

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Matt Levinson led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Michael Salerno; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilman Todd Michael

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; CJ Kaenzig, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025 Regular and the January 7, 2026 Reorganization without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

28-2026 A Resolution honoring John Moran

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 28 of 2026 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolution No. 28. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCE

1 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC STREET SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND TO RELEASE THE PUBLIC RIGHTS THEREIN – A PORTION OF PIERCE AVENUE, AND REPEALING OTHER ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HERewith.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1 of 2026 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Ordinance No. 1 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 1. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, **Consent Agenda**, are considered to be routine by City Council, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds and any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

29-2026 A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for bids for Janitorial Services for the City of Linwood

30-2026 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-03, to Mainland Performing Arts Parents Organization

31-2026 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-04, to Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Atlantic & Cape May Counties

32-2026 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-05, to Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Atlantic & Cape May Counties

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 33-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2026-03, to Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Atlantic & Cape May Counties
- 34-2026** A Resolution approving temporary signage for Mainland Jr. Stangs Lacrosse
- 35-2026** A Resolution approving temporary signage for Mainland United Soccer Association
- 36-2026** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2-Final with Vortex Services, LLC with regard to the 2025 Sewer Lining Project, Contract No. 43
- 37-2026** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 with Cement Works Plus LLC with regard to the Memorial Park Concrete Pads
- 38-2026** A Resolution awarding Non-Competitive Contracts for Professional Services to Eric S. Goldstein as Planning Board Solicitor and Vincent Polistina as Planning Board Engineer
- 39-2026** A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to participate in an Electronic Tax Sale
- 41-2026** A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Triad Associates for Accessory Apartment Implementation Services for the City of Linwood
- 42-2026** A Resolution requesting OceanFirst Bank to establish Escrow Accounts with regard to the Burwick Avenue Improvements

Council President Ford reported that Resolution No. 43 of 2026 to appoint Jim Galantino as Acting Construction Official/Building Inspector was added in the Caucus Meeting. Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Resolutions No. 29-39, 41-43 of 2026. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,213,549.47

Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Ford opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor.

RESOLUTIONS

- 40-2026** A Resolution closing the meeting of January 28, 2026

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 40 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolution No. 40. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

City Council entered the closed session at 6:18 p.m.

At 7:14 p.m., Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to exit the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was approved.

- 27-2026** A Resolution authorizing additional funds for a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Barker, Gelfand James & Sarvas, P.C. for Legal Services regarding a personnel matter

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 27 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolution No. 27. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk