

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:18 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; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilman Matt Levinson

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2024 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

SWEARING IN

The Mayor administered the Oaths of Office to Firefighter Joseph McCauley, Firefighter James Nunan, and Firefighter Kolby Rundio. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated the firefighters.

ORDINANCES

9 OF 2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE IV PERMIT PARKING, SECTION 263-21 PERMIT 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. 9 of 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 9 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson absent. Motion was approved.

10 OF 2024 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. 10 of 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve Ordinance No. 10 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson 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.

141-2024 A Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Linwood and the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education for the provision of Two Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers

157-2024 A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Jennifer Pullman as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 158-2024** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Tuckahoe Turf Farms Inc. for the Supply and Delivery of Athletic Blend Sod for the Upper Soccer Field at All Wars Memorial Park in the City of Linwood
- 159-2024** A Resolution appointing Firefighter Greg Coderre to the position of Acting Captain in the Linwood Fire Department
- 160-2024** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Deborah Moss and Catherine Verseput as Substitute School Crossing Guards for the City of Linwood
- 161-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2024-18, to Gilda's Club South Jersey
- 162-2024** A Resolution authorizing an Alcoholic Beverage Permit for the Linwood Board of Recreation Fall Festival
- 163-2024** A Resolution appointing James A. Cotton as the Acting Construction Official for the City of Linwood
- 164-2024** A Resolution authorizing the assignment of the Redevelopment Agreement from Charter Tech Annex LLC to Linwood Acquisition LLC
- 165-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2024-19, to Contact Cape Atlantic
- 166-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2024-20, to Contact Cape Atlantic
- 167-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2024-05, to Contact Cape Atlantic
- 168-2024** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 3 with West Bay Construction, Inc. with regard to the Seaview Dock and Poplar Dock Improvements

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 Walcoff, to approve Resolutions No. 141, 157-168 of 2024. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,114,150.85

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilwoman Albright, and Councilman Levinson 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.

Kathleen Spaeth, 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth explained that she called the Police due to loud music at the Linwood Country Club and was told by the Police Officer that the City's ordinance is not enforceable and would like to know why.

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 – Mayor Matik congratulated the new firefighters. Chief Walley and Captain Gabriel are doing a great job with the department.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright advised that a new proposed Noise Ordinance is currently under review by the Department of Environmental Protection. Once that process is completed the City can move forward to adopt.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He is a member of the Planning, Engineering, and Development Committee and is very proud of the accomplishments being completed at the park. The new lights were installed and look great. The new fieldhouse building is coming along and will also look great.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael congratulated the new firefighters and Firefighter Coderre as Acting Captain.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly also congratulated the new firefighters and agrees with Councilman Walcoff on the improvements in the park.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford congratulated the new firefighters and acknowledged Chief Walley, Captain Gabriel, and Acting Captain Coderre for doing a great job. The Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments are all doing great. He advised Mrs. Spaeth that there are some housekeeping issues with the City's Nuisance Ordinance and should have feedback from the Department of Environmental Protection soon.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to adjourn at 6:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk