# LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING September 11, 2024

#### CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:26 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Adam Walcoff led the flag salute.

A Moment of Silence was held in observance of 9/11.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt

Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President

Eric Ford.

Absent: Mayor Darren Matik; and Councilman Ken Kelly.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann

Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

### **ORDINANCES**

8 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD FROM ADAM SAAD, TRUSTEE OF ADAM SAAD 2002 REVOCABLE TRUST OF 110 DEVONSHIRE AVENUE AN EASEMENT FOR THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND ITS APPURTENACNES UPON AND ACROSS THE AFORMENTIONED LANDS IN 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 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, 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

142-2024 A Resolution adopting the Linwood Recreation Master Plan of 2024

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 142 of 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Resolution No. 142. 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.

143-2024	A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Disabled Veteran Tax payment for Block 58 Lot 8
	located at 10 Somers Avenue in the City of Linwood

144-2024 A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Disabled Veteran Tax payment for Block 60 Lot 6 located at 1418 Shore Road in the City of Linwood

145-2024 A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Nicholas J. Campanale as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood

## **RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

146-2024	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
147-2024	A Resolution authorizing the placement of a Lien on Block 19, Lot 1.04 (506 Garfield
	Avenue) in accordance with Chapter 99, Section 3 of the Code of the City of Linwood
148-2024	A Resolution authorizing the placement of a Lien on Block 148, Lot 15.07 (14 Wexford
	Lane) in accordance with Chapter 99, Section 3 of the Code of the City of Linwood
149-2024	A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2024-17, to the Community
	Food Bank of New Jersey
150-2024	A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Raymond Conover, Craig Thompson, James Nunan,
	Joseph McCauley, and Kolby Rundio as Part Time Firefighters for 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. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolutions No. 143-150 of 2024. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,834,440.99**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the bills for payment. Purchase Order No.'s 25000435-04, 25000794-04, 25000719-05, and 25000915 were pulled for payment. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative, Councilman Kelly absent, and one abstention by Councilwoman Albright and one abstention by Councilman Levinson. 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.

<u>Shawn Peck, 14 Falling Water Drive, Linwood</u> – Mr. Peck discussed the location of the dumpsters at the Cornerstone Commerce Center. The business moved them too close to the residences. Mr. Peck has been in discussion with City Officials about having them moved. He asked when that would happen. Mr. Peck indicated that the dumpsters are being picked up by a commercial vendor at night against City Ordinance and asked the City to look into it. He also discussed debris that the business has on the edge of their property line bordering Falling Waters.

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

<u>Councilman Walcoff</u> – Councilman Walcoff appreciates the moment of silence for 9/11. It is important to remember.

<u>Councilwoman DeDomenicis</u> – Councilwoman DeDomenicis reminded everyone that school is back in session and fall sports have begun. Please drive safely.

<u>Councilwoman Albright</u> – Councilwoman Albright also appreciates the moment of silence for 9/11. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

<u>Councilman Levinson</u> – Councilman Levinson thanked everyone for attending and for their input. He also believes remembrance of 9/11 is very important.

<u>Councilman Michael</u> – Councilman Michael echoed everyone's comments on 9/11. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and providing input.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford believes it is important to always remember 9/11. He discussed a compliment the Chief of Police received recently about Sergeant Moran. It is a testament to the culture the Chief is bringing to the Department and Council President Ford commended their efforts. He advised Mr. Peck that he has been in discussion with the owners of Cornerstone Commerce Center. The City is working on a Developer's Plan with them. They will be moving the trash enclosure in the next two weeks. Council President Ford will have Code Enforcement investigate the dumping of trash outside the permitted hours. He advised that the debris Mr. Peck is referring to is in the State right of way. The City does not have jurisdiction there and is unable to endorse any improvements there.

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC City Administrator Municipal Clerk