

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 22, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 Todd Michael; Councilman Michael Salerno; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor, with one abstention from Councilwoman Albright. Motion approved.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The Mayor administered the Oaths of Office to Lieutenant Charles Champion, Sergeant Sean Boylan, and Sergeant James Cohen. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated and commended those members promoted.

RESOLUTIONS

93-2026 A Resolution designating August 2026 as Military Veterans Appreciation Month in the City of Linwood

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 93 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolution No. 93. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The Mayor read and presented the Resolution to veteran Ed Dixon.

ORDINANCE

5 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 EDNA AVENUE, AND REPEALING OTHER ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 5 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 5 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 5. 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 seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

6 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 6 of 2026 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 6 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

- 86-2026** A Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to advertise for the sale of City owned land and premises located at Block 127, Lots 2.02 and 2.03 in the City of Linwood
- 87-2026** A Resolution authorizing entering into an Agreement with Atlantic County for Municipal Aerial Mosquito Control Spraying
- 88-2026** A Resolution approving Temporary Signage for the Atlantic County Numismatic Society Coin Show
- 90-2026** A Resolution confirming the appointment of Ryan Brenner to the Linwood Recreation Board
- 91-2026** A Resolution authorizing a refund to Dennis Donohoe with regard to a Development Review Committee application fee
- 92-2026** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 – Final with Arawak Paving Co., Inc with regard to the Improvements to Monroe Avenue
- 94-2026** A Resolution authorizing a refund to Thomas & Carole Balsitis with regard to a sewer service expense
- 95-2026** A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancellation of taxes of a disabled veteran for Block 33 Lot 6 located at 100 E. Seaview Avenue in the City of Linwood

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 Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 86-88, 90-92, 94-95 of 2026. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,046,330.22

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

89-2026 A Resolution closing the meeting of April 22, 2026 to discuss pending litigation
The City Clerk read Resolution No. 89 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolution No. 89. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

City Council entered the closed session at 6:32 p.m.

At 6:59 p.m., Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to exit the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was approved.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to adjourn at 7:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk