

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
July 10, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Matt Levinson 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; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**ORDINANCES**

**6 of 2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD FROM MARY LYNN DROGO OF 1129 OAK AVENUE AN EASEMENT FOR THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PORTION OF THE BICYCLE PATH IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

***PULLED***

**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.

- 93-2024** A Resolution to rescind Resolution No. 69 of 2024 awarding a Contract to Capela Construction for the Mainland Pond Improvements, Contract No. 49
- 111-2024** A Resolution authorizing the payment of the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars to the ARC of Atlantic County
- 112-2024** A Resolution requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 for a Community Development Block Grant
- 113-2024** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Joe F. Schwabe as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 114-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2024-04, to AIM Angels in Motion Inc.
- 115-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2024-14, to AIM Angels in Motion Inc.
- 116-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2024-15, to AIM Angels in Motion Inc.
- 117-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2024-16, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 118-2024** A Resolution authorizing the extension of a Grace Period before charging a penalty for late payment of taxes

**RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 119-2024** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused escrow funds posted with regard to a dumpster permit
- 120-2024** A Resolution approving temporary signage for National Night Out
- 121-2024** A Resolution authorizing the placement of a lien on Block 163, Lot 7 (200 Haines Avenue) in accordance with Chapter 99, Section 3, of the Code of the City of Linwood
- 122-2024** A Resolution authorizing the placement of a lien on Block 148, Lot 15.05 (18 Wexford Lane) in accordance with Chapter 99, Section 3, of the Code of the City of Linwood
- 123-2024** A Resolution authorizing the placement of a lien on Block 162, Lot 2 (330 W. Vernon Avenue) in accordance with Chapter 99, Section 3, of the Code of 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 Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 93, 111-123 of 2024. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$4,587,117.80**

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.

Dr. Dao, 21 Crossing Drive, Linwood – Dr. Dao thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts. She likes the plans they have for Poplar Avenue and Memorial Field. She supports getting kids outside and the plans have numerous opportunities.

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 reported that the Mainland Board of Education hit the heart of the taxpayers. They could have kept their budget increase low but chose to increase by 6%. He commended the efforts of the Planning, Engineering, and Development Committee for listening to fellow Council members and the residents on the recreation plan.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael thanked everyone attending the bike parade and thanked the committee for working hard on the recreation plan.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly agreed that the parade was a great event. He thanked Public Works for helping to clean up. He also commended Councilwoman Albright, Councilman Walcoff, and Council President Ford for an impressive Master Plan. He seconded the comments from the Mayor on the Mainland Board of Education raising taxes.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright thanked the public for their comments. She thanked the Police for doing a good job with the detours throughout the City with all the road work going on.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis also commended the Planning, Engineering, and Development Committee on the master plan.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson thanked everyone for attending. He knows the plan took a lot of time and effort. He understands the residents concerns. He congratulated the Belhaven Band.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford thanked the public for attending.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to adjourn at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
City Administrator  
Municipal Clerk