

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**March 26, 2025**

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Ken Kelly; and Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilman Todd Michael.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; CJ Kaenzig, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Captain Frank Gabriel, Fire Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilwoman DeDomenicis. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, and Development

1. Councilwoman Albright discussed a Resolution to adopt Procedures for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects. This is for the Safe Routes to Schools grant.

4. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing a Temporary Budget for 2025
2. Councilman Levinson reviewed an Ordinance on for first reading to exceed Municipal Budget Appropriations limits and establish a CAP Bank.
3. Councilman Levinson advised that a Bond Ordinance is on the agenda for first reading.
4. Councilman Levinson explained that he will give a presentation on the 2025 budget at the Regular Meeting. He advised that his committee met many times with the CFO, City Administrator, Council President, Mayor, and Auditor regarding the budget. The final document contains a 4.8 cent tax increase. Health care and pension costs contributed to most of the increase. The Mayor advised that the City recently moved out of the State Health care plan to prevent an even larger increase. Councilman Levinson said the committee did everything they could to keep the rate as low as they could without depleting surplus and making things worse for the next five years. This budget does not include any costs of the new turf field. Council President Ford commended Councilman Levinson and the entire committee for all the work they did on the budget. Councilman Levinson thanked everyone for their hard work. The budget started with an increase of 10 cents and is now down to 4.8. Councilman Kelly agreed it was a tough process while fighting inflation costs.

5. Councilman Walcoff

A. Public Works

1. Councilman Walcoff advised of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Hoffman's Exterminating Co., Inc.

6. Council President Ford

A. Administration

1. Council President Ford advised of Resolutions authorizing Raffle Licenses to CASA

At 6:07 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
City Administrator  
Municipal Clerk