**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2019 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday,**

**September 17, 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, September 17, 2019 at 7:05 pm., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Michele Yamakaitis and she announced that the notice of this meeting stating the date, place and time, has been disseminated as required under the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

The Clerk rendered the opening prayer, after which the members of the Governing Body and the persons in attendance saluted the flag.

Council President Michele Yamakaitis informed those present of the proper procedures for exiting the room in the event of an emergency.

Council President Michele Yamakaitis asked all members of the public, wishing to speak during the public comment session to please sign in on the sign-in white sheets provided in the front of the room.

Council President Michele Yamakaitis asked all to place their cell phones on vibrate, and if they must take a call to please leave the room to do so.

A roll call showed the following members were present:

Councilwoman Lisa Ormon

Councilman Barry Javick

Peter Brown (7:39 pm)

“ Alfred Mohammed

Councilman John F. Roman (7:10 pm)

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilman Paul Coates

Councilman Armando Medina

Council President Michele Yamakaitis

Mayor Derek Armstead

President Yamakaitis announced that Ms. Cosby and Ms. Hickey were both excused from the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Javick moved for the approval of the August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**GENERAL CASIMIR PULASKI MEMORIAL PARADE**

**2019 Linden Marshal Sr. Irena Lisowska**

**2019 Miss Polonia Karolina Kepa**

**2019 Junior Miss Polonia Veronica Gajko**

President Yamakaitis asked General Casimir Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee President, Agnieszka Czajkowska, the Marshall, Miss Polonia, Junior Miss Polonia, and Mayor to join her at the podium for a presentation. President Yamakaitis invited anyone wanting to join the Linden contingent to do so by calling St. Theresa’s church. (Mr. Roman arrived) She spoke about how Sister Lisowska had been her mentor, and then read the resolution honoring Sister Lisowska as the 2019 Linden contingent Marshall, and presented her with a copy. Mayor Armstead talked about Miss Kepa, and Miss Gajko and their academic achievements. He then read the resolution honoring Miss Kepa as the 2019 Miss Polonia, and presented her with a copy of the resolution. The Mayor then read the resolution honoring Veronica Gajko as the 2019 Junior Miss Polonia, and presented a copy to her. Sister Lisowska, on behalf of herself, Miss Polonia and Junior Miss Polonia thanked the Mayor and Council, from the bottom of her heart for the recognition this evening. Mrs. Czajkowska also spoke and invited all to attend the parade, on October 6th in New York City, to help represent Linden.

President Yamakaitis announced that Linden would be hosting its first Polish-American festival on October 5th, and provided details on the event. She thanked Councilman Brown for his efforts in getting the festival off of the ground. She then read a proclamation, from the Mayor, declaring October as Polish American heritage month in the City of Linden. Mayor Armstead spoke about the diversity that is Linden, being the ninth most diverse City in New Jersey, and how it is important to recognize, include and welcome all groups.

**HISPANIC HERITAGE**

**National Hispanic Heritage Month**

President Yamakaitis invited Amy Mathesis to join her and the Mayor at the podium. Mayor Armstead spoke about the large Hispanic population that calls Linden home. He stated that he wanted to thank all of the groups, that call Linden home, for the contributions that they make to Linden, to make it a better place. He then read his proclamation declaring the month of September 15th to October 15th as Hispanic Heritage month in Linden, and presented a copy to Ms. Mathesis. The Mayor announced that Linden would be hosting its First Annual Hispanic festival, and provided details on the event.

**NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

**Designating September as National Recovery Month**

Mayor Armstead read the resolution declaring the month of September as National Recovery month, in the City of Linden, noting that the theme, this year, was “Join the Voices for Recovery; Strength Families and Communities.” He then called upon a representative of Amon Labs, Mary Ellen, to come forward and receive the resolution. The Mayor noted that Amon Labs has partnered, with the City, to help those afflicted with drug and alcohol abuse problems. Mary Ellen spoke and stated that Amon Labs is the parent company for Amon Foundation, which she runs. She explained the purpose of the Foundation, and noted that addiction is a treatable illness that people do get well from. She thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing National Recovery Month.

**2019 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

**Mikael Diaz**

President Yamakaitis asked Police Chief David Hart to join her and the Mayor, at the podium. Mayor Armstead stated that there are many ways that individuals can avoid driving under the influence of alcohol, and Officer Diaz has been very diligent in apprehending those who think it is ok to drive under the influence, being the leader in Union County for DWI arrest. The Mayor called Officer Michael up, read the resolution honoring him, as 2019 Police Officer of the Year, and presented him with a copy. (Peter Brown arrived).

**2019 SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR**

**Lieutenant Rick Bachmann**

**Sergeant Robert Sanchez**

Mayor Armstead detailed the work that each of the Police Supervisors, about to be honored did. The Mayor noted the role of Sergeant Sanchez has in providing the technology that the patrol officers need to fight crime on the streets. He spoke about the professionalism of Lt. Bachmann, how he always respects the citizens of Linden and how new recruits should model themselves after him. He called both officers forward and the read the resolution honoring Lt. Rick Bachmann, and presented him with a copy of it.

Mayor Armstead read the resolution honoring Sergeant Robert Sanchez as 2019 Supervisor of the Year, and presented him with a copy.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Recycling Presentation**

President called up the Director of Community Services, Frank Dann, John Venditto DPW supervisor, and Ron Breur, Recycling coordinator, to make a presentation on recycling picks for the City of Linden. The trio explained that the City of Linden would be moving toward automated recycling picks, in 2020, just as it has automated the collection of garbage. Mr. Venditto spoke about the new program and the wards that it would be implemented in next year. Mr. Venditto and Mr. Breur explained the separation of the material, into color code recycling containers, and did a demonstration to help educate Linden’s residents on the upcoming change.

**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:**

* 1. An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” Passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplements

7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulations

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

Name of Street Spaces No. of Location

Delete:

222 First Avenue 1 On the Southeasterly sideline of First Avenue 125 feet more or less southwesterly from the projection of Walnut Street for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designed for a vehicle for Ronald D. Guerra to be identified by license plate and number and a placard XXXX, issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing or displaying handicapped license plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.

**ADD:**

1004 Chandler Avenue 1 On the northeasterly sideline of Chandler Avenue, 65 feet more or less northwesterly from the projection of the northwesterly curbline of Middlesex Street in front of 1004 Chandler Avenue for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for a vehicle for Michelle Williams-Lewis to be identified by license plate number and placard number to be issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing or displaying handicapped license plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.

2214 East Edgar Road

(on Dennis Place) 1 On the northeasterly sideline of Dennis Place, 70 feet more or less southeasterly from the projection of the southeasterly curbline of East Edgar Road for a length of 22 feet. The aforesaid space is specifically reserved and designated for a vehicle for Ida Rodriguez to be identified by license plate number and placard number to be issued by the City, and no other vehicle bearing or displaying handicapped license plates and/or placards, or not, shall be permitted to park in such space.

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 for approval of Ordinance #63-35. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohammed and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

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* 1. An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 199 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

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

7-10 PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS

Name of Street Side Location

ADD:

DeWitt Street East From a north curbline of West Elm Street and continuing 60

Feet in northerly direction

DeWitt Street East From a south curbline of West Elm Street and continuing

110 feet in southerly direction.

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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 other persons to be heard, Mrs. Ormon moved for approval of Ordinance #63-36. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano 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:**

* 1. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II, Section 4.3 of the City Code to create the Bureau of Constituent Services

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article II, Section 4.3 of the City Code, shall be and the same is hereby amended to add the following:

g. Within the Office of the Mayor, there shall be the Bureau of Constituent Services, the head of which shall be the Mayor. The Bureau of Constituent Services shall consist of three divisions: a) Division for Special Needs and Disabilities, b) Division on Aging Services, and c) Division of Cultural Diversity. Each division shall have employed one person who shall perform all functions and discharge all duties necessary to assist the Mayor in formulating policy recommendations for the Council, including but not limited to acting as a direct liaison for residents of Linden; assist residents in directing them to City, County, State and private resources; plan and develop socialization programs and social services for the Bureau; and assess the impact of human services programs operated by the City, and develop and implement recommendations as necessary.

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. The Clerk noted that a letter had been received from Ms. Rhashonna Cosby,

 I  would like each member of the governing body who will be charged with casting a vote on this ordinance at the September Linden City Council meeting to seriously consider what this ordinance is designed to do and what message it sends to the highly paid and supposedly highly qualified professionals who work for the city of Linden.

The idea of having a more concentrated focus on diversity, people with special needs, the senior residents is commendable and neccesary but this can be done without creating three new positions.  It should be noted that the ordinance was introduced and these positions have no duties outlined, no salary listed and no scheduled hours of operation.  Voting to adopt this ordinance without all the specific information is reckless. Furthermore, I would assert that the city of Linden already has highly paid, well-educated individuals within the workforce to handle the very duties that have been so incompletely outlined in the ordinance that was introduced at the August 2019 meeting.

 Currently, constituent services are handled by the office of the clerk. If the clerk's office is unable to provide the services needed by the constituent they are well aware of which city department handles such requests if at all.

The ordinance calls for a special division that will handle Special Needs and Disabilities.  To what degree will this division operate? What services will they be providing?  What is the budget for this and what exactly are the special needs that will be addressed?  I would think long and hard about having a shared service with the Union County Division of Human Services.  They have been providing services, recreational programs and support for the residents of Union County at a high level for several years.  We have a Director of Parks and Recreation who was hired with in the last 90 days at an annual salary of  $117,500 and based on his civil service job description he is responsible in part, for planning, promoting, organizing and/or administering a comprehensive recreation program  for community, including the maintenance of parks, playgrounds or other recreational facilities.  Why can't some of these programs include people with special needs, seniors, and people from all cultures?

Let's look at the senior population here in Linden and how well, or not the Director of the Gregorio Center and her staff ( the unofficial) Senior Center manage senior programing.  Apparently, with the introduction of this ordinance, it must mean that the staff and the programming that has been conducted in this facility for the aging population are not adequate.  If this is the case, then there should be accountability. Wouldn't you know it, accountability for this would fall under the recreation director or at the very least the Supervisor of recreation.

 The recreation center director earns an annual salary of $94,681, there is a full-time recreation leader assigned to this facility who earns an annual salary of $66,523 and the Supervisor of recreation earns an annual salary of $80,597.  If there are new programs needed then I would say, let's look at these people; charge them to be creative with programming.   Albeit, times and interests change and sure, we may want to change up some of the programs but for the sake of the taxpayers, we already have people who are paid very well in place and who have been working with the Linden Seniors for decades with few complaints!

Finally, the desire to have a Division of Cultural Diversity is curious.  This is a slippery slope. To be clear, this is a course of action which will lead to something unacceptable, wrong, or disastrous if not done properly. Linden has a very diverse community and each community has unique needs. With that being said, who are we as a city to determine what is best for the various segments of the population.  Again, I will recommend that we consider sharing services with the county. There are programs through the county that will assist with learning English, immigration applications and more.  Moreover, the city allows a non-profit agency to operate for free and has donated or driven donations to the organization. There should be a realistic expectation that if they are running a " family success" program for the residents in a city with such diversity the residents should be able to get some services through this agency as well at no additional cost.

Please consider voting no to this ordinance especially with the limited information that was provided. I strongly suggest having the staff that we already have manage our needs. Consider sharing services with the county, the board of education and sending the staff to workshops to garner new and exciting ideas that can be implemented here in Linden.

Finally, the office of the Mayor would be best served if it were to have a Business Administrator and the support who, to quote the ordinance, "shall perform all functions and discharge all duties necessary to assist the Mayor in formulating policy recommendations for the Council, including but not limited to acting as a direct liaison for residents of Linden; assist residents in directing them to City, County, State and private resources; plan and develop socialization programs and social services  and assess the impact of human services programs operated by the City, and develop and implement recommendations as necessary."

Respectfully,

Councilwoman Rhashonna C. Cosby​ "

President of Council Michele Yamakaitis inquired if there was anyone who desired to be heard concerning the Ordinance read by the Clerk.

Diane Wilverding. Ms. Wilverding stated her support for the ordinance and recommended that the person heading the Division of Special Needs and Disabilities have a degree in Therapeutic Recreation, noting that Kean College has such a degree program. She added that they should also have a CTRS certification, and explained her reasons.

Vriginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked in which fiscal years would these individuals be hired, would they be subject to the residency requirement, would they be full time or part-time, and how would the positions be funded. Mayor Armstead provided responses, including that the positions would be part-time.

There being no other persons to be heard, Mr. Strano moved for approval of Ordinance #63-37. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved on a roll call vote.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

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

2020 Taxes $1,534.08

2019 Taxes $21,807,840.36

2018 Taxes $5,683.06

PILOT (MORNING STAR) $0.00

Municipal Lien Redemption $12,119.79

Garbage Fee Late Fee $0.00

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate $4,000.00

Tax Search $0.00

Lien Redemption Request Fee $150.00

Year End Penalty $0.00

Returned Check Fee Paid $60.00

Returned Sewer Clean out ($0.00)

Returned Sewer Interest ($0.00)

Returned Check 2019 ($19,910.16)

Returned Check Interest ($31.08)

Returned Online Payments 2019 Taxes ($16,099.25)

Returned Online Interest ($0.00)

Adv. Before Tax Sale $0.00

Premium $0.00

Sewer Clean out charge $1,198.47

DPW Reso payments $1,390.00

Interest $22,640.03

Total $21,820,575.30

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

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

4 3 8/27/19 18-00003 $2,100.00

9 7 8/26/19 18-00013 $4,000.00

34 21 8/19/19 18-00020 $1,600.00

40 47 8/14/19 18-00021 $5,900.00

87 12 9/4/19 18-00043 $3,100.00

123 10 8/6/19 18-00064 $2,200.00

127 16 8/27/19 18-00069 $1,600.00

196 37 8/29/19 18-00115 $1,700.00

207 10 8/29/19 18-00120 $2,000.00

209 12 8/14/19 18-00122 $2,200.00

215 64 8/27/19 18-00126 $1,700.00

276 25 8/26/19 18-00142 $2,500.00

306 18 8/27/19 18-00149 $2,600.00

311 18 8/27/19 18-00150 $2,100.00

356 25 8/26/19 18-00158 $1,600.00

368 3 8/29/19 18-00162 $2,100.00

368 29 8/26/19 18-00164 $2,800.00

460 9 8/19/19 18-00197 $1,700.00

468 4 8/14/19 18-00200 $7,100.00

471 1 8/27/19 18-00203 $1,600.00

472 27 8/15/19 18-00204 $1,600.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $53,800.00 payable to Greymorr, LLC, BMO 85, P.O. Box 1414, Minneapolis, MN 55480, charging same to account #9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale**  Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

27 3 8/23/19 14-00002 $15,800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $15,800.00 payable to: TLF National Lien Trust 2017-1, P.O. Box 679034, Dallas, TX 75267-9034, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date Cert# Premium**

41 15 8/26/19 18-00023 $1,300.00

120 24 8/27/19 18-00062 $1,300.00

124 21 8/27/19 18-00066 $600.00

149 5 8/6/19 18-00083 $100.00

562 20 9/4/19 18-00237 $1,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,600.00 payable to: Fig as Cust. for Fig NJ19, LLC, P.O. Box 54226, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #9-01-55-276-999-956.

**Tax Sale** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2016, 2017 & 2018 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

72 15 8/14/19 16-00056 $800.00

482 20 8/14/19 16-00315 $2,100.00

545 31 8/26/19 17-00335 $1,200.00

566 6 8/20/19 16-00359 $800.00

571 11 8/6/19 15-00339 $1,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $ 6,000.00 payable to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC., 575 Route #-70, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

107 12 8/6/19 17-00085 $1,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,100.00 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 2016 & 2019 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

118 23 8/27/19 15-00081 $15,900.00

148 2 8/6/19 18-00086 $17,000.00

184 10 8/20/19 18-00111 $12,900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $45,800.00 payable to: Phoenix Funding, Inc, 1148 Springfield Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092 charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

& lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

120 23 8/19/19 18-00061 $43,300.00

131 28 9/9/19 18-00073 $29,400.00

145 13 8/30/19 17-00117 $2,400.00

315 13 8/19/19 18-00151 $33,100.00

569 12.01 8/14/19 18-00238 $15,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $123,600.00 payable to: Lillian Zhang, 11 Walnut Street, Livingston, NJ 07039, charging same to account #9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

141 7 8/27/19 18-00079 $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: Changsheng Lu, 628 N. Butrick Street, Waukegen, IL 60085, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

287 11 8/6/19 18-000145 $500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $500.00 payable to: Mosovce SRO LLC, 805 12th Avenue, Belmar, NJ 07719, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

287 11 8/6/19 18-000145 $500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $500.00 payable to: Mosovce SRO LLC, 805 12th Avenue, Belmar, NJ 07719, charging same to account #-9-01-55-276-999-956.

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

& lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

354 19 8/14/19 17-00244 $1,000.00

514 2 9/9/19 18-00222 $21,800.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $22,800.00 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.

**Overpayment** Block 300 Lot 12, Michael G. & Lorene H. Primich

219 Edgewood Road, 2017 2nd qtr. overpayment

The above referenced owner have paid the 2017 2nd quarter property taxes after the homestead benefit was credited to the quarter a creating this overpayment and the owner is entitled a refund in the amount of $373.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $373.00, payable to: Michael G. & Lorene H. Primich, 219 Edgewood Road, Linden, NJ 07036-, charging same to # 9-01-55-288-999-904.

**Refund** Block 421 Lot 9, Stile Circle Associates, LLC

1025 W. St. George Avenue, Tax Court Docket #-00581-2018

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a Tax Court of New Jersey judgment reducing the assessment by 30,000 for 2018.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $20,661.00 payable to: The Kamvosoulis Law Firm, LLC, 200 Passaic Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 charging same to account #9-01-55-275-999-000.

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

1. Requesting approval of the following reimbursements:
2. Joel Tracy is entitled to a refund of $54.00 for a Sidewalk Permit

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $54.00 payable to: Joel Tracy, 168 Spruce Drive, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, charging same to account 9-01-09-699-024.

1. Orlandino Balsinha is entitled to a refund of $170.00 for a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $170.00 payable to: Orlandino Balsinha, 111 W. 17th St., Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account 9-01-09-699-069.

1. Frontier Plumbing & Heating Inc. is entitled to a refund of $1,500.00 for a Road Opening Permit & Performance Bond. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,500.00 payable to: Frontier Plumbing & Heating Inc., 5 South Broadway, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410, charging $500.00 to account 9-01-09-699-024 and $1,000.00 to T-03-56-820-999-211.
2. Horizon BC/BS of NJ is entitled to a refund in the amount of $286.45 for service that was provided on 4/24/2019. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Horizon BC/BS of NJ, P.O. Box 420, Newark, NJ 07101-0420 charging same to 9-01-08-629-011.

1. Lawrence Schmid is entitled to a refund in the amount of $300.00 for service that

was provided on 1/3/2019. Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check payable to: Lawrence Schmid, 2414 Orchard Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to 9-01-08-629-011.

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

1. Advising that seventy-four (73) Certificates of Occupancies were issued during the month of August, 2019.

**(\*\*\*) PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:**

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

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

Municipal Court Iwona Chmielewska Clerk 2 Oct. 1, 2019

Fire Department Joseph Dooley Fire Chief Oct. 1, 2019

**(\*\*\*) ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:**

1. Advising that Ms. Mary Purves is resigning from the Linden Environmental Commission

effective immediately.

Advising that Mr. Salvatore Renna is resigning from the Linden Environmental

Commission effective December 31, 2019.

**(\*\*\*) LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:**

1. Advising that Gerald Bishop has been appointed as a member of the Linden Economic Development Corporation retroactively to January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2020.

**(\*\*\*) CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:**

1. Requesting approval of the following bingo/raffle applications:

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

Loyal Order of Moose Pull Tabs – 1 year $750.00

Highland Avenue PTA Bingo $20.00

Highland Avenue PTA 50/50 $20.00

Kiwanis Club 50/50 $20.00

Mongil Corp. Casino Night $100.00

Mongil Corp. 50/50 $20.00

Mr. Medina moved for the approval of Consent Items #1 through #7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was unanimously ordered approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**First Ward**

Mrs. Ormon gave the report of the Division of Transportation and Parking. A total of $56,539.95 was collected from all sources for the month of August. Next, she gave a report on the Linden Library, informing all that a new member, Rayna Martucci, had been appointed to the library board, and provided details on a number of children activities that the library will be hosting. She also noted that the library collects plastic shopping bags and how they are recycled to make items such as benches.

Mrs. Ormon then reported on the various activities of the Cultural and Heritage Committee, noting that their premiere event, the September to Remember is coming up. The Committee is also planning to host a Latin/American festival and a Polish/American festival. She provided details on these events. Mrs. Ormon then gave her First Ward Report. She spoke about the sidewalk repair program, and explained how sidewalks get on the list, and the need, for residents, to notify her if they have sidewalk issues. She noted that all of the trees, on the tree trimming list, for the First Ward, have been trimmed, and again asked that residents with tree issues, reach out to her so that the she can put them on the list. She concluded by speaking of the opening of schools, the need to follow traffic safety rules, and be careful of the children.

**Second Ward**

Mr. Javick gave the report of the Fire Committee. The Fire Prevention Bureau collected a total of $8,256.54 in fees for the month of August. In addition, the ambulance reimbursement program collected $59,066.69 for the month of August, brining the year to date total to $478,035.06. He announced that the annual Fire Prevention program would be held on October 4, 2019, and provided details on it. Mr. Javick announced that Chief Dooley would be retiring on October 1, 2019, and congratulated him on his 35 years of service and wished him well in retirement.

Mr. Javick spoke about the start of the new school year, and thanked the Police Traffic Division for working to make the schools safe by developing traffic patterns for the drop-off and pickup of students. He announced that School 2 would have additional crossing guards this year. He spoke about the pedestrian safety campaign that the police would be holding, and the upcoming September to Remember event. He informed all that he was putting together the Second Ward street paving list for 2020, and was working on getting a pedestrian cross walk at Stiles St and Knopf. He also spoke about the Turnpike Connector Road, and noted that DPW had completed its preparations for the upcoming snow season. DPW would also soon begin its leaf collection program. He concluded by providing his contact information.

**Third Ward**

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

1. The payment of bills totaling $2,552,171.62. 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 August at the rate of 2.75%.

Mr. Brown moved for approval of the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohammed, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. Mr. Brown reported on the Recreation Committee meeting and that some new and innovated programs are being put in place for next year. He went to provide demographics for the City of Linden and talked about the need to invest in Linden’s youth and seniors. He discussed the need for better programs for the Linden’s senior population.

Mr. Brown explained the reasons for his absence from last month’s Council meeting, noting that it was tied to the need to address issues related to a fight over bussing for young people.

**Fourth Ward**

Mr. Mohammed gave the report of the City Clerk’s office. A total of $2,405.05, in City revenue had been collected for the month of August. Next, he gave the report of the City Clerk’s Licensing Division. Where a total of $1085.27 had been collected from all sources. He then gave his Fourth Ward report. He noted that he had received calls about trees that were allegedly not stable. The DPW has inspected those trees and found them to be stable. In addition, all of the Fourth Ward trees on the trimming list, have been addressed. He announced a Fourth Ward meet and greet to be held on September 21st, at the Mayor’s house. He provided his contact information.

**Sixth Ward**

Mr. Roman congratulated the Pulaski Day Parade Committee, and all those involved with it, as it will be a great weekend. He then talked about the upcoming September to Remember event, and how excited he was about it, noting that the Fire Department would be sponsoring a dunk tank. Mr. Roman stated that the Sixth Ward garage sale was last weekend, and residents could also repeat it this coming weekend.

Mr. Roman announced that the Winfield Fire Department was holding a Narcan training, and provided details on the event, and spoke about the importance of the training. He informed all that he was delaying the annual Sixth Ward cleanup, so that he can get on the same page as the County, because this year it will be held in Wheeler Park. He will keep all informed. Mr. Roman spoke about the removal of a tree on Jefferson, and that he would be addressing the property damage that was done there, this week. He announced that he would be working to clean up the empty lot on Munsell Ave. He then spoke about the new flashing stop signs at Cedar and Clinton. He added that as part of the Accident Review Committee he as been working hard to fix the problem that exist on Clinton, Woodlawn and other areas in the Sixth Ward. He pointed that he is not stopping with the flashing stop signs, and is looking for the installation of Four way stop signs to address the traffic safety issues. He asked the Council to help him get four way stop signs in the Clinton Street corridor. It is a simple ordinance that we can pass in two council meetings.

Mr. Roman announced school has been open, and the parents have been great with the drop-offs at School Six. It has been running smoothly. He asked if there are any issues, to please call him. Next, he noted the need for crossing guards, and that they can now be hired from anywhere in Union County. Mr. Roman offered congratulations to those that will be promoted, in the Fire Department, when the Personnel Report is given.

**Seventh Ward**

Mr. Strano gave the following Personnel Report:

1. Board of Health:
   1. Permission to post city wide for full-time Housing Inspector at the annual salary range of $38,000.00 - $49,563.00.
2. Department of Social Services
   1. Permission to post city wide for a full-time Social Worker at the annual salary range of $60,000.00 - $85,000.00.
3. Board of Health:
   1. The transfer of William Reynolds, Clerk 1 full-time, to Board of Health effective September 18, 2019 at the annual salary of $34,548.00.
4. Fire Department:
   1. The promotion of Fire Captain Michael Vogel to the rank of Deputy Chief effective

September 26, 2019 for seniority purposes and at the annual salary of $150,960.00 which shall be effective October 1, 2019.

* 1. The promotion of Fire Lieutenant Robert Clark to the rank of Captain effective

September 26, 2019 for seniority purposes and at the annual salary of $124,000.00 which shall be effective October 1, 2019.

* 1. Firefighter Kevin Schulhafer to the rank of Lieutenant effective September 26, 2019 for seniority purposes and at the annual salary of $108,000.00 which shall be effective October 1, 2019.

1. Municipal Court
   1. The hiring of Calyssa Santiago, DeAnna Josey and Giselle Williams as full-time Clerk 1, at the annual salary of $34,548.00 effective September 23, 2019.
2. Police Department:
   1. Permission to post externally for a full-time Clerk at the annual salary of $34,548.00 to fill

an existing vacancy.

* 1. Permission to open Crossing Guard to job posting Union County residents at the rate of

$12.00.

1. Department of Community Service/Public Works:

**a.** Approval of Public Works Seasonal List on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

1. Personnel:
2. FMLA/NJFLA leaves: There are five FMLA/NJFLA on file in the Personnel Division.

Mr. Strano moved for the approval of the personnel report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. President Yamakaitis asked for comments from the Council.

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

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked about the fire department promotion s and was meant when, on the hiring date, for “Seniority purposes.” She also asked about the number of Deputy Fire Chiefs, and the reasons posting for a Clerk 1 externally. Mr. Roth responded and provided the explanations.

Mr. Strano moved for approval of the Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. Mr. Strano asked for the promoted fire officers to stand and be recognized.

Mr. Strano congratulated the police officers, who earlier, where recognized for their efforts. He thanked Mr. Dann, Mr. Venditto, and Mr. Bruer for the presentation made earlier. He noted that will the change over to the automated recycling system is expensive, in the long run will save the City money, and provided an explanation as to why. He then announced that the last four houses, in Tremely Point, that were acquired, under the Blue Acres Program, are scheduled to be demolished. He noted the plans for the area’s that the houses were removed from.

Mr. Strano thanked the residents of Tremely Point, who took the time to attend a community meeting. He also spoke about the rash of car burglaries and a home break-in and the efforts of the Police department to catch those responsible. He thanked members of the Police Department for attending the meeting, and the residents for being so cooperative during the meeting.

**Eighth Ward**

Mr. Coates congratulated the Fire Department and the Police Department on behalf of the Eighth Ward. He spoke about the efforts of the Police Department to combat the recent rash of car burglaries, and thanked Chief Hart for those efforts. He noted that the leaf season is fast approaching that if any Eighth residents need leaf bags, they should contact him. He provided his contact information.

**Ninth Ward**

Mr. Medina moved for the installation of a street lights on pole #61612, 322 Spruce Street and on pole #1068 in front of 511 W. Elm St. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coates and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. He then congratulated all those promoted and recognized this evening, stating how much their hard work was appreciated. Mr. Medina noted that the sidewalk replacement program, in the Ninth Ward, should begin next week. He asked that if a 9th Ward resident has a sidewalk, lifted by a City tree, to please call him. He provided an update on the current street paving projects, and spoke about the streets to be reviewed to be placed on the 2020 street paving list. He added that when the street paving begins rough areas of paving, on certain streets, would be addressed.

Mr. Medina stated that the tree trimming list, for the 9th Ward are being addressed, and that he has added some additional trees to the list, to Director Dann. He announced on October 5th the 9th and 10th Wards would be hosting their annual community picnic, and provided details on the event. Mr. Medina noted that Mrs. Hickey had reached out for him, and that she apologized for not being here, this evening, but she was not feeling well. She is looking forward to seeing everyone on October 5th. Mr Medina concluded by providing his contact information.

President Yamakaitis explained that residents, wanting to reach their councilpersons, can go to the City website, where all of the contact information is located.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Armstead congratulated each of the newly promoted, individually, and spoke about how they are appreciated. He then reported on the Linden First program, providing details on when it meets. He informed all about the job fair that the Linden First program would be hosting, noting that those wishing to attend must register, and explained how to register. He pointed out some of the employers who will be present at the fair. The Mayor reported on scholarships given by the Mayor’s office and the Mayor’s Youth Commission.

Mayor Armstead then spoke about the Clarke property, located on Wood Ave and W. Elizabeth Ave. He informed all that it is being looked at for a redevelopment project, with commendation ability. He explained the reasons for this, including the need for a large number of police calls to the site. Next he reported on the status of the solar project for the old Linden landfill. The Mayor noted the resolution, on the agenda referring a parcel of property, on West Elizabeth Ave to the Planning Board to determine if it is an area in need of redevelopment.

Mayor Armstead reported on a meeting with City personnel and NJ Transit in which NJ Transit expressed an interest in building a parking garage for the train station. He thanked Director Dann for getting an early jump on preparations for the snow season.

At the conclusion of the Mayor’s report President Yamakaitis recognized Mr. Roman. Mr. Roman noted that he had forgotten to mention an issue during his report. He spoke about the City of Newark’s water issue regarding the amount of lead in the drinking water system, that he had reached out to the residents of the Sixth Ward, who donated over 11,000 bottles of water for the cause.

**RESOLUTIONS**

President Yamakaitis made the following announcement:

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

Please read the synopsis of the resolutions, which have been prepared by the City Clerk’s office. Each is informative and self-explanatory However, if you wish to address a specific resolution, the Council, will entertain questions on it.

Diane Wilverding asked to remove resolution 2019-350.

Craig Halloran asked to remove resolutions 2019-352, 361,362, and 366.

Virginia Malik asked to remove resolutions 2019-330, 332, 333, 336, 345, 348, 349, 350 and 352.

Ed Kaminsky asked to remove resolutions 2019-345, 346, 347 348, and 349.

Mr. Roman asked to remove resolutions 2019-350, 351 and 348.

Mrs. Ormon moved for approval of resolutions 2019-326 through 2019-372, with the exception of 2019-330, 332, 333, 336, 345, 346, 348, 349,350, 351, 352, 361, 362, and 366. The motion was seconded by a Mr. Javick, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-326**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR LEAF COMPOSTING FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden wishes to enter into an agreement with the County of Union for the composting of leaves; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. specifically authorizes a local governmental unit to enter into a contract with another local unit for a joint service project which either party is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden desires to enter into an Agreement with the County of Union for the composting of leaves whereby the City of Linden will pay to the County of Union $2.00 per cubic yard for loose leaves and $4.00 per cubic yard for compacted leaves for the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020;

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. 9-01-26-305-169-270;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are directed and authorized to enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the County of Union for the composting of leaves as aforesaid, as approved by the Law Department, said form of Agreement to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a duly executed copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Clerk of the County of Union; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of the appropriate Resolution by the City of Rahway and the execution of the Agreement set forth herein.

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-327**

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

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

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

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

**Police Department (Traffic)**

**88 Stop Signs**

**48 Vests**

**6 Spring Jackets**

**6 Rain Coats**

**1 Optimus electric heater Model H-4439**

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-328**

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

**ArM Opco, Inc. DBA American Road Machinery fOR THE PURCHASE OF LEAF VACUUM MACHINE WITH OPTIONS FOR DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Agent on August 28, 2019

for the purchase of one 2019 Leaf Vacuum Machine with options for the City of Linden Division of Public Works; and

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

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, as attached hereto, which will be charged to account/line item No. C-05-55-907-713-919; and

**WHEREAS**, Arm Opco, Inc. DBA American Road Machinery was the only responsible bidder at their bid of $55,000.00; and

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

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

1. A contract is awarded to Arm Opco, Inc. DBA American Road Machinery, 3026 Saratoga Avenue, SW Canton, Ohio, 44706 at their bid of $55,000.00.

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Arm Opco, Inc. DBA American Road Machinery, and the City of Linden.

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-329**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL SUPPORT FOR FH WEB LOCATED IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ESO SOLUTIONS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden has a need for annual support for FH Web located in the Fire Departmental for ESO 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, at the rate not to exceed $20,040.00; and

**WHEREAS**, ESO Solutions, Inc. has submitted a proposal dated effective October 1, 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 9-01-25-250-314-274; 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: 2019-330**

**A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO MUNICIBID ONLINE GOVERNMENT AUCTIONS**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden has authorized the participation in an online public auction for municipal vehicles; and

**WHEREAS,** a need exists to retain a company that specializes in public auctions; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden as the lead agency, has retained the services of Municibid Online Government Auctions, 1635 Market Street, Suite #1600, Philadelphia, PA 19103 to conduct an online Public Auction; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Linden hereby authorizes the City of Linden to enter into a contract procured under State Contract #19-GNSV1-00696.

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-331**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR MICROSOFT LICENSES INSTALLATION AND CONFIGUARATION THROUGH THE NCPA (NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT) TO PASCACK DATA CORP.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain Microsoft License installation and configuration from an authorized vendor under the National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement awarded to a Pascack Data Inc. distributor of Synnex, authorized vendor and,

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

**WHEREAS**, Pascack Data, Inc. has been awarded as distributor for Synnex, for the provision of providing Microsoft Licenses installation and configuration; 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 $94,621.88 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-900-706-919.

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-332**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE CONTRACT 17-FLEET-00241 FOR ONE 2019 FORD 550 DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW FROM ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL FOR THE DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain one 2019 Ford 550 Dump truck with plow from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey contract 17-FLEET-00241 awarded to Route 23 Auto Mall, 1301 Route 23, Butler, NJ 07405 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**, Route 23 Auto Mall has been awarded Contract 17-FLEET-00241 for the provision of motors fleet; 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 $68,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account numbers C-04-55-905-716-919; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Route 23 Auto Mall 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- 333**

**RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF A NEW PIERCE FIRE APPARATUS THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON CO-OP, FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES, HGAC**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services from an authorized vendor under the Houston-Glaveston Co-Op HGAC Fire & Safety Services awarded, 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 authorized vendor and,

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

**WHEREAS**, Houston-Galveston Co-Op, HGAC. for a new Pierce fire apparatus; 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 $786,510.40 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account #C-04-55-903-704-919

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

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-334**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE CONTRACT A83025 T-2289 FOR ONE 2019 FORD F-450 RACK TRUCK FROM ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL FOR THE DIVISION OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain one 2019 Ford F-450 Rack Truck from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Contract A83025 T-2289 awarded to Route 23 Auto Mall, 1301 Route 23, Butler, NJ 07405 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**, Route 23 Auto Mall has been awarded Contract A83025 T-2289 for the provision of motors fleet; 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 $70,000; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-905-715-919; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Route 23 Auto Mall 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: 2019-335**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

**AT ROUTE 1&9 AND AVENUE C**

**WHEREAS,** the New JerseyDepartment of Transpiration (NJDOT Safety Impact Team has conducted a study of the Route 1&9 corridor between Mile Post 35.00 and 45.50; and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of said study the intersection of Routes 1&9 and Avenue C was ranked #15 in the list of top crash locations; and

**WHEREAS,** 92% of the total crashes were same-direction (rear-end and sideswipe crashes) at this location; and

**WHEREAS,** the NJDOT has proposed a project to provide safety countermeasures to reduce the frequency of same-direction crash types and provide for pedestrian safety and connectivity improvements; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden whole heartily endorse the proposed measures to ensure not only the safety of the residents of the City of Linden, but also the safety of all, both motorist and pedestrians, who transverse the said section of the Route 1&9 corridor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they enthusiastically support the NJDOT planned improvements to the intersection of Routes 1&9 and Avenue C; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** a copy of this resolution should be sent to Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transpiration, in recognition of that support.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-336**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE CONTRACT A40321 T-2959 FOR ONE 2019 FORD F-350 FROM ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL FOR THE DIVISION OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain one 2019 Ford F-350 from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Contract A40321 T-2959 awarded to Route 23 Auto Mall, 1301 Route 23, Butler, NJ 07405 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**, Route 23 Auto Mall has been awarded Contract A40321 T-2959 for the provision of motors fleet; 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 $41,000 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number C-04-55-905-717-919; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Route 23 Auto Mall 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: 2019-337**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH DLS CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING OF KNOPF STREET, AMON TERRACE, LAURITA STREET AND W. STIMPSON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden passed a Resolution No. 2018-405 on October 15, 2018 approving an amended contract to DLS Contracting, Inc., for the resurfacing of Knopf Street, Amon Terrace, Laurita Street and W. Stimpson Avenue in the City of Linden in the amount of $429,262.35; and

**WHEREAS**, an additional change order in the amount of $7,999.50 is required to complete the project; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures for said contract is $437,261.85; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-687-919.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement awarded to DLS Contracting, Inc., 271 US Highway 46, Suite D-205, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 is hereby amended to increase the contract by the additional sum of $7,999.50, for a total contract of $437.261.85; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between DLS 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 an amendatory agreement with DLS Contracting, Inc.; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-338**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY TO THE**

**NJDOT FOR its INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) will be preforming a intersection improvement program at Rt 1&9 and Avenue C; and

**WHEREAS,** the NJDOT has determined that property they have identified as being owned by the City of Linden, Block 580, Lot 13 (AKA 1601 West Edgar Road) (Schedule A) is needed for their intersection improvement program; and

**WHEREAS,** they have made an offer to purchase a portion of said property, from the City of Linden in accordance with the Eminent Domain Act, at a just compensation of $10,000.00, which the NJDOT considers to be the Fair Market Value; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Linden does hereby wish to consent to such purchase, as detailed in the attached agreement of sale.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that do hereby agree to the sale of a portion of Block 580, Lot 13, which the NJDOT has determined to be owned by the City of Linden to the NJDOT for the sum of $10,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed, and to provide access to the NJDOT.

**RESOLUTION:2019-339**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE UNION COUNTY TRUST FUND GRANT THROUGH KIDS RECREATION TRUST FUND**

**WHEREAS,** the voters of Union County overwhelmingly voted in favor of the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in November of 2000; and

**WHEREAS,** Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders established the Trust Fund creating local funding opportunities such as Field of Dreams in 2001, Green the Streets in 2002, Preserve Union County in 2003, and Kids Recreation Trust Fund in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2019 Chairman’s Initiatives called for the continuation of the Kids Recreation Trust Fund program, a program designed to fund two types of recreational opportunities (scholarship and field/recreation center improvements) for our County’s children; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden wishes to apply to the Union County Trust Fund through the Kids Recreation Trust Fund program for a matching grant in the amount of $75,000.00 for Form 002, Recreational Grant Application for the upgrading of two Little League fields in Memorial Park to ensure the safety and enjoyment of Linden’s youth.; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will match the Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant program award with $75,000.00 for the recreational grant; and

**WHEREAS,** said funds will be subject to the approval of the City of Linden 2020 budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden will use the Trust Fund dollars in accordance with such rules and regulations governing the grant program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the Mayor or the successor to the Office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

1. Make application for the grant.

2. Provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required.

3. Act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant.

4. This Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-340**

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

**TO HOLD A TAX SALE**

**WHEREAS,** a property known as Block 54, Lot 1 & Block 54 Lot 1 X, also known as 701Cranford Avenue is the subject of a P.I.L.O.T agreement dated December 19, 1995, between the City of Linden and Morning Star S/C Urban Renewal and,

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden Municipal Treasurer and Tax Collector reports that the tax amounts listed below have not been collected through said P.I.L.O.T. agreement and.

**WHERAS,** the Municipal Treasurer and Tax Collector have properly noticed all required parties per said agreement and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** in the County of Union and State of New Jersey on this 17th day of September, 2019 as follows:

The City of Linden Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to hold a tax sale per N.J.S.A. 54: 5-1 for Block-54 Lot-1 X in the amounts listed below plus additional costs and fees:

2013 $14,816.88

2014 $22,138.30

2015 $22,577.11

2016 $23,472.72

2017 $73,569.53

2018 $75,196.39

Total $231,770.93

**RESOLUTION: 2019-341**

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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, | | | |
| **WHEREAS**, these checks are outdated and hereby void, | | |  |
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| **Vendor Name** | **Check Date** | **Check Number** | **Check Amount** |
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| Benefit Resource Inc. | 11/21/2018 | 171399 | 261.00 |
| Cox Stationary & Printers | 11/21/2018 | 171605 | 541.00 |
| Frank Stiles | 12/19/2018 | 171741 | 654.00 |
| Benefit Resource Inc. | 1/16/2019 | 172235 | 130.50 |
| Michael Callahan | 1/16/2019 | 172365 | 2,394.30 |
| Benefit Resource Inc. | 2/20/2019 | 172459 | 598.30 |
| Nolasco, David | 3/20/2019 | 172862 | 15.00 |
| Lereta LLC Returns & Refunds | 3/20/2019 | 172925 | 2,827.02 |
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|  | **TOTAL** |  | **$ 7,421.12** |
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| **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden is hereby cancelling these checks from the City records. | | | |
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**RESOLUTION: 2019-342**

**RESOLUTION** **AWARDING A CONTRACT WITH ROBERT RENAUD, ESQ. OF THE FIRM PALUMBO RENAUD & DEAPPOLONIO, LLC, AS SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO INCLUDE OTHER VARIOUS TAX APPEALS FOR 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has a need to retain the services of Special Tax Counsel for tax appeals where Skoloff & Wolfe, P.C. have a conflict for 2019; 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**, Robert Renaud, Esq., of Palumbo, Renaud & Deappolonio, LLC 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey submitted a qualification to the City and has qualified for the aforesaid services for 2019; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or his designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. 9-01-20-156-117-271; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement for Professional Services awarded to Robert Renaud, Esq., Palumbo, Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, is hereby awarded in an amount not to exceed of $10,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between Robert Renaud, Esq. 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 said amendatory agreement consistent with Robert Renaud, Esq. to effectuate the foregoing; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 2019-343**

**CITY OF LINDEN RAT RESOLUTION**

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

8/1/2019 M&T Bank UCIA PAL Admin Fee $2,500.00

8/2/2019 Vision Service Plan August Vision Claims $4,508.06

8/6/2019 Unity Bank Worker’s Comp 7/29 – 8/4 $57,341.20

8/6/2019 Elavon, Inc. August Merchant Fee – Garage Sale $57.69

8/6/2019 Elavon, Inc. August Merchant Fee – Dog License $68.19

174251 8/8/2019 Mark Paving Void/Replace Check 173731 $38,448.51

8/9/2019 Payroll Payroll 8/13 – Current $1,839,440.71

8/9/2019 Payroll Payroll 8/13 – Trust $106,626.15

8/9/2019 Payroll Payroll 8/13 – Grant $7,933.61

8/9/2019 Payroll Payroll 8/13 – Capital $432.60

8/9/2019 Payroll Payroll 8/13 – Unemployment $381.92

8/13/2019 County of Union 3rd Quarter County Taxes $7,953,461.29

8/13/2019 TD Wealth Management UCIA Airport 2010b Debt Payment $183,124.42

8/14/2019 Unity Bank Worker’s Comp 8/5 – 8/11 $7,120.69

8/14/2019 Express Scripts/Medco Prescription Claims 7/27 – 8/9 $47,200.48

8/14/2019 Delta Dental of NJ September Dental Claims – City $39,367.40

8/14/2019 Delta Dental of NJ September Dental Claims – Sewerage $3,126.94

8/14/2019 Delta Dental of NJ September Dental Claims – Housing $1,298.88

8/14/2019 Delta Dental of NJ September Dental Claims – Library $948.88

8/14/2019 Delta Dental of NJ September Dental Claims – Cobra $35.44

8/15/2019 SHBP Retirees August Health Premium $399,885.70

8/15/2019 SHBP Active June Health Premium $633,162.44

174252 8/15/2019 NJ Motor Vehicle Comm. LPD Title Transit Wagon $60.00

8/19/2019 NJDEP, Budget & Fin. Multi Parks 1992 Debt Payment $15,880.75

8/21/2019 Unity Bank Worker’s Comp 8/12 – 8/18 $21,056.68

8/22/2019 TD Wealth Management UCIA Airport 2010b Admin Fee $3,000.00

8/23/2019 Payroll Payroll 8/27 – Current $1.806.051.95

8/23/2019 Payroll Payroll 8/27 – Trust $78,193.63

8/23/2019 Payroll Payroll 8/27 – Grant $8,061.17

8/23/2019 Payroll Payroll 8/27 – Capital $850.78

8/23/2019 Payroll Payroll 8/27 – Unemployment $343.40

8/28/2019 Unity Bank Worker’s Comp 8/19 – 8/25 $24,850.79

8/29/2019 US Bank S Wood Ave 04 Debt Payment $71,690.75

**RESOLUTION: 2019-344**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159**

**DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND**

**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 $18,297.68 from the State of New Jersey Law and Public Safety and wishes to amend its 2019 Budget to include this amount as a revenue, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Linden hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of $18,297.68 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:

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of $18,297.68 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:

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

**RESOLUTION: 2019-345**

**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 288, LOTS 3, 4.01, 4.02, 8.01, 9, 10 AND 12, AND BLOCK 321, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8 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 288, Lots 3, 4.01, 4.02, 8.01, 9 10, and 12, as well as Block 321, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (hereinafter the “**Study Area**”), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically  *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

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

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

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

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

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

Section 4. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, after giving due notice of the proposed boundaries of the Study Area and the date of the hearing to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment. The notice of the hearing shall specifically state that the redevelopment area determination shall not authorize the City or City Council to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the delineated area, for the Study Area is being investigated as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area.

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

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

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-346**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE CITY’S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 339, LOT 5 (A/K/A 327 WEST SAINT GEORGE’S AVENUE) ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN ‘AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT’ (WITHOUT CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

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

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

**WHEREAS,** on May 22, 2019, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 339, Lot 5, a/k/a 327 West Saint George’s Avenue on the tax maps of the City (hereinafter the “**Study Area**”), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment providing that a redevelopment area determination would authorize the City and City Council to use all those powers permitted by the Redevelopment Law, other than the power of eminent domain; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 9, 2019, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and recommended that the City Council designate the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria and requirements of the Redevelopment Law; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-347**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE CITY’S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 587, LOTS 3.01, 3.02 AND 3.03 ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN ‘AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT’ (WITHOUT CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

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

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

**WHEREAS,** on August 21, 2019, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 587, Lots 3.01, 3.02 and 3.03 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 September 10, 2019, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and recommended that the City Council designate the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria and requirements of the Redevelopment Law; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-348**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE CITY’S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 254, LOTS 1-10 (A/K/A IN THE AREA OF 7 NORTH WOOD AVENUE TO 27 NORTH WOOD AVENUE, AND FROM 11-15 WEST ELIZABETH AVENUE TO 101 WEST ELIZABETH AVENUE) ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN ‘AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT’ (CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

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

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

**WHEREAS,** on June 18, 2019, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 254, Lots 1-10 (a/k/a in the area of 7 North Wood Avenue to 27 North Wood Avenue and from 11-15 West Elizabeth Avenue to 101 West Elizabeth Avenue) 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 September 10, 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, including the power of eminent domain.

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

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

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

  Section 3. Based upon the findings and recommendations of the Planning Board, the Study Area is hereby designated an area in need of redevelopment other than the power of eminent domain pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of the Redevelopment Law (the “**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 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: 2019-349**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE CITY’S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 587, LOTS 8, 9 AND 23 ON THE CITY TAX MAP AS AN ‘AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT’ (WITHOUT CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

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

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

**WHEREAS,** on June 18, 2019, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known as Block 587, Lots 8, 9 and 23 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 September 10, 2019, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and recommended that the City Council designate the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria and requirements of the Redevelopment Law; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-350**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REFERRING TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN CONCERNING THE SOUTH WOOD AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT – REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

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

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

**WHEREAS**, on April 18, 2000, the City Council of the City (the “**City Council**”), pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, authorized the Planning Board of the City (the “**Planning Board**”) to determine whether the property identified as Block 254, a portion of Lot 14, Block 448, Lots 1, 2, 23, 25 and 26, Block 449, Lots 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Block 457, a portion of Lot 39 and 40, and Block 458, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.01, 5.02, 6, 7, and 8 on the official tax map of the City (“**Study Area**”), met the statutory criteria for designation as an “area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2000,the Planning Board undertook said investigation and conducted a public hearing, all in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, and recommended to the City Council that the Study Area satisfied certain statutory criteria and thus constituted an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2000, the City Council adopted a resolution which designated the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the Study Area, the City Council authorized the preparation of a redevelopment plan for the Property pursuant to the authority granted under the Redevelopment Law, that was adopted, after review and comment by the Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Planners Diversified initially prepared the redevelopment plan entitled “South Wood Avenue Redevelopment Project – Redevelopment Plan,” (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”), providing the development standards for the Study Area, as adopted by the City Council, and as and later amended on March 19, 2013 by way of Ordinance #57-14; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to refer certain amendments the Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board, as more fully set forth on *Exhibit A* attached hereto, for its review and comment, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-7 of the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board must review the proposed amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and transmit its recommendations regarding same to the City Council in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-7 of the Redevelopment Law.

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

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-7(e), the City Council hereby refers those certain, proposed amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, as described on *Exhibit A* attached hereto, to the Planning Board for review and recommendation. The Planning Board shall prepare a report regarding its recommendations as to the aforementioned amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and submit same to the City Council within 45 days after referral, as required by the Redevelopment Law.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and the proposed amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, to the Planning Board for review.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-351**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REFERRING TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT A SECOND AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 1001 WEST ELIZABETH AVENUE, BLOCK 423, LOT 4.02 (UNITED LACQUER), PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

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

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, by Resolution dated August 21, 2016, the City Council (“**City Council**”) of the City of Linden (the “**City**”) designated as “an area in need of redevelopment” the properties identified as on the City tax maps as Block 423, Lot 4.02 (the “**Redevelopment Area**”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law the City Council caused a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area to be prepared, entitled the “1001 West Elizabeth Avenue Redevelopment Plan, Block 423, Lot 4.02” dated May 8, 2018 (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2018, the City Council referred the Redevelopment Plan to the City of Linden Planning Board (the “**Planning Board**”) for its review and recommendation pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-7(e), and the Planning Board, at a duly noticed and constituted public meeting, reviewed the Redevelopment Plan and recommended the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-7(e); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 17, 2018, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 62-50, that approved the Redevelopment Plan to ensure the success of redevelopment within the Redevelopment Area in conformity with the City’s redevelopment objective; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2019, the City Council simultaneously introduced an ordinance amending the Redevelopment Plan and referring same to the Planning Board for review and comment, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2019, the Planning Board held a hearing with regard to those certain amendments to the Redevelopment Plan (the “**First Amended Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 63-7, that approved the First Amended Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to have the Planning Board review and comment upon certain, additional amendments to the First Amended Redevelopment Plan (the “**Second Amended Redevelopment Plan**”) as described on *Exhibit A* attached hereto, for its review and comment, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-7 of the Redevelopment Law.

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

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A*. 40A:12A-7(e), the City Council hereby refers the Second Amended Redevelopment Plan, as described on *Exhibit A* attached hereto, to the Planning Board for review and recommendation. The Planning Board shall prepare a report regarding its recommendations as to the aforementioned amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, and submit same to the City Council within 45 days after referral, as required by the Redevelopment Law.
3. The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and the Second Amended Redevelopment Plan, attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, to the Planning Board for review.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-352**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE LINDEN ROSELLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO ARIES LINDEN, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF AUTHORITY PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden (“City”) is a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, furnishing various municipal services within its borders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority (“Authority”) is a body corporate and politic organized pursuant to the New Jersey Sewerage Authorities Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40:14A-1, *et seq.* to, among other things, acquire, construct, maintain, operate and improve works for the collection, treatment, purification or disposal of sewerage or other wastes, and to provide for sewerage services designed to relieve pollution of the waters at the expense of the users of such services; and

**WHEREAS,** the Authority operates a sewerage disposal treatment plant (the “Plant”) that treats and currently discharges effluent into the Arthur Kill Tidal Estuary in connection with its sewerage collection and treatment operations (the “Sewer System”), at its property located at 5005 South Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS,** Aries Linden, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Aries”), intends to finance, construct, operate, and maintain a gasification facility (the “Facility”) at the Property of the Authority as above identified, including in furtherance thereof, among other things, its exclusive use of a long currently unused Authority building on the Property and the surrounding area (the “Building”), and use, on an as-needed basis, of certain of the Authority’s facilities (the “Common Facilities”) as may be approved by the Authority in its sole discretion (these portions of the Property licensed to Aries, the “Licensed Property”), all of which are governed by a separate Option Agreement for the Licensing of Real Property, as well as by a separate Use and Occupancy Agreement, between the Authority and Aries, including an Addendum thereto approved by Resolution #21-19 of the Authority, dated February 27, 2019 (all of which together shall constitutes the “Aries/Authority Agreements”); and

**WHEREAS,** the City and the Authority recognize and agree that it will be economical and otherwise advantageous to each of them, the residents of the City of Linden, and the patrons and ratepayers of the Authority, for the City and the Authority to enter into an agreement pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:65-1 *et seq*., for payment to the City for the provision of certain services by the City to the Authority important for the operation of the Plant and the Sewer System, and/or related to the implementation and operation of the Facility upon the Authority’s Property by Aries; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the proposed Shared Services Agreement, the Authority shall provide payments to the City for additional services provided at the Property as a result of Aries’ operation of the Facility, including without limit but by example, police/security, fire safety, traffic control, road maintenance for public access roads, cleaning and snow removal services leading to the Authority’s Property, including the Aries Licensed Property (collectively, the "City Services"); and

**WHEREAS,** the City and the Authority acknowledge that the City is obligated to provide the City Services to the Property, but as a result of Aries being located at the Property, there may be a need for extra City Services at the Property, and therefore same should be addressed by this Shared Services Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration for the performance and provision of the City Services, the Authority will make certain service payments to the City in connection therewith (the “Service Payments”), and shall make payment thereof to the City at the times, upon the conditions, and in the manner described in the proposed Shared Services Agreement appended hereto; and

**WHEREAS,** the City and the Authority now seek to enter into the said Shared Services Agreement for the period commencing on the date Aries commences commercial operations at the Property, and the City is desirous of approving the said Agreement.

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

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The City hereby approves of the Shared Services Agreement with the Authority in substantially the form appended hereto. All necessary City personnel and officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute, enter into and perform under the Shared Services Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-353**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

**NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Behavioral Health is an essential part of health and one’s overall wellness; and,

**WHEREAS**, Prevention of mental and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and,

**WHEREAS**, We must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and,

**WHEREAS**, An estimated two thousand people in Linden are affected by these conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, To help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the Council of the City of Linden invites all residents to participate in ***National Recovery Month(September)***; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden, in the State of New Jersey hereby designate September as **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH** and plans to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this years’ ***Recovery Month*** theme, ***“Join the Voices for Recovery: Strength Families and Communities.”***

**RESOLUTION: 2019-354**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE AUTOMATED SANITATION/RECYCLING TRUCK AND CARTS PURCHASED THROUGH A NATIONAL CO-OP, SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE) AWARDED TO SANITATION TRUCKS CORP.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain an automated sanitation/recycling truck from an authorized vendor under Sourcewell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance awarded to Sanitation Trucks Corp., 80 Furler Street, Totowa, NJ 07512, an authorized distributor for Labrie Enviroquipo Group and, waste/recycling carts an authorized distributor for Schaefer Systems International; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Sanitation Trucks Corp, an authorized distributor for Labrie Enviroquipo Group has been awarded Contract #1122014- for the provision of Waste & Recycling Vehicles and an authorized dealer of Schaefer Systems International LEG#0141217-SFR waste and recycling carts; 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 $867,602.60 and,

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

C-04-55-907-708-919 $317,602.60

C-04-55-907-709-919 $550,000.00

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Sanitation Trucks Corp. 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: 2019-355**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF BEN SHEEDY AS**

**A MEMBER OF THE LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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

That Ben Sheedy, a resident of the City of Linden, New Jersey has tendered his resignation, on August 21, 2019, as a member of the Linden Economic Development Committee, and said resignation is hereby accepted effective as of the date of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-356**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF ARMAND FIORLETTI AS**

**MEMBER OF THE LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

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

Confirming Mayor Derek Armstead’s appointment of Armand Fiorletti to the Linden Economic Development Corporation of the City of Linden as the Planning Board representative to serve for a term of one (1) years, commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019 and until his successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-357**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF NANCY SADLON A**

**MEMBER OF THE LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

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

Confirming Mayor Derek Armstead’s appointment of Nancy Sadlon to the Linden Economic Development Corporation of the City of Linden as a representative of the Linden Industrial Association to serve for a term of one (1) years, commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019 and until her successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-358**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF KATHY BURKE A**

**MEMBER OF THE LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

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

Confirming Mayor Derek Armstead’s appointment of Kathy Burke to the Linden Economic Development Corporation of the City of Linden as a representative of Linden’s Business/Industrial Community to serve for a term of one (1) years, commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019 and until his successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-359**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUE DOMINO A**

**MEMBER OF THE LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

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

That Sue Domino, a resident of the City of Linden, County of Union and State of New Jersey, shall be and he hereby is appointed a member of the Linden Economic Development Corporation of the City of Linden (Council Appointment) to serve for the term of two (2) years, commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2020, and until her successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-360**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES MOORE A**

**MEMBER OF THE LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

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

That James Moore, a resident of the City of Linden, County of Union and State of New Jersey, shall be and he hereby is appointed a member of the Linden Economic Development Corporation of the City of Linden (Council Appointment) to serve for the term of two (2) years, commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2020, and until her successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-361**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE CONTRACT A81729 FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE FROM AFFORDABLE INTERIOR SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain office furniture from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey contract A81729 awarded to Affordable Interior Systems, c/o Allstate Office Interiors, 25 Tucker Drive, :Leominster, MA 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**, Affordable Interior Systems, c/o Allstate Office Interiors, 25 Tucker Drive, Leominster, MA has been awarded State Contract A81729; 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 $7,705; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account numbers 9-01-55-274-999-019; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Affordable Interior Systems c/o Allstate Office Interiors 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: 2019-362**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR OFFICE FURNITURE THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY CO-OP TO GLOBAL INDUSTRIES Inc, c/o ALLSTATE OFFICE INTERIORS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain office furniture from an authorized vendor under the Educational Service Commission of New Jersey co-op awarded to Global Industries Inc., c/o Allstate Office Interiors, 17 West Stow Road, Marlton, NJ, an authorized vendor and,

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

**WHEREAS**; Global Industries Inc, c/o Allstate Office Interiors has been awarded co-op# contract ESCNJ 17/18-16 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 $10,080.30 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number 9-01-55-274-999-019.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Global Industries Inc, c/o Allstate Office Interiors 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: 2019-363**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING SISTER IRENA LISOWSKA AS THE**

**2019 LINDEN CONTINGENT MARSHAL TO THE**

**PULASKI DAY PARADE IN NEW YORK CITY.**

**WHEREAS,** Sister Irena Lisowska has been selected to serve as the 2019 Marshal to the 82nd Annual Pulaski Day Parade, in New York City on Sunday, October 6, 2019 by the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee of St. Theresa’s Linden, Inc., to represent thousands of Linden, and Union County residents, of Polish decent; and

**WHEREAS,** Sister Irena Lisowska was born in Wroclaw, Poland as the eldest daughter of Maria and Jozef Lisowski; and

**WHEREAS,** Sister Irena entered the Congregation of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in 1968 in Stara Wies near Brzozow; and

**WHEREAS,** While in Poland, Sister Irena taught catechesis and finished her studies with a Master’s Degree in Theology in 1979 from the Papal Theology Department where she was one of the first graduates to receive a Master’s Degree from the institution; and

**WHEREAS,** Since 2004 Sister Irena has served as the Director of Religious Education in St. Theresa/Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paull II, Linden, NJ where she coordinates the Polish and English language catechesis; and

**WHEREAS,** it is proper and fitting that Sister Irena Lisowska be recognized for the honor bestowed upon her to represent the City of Linden and its Pulaski Day Parade contingent at the 82nd Annual Parade in New York City.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate Sister Irena Lisowska on being selected as the 2019 Linden Pulaski Parade Marshal and thank her for long and dedicated service to the Polish-American community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be entered in the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden, and a copy be presented to Sister Irena in recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-364**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING KAROLINA KEPA AS**

**THE 2019 LINDEN CONTINGENT MISS POLONIA**

**TO THE PULASKI PARADE**

**WHEREAS,** the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee of St. Theresa’s Linden, Inc. recently crowned Karolina Kepaas the 2019 Miss Polonia to represent Linden at the Annual Pulaski Day Parade in New York City on Sunday, October 6, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Karolina a lifelong Linden resident is the daughter of Adam and Malgorzata Kepa. She attended School #6, Soehl Middle School and is a Senior enrolled at the Academy for Allied Health Sciences in Scotch Plains, NJ. After graduating high school, Karolina aspires to become a pediatric physician assistant with a minor in theology and religious studies; and

**WHEREAS,** in her free time, Karolina enjoys biking, hiking, playing guitar and spending time traveling with her family and friends; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the city of Linden are proud to have Karolina Kepa representing the City of Linden as the 2019 Miss Polonia at the Annual Pulaski Day Parade in New York City.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate Karolina Kepa for being selected the 2019 Miss Polonia to represent the City of Linden at the Pulaski Parade in New York City; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be entered into the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden and that a copy hereof be presented to Karolina Kepa in recognition of this prestigious honor.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-365**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING VERONICA GAJKO AS**

**THE 2019 LINDEN CONTINGENT JUNIOR MISS POLONIA**

**TO THE PULASKI PARADE**

**WHEREAS,** the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee of St. Theresa’s Linden, Inc., recently crowned Veronica Gajkoas the 2019 Junior Miss Polonia to represent Linden at the Annual Pulaski Day Parade in New York City on Sunday, October 6, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Veronica Gajko is the daughter of Miroslaw and Agnieszka Gajko and is the sister to her brothers Adam and Rafal; and

**WHEREAS,** Veronica is a lifelong Linden Resident. She attended School #8, McManus Middle School where she was a member of the Drama Club and Select Choir. Veronica is currently a freshman in Linden High School; and

**WHEREAS,** Veronica recognizes the importance of family and heritage, and is extremely honored to have been chosen as Linden’s Jr. Miss Polonia for 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Veronica is a member of the Polish Girl Scouts (ZHP) in Clark, NJ, volunteers at St. Theresa’s Parish assisting with CCD classes, and is also a part of the youth group “Soli Deo” and the Children and Youth of Mary known as “Maryjki”; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby congratulate Veronica Gajko for being selected the 2019 Junior Miss Polonia to represent the City of Linden at the Pulaski Parade in New York City; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be entered into the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden and that a copy hereof be presented to Hailey Elizabeth Birch in recognition of this prestigious honor.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-366**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR STERTIL-KONI BRIGHT MOBILE COLUMN LIFTS THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY CO-OP TO STERTIL-KONI USA C/O HOFFMAN SERVICES INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden wishes to obtain A Stertil-Koni ST 1085-3FRA E Bright Mobile Column lifts an authorized vendor under the Educational Service Commission of New Jersey co-op awarded to Stertil-Koni USA c/o Hoffman Services Inc., 55-57 East Bigelow Street. Newark, NJ an authorized vendor and,

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

**WHEREAS**; Stertil-Koni USA c/o Hoffman Services Inc. has been awarded been awarded co-op# contract ESCNJ 18/19-36-16 for Stertil-Koni ST 1085-3FRA E Bright Mobile Column lifts 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 $67,391.00 and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account number 9-01-55-274-999-019.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Linden that Stertil-Koni ST 1085-3FRA E Bright Mobile Column lifts 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: 2019-367**

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AN OBTAIN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE ROID GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RECREACTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN’S DISABLED POPULATION**

Whereas, **the** **City of Linden** desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the ROID Grant Program for approximately **$20,000** to carry out a project to support the **Linden Recreational Activities for Children and Adults**.

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

1. That **the** **City of Linden** does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
2. Recognizes and accepts that the Grant Program may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the ROID Grant Program, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Grant Program, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between **the City of Linden** and the ROID Grant Program.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

CERTIFICATION:

I, **JOSEPH C. BODEK,** the **CITY CLERK**, of **The City of Linden** hereby certify that at the meeting of the Board of Directors / Governing Body held on **SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**, the above RESOLUTION was duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-368**

**RESOLUTION TO REJOIN THEGARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE**

**FUND AND THE TO EXECUTE THE JOINT TRUST AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS,** a number of local governmental units in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Fund as permitted by the Chapter 372 Laws of 1983 (40A:10-36); and

**WHEREAS,** the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a Joint Insurance Fund contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governing Body of the City of Linden, has determined that membership in the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter referred to as the

“Fund”) is in the best interests of itself and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governing Body of the City of Linden has previously

executed a resolution to join the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund subject to the acceptance of its assessment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the City of Linden (hereinafter referred to as the “Municipality”) does hereby resolve and agree to renew its membership in the Fund for a period not to exceed three (3) years beginning January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 for the purpose of establishing the following types of coverage:

* Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability;
* General Liability including law enforcement and public officials liability;
* Motor vehicle liability;
* Property damage (buildings, contents, equipment, and motor vehicle);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Municipality has never defaulted on claims and has not been canceled for nonpayment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two years prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Fund and to deliver same to the Executive Director of the Fund with the express reservation that said document shall become effective only upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Insurance and the Department of Community Affairs.

ADOPTED:

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Linden at their Regular Meeting held on September 17, 2019.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-369**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OFFICER MIKAEL DIAZ**

**AS THE 2019 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS,** Police Officers risk their lives each and every day in order to ensure public safety and enforce the laws of the land; and

**WHEREAS,** Mikael Diaz joined the City of Linden Police Department on December 27, 2016 and dedicated himself to protecting and serving the residents of Linden, it’s neighborhoods, schools and families; and

**WHEREAS,** since that time he has distinguished himself, on numerous occasions, by proudly serving his community on the front lines of the battle against crime; and

**WHEREAS,** Officer Diaz has received awards for his role in several high-profile incidents, including two lifesaving awards. Earlier this year he received the 2018 Mothers Against Drunk Driving “Top Cop” Award for having the most DUI arrests in Union County; and

**WHEREAS,** Officer Diaz is also a State of New Jersey Certified Paramedic. He is a CPR and First Aid Trainer for the Linden Police Department and the John Stamler Police Academy. Officer Diaz developed a department-wide standardized training program for the use of tourniquets by all Patrol Officers; and

**WHEREAS,** his enthusiastic and consistent performance has earned him recognition from his supervisors for his dedication and strong work ethic. The Mayor and Council of the City of Linden wishes to honor him, and thank him, for his service to the City of Linden.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that they do hereby recognize Officer Mikael Diaz for his exemplary performance of his duties by declaring him as the City of Linden’s 2019 Police Officer of the Year and that this Resolution be entered in the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden, and a copy be presented to Officer Diaz in recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-370**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT RICK BACHMANN**

**AS THE 2019 SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS,** a Superior Officer is an individual who, in the course of their duties, has made a significant and positive impact on the services provided by the Police Department. Services may include any departmental function taken on behalf of the community, Police Department or the City as a whole; and

**WHEREAS,** a Superior Officer is someone who demonstrates exemplary leadership qualities and a commitment to furthering department goals; and

**WHEREAS,** one such Superior Officer is Rick Bachmann. Rick Bachmann joined the City of Linden Police Department on July 19, 2006 dedicating himself to protecting and serving the residents of Linden. On September 1, 2017 Officer Rick Bachmann was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant; and

**WHEREAS,** Lieutenant Bachmann was consistently demonstrated the qualities expected of a leader in the Linden Police Department. He effectively communicates with civilians, defendants, and other supervisors with respect; and

**WHEREAS,** his focus on teamwork motivates his fellow officers and brings out the best in them. Within the Police Department, Lieutenant Bachmann is seen as a mentor. In the words of a subordinate, he has “profoundly impacted the lives of all of his subordinates professionally and personally.”; and

**WHEREAS,** Lieutenant Bachmann’s enthusiastic and consistent performance has earned him recognition from his supervisors for his dedication and strong work ethic. The Mayor and Council of the City of Linden wish to honor him, and thank him, for his service to the City of Linden; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that they do hereby recognize Lieutenant Rick Bachmann for his exemplary performance of his duties by declaring him as the City of Linden’s 2019 Supervisor of the Year and that this Resolution be entered in the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden, and a copy be presented to Lieutenant Bachmann in recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-371**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SERGEANT ROBERT SANCHEZ**

**AS THE 2019 SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS,** a Superior Officer is an individual who, in the course of their duties, has made a significant and positive impact on the services provided by the Police Department. Services may include any departmental function taken on behalf of the community, Police Department or the City as a whole; and

**WHEREAS,** a Superior Officer is someone who demonstrates exemplary leadership qualities and a commitment to furthering department goals; and

**WHEREAS,** one such Superior Officer is Robert Sanchez. When Robert Sanchez joined the City of Linden Police Department on April 1, 2009 he dedicated himself to protecting and serving the residents of Linden, its neighborhoods, families and schools; and

**WHEREAS,** on August 27, 2014 Officer Sanchez was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. As Sergeant of the Support Services Division, he is responsible for Evidence, IT and the Body Worn Camera Unit. Sergeant Sanchez has managed the department’s Body Worn Camera Unit since its inception in 2015 and is recognized as an expert in the field; and

**WHEREAS,** Sergeant Sanchez is a certified Axon instructor, and was recently selected as a panelist at Axon’s National Conference which is attended by several thousand law enforcement officials. Sergeant Sanchez has trained numerous Police Departments on the best practices of Body Worn Cameras; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that they do hereby thank Sergeant Robert Sanchez for his exemplary performance of his duties and leadership qualities by declaring him as the City of Linden’s 2019 Supervisor of the Year and that this Resolution be entered in the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden, and a copy be presented to Sergeant Sanchez in recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2019-372**

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

**ON VARIOUS PREMISES FOR WORK COMPLETED BY THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC**

**PROPERTY AND DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF LINDEN**

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

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

Block 545 Lot 27 1406 S. Wood Avenue $350.00

Block 529 Lot 18 1413 Clinton Street $245.00

Block 180 Lot 46 404 Third Avenue $640.00

Block 148 Lot 9 615 Jackson Avenue $145.00

Block 359 Lot 67 353 Raritan Road $620.00

Block 78 Lot 11 1123 Hussa Street $365.00

Block 112 Lot 9 1413 Clinton Street $297.00

Block 228 Lot 5 11 Raritan Road $462.00

Block 72 Lot 11 1016 Bishop Evans Way $277.00

Block 78 Lot 11 1123 Hussa Street $355.00

Block 180 Lot 31 724 Walnut Street $210.00

Block 112 Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue $300.00

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

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

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

properties cleaned up by the

Division of Public Property and Division of Public Works employees at the cost as follows:

Block 545 Lot 27 1406 S. Wood Avenue $350.00

Block 529 Lot 18 1413 Clinton Street $245.00

Block 180 Lot 46 404 Third Avenue $640.00

Block 148 Lot 9 615 Jackson Avenue $145.00

Block 359 Lot 67 353 Raritan Road $620.00

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Block 180 Lot 31 724 Walnut Street $210.00

Block 112 Lot 9 913 Bergen Avenue $300.00

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

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

Virginia Malik. Ms. Malik asked on 2019-330, how the service being provided is paid for; 2019-333, is this a replacement or additional piece of equipment; 2019-336 is this a new or replacement piece of equipment; 2019-345, 346, 348, and 349 she asked why they were being deemed an area in need of redevelopment; 2019-350 stated that she did not understand the summary and asked for an explaination of what it is doing; 2019-352 asked if there was an exchange of money; (2019-330) Mr. Dann explained that this was an online auction, for the sale of junk vehicles, and that some of these vehicles are being replaced with the purchases that Ms. Malik had pointed out in the other resolutions she had removed for discussion. He explained the auction process. Deputy Chief Brady (2019-333) this purchase would replace engine #3, which is nearing the end of its service life. Mr. Polles, special counsel for redevelopment provided answers to the questions on redevelopment.

Diane Wilverding. (2019-350) Ms. Wilverding asked what area this involved. Mr. Roman responded informing her of the location of the property and what the purchase involved.

Craig Halloran (2019-352) Mr. Halloran noted that most people don’t know what a gasification facility is. He thought that the sewerage should come out and explain what a gasification process is, how it benefits the Authority and the residents of Linden. He wondered what the benefits were, and asked that this should be pulled from consideration until someone can explain how it will affect the sewerage rates and property taxes. (2019-361, 362 and 366) Mr. Halloran asked if the City had received any insurance money to pay for these items, due to the fire at the Municipal Garage. Mr. Bodek responded explaining that the insurance company is reimbursing the City of Linden, and the City has to purchase the items.

Mayor Armstead (352) explained that the gasification process involves the processing of sludge from the Sewerage Authority. He noted the products that the sludge would be turned into, and currently the Authority pays to dispose of the sludge, instead Aries would be purchasing the sludge. In addition to generating a revenue they will be using an existing building, on the site, and would pay taxes to the City on that building and property.

Ed Kaminsky. (2019-345 through 349) Mr. Kaminsky stated that while he was in favor of using these ordinances to coordinate development, he noted that he did have some concerns. He spoke about the report given on the Quick Check property (Clarke Property), and asked if any summons have been given to the owners to encourage them to address the issues. He thought it harsh, to the property owner, to put their property up for this kind of consideration. He asked if there was any other way to get the people talking. He asked what the end game was for the property, noting traffic and other issues that plague the area. Mr. Lospinoso provided responses to the questions asked by Mr. Kaminski regarding the reasons for taking this route, and how the Clarke property is affecting the City’s resources.

Mr. Roman spoke on the Linden Chlorine Property (2019-345) redevelopment resolution, and noted that if the site were to be redeveloped it may be possible to have a barge/rail system to service the 4 million square feet of warehousing that was to be built in Tremely Point. This would keep trucks off of the street. Regarding the Clarke Property (2019-348) he thought that this was another tool in the city tool box, to address the many issues that had been stated earlier in the meeting. He noted the report that was done about ten years ago, regarding revitalization of the City’s Transit Village area, when it received that designation, about how important this property was to the revitalization efforts. He then explained his vision for the site’s development. Regarding resolution 2019-350 amending the South Wood Ave redevelopment plan, he noted what phase 1 of the plan, was, as established by the Gerbounka administration. He then noted what phase 2 and phase 2b were. He explained that Merida wanted to expand the foot print of the development. He then described the property they were seeking to add to the redevelopment area. He stated that when a firm comes in and spreads asbestos around the City, Like Merida did, they shouldn’t be given more property to develop. He was critical of allowing this developer to continue to put up shoddy constructions and develop sites that don’t belong in a transit village.

Mrs. Ormon moved for approval of resolutions 2019-330, 332, 333,361, 336, 345, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 361, 362, and 366. Mr. Javick seconded the motion. President Yamakaitis asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Brown noted that every month there is discussion on redevelopment, which is good. He then encouraged residents to reach out to the Mayor’s office, and he can go over with them the redevelopment plans, rather then they receiving information that is not true. He noted that information can be obtained from the Mayor’s office and the Clerk’s office, He also noted that they can also reach out to the Mrs. Ormon as Chairperson of the Redevelopment Committee or Mr. Lospinoso to obtain information.

Mr. Roman stated that Mr. Brown should detail to the City of Linden, and everyone here the extent of his relationship with Merdia.

Mayor Armstead noted the various professional that have been working on these projects and objected to the starting of rumors regarding asbestos. He noted that if there was a serious violation, of the law, the State would have stepped in and put a stop to the project. He objected to the grandstanding that was taking place.

Mr. Mohammed agreed with Mr. Brown and urged those who seek information on what is going on with developments, to go to the Mayor. He termed some of the allegations being made, cheap shots. There are no secrets.

Mrs. Ormon stated the council has a lot of work to do, this is a business meeting, and objected to the child like behavior on the dais. This has to stop, if we want the public to take us seriously.

Mr. Brown stated that his comments were not made to cause a stir. If a member of the public wants to ask me questions, they can. He noted the timing of the attacks, and tied them to campaign season. The personal comments have to stop.

Mr. Strano called for a point of order, and asked that the roll call vote, on the removed resolutions, take place.

The removed resolutions were approved with all voting in favor of all, except for Mr. Roman who voted no to 2019-350 and 351, and abstained on 2019-352.

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION**

**An Ordinance entitled:**

* 1. An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

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

**7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS**

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

**DELETE:**

Name of Street No. of Spaces

217 Chandler Ave 1

300 Mitchell Ave 1

407 Washington Ave. 1

Ordinance #63-38 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

**63-39** An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic Section 7-26, Loading Zone, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

**7-26 LOADING ZONE**

Name of Street Time Side Location

**ADD:**

East Baltimore Ave All East Beginning at a point 260 feet north of the north

Curbline of Union Street and continuing 50 feet

In a northerly direction

Charles Street All West Beginning at a point 77 feet south of the south

Curbline of East St. Georges Avenue and

Continuing 50 feet in southerly direction.

Ordinance #63-39 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

* 1. An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

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

**7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS**

7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

Name of Street Spaces

**ADD:**

1215 Bower Street 1

(on Cleveland Avenue)

1. West 12th Street 1

Ordinance #63-40 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

* 1. An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

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

7-34 “Don’t Block the Box”

7-34B Critical Intersections

**ADD:**

S. Stiles St. and Gable Ln

Ordinance #63-41 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

* 1. An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

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

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

**ADD:**

Name of Street Sides Location

Charles Street Both Between E. St. George Ave and Union St.

Ordinance #63-42 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

* 1. Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of $165,000. For improvements to Veteran’s Memorial Park and authorizing the issuance of $90,250. Bonds or notes of the City for financing part of the appropriation.

Ordinance #63-43 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:**

* 1. An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter II, Administration, of an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented

Section 1. That Chapter II, Administration, Article VII, Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Authorities, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

**DELETE SECTION 2-61** in its entirety,

**ADD NEW 2-61 AS FOLLOWS:**

* 1. **LINDEN CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

Ordinance #63-44 was introduced by Mr. Brown and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

* 1. 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.

**ADD: Schedule 4-NN-7**

Ordinance #63-45 was introduced by Mr. Strano and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

* 1. An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter VII, Traffic, of an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance adopting and enacting the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden, 1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

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

**7-22.2 THREE-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS**

**ADD:**

Intersections Stop signs to be located on:

E. Baltimore Avenue E. Baltimore Ave at Union St, both directions

And Union Avenue Union St. at E. Baltimore Ave.

Ordinance #63-46 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**An Ordinance entitled:**

* 1. An ordinance to amend and create a new chapter entitled “Train Station Parking Fees of, “an ordinance adopting and enacting the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Linden,”1999,” passed November 23, 1999 and approved November 24, 1999, and as amended and supplemented.

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

Section 1 A new Chapter to be created entitled “Train Station Parking Fees”:

ADD NEW as follows:

* 1. Train Station Parking Fees.

Ordinance #63-47 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:**

* 1. An Ordinance amending Chapter VII, Section 20 entitled “One-way Streets”

Section 1. That Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-20, One Way Streets, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

**7-20- ONE WAY STREETS**

Name of Street Direction Parking Permitted

**ADD:**

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

Remove Union Street between E.

Baltimore Ave. & John St.

Ordinance #63-48 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

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

unanimously ordered approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Craig Halloran, 120 Donaldson Place. Mr. Halloran thanked Mrs. Zack for taking the time to help a taxpayer with a problem. He stated that Mrs. Zack not only took the time to listen to a problem but to hear it, something that we, a lot of the times don’t do. We all should take the time to hear the problems that people have. He suggested that each council member should have an item, in the budget for $10,000.00, to spend on a project in their ward. He offered several examples of what he was taking about. He also recommended that departments get some of the money that they brought in, to purchase items that they need. Mr. Halloran then spoke about the issue of banning single use plastic bags, and some of the things that he learned at last nights conference meeting. Lastly, he spoke about the issue of storm sewers that are in need of work, and where the ones spoken about the only ones that need to be addressed.

Tanya Grisset, 422 S. Wood Ave. Ms. Grisset stated that she was a proud Sixth Warder. She went on to speak about Soehl Middles school and how proud she was that it now has crossing guards. She thanked Chief Hart, and the Traffic Division, and noted that they came out to back to school night, to hear the concerns of Soehl parents. She commended the crossing guards for the job that they do. Ms. Grisset spoke about attending Ms. Cosby’s cancer walk, and that she was sorry that she missed out on Danni Armstead’s “chat and chew.” She then talked about attending the Democratic Club’s Clambake, noting that it was a great event. Everyone was there, and all managed to put their differences aside, and had a good time. She hoped that it could continue to the council meeting. She asked all, with schools being open, to drive carefully, and give yourself enough time so that you don’t have to rush and speed.

Anthony Mislan, 444 Inwood Road. Mr. Mislan noted that month after month, the citizens receive the agenda, and Council asks if there any questions, but what is the point if no one can answer the questions. He provided an example, and stated that if no one can give answers, then why are you voting on the ordinances and resolutions. No one talks and no one gives out the proper information.

John Kazor, 22 Munsell Ave. Mr. Kazor stated that he had raised his hand to speak on a resolution, and he was ignored. He then informed Council that Mrs. Hickey was not present, because she was sick, as she is fine, but because of this guy. He stated that he wanted this guy to go through a metal detector before he comes here. He then noted that last night the Mayor had no comment, and no comment is definitely a comment. Mr. Kazor noted that last night he talked about the Mayor hiding raising taxes. He then noted that the sewer bill may go up. Next, he spoke about National Recovery Month, and noted that he is a grateful member of Linden’s recovering community. He went on to state that is his true passion. He then criticized the Mayor for the presentation of the resolution, and calling the people, by Quick Check, undesirables. He continued on, noting various other issues of concern to him, and concluded by offering praise for the Fourth Ward Community event.

Ramona Bulle, 841 E. Henry St. Ms. Bulle commended the Mayor for the job he is doing, and stated that the negativity has got to stop. If the Mayor wasn’t supposed to be in office, then the people would not have chosen him for a second term. Mayor Armstead is doing a good job, there is a lot going on, in Linden. The animosity has to stop, and we all have to get along.

Roger Levy, 854 Fulton St., Brooklyn, NY. Mr. Levy thanked the governing body for allowing him to address them. He stated that he is a pilot and aircraft owner, and was here tonight to speak on behalf of the Friends of Linden Airport. The mission of the Friends was to keep Linden Airport open for aircraft as well as helicopters. He thanked the City for the remediation plan that was put in place, but expressed his concerns for the Council vote to place a moratorium on applying for future FAA grants. Mr. Levy noted that the pilots, at the airport have come to the conclusion that the City plans to sell off parts of the airport, leaving just enough for helicopter operations. He noted his other concerns.

Ed Kaminsky, Maple Ave. Mr. Kaminsky addressed his comments to Mr. Mohammed. He stated that if you have something important to say, that affects the public, they say it in public and on camera. He provided an example of what he was taking about. The animosity keeps coming up, because things are never addressed in a coherent and transparent way, and provided an example regarding the asbestos issue on Wood Ave. People asked questions and they need to be addressed. Next Mr. Kaminsky spoke on the issue of development, and asked why there weren’t any reports. If there were reports, it would cut down on the back and forth. He noted how other cities handle these issues. He asked if there is a development committee, then there should be a report. He added that what he wanted to see was a bit of transparency and people doing their homework.

Henry Mack. Mr. Mack started his comments with a prayer, and quotes from the bible. He talked about his recent attendance, at a concert and what the people told him. The governing body needs to go forth with the City of Linden’s business. There are good people in Linden doing good things.

There being no further members of the public wishing to speak, Mr. Mohammed moved to close the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mr. Roman stated that he wanted to revert back, but did not want to beat a dead horse. He told Mr. Mack that he was sorry to have failed him, of what you had asked me. Mr. Roman stated, to the Mayor, that he respects the job that he is doing, but objected to being called the little boy who called wolf, when the Mayor knew the extent that it was a lie. He next addressed Ms. Bulle by stating that he wanted to make this City, and the Sixth Ward, the best that it could be. He stated that once the cancer is cut out, and Ms. Bulle daughter comes to Council, next year, it will make next year a great year.

Mr. Brown stated he doesn’t pay attention to the negative social media stuff. He spoke about how he would rather spend his life, instead of being surrounded by the negativity. The animosity has now filtered down to the public, and he gave some examples of what he was speaking about. He doesn’t want to be associated with toxic comments and negativity. He then spoke about a concept called trolling and explained it.

Mr. Medina stated that he failed, during his report, to provide an update on the North Wood Ave paving, between Amsterdam and Raritan Rd. He finally made contact with the Mayor of Roselle. All of the steak holders should be meeting on how to address this issue.

Mayor Armstead asked all those hear tonight and watching, to drive down St. Georges Ave, and see the nice development that is going up. He went on to state that there were council people who were against it, not because it was a bad idea, but because it was his idea. The same holds true with Aries Energy and the Sewerage Authority.

President Yamakaitis spoke about the Council meeting being a business meeting and all have to follow the rules of order. She noted some of those rules, and offered to share the rules with anyone wanting them, and answer questions about the rules.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Yamakaitis made the following announcements:

\*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the governing body, Mr. Mohammed moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ormon and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk