

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
January 29, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:18 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; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis.

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 Michael, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024 Regular and the January 7, 2025 Reorganization meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**ORDINANCES**

**1 OF 2025**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 152 FIRE PREVENTION, ARTICLE IV SMOKE, CARBON MONOXIDE AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER DEVICES, SECTION 152-26 FEES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

**FIRST READING:** *January 29, 2025*

**PUBLICATION:** *February 4, 2025*

**PASSAGE:** *February 12, 2025*

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 1 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis 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.

- 33-2025** A Resolution setting 4<sup>th</sup> Round Affordable Housing Obligations for the City of Linwood, County of Atlantic
- 34-2025** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Charles A. Hewitt, Jr. to the position of Plumbing SubCode Official for the City of Linwood
- 35-2025** A Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Network Connectivity, Inc. for Information Technology Network and Support for the Linwood Police Department
- 36-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-05, to Margate Education Foundation
- 37-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-06, to Mainland Crew Association
- 38-2025** A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Service to Triad Associates for Accessory Apartment Implementation Services for the City of Linwood

**RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 39-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-07, to Egg Harbor Township Crew Booster Club
- 40-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2025-03, to Egg Harbor Township Crew Booster Club
- 41-2025** A Resolution approving an Amendment to Bingo License No. 2025-01-A for Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 42-2025** A Resolution requesting Atlantic City Electric to install a Streetlight on Central Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 43-2025** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 with Miller's Lawn Care Inc. with regard to Snow Removal Service in the City of Linwood
- 44-2025** A Resolution awarding Non-Competitive Contracts for Professional Services to Eric S. Goldstein as Planning Board Solicitor and Vincent Polistina as Planning Board Engineer
- 46-2025** A Resolution authorizing the release of Engineering Escrow Funds with regard to Block 159 Lot 10.05 (295 Grammercy Avenue) in the City of Linwood
- 47-2025** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Nina D. Williams as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the City of Linwood

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 33-44, 46-47 of 2025. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,724,383.15**

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis 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.

Grey Le Cuyer, 1023 Oak Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Le Cuyer received a letter regarding the Monroe Avenue bike path project and the potential need to prohibit parking along a section of Monroe Avenue. The proposed section could impact where he parks his car at his home and he asked that Council not prohibit parking there.

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 – Mayor Matik addressed Mr. Le Cuyer's remarks. He indicated that the Governing Body does not want to inconvenience anyone. If there is no public safety issue, then nothing will be done. If there is a public safety issue, then something will have to be done. They do try to work with residents to make everyone happy.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright expressed her condolences on the passing of Mayor Don Vass. She praised Public Works on their efforts with the recent snow storm. Unfortunately, the snow delayed the bike path project. She explained the details of the project and the need to possibly prohibit parking due to the section of the path that will exist in the street. They will know more once the project is complete.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff also expressed his condolences on the passing of Mayor Don Vass. He explained that parking restrictions are adopted by Ordinance and an Ordinance requires two readings along with a public hearing. They are listed on agendas that are available to the public. No action is taken until after the Ordinance is approved.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael grew up in Linwood and knew Mayor Vass for many years. He expressed his condolences to his family. He echoed the comments of Councilwoman Albright with regard to the bike path project and parking.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson expressed his condolences to Mayor Vass's family. He too, knew him well, noting that he was a great man.

**FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)**

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly wished he knew Mayor Vass and extended his condolences to his family. He thanked the residents for attending the meeting and commended Public Works on their efforts with the snow storm.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford noted that Mayor Vass was a great force in Linwood and expressed his condolences to his family. He echoed the comments of Councilwoman Albright and Councilman Walcoff with regard to the bike path project and explained that there is a process with parking restrictions. He, too, wishes the project was already complete. If and when any parking restrictions are proposed, the residents will be notified.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to adjourn at 6:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
City Administrator  
Municipal Clerk