

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:23 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Blair Albright led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Michael Salerno; 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 Walcoff, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026, Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

119-2026 A Resolution confirming the promotion of Police Officer Christopher Nazha to the position of Sergeant in the Linwood Police Department

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 119 of 2026 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Resolution No. 119. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Nazha.

ORDINANCES

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. Councilman Salerno motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 9 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 9. 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 Michael absent. Motion was approved.

10 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING CERTAIN UNEXPENDED PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF PREVIOUSLY ISSUED NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND TAKING RELATED ACTIONS.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 10 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 10 for first reading. 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.

117-2026 A Resolution requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 for a Recycling Tonnage Grant

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 118-2026** A Resolution authorizing the cancellation of taxes of a disabled veteran for Block 148 Lot 15.05 located at 18 Wexford Lane in the City of Linwood
- 120-2026** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Municipal Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement between the City of Linwood and the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the verification, design, protection and/or relocation of municipal utility facilities in connection with the Route 9, Chapman Boulevard to Route 30, improvement project
- 121-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, \$2026-06, to AIM Angels in Motion Inc
- 122-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, \$2026-14, to AIM Angels in Motion Inc
- 123-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, \$2026-15, to AIM Angels in Motion Inc
- 124-2026** A Resolution authorizing submission of a Grant Application to the Sustainable Communities Grant Program

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. 117-118, 120-124 of 2026. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$3,551,015.18

Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative, two abstentions from 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 congratulated Sergeant Nazha.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright congratulated Sergeant Nazha. She reminded everyone to be safe and obey the new e-bike laws.

Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno commended everyone's efforts on the July 4th bike parade. It was a great event. He would like to see it promoted more next year.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford congratulated Sergeant Nazha.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to adjourn at 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk