

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
September 27, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilwoman June Byrnes led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; 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; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**PRESENTATION**

**148-2023** A Resolution honoring the 10U Mainland Baseball District Team

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 148 of 2023. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolution No. 148. All members of Council were in favor. Motion approved. Council President Eric Ford read and presented the Resolution to the team. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated the team and coaches.

**ORDINANCES**

**8 OF 2023** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I GENERAL REGULATIONS 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 2023 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 8 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 8. 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 seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

**9 OF 2023** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 197, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT THEREWITH

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 9 of 2023. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 9 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

**10 OF 2023** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND THE ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 10 of 2023. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 10 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

- 143-2023** A Resolution authorizing an Alcoholic Beverage Permit for the Linwood Board of Recreation Fall Festival
- 144-2023** A Resolution supporting the submission of application for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program
- 145-2023** A Resolution recognizing October 6, 2023 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day
- 146-2023** A Resolution approving temporary signage for Twist Pretzels & Ice Cream
- 147-2023** A Resolution confirming the appointment of Suzanne Marino to the Linwood Library Board
- 149-2023** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Kenneth R. Brummett as a Laborer in the City of Linwood Public Works Department
- 150-2023** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Ryan S. Diefenbeck as a Laborer in the City of Linwood Public Works Department
- 151-2023** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2023-06, to Contact Cape Atlantic
- 152-2023** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-27, to Contact Cape Atlantic
- 153-2023** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-28, to Contact Cape Atlantic

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. Councilwoman DeDomenicis removed Resolutions No. 149 & 150 of 2023. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 143-147, 151-153 of 2023. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 149 of 2023. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 149. All members of Council were in favor. Motion approved. Councilwoman DeDomenicis introduced Kenneth R. Brummett and welcomed him as a new employee.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 150 of 2023. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 150. All members of Council were in favor. Motion approved. Councilwoman DeDomenicis introduced Ryan S. Diefenbeck and welcomed him as a new employee.

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$179,935.46**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the remaining 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. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor.

### **FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor Matik – The Mayor thanked Sue Marino for volunteering to serve on the Library Board, noting that she will be an asset. He thanked Colleen Kaufelds and Bill Albright for their patience and temperament this past weekend with the storm. He also thanked the Public Works Department for the quick clean up from the storm. He also congratulated the baseball team.

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)**

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes welcomed the two new Public Works employees. She echoed the Mayor’s comments to Bill Albright and Colleen Kaufelds for this past weekend. She congratulated Councilwoman DeDomenicis and the Public Works Committee on the new solid waste collection contract. The committee members and Mrs. Napoli did a lot of work in the process. She also thanked Adrien Levinson for her time served on the Library Board and welcomed and thanked Sue Marino for agreeing to serve as a new member.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael echoed the comments regarding Colleen and Bill and thanked them both. He announced that the new Class II Officers are now on patrol and you will see them on the e-bikes a school drop off and pick up.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson congratulated the new Public Works employees. He welcomed Sue Marino to the Library Board. He acknowledged the hard work that goes into recreation decisions and thanked Bill Albright, the Mayor and Councilwoman Byrnes for their efforts.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright echoed many of the comments from Council. She welcomed the new employees. She knows Sue Marino will be an asset to the Library Board. The volunteers are what make Linwood great.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis commended the Public Works Department on the clean up from the storm. One of the Public Works employees, Danny Showell, and an Environmental Commission member, Marion Jordon, will be attending a Shade Tree Federation Conference to maintain the City’s community forestry requirements for certification.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff welcomed the new Public Works employees. He announced the Recreation Board’s Fall Fest is scheduled for Sunday, October 15.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford thanked and commended the members of Council for all their hard work. They do a great job helping to run the City, along with Mrs. Napoli.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to adjourn at 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk