

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:55 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Ken Kelly 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

Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026, Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

ORDINANCES

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 Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 10 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 10. 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, with one member, Councilman Michael, absent. Motion was approved.

13 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 119 CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, SECTION 119-3 FEES 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. 13 of 2026 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Ordinance No. 13 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative with one member, 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.

125-2026 A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a voluntary monetary donation from the ARC of Atlantic County Inc. pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

126-2026 A Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Linwood and the Linwood Board of Education for the provision of two Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers

127-2026 A Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Linwood and the Mainland Board of Education for the provision of one Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 128-2026** A Resolution authorizing the cancelation of taxes of a disabled veteran for Block 181 Lot 6 located at 114 E. Glenside Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 129-2026** A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancelation of taxes of a disabled veteran for Block 9 Lot 1 located at 2306 Wabash Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 130-2026** A Resolution authorizing the refund and cancelation of taxes of a disabled veteran for Block 184 Lot 1.03 located at 750 Shore Road in the City of Linwood
- 131-2026** A Resolution authorizing payment of retroactive compensation to Special Class III Officer Autumn Mason
- 132-2026** A Resolution authorizing temporary signage for the Atlantic County Numismatic Society Coin Show
- 133-2026** A Resolution awarding the Contract to CTX Infrastructure for the Kirklin Avenue Sinkhole Repair, Contract No. 67
- 134-2026** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Charity League Christmas Mart
- 135-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of Raffle License, #2026-16, to the Charity League
- 136-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of Raffle License, #2027-01, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 137-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of Raffle License, #2026-17, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 138-2026** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of Bingo License, #2027-01, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 139-2026** A Resolution approving temporary signage for Mainland United Soccer
- 140-2026** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Contract renewing membership in the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 142-2026** A Resolution authorizing a refund to Michel Waters with regard to a Development Review Committee Application Fee

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 125-140, 142 of 2026. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$3,451,679.21

Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, 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. Councilman Michael 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.

Michelle Cuthbert, 206 Helena Drive, Linwood NJ- Mrs. Cuthbert expressed concern about the trees that were planted near the edge of her driveway, as they are making it difficult for her to safely pull out of the driveway.

Spiro Trupos- Mr. Trupos expressed interest in learning more about the two lots for sale on Edna Avenue and would like to speak with someone regarding their current status and any plans for the properties.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly spoke about the success of National Night Out and remarked on what a great time was had by all. He noted that the hamburgers were a close second to the hot dogs.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson thanked the residents for attending the meeting. He assured those who spoke that someone would follow up with them to address their concerns. He also wished everyone an enjoyable remainder of the summer.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff expressed his regret for missing National Night Out. He advised Mr. Trupos that someone would speak with him regarding the Edna Avenue properties and the procedures for the public sale.

Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno commended the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department for their efforts in making National Night Out a success. He noted that it was a beautiful evening and expressed his appreciation for everyone who contributed to the event.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford commended everyone involved for their efforts in making National Night Out a great success. He noted that all of the hamburgers were served and described the event as having a true small-town community feel. He thanked everyone who assisted with the event and gave a special shout-out to Councilman Kelly and Mrs. Napoli for their work at the grill.

RESOLUTIONS

141-2026 A Resolution closing the meeting of August 12, 2026 to discuss pending litigation regarding police employment matters

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 141 of 2026 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Resolution No. 141. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and one member, Councilman Michael, absent. Motion was approved.

City Council entered the closed session at 7:14 P.M.

At 7:32 P.M., Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to exit the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to adjourn at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk