

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Council President Eric Ford led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Michael Salerno; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilman Todd Michael; and Councilman Adam Walcott.

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

Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Salerno, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2026, Regular meeting without formal reading. All present 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. Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 11 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 11. 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 four in the affirmative, and Councilwoman Albright, Councilman Michael, and Councilman Walcott absent. 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 Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Ordinance No. 12 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 12. 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 four in the affirmative, and Councilwoman Albright, Councilman Michael, and Councilman Walcott 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.

162-2026 A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 – Final with CTX Infrastructure LLC with regard to the Kirklin Avenue Sinkhole Repair

163-2026 A Resolution authorizing the promotion of Michael W. Taylor to the position of Equipment Operator in the Linwood Department of Public Works

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 164-2026** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Mainland United Soccer Association
165-2026 A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancelation of taxes of a disabled veteran for Block 138 Lot 2 located at 134 W. Sterling Avenue in the City of Linwood
166-2026 A Resolution awarding the Contract to American Pipe Cleaning, LLC for the 2026 Capital Storm Video Inspection, Contract No. 68

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 163, 2026 was removed. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Resolutions No. 162, 164-166 of 2026. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 163, 2026 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Resolutions No. 163 of 2026. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated Mr. Taylor.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$173,184.45

Council President Ford announced that two bills were removed from the list, #27000510 and #27000252 with a new total of \$162,958.68. Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative, and Councilwoman Albright, Councilman Michael, and Councilman Walcoff 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

Mayor Matik – The Mayor congratulated Mr. Taylor.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson congratulated Mr. Taylor.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly congratulated Mr. Taylor and is glad our PD is monitoring the new e-bike laws.

Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno commended and thanked the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments as well as City Administration. He also congratulated Mr. Taylor. He is excited for the upcoming holiday events in Linwood and hopes everyone attends.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to adjourn at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk