

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 26, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Ken Kelly; 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; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

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

ORDINANCES

03-2025 A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$937,500) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$890,625) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR VARIOUS GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 3 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

04-2025 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 4 of 2025 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 4 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

75-2025 A Resolution approving the Temporary Budget for 2025

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 75 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolution No. 75. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

Councilman Levinson presented a slide show on the proposed 2025 Municipal Budget.

80-2025 A Resolution introducing the 2025 Municipal Budget

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 80 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Resolution No. 80. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael 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.

- 76-2025** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Hoffman's Exterminating Co., Inc.
- 77-2025** A Resolution to adopt Procedures for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects
- 78-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-11, to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of Atlantic, Cape May and Camden Counties
- 79-2025** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-12, to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of Atlantic, Cape May and Camden Counties

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 76-79 of 2025. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$352,854.68

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, 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 Councilman Michael 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.

Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor explained that the budget process was tough. The committee did their due diligence to get the rate low and secure the years to come. The Mayor thanked Councilwoman DeDomenicis for her years of service on City Council noting that she will be surely missed.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff also thanked Councilwoman DeDomenicis for her service and he will miss her. He thanked Councilmen Levinson, Kelly, Michael and the Mayor on their efforts on the budget.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright commended the committee on their hard work on the budget. She learned a lot from Councilwoman DeDomenicis and will miss working with her on Council. Her service to the community is highly commendable.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly thanked Councilwoman DeDomenicis for her many years of service. She is part of Linwood's history. Councilman Kelly commended the budget process. The City is fighting the ongoing inflation. The committee worked very hard to get to the final product.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson has known Councilwoman DeDomenicis for a long time and has served with her on Council for many years. He will miss her. It was always a pleasure working with her and she was such a huge asset to the City. He wished her all the best.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work. They did a great job. Council President Ford will miss working with Councilwoman DeDomenicis. He enjoyed working with her and learned a lot.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked the Mayor and Council for their remarks. She is honored to have served the City of Linwood. She started on City Council in January 2008. Each group of Councilmembers that she served with worked together through good times and bad. They accomplished so much and she is very proud of Council and their hard work. She thanked everyone for letting her serve the community.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Council President Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk