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Fwd: OPRA request - City Resolution 2019-392

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Records requested:

The text of City Resolution 2019-392 passed on October 15, 2019.

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Yours faithfully,

Roman Broszkowski

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RESOLUTION: 2019-392

**RESOLUTION REFERRING THE FINDINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE FORMED PURSUANT
TO N.J.S.A. 40:48-25 AND IN REFERENCE TO A CERTAIN
FORMER MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR**

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

WHEREAS, the MCIC was formed to investigate a certain former Municipal Prosecutor, who was required to be present in court three days a week, not including holidays, vacation or personal

WHEREAS, the MCIC has concluded its investigation, and has provided its report to the Mayor and Council.

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

1. The City Council hereby refers the findings of the MCIC’s report to the U.S. Attorney, the Attorney General, the Union County Prosecutor and the Department of Treasury.
2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of the MCIC’s report to the U.S. Attorney, the Attorney General, the Union County Prosecutor and the Department of Treasury.

PASSED: October 15, 2019

President of Council

APPROVED: October 16, 2019

Derek Armstead, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

**Minutes of the Regular
Meeting of the 2019 Council of the
City of Linden, held Tuesday,
October 15, 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, October 15, 2019 at 7:27 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
Councilwoman	Alfred Mohammed
Councilman	Rhashonna Cosby
Councilman	John F. Roman
Councilman	Ralph Strano
Councilwoman	Paul Coates
Council President	Gretchen Hickey
Mayor	Michele Yamakaitis
	Derek Armstead

President Yamakaitis noted that Mr. Medina was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Ormon moved for approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Ms. Cosby and Mrs. Hickey, who abstained.

PRESENTATIONS

**HONORING MARGARET LAM AND PROSPERITY RESOURCE
INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

President Yamakaitis called upon Mayor Armstead to come forward and make a presentation to Margaret Lam of Prosperity Resource International, Inc. Mayor Armstead about the Linden's unique mix of its business and residential communities and how they strengthen each other, and the role that Ms. Lam places in that mix. He then read the resolution honoring Ms. Lam and her company. Ms. Lam thanked the Mayor and spoke about what an honor this presentation was for her.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HONORING CAROLYN KONRAD FREES AS A 11 MONTH BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR

SUPPORTING OCTOBER 13, 2019 AS NATIONAL METASTATIC BREAST CANCER DAY

President Yamakaitis called upon the Mayor and Ms. Cosby to make a presentation to Kelly Ann Frees, who was representing her mother, Carolyn, who could not be present. Mayor Armstead complimented Ms. Cosby on being very supportive of women with breast cancer. Ms. Cosby spoke about her history celebrating breast cancer survivors, since she got on Council 9 years ago, and read the resolution honoring Carolyn Frees. Ms. Frees noted her mother's regrets for not being able to be present this evening, and spoke about how much the resolution meant not only to her mom, but to the entire family. She thanked the Mayor and members of Council.

President Yamakaitis called upon the Mayor, to make a presentation to Laura O'Brien, declaring October 13, 2019 as National Metastatic Breast Cancer Day in Linden. The Mayor read the resolution, and

called them the real voice of Linden. Mr. Coates about the need for Linden to move forward, but only if all worked together as a team, and stopped the bickering. It is all personal and not about business.

Mr. Coates then spoke about Halloween, and provided several safety hints. He concluded by thanking Linden.

Tenth Ward

Mrs. Hickey thanked Mr. Coates for his service and wish him the best. She then gave a report on the first Sunnyside picnic, noting that all had enjoyed themselves, and pointed out some of the activities that had taken place. She then announced that the American Legion was having a Veterans Day service, provided details on the event and asked residents to come out and support them. She also announced that on the last Saturday, in January, the Linden Housing Authority would be hosting its annual Casino night. This one will be the Tenth time that it is held, and it will be a special event. She thanked Council for removing an item, from the agenda, regarding the Housing Authority.

Mrs. Hickey noted that she had welcomed the comments, by the Mayor, that she should serve on the Special Improvement District, and said that she wanted to work, with him. She invited him to meet her at schools in her ward so that they work to address some of the issues that exist. In this way great things can happen for the families and children.

Mrs. Hickey spoke about the Neighbor APP, and an issue that was occurring. She promised to be more responsive. She informed all about the Kiwanis Club annual Taste of the Towns, provided details on the event, and urged all to attend. Next she spoke about the great job that OEM was doing and noted the equipment that they need to have purchased. She also requested that a camera be placed outside of the OEM building.

Mrs. Hickey asked residents, in need of a tree to be trimmed to please email her. She thanked all for the birthday wishes, and extended her sympathy to the Braxton Family.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Armstead congratulated William Hasko on his promotion to Fire Chief, and added that he know that he knows that he would do a great job. Next he spoke about the Heritage Square Development, and announced that Chick-fil-a, Taco Bell and La Fitness have all received site plan approval, and would soon be opening. He talked about the planned grand opening, by Walmart, and the role that the Linden First Program had in filling the job openings for Walmart. The Mayor spoke about the Linden First job fair, how successful it was and provided statistics on the large number of employers and job seekers that attended.

Mayor Armstead spoke about the upcoming Latin Festival that the City would be hosting, for the first time. He provided details on the event and urged all to come out and enjoy. He informed all about the upcoming Fifth Annual Car Show that would be taking place at Aviation Plaza, and talked about how the funds raised would be used. The Mayor announced the plans for upcoming Harvest Party, which would be held at the Multi-Purpose Center, and explained how individuals could help out by making donations, and how to do that. In conclusion he announced that the Kiwanis Club would be sponsoring the Seventh Annual Taste of the Town. He noted the details, including the cost of tickets, and urged all to come out and attend this wonderful event.

President Yamakaitis spoke about the Harvest Party, and how donations of Candy for the event, could be made. Next she spoke about the recently held First Annual Polish Festival, the great success that it was and thanked the Department of Parks and Recreation, Nancy Braxton, for their help. She also thanked several others for their efforts in planning and putting this event together and making it a huge success.

RESOLUTIONS

President Yamakaitis made the following announcement:

President Yamakaitis noted that an additional resolution, 2019-392 was being added to the agenda, and had the clerk read the title (summary) of the resolution.

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.

WHEREAS, the City of Linden is requesting funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Freight Impact Fund Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Linden formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LFIF-2020-Lower Road (Section 2)-00050 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Linden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Linden and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Craig Halloran, 2019-275 and 383. Mr. Halloran asked, on 275, what the purpose of the subdivision was, and on 383 what a EUS was. Mr. Antonelli responded to 275 and Ms. Zack responded to 383.

Michael Lindle, 2019-375. Mr. Lindle asked if the acreage being taken from Wilson Park, for use by the Board of Education use, would be replaced in another area of the City. Mr. Antonelli responded.

Mr. Javick moved for approval of resolutions 2019-375 and 2019-383. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohammed and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

President Yamakaitis announced that the ROTC was raising money, what the fundraiser was and what the funds would be used for.

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ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

An Ordinance entitled:

- 63-49** Ordinance to adopt a second amendment to the redevelopment plan entitled "1001 West Elizabeth Avenue Redevelopment Plan – Block 423, Lot 4.02," pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

Ordinance #63-49 was introduced by Mrs. Ormon and was read on first reading by the Deputy Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Ormon, seconded by Mr. Javick the foregoing Ordinance was on roll call vote ordered approved, with all voting yes, except Ms. Cosby, who abstained and Mr. Roman and Mr. Coates who voted no.

An Ordinance entitled:

Mrs. Ormon moved to close the public comment portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and was unanimously ordered approved.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Mr. Roman stated to Mr. Coates, that may God bless him. He then addressed Mr. Blaine, stating that he awaits the day, next month, when Mr. Blaine is up here, wished him luck and offered to help him in any way he could. He provided information about what would be happening to the other tenants in the current Walmart shopping center. Thanked the FMBA for their help with the September to Remember, and how the proceeds of the money raised would be used.

Ms. Cosby spoke about the renovations to the Fifth Ward Park. She noted, in response to Ms. Malick, that the City's policy is not to name anything after an individual who was not an elected official, however maybe bench in the park could have a memorial placard for Nancy Braxton and the reasons why.

Mr. Brown spoke about the reasons why he is still on Council.

Mrs. Hickey stated that people in glass houses should not throw stones. She noted that she has spoken to Union County about Stiles St and how the edges of the road is crumbling. She noted other work that needed to be done. She has been informed that North Stiles St. will be paved next year, and some of the other issues are already being addressed.

Mrs. Ormon thanked the Linden Police Department for protecting Wales Park and thanked Mr. Mack for making her smile this evening. (Mr. Roman left the meeting.)

President Yamakaitis thanked the public for their comments and asked that when they come up to the microphone that they be respectful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Yamakaitis made the following announcements:

*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting.
Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

*Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 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. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk