LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:
Council President for the Day Giovanni DeVilla led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING
Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2026, Regular meeting without formal reading. Six members of Council were in favor with one member, Councilman Kelly, absent. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

179-2026 A Resolution authorizing 2026 Budget Appropriation transfers.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 179 of 2026 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolution No. 179. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one member, 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.

180-2026 A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for proposals for the following 2027 Professional Services for the City of Linwood: Municipal Solicitor, Bond Counsel, Municipal Auditor, Municipal Engineer, and Risk Management Consultant

181-2026 A Resolution authoring the refund of a tax overpayment made by Rebecca Lesko for Block 184 Lot 3 also known as 744 Shore Road in the City of Linwood

182-2026 A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to clear tax credits for the third and fourth quarters of 2026 due to previously approved tax-exempt status

183-2026 A Resolution authorizing a refund to Our Lady of Sorrows Church with regard to a Raffle License application fee

184-2026 A Resolution approving temporary signage for Mainland After Prom Ugly Sweater 5k Run & 1 Mile Kids Fun Run

185-2026 A Resolution supporting the submission of application for New Jersey Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 180-185 of 2026. Six members of Council were in favor with one member, Councilman Kelly, absent. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: $4,174,872.70
Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilwoman Albright and one member, Councilman Kelly, 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.
Diane Kady, 109 W. Garfield Avenue, Linwood - Ms. Kady raised concerns about e-bike safety, particularly the lack of helmets and lights used by cyclists. She discussed the dangers associated with riding the e-bikes along the bike path and referenced an incident involving herself being struck by an e-bike. She suggested the police address the e-bike safety concerns.
Sharon Levy, Northfield Resident- Ms. Levy expressed her concern about a pedestrian being hit by an e-bike near Tilton market in Northfield, and safety concerns of children riding e-bikes to and from school. She suggested having crossing guards take a more active role in enforcing safety rules concerning e-bikes to help prevent additional accidents.
Kevin Harrington, 1010 Oak Avenue, Linwood- Mr. Harrington addressed ongoing disturbances involving neighborhood children. He reported that children have been coming to his home, kicking his door, ringing his doorbell and engaging in disruptive behavior. He indicated these incidents have been going on since the summer.
Mrs. Harrington, 1010 Oak Avenue, Linwood- Mrs. Harrington also expressed her concerns regarding the ongoing disturbances involving neighborhood children. She reported that children have repeatedly come to her home, kicking and banging on her door. She indicated the behavior is disruptive and expressed concern about the repeated harassment and noise.
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 addressed e-bikes the concerns regarding e-bike safety, noting that New Jersey law prohibits children under 15 from operating. He mentioned that police officers have been speaking with students at Linwood schools about e-bike safety and the rules of the road. He also discussed future bike path modifications and encouraged residents to provide police with video evidence when reporting neighborhood disturbances, as documentation can assist with enforcement efforts.
Councilman Salerno – Councilman Salerno thanked residents for attending and sharing their concerns regarding e-bike safety. He noted that the State has implemented new regulations regarding e-bikes and encouraged residents to contact the police department whenever they observe safety concerns or disturbances.
Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright commented that e-bike safety has improved somewhat since the implementation of the New Jersey e-bike law. She discussed the importance of educating young riders about traffic rules and the dangers associated with e-bikes, while noting adults must also follow speed and safety regulations. She also discussed a planned bike path extension anticipated for 2027.
Councilman Levinson- Councilman Levinson thanked residents for bringing their concerns forward. He noted the positive impact the bike path widening project will have on e-bike safety. He acknowledged the Police Chief's ongoing enforcement efforts but noted that parental awareness and compliance with safety rules remain important. He encouraged residents experiencing neighborhood disturbances to share any available video footage with the Police Department.
Councilman Michael- Councilman Michael thanked residents for attending the meeting and sharing their concerns. He acknowledged the importance of community involvement and noted the Police Department is making efforts to speak with students in Linwood schools regarding e-bike safety.
Council President Ford- Council President Ford thanked Giovanni DeVilla, Council President for the Day, for his assistance with the meeting and thanked residents for attending and voicing their concerns. He commented on the Police Department's efforts to address community concerns regarding e-bike safety and noted that officers will continue doing what they can to assist with enforcement. He also discussed upcoming bike path improvements and how they are expected to enhance e-bike safety. He congratulated newly elected Councilmember Marc Carpenter and thanked Adam Walcoff for his time and service on Council. He also thanked the voters in his ward for

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re-electing him to Council. Council President Ford announced the upcoming Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon on December 11.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk