LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
October 14, 2026

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present:	Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Michael Salerno; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.
Absent:	Mayor Darren Matik
Also Present:	Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; CJ Kaenzig, Engineer's Office; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Greg Coderre, Fire Department; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO, and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading
   Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2026, Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilman Walcoff. Motion approved.

3. Councilwoman Albright
   A. Planning, Engineering, & Development
      1. Councilman Walcoff advised of a Resolution awarding a Contract to Arawak Paving for the Bike Path Expansion project. The project will widen the path from 8 feet to 12 feet. This phase will begin at Ocean Heights Avenue and continue just past Edgewood Avenue. Council President Ford questioned the need for the 8-foot swing gates at the chicane locations. Mr. Kaenzig explained it was designed to allow Public Works or emergency vehicles to access the path.

4. Councilman Levinson
   A. Revenue & Finance
      1. Councilman Levinson reported on the 2026 Best Practices inventory. The City scored a 42 and will not lose any state aid.
      2. Councilman Levinson advised that the Finance Committee, Mr. Strazzeri, and Mrs. Napoli met with Brown & Brown on the 2027 medical/prescription drug plan options for Medicare-eligible retirees. Councilman Levinson reviewed the proposals and is recommending a switch to a new plan with only a 2.5% increase as compared to the current plan with a 13.7% increase.
      3. Councilman Levinson reported that he spoke with Atlantic County Commissioner Jim Bertino who advised that the county administration will be submitting the county-wide reassessment pilot for Linwood & Hammonton to the County Commissioners for review.

5. Councilman Michael
   A. Public Safety
      1. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution authorizing the hiring of Timothy Miller as a Substitute School Crossing Guard.
      2. Councilman Michael discussed a Resolution authorizing the hiring of Brandon M. Staines as a Part Time Fire Fighter. This hiring was to replace a vacancy.

6. Council President Ford
   A. Administration
      1. Council President Ford advised of Resolutions authorizing Raffle Licenses for Gilda's Club and Our Lady of Sorrows.
      2. Council President Ford discussed an Ordinance to amend Chapter 52A, Employee Manual to update the language for Family Medical Leave as amended by the State

At 6:19 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator/Municipal Clerk