

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:51 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; CJ Kaenzig, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2026, Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

ORDINANCES

11 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90, BICYCLES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH NEW JERSEY LAW AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 11 of 2026 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Ordinance No. 11 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

12 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266, VEHICLES, MOTOR-DRIVEN, ARTICLE II, OPERATION ON BICYCLE PATH, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS CONSISTENCE WITH NEW JERSEY LAW AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 12 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Ordinance No. 12 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

13 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 119 CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, SECTION 119-3 FEES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 13 of 2026 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Ordinance No. 13 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 13. 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.

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.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 143-2026** A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancelation of taxes of a disabled veteran for Block 33 Lot 6 located at 100 E. Seaview Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 144-2026** A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancelation of taxes of a disabled veteran for Block 181 Lot 6 located at 114 E. Glenside Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 145-2026** A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancelation of taxes of a disabled veteran for Block 9 Lot 1 located at 2306 Wabash Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 146-2026** A Resolution authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments
- 147-2026** A Resolution requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 for a Community Development Block Grant
- 148-2026** A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancelation of taxes of a disabled veteran for Block 46 Lot 13 located at 211 Morris Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 149-2026** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Philip Ward as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 150-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-18, to Hope Exists Foundation Inc
- 151-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-19, to BPOE Gallow Twp Lodge #2845
- 152-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-20, to BPOE Gallow Twp Lodge #2845
- 153-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2026-7, to BPOE Gallow Twp Lodge #2845
- 154-2026** A Resolution confirming the appointment of Robert Bullard to the Linwood Recreation Board
- 155-2026** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to release the Performance Guarantee with regard to Block 13 Lots 16.01 and 16.02 in the City of Linwood
- 156-2026** A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to ACT Engineers, Inc. for the development of a Community Energy Plan & Public Planning for the City of Linwood
- 157-2026** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to enter into a Contract with Atlantic Salt Inc. and Chemical Equipment Labs through the Atlantic County Cooperative Purchasing Program
- 158-2026** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Linwood Panthers
- 159-2026** A Resolution of the City of Linwood, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey supporting landing the F-35 in NJ and urging the United States Air Force to base F-35 fighter jets at the 177th Fighter Wing in Atlantic County, New Jersey
- 160-2026** 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
- 161-2026** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Kenneth Brummett as a Laborer in the City of Linwood Public Works Department

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 143-161 of 2026. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,648,715.80

Councilman Walcott motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, two abstentions from Councilwoman Albright, and Councilman Levinson. Councilman Michael was 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

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk