

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Councilwoman Blair Albright called the meeting to order at 6:22 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 Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Councilman Michael Salerno.

Absent: Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Ford.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, III, City Solicitor's Office; 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 Levinson, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026 Regular without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCE

2 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 78 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AFFORDABLE HOUSING", AND REPEALING OTHER ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Ordinance No. 2 for final reading. Councilwoman Albright opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 2. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Albright closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative and Councilmen Michael, Walcoff and Council President Ford absent. Motion was approved.

3 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 124 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ENTITLED DEVELOPMENT FEES", AND REPEALING OTHER ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 3 for final reading. Councilwoman Albright opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 3. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Albright closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative and Councilmen Michael, Walcoff and Council President Ford 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.

50-2026 A Resolution authorizing the refund of tax overpayments Due to Disabled Veteran Tax-Exempt Status for 411 Danielle Drive

51-2026 A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment made by Corelogic for Block 33 Lot 6 also known as 100 E. Seaview Avenue

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 52-2026** A Resolution authorizing a refund to Mailand Crew Association with regard to a Raffle License Application Fee
- 53-2026** A Resolution confirming the promotion of Sergeant Charles Champion to the position of Lieutenant in the Linwood Police Department
- 54-2026** A Resolution confirming the promotion of Police Officer James Cohen to the position of Sergeant in the Linwood Police Department
- 55-2026** A Resolution confirming the promotion of Police Officer Sean Boylan to the position of Sergeant in the Linwood Police Department
- 56-2026** A resolution authorizing the hiring of Gianna Childs to the position of Police Officer in the Linwood Police Department
- 57-2026** A resolution authorizing the hiring of Dylan Dill to the position of Police Officer in the Linwood Police Department
- 58-2026** A resolution authorizing the hiring of Anthony Ortiz to the position of Police Officer in the Linwood Police Department
- 59-2026** A Resolution endorsing the Amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
- 60-2026** A Resolution rejecting a bid as non-responsive received from ServiceMaster TBS for Janitorial Service for the City of Linwood
- 61-2026** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Offshore Carpet Cleaning, LLC for Janitorial Services
- 62-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-07, to AIM Angels In Motion Inc
- 63-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2026-08, to AIM Angels In Motion Inc
- 64-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2026-04, to AIM Angels In Motion Inc
- 65-2026** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Robert Thompson as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 66-2025** A Resolution authorizing disposal of surplus property on GovDeals
- 67-2026** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Linwood adopting the Operating Manual for the Administration of an Accessory Apartment Program
- 68-2026** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Linwood adopting an Affirmative Marketing Plan
- 69-2026** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Linwood adopting an Affordability Assistance Manual

Councilwoman Albright asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolutions No. 50-69 of 2026. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,948,276.05

Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Salerno, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative and Councilmen Michael, Walcoff and Council President Ford absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Albright opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Jack Verseput 306 Poplar Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Verseput thanked and commended the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for outstanding efforts during the snowstorm. He reported that the track at the Poplar Avenue Field is covered with goose droppings and asked if the City would help remove it.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Albright closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor advised Mr. Verseput that the Poplar Avenue Field issue will be addressed.

Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno thanked the public for attending. He also thanked the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for their efforts in the snowstorm.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson complimented Public Works on the job they did during the snowstorm. They always go above and beyond.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly also acknowledged Mr. Olden and the Public Works Department. He congratulated the Police Department on the new hires and promotions. He thanked Mr. Carpenter, the Recreation Board President, for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright echoed the positive comments for our First Responder & Public Works Departments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to adjourn at 6:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk