Public Emp. Ret. Sys. Annual PERS Pension Bill $2,397,711.86

4/29/2019 Police & Fireman’s P&F Pension Bill 2019 $7,363,055.00

173188 4/30/2019 Amtrack Contractor Contractor Safety Training $480.00

**RESOLUTION**: **2019-194**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING THOMAS BOROWSKI AS A REAL ESTATE MEMBER OF THE LINDEN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (SID)**

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

That **THOMAS BOROWSKI,**  owner of Real Estate in the Linden District Management Corporation (SID) area , in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, be and he hereby is appointed a real estate member of the Board of Trustees of the City of Linden District Management Corporation according to an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF LINDEN AND TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF LINDEN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:56-65, ET SEQ.", Ordinance No. 31-63, adopted on October 19, 1994, to serve a three (3) year term, commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualifies.

**Resolution: 2019-195**

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| **CITY OF LINDEN** | | | |  |
| **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION** | | | |  |
| **OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS CHECKS** | | | |  |
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| **WHEREAS**, the City of Linden hereby desires to cancel the following un-cashed checks from the City of Linden Claims Account, which are over six months old, | | | | |
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| **WHEREAS**, these checks are outdated and hereby void, | | |  |  |
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| **Vendor Name** | **Check Date** | **Check Number** | **Check Amount** |  |
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| Leverette, Charles | 3/22/2017 | 165538 | 1.00 |  |
| National Fire Protection Assoc. | 4/19/2017 | 165656 | 1,547.41 |  |
| McCann, Susan | 5/17/2017 | 166002 | 35.00 |  |
| Core Logic Tax Service | 5/17/2017 | 166013 | 4,437.71 |  |
| Frederick Johnson, Jr. | 5/31/2017 | 166043 | 125.00 |  |
| Fastenal Industrial & Const. | 6/21/2017 | 166213 | 146.50 |  |
| Commuter Cleansers | 7/19/2017 | 166641 | 136.50 |  |
| Superior Court of NJ | 8/18/2017 | 167085 | 20.00 |  |
| Equity Trust | 9/20/2017 | 167335 | 120.00 |  |
| Key Settlements, Inc. | 10/18/2017 | 167457 | 2,085.84 |  |
| Noble Title Agency, Inc. | 11/22/2017 | 167781 | 622.17 |  |
| US Bank NA | 11/22/2017 | 167812 | 7,131.25 |  |
| Wells Fargo | 11/22/2017 | 167910 | 7,442.02 |  |
| Core Logic Tax Service | 12/20/2017 | 168456 | 5,820.88 |  |
| Builder Investor LLC | 3/21/2018 | 169148 | 44,342.77 |  |
| Lenz, Molly | 4/25/2018 | 169498 | 60.00 |  |
| Frederick Johnson, Jr. | 6/20/2018 | 170285 | 125.00 |  |
| Core Logic Tax Service | 7/18/2018 | 170584 | 1,839.47 |  |
| Freedom Mortgage | 8/22/2018 | 170692 | 10,124.49 |  |
| Evermore Fitness LLC | 9/19/2018 | 171006 | 156.00 |  |
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|  |  | **TOTAL** | **$ 86,319.01** |  |
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**RESOLUTION: 2019-196**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR MAINTAINING TAX MAPS FOR THE YEAR 2019**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden has determined that it would be in the best interest of the City of Linden to retain the services of a licensed land surveyor to maintain and update the Tax Maps for 2019 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 18:23A-1.27; 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,** Remington & Vernick Engineers 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,** Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 9-01-20-165-124-255.

**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 Remington & Vernick Engineers, The Presidential Center, Lincoln Building, Suite 600, Cinnaminson, New Jersey 08077, in the amount not to exceed $3,000.00, in accordance with their proposal dated April 11, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract document between Remington & Vernick Engineers 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 agreement with Remington & Vernick Engineers to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-197**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION TO THE LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Conoco Phillips Bayway Refinery, 1400 Park Avenue, Linden, New Jersey wishes to donate up to $15,750.00 to the Linden Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden is desirous of accepting the aforesaid donation; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF**

**THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden shall accept the aforesaid donation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, if necessary, to effectuate the foregoing as approved by the City of Linden Law Department.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-198**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EVENT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE TO UTILIZE PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM AT THE PNC BANK ARTS CENTER PARKING LOT**

**WHEREAS,** the City is desirous of using property owned by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority at the PNC Bank Arts Center Parking Lot for motor officer training; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Turnpike Authority is the owner of said property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden has determined it is in the best interests of the City to enter into an Traffic Permit Application, as attached hereto and made part of, to utilize the aforementioned property for said purposes.

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

1. The City hereby authorized entering into a Traffic Permit Application with New Jersey Turnpike Authority. PO Box 5042, Woodbridge, NJ 07095for motor officer training at PNC Bank Arts Center Parking lot from November 2, 2019 to November 22, 2019.
2. The City of Linden shall provide New Jersey Turnpike Authority a Certificate of Insurance as required by said agreement.
3. The City of Linden shall agree to defend, indemnify and save harmless, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, is officers, agents, servants and employees.
4. The Mayor and/or such officials that are appropriate, the City Clerk and/or such officials that are appropriate, are hereby authorized to execute and attest to said license in the form as approved by the Law Department.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-199**

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year, commencing on July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for software at the rate not to exceed $53,125.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. has submitted a proposal dated May 1, 2019 indicating they will provide the software required for the aforesaid price; and

**WHEREAS**, funds have been previously certified and will be charged to account/line item 9-01-25-250-314-271; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the Mayor, Council President, City Clerk and/or such other City Officials as is necessary and proper be authorized to execute such documents as necessary to implement this Resolution; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-200**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERIM USE AGREEMENT WITH PR II/GAR TREMLEY PROPERTY THREE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, PR II/GAR Tremley Property Three Urban Renewal LLC (“Owner”) is the owner of certain property that is subject to the Grasselli Road Area Redevelopment Plan (“RDP”) and

**WHEREAS**, the RDP allows for interim uses which includes the use of a Batch Plant to supply concrete for the project which will result in a substantial reduction in truck traffic to and from the site.

**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 an Interim Use Agreement, a copy of which is attached; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-201**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE FOR ORNAMENTAL FENCING TO CONSOLIDATED STEEL & ALUMINUM FENCE CO.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain ornamental fencing for the promenade from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Contract A88680 awarded to Consolidated Steel & Aluminum Fence Co., 316 North 12th Street, PO Box 643, Kenilworth NJ 07033 as 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**, Consolidated Steel & Aluminum Fence Co. has been awarded Contract No #A88680; 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 $23,865.00 and,

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Consolidated Steel & Aluminum Fence Co. 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: 2019-202**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will receive $19,120.00 from the County of Union and wishes to amend its 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 $19,120.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with

Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local

Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:

ROID 2019

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

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:

ROID 2019

**RESOLUTION: 2019-203**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN**

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will receive $5,500.00 from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic 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 $5,500.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with

Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local

Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:

DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $5,500.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs off-set by revenues:

DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN

**RESOLUTION: 2019-204**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND**

**THE 2019 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden, New Jersey desires to amend the 2019 Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon or correcting and deleting the items therein as shown in such budget.

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

**Section 1.** The 2019 Capital Budget of the City of Linden is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

**AMEND THE**

**CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE**

**CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

**Projects Schedules for 2019**

**Method of Financing**

**Est. Budget Capital Grants General**

**Project Cost Approp. Imp. Fund In Aid Bonds**

Non Public Safety $ 110,000.00 $ 110,000.00 $ 5,500.00 $ 104,500.00

IT Computer Upgrades

**RESOLUTION: 2019-205**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LINDEN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OMNI PARTNERS PUBLIC SECTOR COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE PURCHASE OF WORK, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR 2019**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11 - et seq authorizes contracting units to enter into cooperative pricing agreements; and

WHEREAS, Omni Partners Public Sector Cooperative Pricing System has established a voluntary cooperative pricing system for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq regulates the manner in which cooperative purchasing and more specifically, cooperative pricing systems are operated and conducted; and

 WHEREAS, The City of Linden desires to become a member of the Omni Partners Public Sector Cooperative Pricing System be effective May 2019, and each renewal at no cost to the City of Linden, thereafter of the system, unless The City of Linden elects to formally withdraw from the system; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City of Linden to participate in the Omni Partners Public Sector Cooperative Pricing System and hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign, seal and execute a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Omni Partners Public Sector Cooperative Pricing System upon its approval by the Division of Local Government Services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Purchasing Agent to determine the work, materials, or supplies that the City of Linden will purchase through the Omni Partners Public Sector Cooperative Pricing System Purchasing Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-206**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**COMCAST COMMUNITY PROGRAMS 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 $5,000.00 from Comcast 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 $5,000.00 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:

COMCAST COMMUNITY PROGRAMS GRANT

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $5,000.00 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:

COMCAST COMMUNITY PROGRAMS GRANT

**RESOLUTION: 2019-207**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**CLICK IT/TICKET 2019 (MEMORIAL DAY)**

**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 $5,5000.00 from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic 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 $5,500.00 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:

Click It/Ticket 2019 Memorial Day

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $5,500.00 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:

Click It/Ticket 2019 Memorial Day

**RESOLUTION: 2019-208**

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to allow a community wide garage sale in the Ninth and Tenth Wards on June 1, 2019 and June 2, 2019 with rain dates of June 8, 2019 and June 9, 2019; and

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

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

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

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

1. The City of Linden hereby waives fees for permits for a community wide garage sale in the Ninth and Tenth Wards on June 1, 2019 and June 2, 2019 with rain dates of June 8, 2019 and June 9, 2019
2. The city wide garage sale shall not impact a resident’s right to conduct up to two garage sales in a year.
3. Chapter 4-3.6 shall still apply, limiting one singled faced sign containing not more than four square feet in total area to be placed upon the premises where the sale is being conducted, and further prohibiting any other signs and either public or private property.
4. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-209**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 2019 THROUGH MAY 25, 2019 AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** public works professional focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the City of Linden to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the year 2019 marks the 59th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden do hereby designate the week of May 19-25, 2019 as National Public Works Week, and urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-210**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 2019 THROUGH MAY 25, 2019 AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** public works professional focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the City of Linden to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the year 2019 marks the 59th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden do hereby designate the week of May 19-25, 2019 as National Public Works Week, and urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-211**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING**

**WHEREAS**, Dynamic Testing Service submitted a proposal dated March 11, 2019 for employee alcohol and drug testing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the best interests of the City of Linden to utilize Dynamic Testing Service to assist the City in the administration of its Employee Drug and Alcohol Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, funds will be made available for this purpose to be charged to Account No. 9-01-20-105-105-271.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** the City hereby authorizes Dynamic Testing Service to provide drug and alcohol testing services in accordance with their proposal dated March 11, 2019 at fee not to exceed $12,000.00; and

**RESOLUTION: 2019-212**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF METAVIVORS OF NEW JERSEY AND THEIR EFFORT REGARDING**

**STAGE 4 METASTATIC BREAST CANCER**

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden do hereby recognizes the founding of **METAvivors of New Jersey,** a Chapter of METAvivor Research and Support, by Scotch Plains residents **Tami Eagle Bowling and Lauren O’Brien** as an active response to stage 4 metastatic breast cancer patients; and

**WHEREAS**, May 2019 is **National Cancer Research Month** and May 12-19 is **National Women’s Health Week**; breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the United States, and second leading cause of death. Every year, approximately 1 in 8 women or 12% are diagnosed with breast cancer. In 2019, an estimated 268,600 American women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, and 62,930 women with pre-invasive breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, **41,760 women will die in the United States in 2019 from stage 4 metastatic breast cancer,** equivalent to 115 women a day. They are either among the 3 to 6 percent of women initially diagnosed with “denovo” stage 4, or the 30% who evolve to stage 4 from earlier stages. Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer has no cure. Life expectancy is 18 to 36 months from diagnosis due to the diseased cells spreading to other organs such as the brain, liver, and bones; and

**WHEREAS,** early detection of this disease is essential, the national **METAvivor** organization educates the public about metastatic breast cancer and lack of funding for stage 4 treatment. They aim to dramatically increase the current percentage of overall breast cancer research dollars from under 5 percent to **30 percent** for the already metastasized patient. The national campaign for this initiative on social media falls under **#DontIgnoreStageIV;** and

**WHEREAS** Tami is an advocate for metastatic breast cancer research institutions and a mentor to diagnosed patients, she founded the **METAvivors of New Jersey** Facebook group in April 2019 to centralize metastatic breast cancer information, action and advocacy relevant to New Jersey communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the pink ribbon is well-known for representing the fight against breast cancer, the **metastatic breast cancer awareness ribbon colors** also include teal and green. The ribbon is designed to highlight the uniqueness of the disease and show its commonality with other stage 4 cancers. Green represents the triumph of spring over winter, life over death, renewal, hope, and immortality. Teal portrays healing and spirituality. The thin pink overlay signifies that the cancer originated in the breast.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City, of Linden, does hereby recognize the efforts of **METAvivors of New Jersey,** a chapter of METAvivor Research and Support, began here in April 2019, and encourages Linden citizens to join the national effort towards awareness of metastatic breast cancer during May’s National Women’s Health Week and National Cancer Research Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution, suitably prepared, be presented as a sincere token of the governing body’s best wishes.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-213**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2019**

**AS “MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”**

**WHEREAS,** mental illnesses are biologically based brain disorders that cannot be overcome through willpower and are not related to a person’s character or intelligence; and

**WHEREAS,** mental health problems can affect individuals of any race, religion, economic status or age; and

**WHEREAS,** mental illnesses usually strike individuals in the prime of their lives, often during adolescence and young adulthood; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2014, 2.8 million adolescents 12 to 17 years of age experienced a major depressive episode (MDE); and

**WHEREAS,** individuals are defined as having an MDE if they experience a depressed mood or loss of interest in daily activities and have at least some additional symptoms, such as problems with sleep, eating, energy, concentration or self-worth over a certain period of time; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2014, an estimated 43.6 million adults in the United States had a mental illness that included a mental, behavioral or emotional disorder; and

**WHEREAS,** individuals with mental illness have the same needs and are guaranteed the same rights as all Americans, but they experience discrimination in education, employment and housing; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health is critical to the overall well-being of individuals, families, communities and businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** proper identification and treatment of mental illnesses, including support, are proven to be effective and are vitally important to assist individuals in leading full, productive lives.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden designate the month of May 2019 as “Mental Health Awareness Month;” and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools commit to increase awareness and understanding of mental illnesses.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-214**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LINDEN TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND**

**MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, C.72**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden does have an adopted City of Linden Budget for 2019 and the City of Linden has not received a certified tax rate from Union County as of this date, the City of Linden Tax Collector will be unable to mail the City of Linden’s 2019 tax bills on a timely basis; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** in the County of Union and State of New Jersey on 21st day of May, 2019 as follows:

1. The City of Linden tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the City of Linden for the third installment of the 2019 taxes on or before June 30, 2019.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2019 is hereby set at $188,458,880.64 with an estimated rate of $6.889.
3. In accordance with law the third installment of 2019 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-215**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO D.L.S. CONTRACTING, INC. FOR RESURFACING OF CRANFORD AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on May 8, 2019 for Resurfacing of Cranford Avenue in the City of Linden: and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-703-919 ($333,334.00); and

**WHEREAS,** D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $333,334.00; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Resurfacing of Cranford Avenue, be and hereby, is awarded to D.L.S. Contracting, Inc., 271 US Highway 46, Suite D-205, Fairfield, NJ 07004 at a fee not to exceed $333,334.00 in accordance with their bid dated May 8, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between D.L.S. Contracting, Inc., and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute a contract with D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-216**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO D.L.S. CONTRACTING, INC. FOR RESURFACING OF SOUTH PARK AVENUE AND URBANOWITZ AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on May 8, 2019 for Resurfacing of South Park Avenue and Urbanowitz Avenue in the City of Linden: and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-687-919 ($256,387.00); and

**WHEREAS,** D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $256,387.00; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Resurfacing of South Park Avenue and Urbanowitz Avenue, be and hereby, is awarded to D.L.S. Contracting, Inc., 271 US Highway 46, Suite D-205, Fairfield, NJ 07004 at a fee not to exceed $256,387.00 in accordance with their bid dated May 8, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between D.L.S. Contracting, Inc., and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute a contract with D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-217**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTING PUBLIC DEFENDERS FOR LINDEN MUNICIPAL COURT FOR 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden passed a Resolution at the December Council meeting authorizing acting public defenders for Linden Municipal Court for 2019 and passed another Resolution at ; and

**WHEREAS**, the following are hereby authorized to provide Acting Public Defender services: Robert S. Bohrod, The Dudley-Smith Law Firm, LLC, Thomas J. Koehl, Michael Simitiz, J. Baker Legal Law Office, LLC; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to provide for funds for said purpose in an amount not to exceed $10,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer 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 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** as follows:

1. The above named attorneys are approved to provide Acting Public Defender services, when authorized by the City Attorney or his designee.
2. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-218**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION TO THE LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Councilman John Roman set up a GoFund Me account to raise money for the Linden Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, said funds in the amount of $808.42 will be added to the City’s Dog Account, which will allow LPD to apply for a Merck Home Again Program, which will provide the City with 2 universal micro chip scanners and 100 microchips.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden is desirous of accepting the aforesaid donation; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF**

**THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the City of Linden shall accept the aforesaid donation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, if necessary, to effectuate the foregoing as approved by the City of Linden Law Department.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-219**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 252, LOTS 11 AND 12 (A/K/A 40-46 WEST PRICE STREET) AND BLOCK 253, LOTS 40 AND 41 (A/K/A 30-37 WEST PRICE STREET) ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN ‘AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT’ (WITHOUT CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

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

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

**WHEREAS,** on February 19, 2019, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 252, Lots 11 and 12 (a/k/a 40-46 West Price Street) and Block 253, Lots 40 and 41 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 May 14, 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 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-220**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 457, LOT 41.01 (a/k/a 14 WEST LINDEN 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 (the “**City Council**”) of the City of Linden (the “**City**”) must authorize the planning board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to conduct a preliminary investigation of the area and make recommendations to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** on December 18, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 457, Lot 41.01 on the tax map of the City (a/k/a 14 West Linden Avenue) (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 March 12, 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 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-221**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING A REDEVELOPER AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 436, LOT 10.06 (FORMERLY BLOCK 436, LOT 10.02 A/K/A 1900 EAST LINDEN AVENUE) ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY**

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

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the municipal council (the “**City Council**”) of the City of Linden (the “**City**”) on March 16, 2004, designated an area consisting of certain properties identified on the tax map of the City as Block 423, Lot 10.02 (the “**Property**”), as an area in need of redevelopment; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2018, the City Council referred certain amendments to the Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for review and comment, and on July 10, 2018 held a public hearing in consideration of same; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 17, 2018, after receipt and review of the Planning Board’s recommendations to the amended Redevelopment Plan, the City Council adopted the amended Redevelopment Plan for the Property (the “**First Amended Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on August 21, 2018, the City Council referred certain, additional revisions to the First Amended Redevelopment Plan, for the Planning Board’s review and consideration at its meeting of September 11, 2018, and after receipt and review of the Planning Board’s recommendations to the First Amended Redevelopment Plan, the City Council adopted same on September 18, 2018 (the “**Second Amended Redevelopment Plan**”); and

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Redeveloper has agreed to develop a project consistent with the Second Amended Redevelopment Plan to include construction of a four (4) story, approximately 122-key hotel with approximately 121 surface parking spaces upon the subdivided Block 436, Lot 10.06 on the tax maps of the City (as more fully defined in the redevelopment agreement, the “**Project**”); and

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-222**

**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 339, LOT 5 (A/K/A 327 WEST SAINT GEORGES AVENUE) 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 339, Lot 5 (a/k/a 327 West Saint Georges Avenue) (hereinafter the “**Study Area**”), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically  *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

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

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

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

Section 2. The Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an investigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6 to determine whether the Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5 to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment (non-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 not 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 Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area.

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

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

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-223**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-184 AUTHORIZING MOBILITIE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ANTENNAS AND SMALL SHROUDS ON TWO ADDITIONAL EXISTING UTILITY POLES WITHIN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

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

WHEREAS, permission was granted by City Council pursuant to Resolution 2018-184; and

WHEREAS, Mobilite has now requested permission to install antennas and small shrouds to two additional existing utility poles in the City of Linden; and

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

S. Wood Avenue at 15th Street Cranford Avenue at St. Georges Avenue

E. Curtis Street at Clark Street Union Street at Bower Street;

E Henry St & Cranford Ave (Mobilitie ID NY90XS285F)

S Stiles St & W 17th St (Mobilitie ID NY90XS265D)

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

1. That Mobilitie is hereby granted permission to install, operate and maintain six (6) antennas and shrouds at the aforementioned locations within the City of Linden.

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-224**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO Z BROTHERS CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR RESURFACING OF PAL BALLFIELDS, MEMORIAL PARK AND MUNICIPAL GARAGE PARKING LOTS IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on May 8, 2019 for Resurfacing of PAL Ballfields, Memorial Park and Municipal Garage Parking Lots in the City of Linden: and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to Account No. G-02-40-165-017-220 ($150,319.35) and C-04-55-901-703-919 ($34,568.00); and

**WHEREAS,** Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder at their bid of $184,887.35; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that a contract for Resurfacing of PAL Ballfields, Memorial Park and Municipal Garage Parking Lots, be and hereby, is awarded to Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc., 304 Jernee Mill Rd., Sayreville, NJ 08872 at a fee not to exceed $184,887.35 in accordance with their bid dated May 8, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract agreements between Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute a contract with Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-225**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING A REDEVELOPER AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 436, LOT 10.05 (FORMERLY BLOCK 436, LOT 10.02 A/K/A 1900 EAST LINDEN AVENUE) ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY**

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

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the municipal council (the “**City Council**”) of the City of Linden (the “**City**”) on March 16, 2004, designated an area consisting of certain properties identified on the tax map of the City as Block 423, Lot 10.02 (the “**Property**”), as an area in need of redevelopment; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2018, the City Council referred certain amendments to the Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for review and comment, and on July 10, 2018 held a public hearing in consideration of same; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 17, 2018, after receipt and review of the Planning Board’s recommendations to the amended Redevelopment Plan, the City Council adopted the amended Redevelopment Plan for the Property (the “**First Amended Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on August 21, 2018, the City Council referred certain, additional revisions to the First Amended Redevelopment Plan, for the Planning Board’s review and consideration at its meeting of September 11, 2018, and after receipt and review of the Planning Board’s recommendations to the First Amended Redevelopment Plan, the City Council adopted same on September 18, 2018 (the “**Second Amended Redevelopment Plan**”); and

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Redeveloper has agreed to develop a project consistent with the Second Amended Redevelopment Plan to include construction of an approximately 92,192 square foot self-storage facility with nine (9) parking spaces upon the subdivided Block 436, Lot 10.05 on the tax maps of the City (as more fully defined in the redevelopment agreement, the “**Project**”); and

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-226**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH ALAIMO GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSPECTION AND EVALUATION OF THE SANITARY TRUNK SEWER ALONG PEACH ORCHARD BROOK IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Inspection and Evaluation of the Sanitary Truck Sewer along Peach Orchard Brook in the City of Linden; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Alaimo Group, submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2019; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, which will be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-657-919.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement for Professional Services awarded to Alaimo Group, 200 High Street, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060 at a fee not to exceed $206,000.00 in accordance with their proposal dated March 7, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Alaimo 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 execute a contract with Alaimo Group to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-227**

**RESOLUTION AWARDED TO FIRST CHOICE AUTO EQUIPMENT INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A TIRE MOUNTING MACHINE FOR THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE SOLICITED BY QUOTATIONS TO REPLACE A SIMILAR MACHINE DAMAGED IN THE FIRE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to retain services for the purchase and installation of a tire mounting machine to replace the original machine damaged in the fire at the Municipal Garage; 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,** First Choice Auto Equipment Inc., 2212 Camplain Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 was solicited for quotations; and

**WHEREAS,** First Choice Auto Equipment Inc., provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed $24,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to account #9-01-26-301-159-283 and reimbursed by the Garden State Municipal J.I.F.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** First Choice Auto Equipment Inc. be awarded a contract for the purchase and installation of a tire mounting machine at the low quote of $24,000.00.

**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.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-228**

**RESOLUTION AWARDED TO FIRST CHOICE AUTO EQUIPMENT INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A TIRE BALANCING MACHINE FOR THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE SOLICITED BY QUOTATIONS TO REPLACE A SIMILAR MACHINE DAMAGED IN THE FIRE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to retain services for the purchase and installation of a tire balancing machine to replace the original machine damaged in the fire at the Municipal Garage; 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,** First Choice Auto Equipment Inc., 2212 Camplain Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 was solicited for quotations; and

**WHEREAS,** First Choice Auto Equipment Inc., provided the most advantageous quote, price and others factors considered in the amount not to exceed $18,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this award, which will be charged to account #9-01-26-301-159-283 and reimbursed by the Garden State Municipal J.I.F.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** First Choice Auto Equipment Inc. be awarded a contract for the purchase and installation of a tire balancing machine at the low quote of $18,000.00.

**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.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-229**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A ZUES TRUCK DIAGNOSTIC SOFTWARE SYSTEM LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE FOR SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL REPLACING EXISTING SYSTEM DESTROYED IN FIRE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden has a need to replace the required Zues truck diagnostic software system destroyed in fire located at the Municipal Garage with Snap-On Industrial; and

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year, at the rate not to exceed $21,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Snap-On Industrial has submitted a proposal dated May 8, 2019 indicating they will provide the system required for the aforesaid price; and

**WHEREAS**, funds have been previously certified and will be charged to account/line item 9-01-26-301-159-283 and reimbursed by the Garden State Municipal J.I.F.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the Mayor, Council President, City Clerk and/or such other City Officials as is necessary and proper be authorized to execute such documents as necessary to implement this Resolution; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-230**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ELIZABETH FOR FIRE SUBCODE SERVICES AND INSPECTIONS**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden wishes to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Elizabeth to provide Fire Sub-Code services and Inspections; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden has an emergent need for the expertise of a fully licensed Fire Sub-Code Official; and

**WHEREAS,** it is not anticipated that the duties of any Fire Sub-Code official operating in the City of Linden will interfere with the fulfillment of said official’s duties within the City of Elizabeth, and all costs associated with same shall be reimbursed to the City of Elizabeth; and

**WHEREAS, +** due to the benefits received by the City of Elizabeth under this Agreement, the Business Administrator recommends that it is in the best interests of the City of Elizabeth to enter into this Shared Services Agreement with the City of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost to the City of Linden for said services will be paid at the rate of $60.00 per hour, in an amount not to exceed $6,000.00 for the period of May 15, 2019 through August 21, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. 9-01-22-295-207-244;

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

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all necessary documents in order to effectuate the foregoing, as approved by the Law Department.

2. Said Agreement shall be for the period of May 15, 2019 through August 21, 2019 at a fee not to exceed $6,000.00.

3. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-231**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM USE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 85 LOT 14 (A/K/A 1132 UNION STREET) BY VVR DEVELOPERS LLC (RAMANI GROUP)**

**WHEREAS,** VVR Developers LLC (A/K/A Ramani Group) (“Owner”) is the owner of certain property that is subject to the St. George Avenue Area Redevelopment Plan (“RDP”) and

**WHEREAS**, they have requested that they be allowed to use a portion of certain City of Linden owned property located at Block 85, Lot 14 (AKA 1132 Union Street).

**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 be published and take effect pursuant to law.

May 5th ward community meeting:

Comments by Members of the Public on Resolutions

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked questions on each of the resolutions she had removed from consideration. Mr. Polles responded to the questions on resolution 2019-219 through 2019-222. Mr. Dann responded to the questions on resolution 2019-201 and 2019-226, and Mrs. Zack responded to the questions on 2019-199.

Diane Wilverding. Ms. Wiverding stated her question on Resolution 2019-201 had been ordered.

Craig Halloran. Mr. Halloran asked what the funds, being obtained in Resolution 2019-197 were being used for, and what was the need for the extra public defender in Resolution 2019-217 was. Chief Hart provided a response to the first question and Mr. Antonelli explained the public defender resolution.

John Principato. Mr. Principato asked the following questions: 2019-205, what was being purchased or the work being done; 2019-209 who prepared the resolution, and alleged that it would be a conflict of interest, if Mr. Antonelli did; 2019-219 what was the prior use of these properties, and regarding resolutions 2019-219 through 222 he asked for a host of information to be provided at next month’s meeting; 2019-225 does the development have to with a long term hotel, noting that he found them to turn into Section 8 Housing; 2019-230 why can’t the current employees of the Construction Code Department do this work. Mrs. Zack provided responses to 2019-205. Regarding 2019-219, Mr. Antonelli responded that he did not prepare the resolution, then explained the work that the firm would be doing. Mr. Polles responded to the questions on 2019-219, and also answered Mr. Principato’s questions on other redevelopment projects. The Mayor commented and explained what the project was about.

Hans Herberg, Mr. Herberg stated that his questions on resolutions 2019-201 and 209 were answered. He asked his question on 2019-219 through 223, noted that it is important to ask a lot of questions about the properties, and their use, before they were acquired for the redevelopment project. He asked what are we getting out of this for the City of Linden. Mr. Antonelli provided a response explaining what a PILOT program is and why it is used.

Mr. Strano moved for approval of resolutions #2019-197, #2019-199, #2019-200, #2019-201, #2019-203, #2019-205, #2019-209, 2019-213, #2019-217, #2019-218 #2019-2019, #220, #2019-221, #2019-222, #2019-225, #2019-226 and #2019-230. The motion was seconded by Mr. Medina.

Mr. Roman 2019-218. He explained his reasons for starting a Go-Fund-Me page, to fund the purchase of two pet chip scanners, for the Police Department. He detailed the cost and what else would be purchased with these funds.

Ms. Cosby spoke on resolution 2019-213. She noted last year, she and the Board of Health do a whole series on health. One of the series was on mental health, and she stated that she was grateful to the Council for recognizing this. She added that more should be done then just recognizing that, and the need to have activities around. Ms. Cosby noted the efforts of the Police Department, particularly Captain Williams, in identifying people with mental illness so that they can be treated fairly. The general public needs a general awareness of mental illness.

Mr. Mohammed also commented on 2019-213, saying he prays for mental health for all that need it.

Mr. Brown noted that he had asked for resolution 2019-213 to be put on, noting his educational background in psychology and explained his reasons for asking that it be put on. Mental illness is becoming an issue that we don’t talk about. He spoke about the need to create more awareness. He talked about the need to help people out on the streets. He also discussed programs that he was working on.

President Yamakaitis called for a vote. The removed resolutions were all approved, by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor of all, except Ms. Cosby who abstained on resolutions 209, 217, and 220, and voted no to 219.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION

**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.

Ordinance #63-25 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:**

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

Ordinance #63-26 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

ordered approved with all voting in favor with the exception of Ms. Cosby who abstained.

**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

Ordinance #63-27 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

Unanimously ordered approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Principato. Mr. Principato stated that members of the governing body spoke about decorum at the meeting, but did not offer congratulations to the new councilman. The new councilman is a Linden business owner. Next he wondered why there are police officers assigned to this meeting, and why they are here, as there is no reason for it. Next he addressed comments made by Mr. Brown during the meeting. Said that Mr. Brown used the word hate, because he doesn’t want to hear the facts. Mr. Principato was also critical of the City’s reduced tax rate.

Hans Herberg. Mr. Herberg stated that he noticed a lot of drama taking place at this meeting, and that there are a lot of voters watching. He asked if all can agree to get along, as one community as we all have to work together. He then talked about the issues related to mental health. He concluded by speaking about the recent Police Unity Tour.

Craig Halloran. Mr. Halloran commended the Department of Public Works for the fine job they are doing. He then passed a note to his councilman, Mr. Javick, on an issue of concern, and asked what the Council was going to do about it.

Kelly Valasic. Ms. Vlasic stated that she was curious about the rules of Council for conduct at public meetings. She noted that the Mayor had talked about how people in the audience act, but he did not address the issue of how people on the dais act. She pointed out some of the concerns that she had, regarding how Council acts. She congratulated Mr. Coates on his selection as Eighth Ward Councilman. Ms. Valasic spoke about the placement of political sign, on a neighbor’s property, without consent. She concluded by speaking about the City’s Tort Claim policy and how it picks and choses what is paid for. She related to an incident in which she was involved.

Tanya Grissett. Ms. Grissett noted that a lot of words were thrown around tonight, and noted some of them. She informed all that she had brought her employee handbook, from her job. She then noted some of the handouts that had been given out at previous council meetings, and then read from her handbook, then spoke about the alleged use of the “N” word by a City employee, and found it difficult that they are still working for the City. Next Ms. Grissett spoke about one-way streets around Soehl Middle School. The one-ways are set up each day of school, but because there are no crossing guards on the corners around Soehl it fell to the teaching staff to put the barricades in place, which does not happen all the time. She stated that crossing guards need to be hired to do this task.

Gay Coverta Miss Coverta noted that she is a Linden residents for over fifty years. She offered her congratulations to Mr. Coates. She then spoke about comments, made by the Council President, as to why seniors do not come to Council meetings, noting that they are home watching it on TV36.

Diane Wilverding. Ms. Wilverding noted that she is a retired teacher. She noted her concerns regarding the building owned by Meridia, and also about the building that is being constructed. It worried her, because she did not want to see the schools cheated over the amount of money that they receive. She felt that there will be children living in these buildings that are not contributing to the Board of Education’s budget. She thanked Mr. Roman for being a whistle blower over the asbestos issue.

Robert Scutro. Mr. Scutro spoke about, in his opinion, Mr. Antonelli is refusing to do his job, as he is outsourcing, to law firms, the work that he should be doing. He spoke about an attorney, Mike D’Anton, who he alleged was padding his bill. He reviewed his concerns regarding Mr. Antonelli and Mr. D’Anton, for Council. Next Mr. Scutro spoke about his Facebook post about the asbestos issue, with the Merdia development, and wanted to know, why, no one here or at the Board of Education, was looking into this. He then using his words, want to know why the City Attorney shut up Mr. Roman, on this issue. Mr. Scutro informed all that there is a full investigation going on.

Anthony Mislan Mr. Mislan stated that this is the fifth straight Council meeting where residents brought up questions, and no one has given answers. He added that when people bring up issues that Council does not like they are shut down. He spoke about her perception regarding President Yamakaitis unfairness in administering the time limits. Mr. Mislend congratulated Mr. Coates, and added that Mr. Coates, wasn’t sworn-in and there were people, on the dais who were posting negative things about him on Facebook. He then pointed out various inequalities on how the members of governing body act.

John Kazor. Mr. Kazor Began by congratulating Mr. Coates. He then he expressed his opinion that Linden is better than to have a thief in charge of its finances. He then read from comments, made by the Mayor, in 2014. Mr. Antonelli interrupted him, and reviewed the Council rules for Mr. Kazor. Mr. Kazor the read from other post, on Facebook made by the Mayor, that he alleged are false. He talked about the Mayor’s use of racism, and when and how he uses it for his benefit.

Ed Kaminski. Mr. Kaminski welcomed Mr. Coates. He spoke to Mr. Brown, noting that some of the comments he had made, to Mr. Brown, last month were incorrect and apologized to Mr. Brown. Next he spoke about the City’s lease, for the train station, with NJ Transit, and how it is being violated. He then spoke about a conflict that he perceived, between the SID and the attorney. Mr. Kaminski told President Yamakaitis that she needs to lead by example. He then spoke about Ms. Hero, and complimented her on her stand on redevelopment. He suggested that the Council sell the promenade, so that it can be put to better use. Mr. Kaminski complimented Mr. Roman, on the asbestos issue, and talked about the need for committees to better monitor development. Finally he spoke about the investigation of the former prosecutor, and his feeling that the issues might have occurred due to lax supervision.

Henry Mack. Mr. Mack spoke about issues related to his brother and how his brother was slandered. He thanked Mr. Brown for coming to the First Baptist Church, three years ago.

Garnett Blaine. Mr. Blaine wanted to offer an apology to Mrs. Yamakaitis, as it has been implied that the Eighth Ward has had no representation for the past four months. He noted that Mrs. Yamakaitis would never let the ward go unattended. He also noted that there are very few towns that can say that they had a zero tax increase for the last two years. Mr. Blaine stated that we all need to work together to do better, we need to come together. He noted the June 4th primary is approaching and all should go out and vote.

Mrs. Ormon moved to close the Public Comment session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and was unanimously ordered approved, by a roll call vote.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Roman spoke about the comments some of the comments made by the public. He spoke about the need for an investigation, but that it needs to be done by the State, and not the people hear. He noted that he is happy that the state is conducting an investigation. He noted that in 2009 the City had its largest tax increase, ever, and the Mayor was the finance chair. In 2010 there was another large tax increase, and the Council President was the finance chair. He noted that we are in better economic times now, we have weathered the storm and things are getting better, now, nationally.

Mr. Strano announced that the Linden Sea Scout would be conducting an open house, and provided the details on when and where. He spoke about Memorial Day and that it is a day to celebrate our veterans who gave for our freedom. He noted the program that the City has, every Memorial Day, to visit the various memorials around town commemorating the veterans that all gave their lives.

Ms. Cosby noted that she had been coming to Council, a long time before she was elected. The Council President runs the meeting, and she is sensitive about people shouting out from the audience, but the man next to her made comments about people in the audience having mental problems, that were not heard, because his microphone was off, and the gavel did not bang on him, which was not right. Ms. Cosby stated that the officers present here tonight should be on the streets. The chief is here. The officers are here as an aggressive act.

Mr. Brown spoke about the tax rate decrease, and noted during the budget presentation it was noted what additional services would be provided. He then spoke about the Art House, the money that was spent on it, and that it was donated by the attorney Mohammed Jalloh. He addressed the complaints of racism that were made against the fire chief, stating that he is not racist. He noted that an investigation was done, and the City needs to move forward.

Mrs. Ormon spoke about the passing of Linden resident Armando Canda. She stated that he was a wonderful person, one that she knew as both a student and as a member of the Board of Education.

President Yamakaitis addressed the comments made by one of the public speakers, earlier. She spoke about the time limits, on Council, and that she was following the rules that were adopted.

Mayor Armstead stated rest in peace, Mr. Canda. He was a well-liked and respected individual, who will be missed. He then noted that while the tax decrease was not huge, but the garbage tax was eliminated and is working to stabilize taxes. He added that he is also working with the Board of Education to further stabilize taxes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Yamakaitis announced the following Council Meetings:

\*Council Conference meeting:

Monday, June 17, 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, June 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 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. Strano moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk

Written Comments submitted by Ms. Cosby:

Welcome, Councilman Coates- I look forward to having someone to work with as our wards border in many areas and I trust that you will do a great job.

I will try to read this as quickly as possible in the event that I do not this report has been submitted in its entirety to the city clerk to be memorialized in the May meeting minute.

Save the date:  This Saturday, May 25 from noon to 2 pm at Iozzi Park located at 1420 Dill Ave is the ward annual BBQ- we moved from August to May and will celebrate with our neighbors who are service veterans.

June 8- Linden HOFNOD is hosting the annual youth fishing challenge. Registration is required and it is limited to the first 50 young people aged 5 to 18. Adults are encouraged to fish with their children no fishing license is required on this day.  Forms will be posted on the city site, I can email it and there will be a link for online registration. Thank you to my fellow volunteers for getting certified through the state program.

Our next regularly scheduled community meeting will be June 13th at 6:30 pm at the recreation center located at 1025 John St. Our focus is finance and insurance our guest will be New Your Life. Refreshments will be served.

From the environmental commission, there were at least two members from the Linden community that I know of who submitted volunteer forms to serve on the commission and yet we still have not filled the vacancy that has existed since December. As the liaison, I ask that consideration is made to make this body whole to move it forward.

 Although I was denied my request to continue my appointment as the liaison to the housing authority in my ward I still attended the last meeting.  It was a good thing too, neither of the two designated co - liaisons was there. I am pleased to report that the housing authority received an award for its excellence in management. The director and others will be attending continuing education.  Kudos to them.  During the last meeting, there was much discussion about a letter that was sent (with several type -o's) but more importantly, the letter declared the angst of "linden seniors" regarding the relocation of the polling station in 2018.  The director informed the room and I quote, “not one resident has made a complaint to the commissioners or myself."  She also warned that anyone who attempts to intimidate residents or come on that property and politic they will be arrested.  With that said, Linden housing authority will have their round table for the residents under the guidance of the chairman Mr. Infante. Thursday, May 23rd all three boards will meet at 5 pm for the residents to share their concerns with the commissioners. The city council and Mayor do not have any jurisdiction over the operations of these boards, however, as the elected council person I enjoy a good working relationship with the director and work for the residents on issues that are within my prevue.

I would like to provide an update on Cranford Ave, from the engineering department. "A contract will be awarded for the Resurfacing of Cranford Avenue from East St. Georges Avenue to East Elizabeth Avenue to D.L.S. Contracting at the May 21st Council Meeting.  Once this is done the Law Department has to execute the contract (all the legal stuff) which can take a few weeks.  Once this is completed there is a preconstruction meeting with the contractor, the City and utility companies (mid-June).  Concrete work (handicap corners, etc.) hopefully will start toward the end of June and milling/paving sometime in July 2019, depending on the weather.  As we get closer flyers will be distributed. “Joe Chrobak

An update on the request for a traffic light at 1600 E. St Georges Ave. As you know, several months ago I took the lead to install something to make this area safer for the pedestrians and the Mayor and Police Chief of Roselle, as well as Our Mayor and Police chief, have put in the necessary work to help save lives here.  “As a result of reviewing the submitted problem statement, our Traffic Unit will initiate an interim investigation which will take approximately 2-3 months to determine what solutions can be implemented.  Based on the solution your municipality may be required to agree to a 25% commitment, as per NJDOT’s policy" From Ms. Hammond at the NJ DOT. I also wish to thank my neighbor Mr. Nugey for his follow up and concern regarding this matter on his street.

Lastly, I want to mention the event that took place this past weekend to raise the funds for the NJ ASAS program here in Linden.  The program does run until August and will be held at School #4. If you have a youngster who is in grades 4 through 8 please contact the program's site coordinator Mr. Howard at 908-337-9420.

I will go resume my podcast and will publish another one this week. We had some scheduling issues with the recycling podcast and will have to circle back to that topic. The next topic will be specific to my service to the city of Linden as a volunteer and member of the governing body I hope you all will tune in.  rhashonna.com

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Happy birthday to Mike and Armando

That concludes my report.​