

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Council President Eric Ford led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilwoman Blair Albright; and 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 Councilman Kelly, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026 Regular without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

The Mayor read and presented an Honorary Resolution to Sergeant John Moran upon his retirement. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated Sgt. Moran.

ORDINANCE

2 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 78 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AFFORDABLE HOUSING", AND REPEALING OTHER ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 2 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilwoman Albright and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

3 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 124 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ENTITLED DEVELOPMENT FEES", AND REPEALING OTHER ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Salerno, to approve Ordinance No. 3 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilwoman Albright and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

48-2026 A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to AtlantiCare Behavioral Health for the Employee Assistance Program

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 48 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Salerno, to approve Resolution No. 48. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Levinson and Councilwoman Albright 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.

- 44-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-06, to Mainland Crew Association
- 45-2026** A Resolution authorizing the cancelation of prior year property taxes for Block 136 Lot 1 previously qualified for Veterans' tax-exempt status and subsequently sold
- 46-2026** A Resolution authorizing the cancelation of taxes of a Disabled Veteran for Block 122 Lot 6 located at 411 Danielle Drive in the Cit of Linwood
- 47-2026** A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 – Final with South State, Inc with regard to the resurfacing of Barr Avenue
- 49-2026** A Resolution authorizing submission of a Local Recreation Improvement Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolutions No. 44-47, 49 of 2026. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,700,688.02

Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilwoman Albright 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.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor acknowledged what a nice ceremony it was for Sergeant Moran adding that he was an asset to the Department and will be missed.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff congratulated Public Works and the Public Safety Departments on their efforts during the recent snow event.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly also acknowledged what a great ceremony it was for Sergeant Moran and included that is what makes it great to be in Linwood.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to adjourn at 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk