

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:18 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 Todd Michael; Councilman Michael Salerno; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilman Matt Levinson

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 Michael, to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2026 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

ORDINANCES

8 OF 2026 A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$700,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$665,000) 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. 8 of 2026 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 8 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 8. 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 six in the affirmative, and Councilman Levinson absent. Motion was approved.

9 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 277 ZONING, ARTICLE V TYPES OF USES, SECTION 277-11, PROHIBITED USES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HERewith.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 9 of 2026 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Salerno, to approve Ordinance No. 9 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Levinson 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.

112-2026 A Resolution certifying the review of the annual Audit by the Governing Body

113-2026 A Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Linwood Bike Path Expansion Phase II project

114-2026 A Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of Joseph Avenue, Kietro Drive, and Forest Drive

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 115-2026** A Resolution authorizing the public sale of municipally owned real property no longer needed for public use via online auction on GovDeals.com pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a)
- 116-2026** A Resolution authorizing additional funds for a non-competitive contract for professional services to Barker, Gelfand James & Sarvas, P.C. for legal services regarding a personnel matter

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Resolutions No. 112-116 of 2026. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,389,747.90

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention from Councilwoman Albright, and Councilman Levinson 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, 308 Poplar Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Verseput asked for the Mayor and Council’s help on the following matters; people speeding on electric bikes, unleashed dogs on the bike path, traffic speeding on Poplar Avenue, and rats in his neighborhood.

Seeing and hearing no other 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 discussed the new rules for electric bikes that take effect in July. He hopes that will make things better and the City will continue to enforce the laws. The Mayor advised Mr. Verseput that the Health Department was called to his house to investigate his claim of rodents.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright thanked Mr. Verseput for his comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk