

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
May 11, 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; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilman Michael Salerno

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Captain Frank Gabriel, Fire Department; Leon Costello, City Auditor; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2026 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor will be presenting a Proclamation to Eagle Scout Jacob Silvern at the Regular meeting.

4. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson reviewed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and establish a CAP bank.
2. Councilman Levinson indicated that the public hearing and adoption of the 2026 budget is on the agenda.
3. Councilman Levinson advised of a refund of tax overpayment for 1026 Bartlett Drive.
4. Councilman Levinson reviewed the Salary Ordinance on the agenda for first reading.

5. Councilman Michael

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing the hiring of Catherine Cruse as a Substitute School Crossing Guard.

6. Council President Ford

A. Administration

1. Council President Ford reviewed of a Resolution authorizing Raffle Licenses to CASA.
2. Council President Ford advised of a Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Barker, Gelfand James & Sarvas, P.C. for legal services regarding a personnel matter.
3. Council President Ford advised of a Resolution authorizing an unpaid leave of absence pursuant to the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act

At 6:03 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator/Municipal Clerk