

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 22, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Councilwoman Blair Albright 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 Todd Michael led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Michael Salerno; and Councilman Adam Walcoff.

Absent: Council President Eric Ford

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 Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025 Regular without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilwoman Albright. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCE

10 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2025, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES, COMPENSATIONS AND SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 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 2025 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 10 for final reading. Councilwoman Albright opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 10. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Albright closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Council President Ford 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.

168-2025 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-16, to Hope Exists Foundation Inc.

169-2025 A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Disabled Veteran Tax Payments for Block 148 Lot 14.16 located at 7 Evergreen Road in the City of Linwood

170-2025 A Resolution authorizing entering into a Shared Services Agreement with Atlantic County for Highway Digital Message Boards and Electronic Speed Feedback Signs

Councilwoman Albright asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Kelly motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Resolutions No. 168-170 of 2025. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,799,418.32

Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, 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 Council President Ford absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Albright opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Jack Verseput 306 W. Poplar Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Verseput indicated there was another accident in front of his house today and asked for a traffic light to be installed. He reported that dogs are running loose on the bike path and a gray car with pink writing driving around Linwood at excessive speeds.

Dr. Diana Dao 21 Crossing Drive, Linwood – Dr. Dao asked why the new fence was installed at memorial Park. Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Albright closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor advised Mr. Verseput that the accident today was caused by human error. He is unsure if the intersection at Poplar and Maple warrants a traffic light. However, the City can submit the traffic data to the Department of Transportation who makes those decisions. The Mayor advised Dr. Dao that the new fence at the park is not to impede access to the park, but only to help improve the park.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael thanked the members of the public for speaking. He has three young kids and the fence helps prevent kids from running onto the bike path or into the parking lot. It creates a safer environment for them.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their comments.

Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno advised that the Fall fest event held last weekend at the park was a great event. These types of events are important for the community.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright thanked the members of the public for speaking. She advised Mr. Verseput that the Chief hears his comments about the dogs. She indicated that the old chain link fence that ran the length of the park was replaced with the new white vinyl fence to match the fence along Shore Road. It does have five openings and bike racks will be added there soon. These are all part of the improvement projects to the park.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to adjourn at 6:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk