

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 13, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:42 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 Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Michael Salerno; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilman Ken Kelly

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; C.J. Kaenzig, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2025 Regular without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

139-2025 A Resolution honoring the Mainland 3/4 Girls Green Lacrosse Team

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 139 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolution No. 139. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

140-2025 A Resolution honoring the Mainland 3/4 Girls White Lacrosse Team

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 140 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolution No. 140. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

141-2025 A Resolution honoring the Mainland 5/6 Boys Lacrosse Team

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 141 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolution No. 141. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCE

5 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 12-2024, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 11, 2024, BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, WHICH BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 5 of 2025 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 5 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 5. 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 Kelly absent. Motion was approved.

6 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED BICYCLES, AND LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTERS WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 6 of 2025 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 6 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Kelly absent. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCE (continued)

7 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 140 FEES, ARTICLE VI BOARD OF RECREATION FEES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH. **(PULLED)**

Added in Caucus Meeting:

8 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266 VEHICLES, MOTOR-DRIVEN, ARTICLE II OPERATION ON BICYCLE PATH 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. 8 of 2025 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 8 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Kelly 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.

- 138-2025** A Resolution awarding a Contract to South State, Inc. for the Resurfacing of Barr Avenue
- 142-2025** A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2-Final with South State, Inc. with regard to the Improvements to Oakcrest Avenue
- 143-2025** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Angerman Company for the Poplar Avenue Field Landscaping Improvements
- 144-2025** A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC as Conflict Engineer
- 145-2025** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Linwood Roofing for the roof replacement project at the EMS Building

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Resolution **No. 146 of 2025** awarding a Contract to Cement Works Plus LLC for the Belhaven Middle School Sidewalk, was added to the agenda in the Caucus Meeting. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Resolutions No. 138, 142-146 of 2025. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$3,603,681.89

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative, two abstentions by Councilwoman Albright and Councilman Levinson, and Councilman Kelly 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.

Ann Lindquist, 717 Cedar Place, Linwood – Ms. Lindquist read a statement regarding the Poplar Avenue Field renovations. She wants the concrete slabs installed on City property behind her home removed and wants trees planted.

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 congratulated the lacrosse teams.

Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno remarked on what a great time he and his family had on National Night Out and thanked everyone for making it happen.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael thanked the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments for National Night Out agreeing that it was a great event.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright also thanked everyone for making National Night Out such a great success. She advised Ms. Lindquist that the Poplar Avenue Landscape Contract was awarded tonight and includes a double line of trees on the City's property behind Ms. Lindquist's property. The project does not include a fence in that location. The project took all the neighbors' concerns into consideration and the project was designed to protect their properties.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson was away and missed National Night Out. The ordinances regulating electric bicycles were a lot of work from everyone and they worked for the safest and best solution. Council has everyone's best interests. He also congratulated the lacrosse teams.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff indicated that the caucus meeting tonight was a great example of Council working through ideas for the solutions that are right for the City. The electric bicycles are a difficult dilemma to address. He believes they did a great job with it. He also agreed National Night Out was a great success.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford had fun at National Night Out and thanked the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments. They all did a great job. It was such a good community event.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to adjourn at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk