

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

5 OF 2024 A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,413,500) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,292,825) 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. 5 of 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 5 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 5. 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

87-2024 A Resolution awarding a Contract to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center for Shared Emergency Medical Services in the City of Linwood and the City of Northfield

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 87 of 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Resolution No. 87. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Levinson. 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.

82-2024 A Resolution establishing salaries for non-contractual employees of the City of Linwood for 2024

83-2024 A Resolution certifying the review of the annual Audit by the Governing Body

84-2024 A Resolution approving an amendment to Bingo License No. 2024-03-A2 for NAACP Mainland Pleasantville, Inc.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 85-2024** A Resolution confirming the appointment of Municipal Clerk Leigh Ann Napoli to also serve as the City Administrator for the City of Linwood
- 86-2024** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Angela Marshall as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 82-86 of 2024. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,439,831.33

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and one abstention by Councilwoman Albright. 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 indicated that during his entire career of being involved with Linwood he has never seen current Councilmembers repair a City building. This past weekend, Councilmen Ford, Walcoff, and Kelly replaced the porch at the Historical Society Building and it looks amazing. They donated their time and all the material. The Mayor thanked them for their efforts. The Mayor apologized to the public for the traffic detours on Shore Road. The utility company is restoring the roads and they should be done next week.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis wished all the moms Happy Mother’s Day.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright also thanked and commended the efforts of Councilmen Ford, Walcoff, and Kelly. She advised everyone to take their time with the detours in the City and follow the signs. She acknowledged the thank you card that Council received from George Butrus and the Friends of the Linwood Arboretum for the renovations to the red shed at the Arboretum.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael echoed the comments of the Mayor and Councilwoman Albright for the work done by the Councilmembers at the Historical Society Building. He advised that the City is in need of crossing guards. He is grateful Angela Marshall, the City’s Zoning Officer, offered to help out. Special Class Officer Adams has also been assisting.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson wished all the mothers a Happy Mother’s Day. He also commended the efforts of the Councilmen on their work at the Historical Society Building.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly enjoyed working on the porch at the Historical Society Building and thanked Councilmen Ford and Walcoff. He announced several upcoming events in May including the Memorial Day Parade on May 27.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff also enjoyed working on the Historical Society Building. He congratulated Mrs. Napoli on being named City Administrator as she has been doing the work essentially her whole career.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford wished all the moms Happy Mother’s Day. He advised there is a lot of construction going on in the City and asked everyone to be careful. He also congratulated Mrs. Napoli indicating that she is a true asset to the City. He truly enjoyed working on the Historical Society Building and being able to give back to the community. That is what makes Linwood great.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk