

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:19 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Blair Albright led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Ken Kelly

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2025 Regular without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

Mainland 3/4 Girls Green Lacrosse Team
Mainland 3/4 Girls White Lacrosse Team
Mainland 5/6 Boys Lacrosse Team

Councilman Levinson read and presented the honorary Resolutions to each team. The Mayor and Council congratulated the teams.

ORDINANCE

6 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED BICYCLES, AND LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTERS WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 6 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 6 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 6. 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 six in the affirmative and Councilman Kelly absent. Motion was approved.

7 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 140 FEES, ARTICLE VI BOARD OF RECREATION 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. 7 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 7 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Kelly absent. Motion was approved.

8 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266 VEHICLES, MOTOR-DRIVEN, ARTICLE II OPERATION ON BICYCLE PATH 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. 8 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 8 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 8. 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 six in the affirmative and Councilman Kelly absent. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCE (continued)

9 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 8-2021, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 155 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, TO AMEND THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR DESIGNATION, TO REQUIRE AN APPROVED FLOODPLAIN PERMIT PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A ZONING PERMIT, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF MARKET VALUE AND WETFLOOD PROOFING, AND TO SET FEES FOR FLOODPLAIN APPLICATIONS

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 9 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 9 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Kelly absent. 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.

- 147-2025** A Resolution awarding the Contract to T & C Sports for the street hockey decking for the Linwood hockey court
- 148-2025** A Resolution authorizing entering into a Shared Services Agreement with Atlantic County for web hosting and access to the County's Content Management System
- 149-2025** A Resolution authorizing Shared Services Agreement and Memorandums of Understanding between the City and Linwood Board of Education for two Special Class III Officers
- 150-2025** A Resolution authorizing Shared Services Agreement and Memorandums of Understanding between the City and Mainland Regional High School Board of Education for one Special Class III Officer
- 151-2025** A Resolution authorizing the submission of a Minor Subdivision Application to the Linwood Planning Board
- 152-2025** A Resolution recognizing October 6, 2025 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day
- 153-2025** A Resolution referring a Street Vacation Application for a portion of Pierce Avenue to the Linwood Planning Board
- 154-2025** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Atlantic for the Implementation of a Geospatial Data Solution
- 155-2025** A Resolution awarding the Contract to ProCrete, LLC for the Installation of Street Hockey Decking for the Linwood Hockey Court

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 147-155 of 2025. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$3,011,867.99

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

Jack Verseput, 306 Poplar Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Verseput indicated that loose dogs on the bike path are a problem. He asked if more curbing could be painted yellow at the intersection of Poplar, Maple & Oakgrove, and requested an additional crossing guard at Maple & Poplar Avenue.

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

Mayor Matik – The Mayor advised that the street vacation application for a portion of Pierce Avenue has been referred to the Planning Board. The applicant will notice the adjacent property owners. He advised that there should not be loose dogs on the bike path and the Police will enforce the issue. The Mayor also advised that if there is additional curb paint required at the intersection, and it meets engineering standards, it will be painted. He will look into the additional crossing guard. The Mayor commended City Council on the action taken regarding electric bikes and scooters. The City now has a comprehensive ordinance for enforcement. Linwood is the first municipality to adopt such an ordinance and other municipalities will soon be adopting similar laws. He thanked City Council for protecting the citizens of Linwood.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright congratulated the lacrosse teams that were honored tonight. She recognized tomorrow as the anniversary of September 11 and asked everyone to be safe.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael congratulated the lacrosse teams. He agrees with Mr. Verseput that loose dogs are a problem. The ordinance on electric bikes addresses an ongoing problem. He hopes it will help prevent future tragedies. He is proud of this Council for their efforts.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson congratulated the lacrosse teams. He is happy to see how the program has grown. He commended the Public Safety Committee on the electric bike regulations and is also proud of Council's actions.

Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno congratulated Chief Cunningham on his recent accomplishment. He had the opportunity to drop off his child at Seaview School last week for the first time. That is the school Councilman Salerno attended as well. He is so proud that his child is now attending Seaview. It is such a great community atmosphere. Councilman Salerno also noted how great the new first responder vehicle looks.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff reminded everyone of the detour on Shore Road and advised everyone to take their time. He also observed the recent passing of Charlie Kirk.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford congratulated the lacrosse teams. He also congratulated Chief Cunningham. He welcomed the kids back to school at Seaview, Belhaven, and Mainland. He reminded everyone to slow down and take their time.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk