

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
February 12, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Ken Kelly led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; 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**

Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2025 Regular without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**51-2025** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Craig M. Thompson to the position of Firefighter in the City of Linwood

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 51 of 2025 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolution No. 51. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter Craig Thompson. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated Firefighter Thompson.

**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.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 1 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 1. 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 seven in the affirmative. 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.

**45-2025** A Resolution authorizing a Contract for the Furnishing and Installation of a Tencate Pivot Turf System at All Wars Memorial Park through Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System BC-C-24-004; Contract Purchasing System #CK04

**48-2025** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Vortex Services, LLC for the 2025 Sewer Lining Project, Contract No. 43

**49-2025** A Resolution authorizing an additional member to a Commodity Resale System 99035-ACCRS

**RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 50-2025** A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to AtlantiCare Behavioral Health for the Employee Assistance Program
- 52-2025** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Contract on behalf of the City of Linwood with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #4370
- 53-2025** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 6 with R. Maxwell Construction Co., Inc. with regard to the All Wars Memorial Park Field House
- 54-2025** A Resolution awarding an Emergency Contract to Comfort Now for Emergency Boiler Replacement in the Linwood Fire House
- 55-2025** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Capela Construction for the Memorial Park Drainage Extension Project

Council President Ford advised that Resolution No. 50 of 2025 was pulled. Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No other items were removed. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 45, 48-49, 52-55 of 2025. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 50 of 2025 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolution No. 50. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilman Levison. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,685,321.46**

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

David Gross, 33 W. Edgewood Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Gross asked how he can view additional information on the turf field. Council President Ford advised him to visit the City Clerk’s Office.

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**

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly congratulated the new Firefighter. He advised that there are a lot of projects going on in the City which is very exciting.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis wished everyone a nice holiday weekend.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright also congratulated the new Firefighter and thanked him for his service. She also thanked her committee and the other members of Council as they move forward with the Recreation Master Plan.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael echoed the other comments on the projects in the City and congratulated the new Firefighter. He also commended the efforts of the Public Works Department with the last snow fall.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson welcomed the new Firefighter. He also commended the Public Works Department. He indicated that the voters voted for the turf field on a referendum and the engineering team worked hard looking at systems. They did their research. It is an exciting project for the City.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff thanked the group efforts of the Fire Chief Walley, Captain Gabriel, Firefighter Coderre, Chip Jones and Councilman Ford for the emergency boiler replacement at the Fire House. He also commended Public Works on their efforts in the recent snow storm.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford advised that the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments are second to none. The turf field was a group effort between everyone on Council. A turf field was a topic when he was on the Recreation Board in 2006. It is nice to finally see it come to fruition. The park is going to look great.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
City Administrator  
Municipal Clerk