

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:13 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: 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 Kelly, to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025 Regular without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilman Michael. 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.

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| 119-2025 | A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to RJH Law Enforcement Consultants for Consulting Services regarding a personnel matter |
| 120-2025 | A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Barker, Gelfand James & Sarvas, P.C. for Legal Services regarding a personnel matter |
| 121-2025 | A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector of the City of Linwood to prepare and mail estimated tax bills in accordance with P.L. 1994, C.72 |
| 122-2025 | A Resolution confirming the appointments of Michael Salerno and Jennifer Pierce to the Linwood Planning Board |

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 Michael, to approve Resolutions No. 119-122 of 2025. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,419,208.06

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson was 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 reported that the Fire Department started the First Responder Program this week and already had seventeen calls. The first responders go on calls that ambulances are called to with two Firefighters that are EMT certified. This is a great program in addition to our ambulance service with AtlantiCare. He commended the Fire Department and Councilman Michael for getting the program started.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael advised that Captain Gabriel spearheaded the First Responder Program and did a great job. This is in addition to our existing ambulance service with AtlantiCare. Councilman Michael recalled the comments made by Mrs. Meister from Seaview School at a prior Council meeting regarding the speeding of electric bikes and scooters and the safety of the kids. He talked to her recently and she informed him that she has been receiving a lot of positive feedback from the kids regarding the police presence on the bike path and that they feel safer.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly was happy to hear the positive feedback about the police on the bike path. He commended the efforts of the First Responder Program adding that it adds to the great quality of life in Linwood. He thanked the Public Safety team.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright echoed the other Council members comments on the First Responder Program including that it is added safety in Linwood. She reminded drivers to slow down as school gets out.

Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno advised that he will miss Councilwoman Albright on the Planning/Zoning Board and looks forward to working with the new appointment.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford congratulated the 4th graders on being clapped out, the 8th grade graduates, and the Mainland Regional High School graduates.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk