

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Todd Michael led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Mayor Darren Matik; and 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 Levinson, to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025 Regular without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with two abstentions from Councilman Michael and Councilman Walcoff. Motion was approved.

**ORDINANCES**

**02-2025** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Ordinance No. 2 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.

- 65-2025** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Linwood to sign certain New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Permit Applications and other routine project documents of behalf of the Sewer Utility for the development of Block 27, Lots 11.01, 11.02, 11.03 & 15.01 (formerly lots 11, 15 & 16) in the City of Linwood
- 66-2025** A Resolution by the City of Linwood authorizing an application to Complete Street Technical Assistance Program
- 67-2025** A Resolution authorizing the refund of taxes paid due to tax exempt status for Block 31, Lot 10 located at 103 E. Dawn Drive in the City of Linwood
- 68-2025** A Resolution authorizing a Contract with AE Landscaping for hydro seeding and fertilization at SJI Park
- 69-2025** A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Priority Protection Services, LLC for a surveillance camera system at the Memorial Park Fieldhouse Building
- 70-2025** A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Spohn Ranch Inc. for design services for Memorial Park Phase 2 Improvements (*PULLED*)
- 71-2025** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Construction Permit Application C-2024-00260 to SunnyMac, LLC
- 72-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License,#2025-09, to Mainland Girls Track Booster Club

**RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 73-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-10, to F & AM Keystone Belcher Lodge #153
- 74-2025** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of a Qualified Purchasing Agent for the City of Linwood

Council President Ford advised that Resolution No. 70, 2025 was pulled from the agenda. He asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolutions No. 65-69, 71-74 of 2025. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,516,420.84**

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

Jack Verseput 306 W. Poplar Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Verseput discussed that the dogs on the bike path with no leash are causing problems to others. He also mentioned the speeding at the intersection of Poplar, Maple & Oakgrove Avenues.

Karen Peyton 219 Forest Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Peyton is in favor of a skatepark and was disappointed that it was pulled from the agenda. She knows that it has been presented to Council many times over the years and is something she would like to see. She also agreed with Mr. Verseput about the problem with dogs on the bike path with no leash.

Teresa 510 VanSant Avenue, Linwood – Teresa was glad when she saw that the skatepark was an item on Council's agenda. She has been to the skateparks in Ocean City and Toms River. She would like more opportunities like this for kids within the City.

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**

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael thanked the public for attending. Unleashed dogs and e-bikes are a problem on the bike path that will be addressed. The City now has a Special Class II Officer that will be on the bike path enforcing our laws. The Police Department will also pursue those that are speeding along Poplar. They have done speed checks in that area before and will continue.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson also has an issue with unleashed dogs. The Police will be looking out for it. He discussed the Resolution that was pulled from the Consent agenda. He would like to get the public's input before any money is spent on a skatepark.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly thanked the public for their comments.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright echoed the comments of the other Councilmembers. She appreciates the public attending the meeting. When Council discusses a subject they do their homework. She also agrees that unleashed dogs are a problem and knows that the Chief of Police will address the issue.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff agreed that unleashed dogs are a problem and it will be policed. He discussed the turf field that is now under construction. That project was a long time coming and is moving very fast. That was part of Phase I of the Recreation Master Plan. Phase II has additional amenities and Council is hoping to get pricing for them. He commended Chip Jones and Joe Olden and the Public Works staff on the work they did to help the other projects get moving.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford advised that Spring is coming and spring sports have begun. He agrees with Mr. Verseput that cars should take their time. There are a lot of kids out everywhere. He, too, is excited about the turf field and its progress.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to adjourn at 6:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
City Administrator  
Municipal Clerk