

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**April 8, 2026**

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Michael Salerno; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilwoman Blair Albright.

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

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, Caucus meeting and the March 25, 2026 Caucus meeting without formal reading. Three members of Council voted in the affirmative. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

3. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilman Walcoff advised an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading establishing regulations for privately owned salt storage.
2. Councilman Walcoff reviewed an Ordinance to vacate a portion of Edna Avenue.
3. Councilman Walcoff advised of a Resolution authorizing the appointment of Jim Galantino to the positions of Construction Official/Building SubCode Official and Building Inspector.

4. Councilman Kelly

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Kelly introduced representatives from the Historical Society; Sue Marino, Judy Branin, and Sandy Sharpe, to discuss upcoming plans. Those include the hometown hero banners, a mural on the white building next to the museum, and the July 4 bike parade.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a tax-exempt property located at 1803 Shore Road.
2. Councilman Levinson reviewed a Resolution authorizing the establishment of a Developer Escrow Master Account with OceanFirst Bank
3. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing the use of the average percentage of collection in calculating the reserve for uncollected taxes
4. Councilman Levinson advised that the 2026 budget is on the agenda for introduction. The Finance Committee met again today to confirm the final document. When they began meeting a few weeks ago the tax increase was over 8 cents. It is now down to 4.9 cents. 3 cents of the increase is due to the increase in health insurance costs.

6. Councilman Walcoff

A. Public Works

1. Councilman Walcoff asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 85 of 2026 to the agenda authorizing the City's application for Community Development Block Grant Funds. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly to add Resolution No. 85. Motion was approved.

7. Council President Ford

A. Administration

1. Council President Ford advised of Resolutions authorizing the issuance of Raffle Licenses and a Bingo License to Muckdogs Inc.

At 6:21 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
City Administrator/Municipal Clerk