

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 25, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 4:23 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Todd Michael led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Michael Salerno; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Mayor Darren Matik

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2025 Regular without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. 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.

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| 123-2025 | A Resolution authorizing the approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of Joseph Avenue, Kietro Drive, Forest Drive & Ross Lane project |
| 124-2025 | A Resolution authorizing the approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Linwood Bike Path Expansion project |
| 125-2025 | A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Linwood approving a Fourth Round Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan and requesting program and Court approval of the Spending Plan |
| 126-2025 | A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Linwood endorsing a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan |
| 127-2025 | A Resolution awarding the Contract to Shore Top Construction Corp. for the Memorial Park Improvements Phase 1B Contract No. 60 |
| 128-2025 | A Resolution authorizing the placement of a lien on Block 163, Lot 7, 200 Haines Avenue, in accordance with Chapter 99, Section 3 of the Code of the City of Linwood |
| 129-2025 | A Resolution authorizing the release of the Performance Guarantee for Charter Tech Annex, LLC with regard to the 1901 New Road Townhouses project in the City of Linwood |
| 130-2025 | A Resolution awarding a Contract to Ascent Midatlantic LLC for the Linwood Library Elevator Replacement Project |

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolutions No. 123-130 of 2025. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$267,177.80

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilwoman Albright. 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.

Gina Anderson, 570 Central Avenue, Linwood – Mrs. Anderson is a representative of the Linwood Panthers Football organization. Their organization was advised that sponsorship signs are not going to be permitted along the fences at the park from now on. They looked into the cost of the flags that were suggested by the Recreation Board and they are expensive. She asked that they be permitted to put the regular signs on the fence this year and then look for a new solution.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He advised that the intent of the decision to eliminate signs on the fences at the park is not intended to hurt sports organization. Council is still trying to explore the new improvements to the park and he is confident there will be a solution.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He understands the sign provisions could be a burden and suggested doing what lacrosse does for their home games which is using larger lawn sponsorship signs and just placing them out during the game. They remove them right after the game.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly thanked Mrs. Anderson for attending the meeting and advised her that Council will come up with a solution.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright thanked Mrs. Anderson for attending the meeting and advised that Council will discuss the situation further.

Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno was invited to the recent Mainland Regional High School graduation and noted what a great experience it was to be in attendance.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford is sure Council will come up with a solution regarding signage. He congratulated the 4th graders on being clapped out, the 8th grade graduates, and the Mainland Regional High School graduates. He also advised of the upcoming July 4 Bike Parade beginning at 10:00am at the Fire House.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 4:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk