

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**February 11, 2026**

Council President Ford called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Michael Salerno; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford

Absent: Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Councilman Todd Michael

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; CJ Kaenzig, Engineer's Office; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Captain Frank Gabriel, Fire Department; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026, Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Walcoff advised of a Change Order No. 1 – Final with South State, Inc. with regard to the resurfacing of Barr Avenue. The change is a decrease in the contract amount.
2. Councilman Walcoff discussed a Resolution authorizing submission of a Local Recreation Improvement Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. We are requesting \$15,000 to purchase concrete picnic game tables and an outdoor bicycle pump.

4. Councilman Kelly

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Kelly informed everyone that the Library Replacement project is ongoing.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Kelly advised of a Resolution canceling prior year taxes on 214 Barr Avenue, which previously qualified for veterans' tax-exempt status and subsequently sold.
2. Councilman Kelly reviewed a Resolution canceling taxes for a disabled veteran at 411 Danielle Drive.

6. Councilman Michael

A. Public Safety

1. Council President Ford advised that John Moran will receive an honorary Resolution tonight for his retirement from the City.

7. President Ford

A. Administration

1. Council President Ford advised of a Resolution authorizing a Raffle License to Mainland Crew Association.
2. Council President Ford advised of a Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to AtlantiCare Behavioral Health for the Employee Assistance Program.

8. Solicitor's Report

- A. Mr. Youngblood discussed two Ordinances with regard to the City's compliance with the fourth round Affordable Housing Rules. In addition to these Ordinances, an amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan will be on the Planning Board's agenda for next week and then back to Council for the next meeting in February. Other Ordinances will need to be revised later in the year.

At 6:06 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
City Administrator/Municipal Clerk