

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

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Michael Salerno led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Ken Kelly; and Councilman Adam Walcoff.

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 Levinson, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025 Regular without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilman Michael. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

Police Accreditation Ceremony – Chief Harry Delgado, Accreditation Program Director, recognized the City of Linwood Police Department on achieving accredited status through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, and presented Linwood Chief Cunningham with a Certificate of Accreditation.

ORDINANCE

11 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 197 PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, SIGNS AND ADVERTISING MATERIALS 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. 11 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, 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 five in the affirmative and Councilmen Kelly and Walcoff absent. Motion was approved.

12 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 56 POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE IV PROMOTIONAL PROCEDURES 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. 12 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 12 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilmen Kelly and Walcoff absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

195-2025 A Resolution authorizing 2025 Budget appropriation transfers

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 195 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolution No. 195. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilmen Kelly and Walcoff 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.

- 186-2025** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Separation Agreement with Timothy E. Devine
- 187-2025** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Separation Agreement with John A. Moran
- 188-2025** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to share costs with the New Jersey Department of Transportation associated with a traffic control device at the intersection of Route 9 and Patcong Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 189-2025** A Resolution authorizing the refund of various tax over payments due to disabled veteran tax-exempt status approved in 2025
- 190-2025** A Resolution authorizing the refund of tax overpayments due to disabled veteran tax-exempt status approved in 2025 for Block 121 Lot 8
- 191-2025** A Resolution authorizing additional funds for a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to RJH Law Enforcement Consultants for Consulting Services regarding a personnel matter
- 192-2025** A Resolution approving Change Order 1-Final with Shore Top Construction Corp with regard to Memorial Park Improvements Phase 1B
- 193-2025** A Resolution approving Change Order 1-Final with Think Pavers Hardscaping with regard to the Poplar Avenue Field Improvements
- 196-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-17, to Mainland Regional Education Foundation

Council President Ford advised that Resolution No. 197 was added to the agenda in the Caucus Meeting authorizing the hiring of Autumn Mason as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III for the City of Linwood. Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 186-193, 197 of 2025. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$614,151.79

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilwoman Albright, Councilmen Kelly and 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 indicated that it was nice to see the Police Department recognized for its accreditation and congratulated them on their efforts.

Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno grew up in Linwood and always felt safe. He is raising his family now in Linwood and is proud to still be a resident. He congratulated the Chief and the department on all their hard work.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright congratulated the Chief and the entire department. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and congratulated the Chief and department on their accreditation.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael congratulated the Chief and the entire department. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Council President Ford – Council President Ford congratulated Chief Cunningham and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk