

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

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael (arrived at 6:21pm); 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 Levinson, to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2025 Regular without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with two abstentions by Councilmen Kelly and Walcoff. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

210-2025 A Resolution honoring Timothy Devine

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 210 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolution No. 210. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The Mayor read and presented the Resolution to Sergeant Devine. All present members of Council thanked and congratulated Sergeant Devine.

214-2025 A Resolution authorizing 2025 Budget Appropriation transfers

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 214 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Resolution No. 214. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCE

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 Walcoff, 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 six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael 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.

198-2025 A Resolution scheduling the 2026 Reorganization Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Linwood

199-2025 A Resolution authorizing and scheduling paid holiday for calendar year 2026

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 200-2025** A Resolution authorizing the refund of tax overpayment made by Ruth Dichter for Block 150 Lot 8.03 also known as 623 Lexington Court
- 201-2025** A Resolution authorizing the refund of taxes of a Disabled Veteran for Block 116 Lot 23.02 located at 503 W. Barr Avenue in the City Linwood
- 202-2025** A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancelation of taxes of a Disabled Veteran for Block 4 Lot 8 Qualifier #C109 located at 334 W. Ocean Heights Avenue #109 in the City of Linwood
- 203-2025** A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancelation of taxes of a Disabled Veteran for Block 150 Lot 2 Qualifier #C1005 located at 550 Central Avenue #J-5 in the City of Linwood
- 204-2025** A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancelation of taxes of a Disabled Veteran for Block 88 Lot 3 located at 513 W. Poplar Avenue #109 in the City of Linwood
- 205-2025** A Resolution supporting an Amendment to the Atlantic County Solid Waste Management Plan endorsing the expansion of the ACUA Landfill at the Howard “Fritz” Haneman Environmental Park
- 206-2025** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Animal Control of South Jersey
- 207-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-01, to AIM Angels In Motion Inc
- 208-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-02, to AIM Angels In Motion Inc
- 209-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2026-01, to AIM Angels In Motion Inc
- 211-2025** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Miller’s Lawn Care Inc. for Lawn Maintenance Services in the City of Linwood
- 212-2025** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Miller’s Lawn Care Inc. for Snow Removal Services in the City of Linwood
- 213-2025** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Premier Computer Services

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. 198-209, 211-213 of 2025. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,924,500.07

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael 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 thanked Colleen, the Park Director, and the Board of Recreation for a successful tree lighting. He thanked the Police & Fire Departments for their help with the event. He was happy to see so many members of the community attend the event.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright agreed that tree lighting was very festive and well attended. It is nice to see Santa driving around on the Fire Truck and announced the Menorah lighting on December 15.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly congratulated Sergeant Devine on his retirement. Councilman Kelly advised that the Senior Citizen Holiday luncheon was very successful and well attended. The MRHS Choir was a great addition to the event. He appreciates the partnership with the Police & Fire Departments for all the events.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson congratulated Sergeant Devine and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael apologized for being late. He thanked Sergeant Devine for his years of service to the community and wished him well in his retirement. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff thanked Sergeant Devine for his twenty-four years of service.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk