

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Council President Eric Ford led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilman Todd Michael.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilwoman DeDomenicis. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

7 OF 2024 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR NOISE CONTROL IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 7 of 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Ordinance No. 7 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 7. Kathleen Spaeth, 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth asked where the language for this Ordinance came from and who will enforce it. Councilman Walcoff advised that the City used the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's model Ordinance. They reviewed the City's proposed Ordinance and advised they would approve it. The Police will be the enforcement agency. Seeing and hearing no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

11 OF 2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 183 NUISANCES, ARTICLE I, PROHIBITED USES 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. 11 of 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Ordinance No. 11 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

176-2024 A Resolution authorizing 2024 Budget appropriation transfers

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 176 of 2024 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolution No. 176. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael 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.

- 177-2024** A Resolution approving temporary signage for Linwood Street Hockey
- 178-2024** A Resolution awarding a Contract to South State, Inc. for the Improvements to Oakcrest Avenue, Contract No. 54
- 179-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-01, to Our Lady of Sorrows
- 180-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-02, to Our Lady of Sorrows
- 181-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2025-01, to Our Lady of Sorrows
- 182-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2025-02, to AIM Angels in Motion Inc.
- 183-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-03, to AIM Angels in Motion Inc.
- 184-2024** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2025-04, to AIM Angels in Motion Inc.
- 185-2024** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 4 with R. Maxwell Construction Co., Inc. with regard to the All Wars Memorial Park Field House
- 186-2024** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 5 with R. Maxwell Construction Co., Inc. with regard to the All Wars Memorial Park Field House

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. 177-186 of 2024. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$3,048,082.13

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

Ann Lindquist, 717 Cedar Place, Linwood – Ms. Lindquist lives next to the Poplar Avenue field. She indicated that kids are kicking balls at her fence when playing at the field. She called the police. She would like the City to do something or she will take action.

Scott McWilliams, 21 Wilson Avenue, Linwood – Mr. McWilliams discussed the speeding problem with electric bikes and scooters on the bike path. He believes it is very dangerous and would like to work with the City to find a solution.

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 – The Mayor believes that the way the State laws are written limit what municipalities can do about the speeding problems for electric bikes. The City does have radar signs around the streets. He agrees it is a problem and the Mayor and Council are working with the Chief of Police to find a solution.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff shares the concerns of Mr. McWilliams and also advised that the City has been looking at this issue. He understands the state is proposing legislation for requiring insurance on them and suggested he speak to his state representatives about that law. Councilman Walcoff is happy to have the Noise Ordinance adopted. The City's current Ordinance is unenforceable, so that will be amended as the Noise Ordinance takes effect.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that her and Councilman Walcoff were just discussing the situation with electric bikes today. They are hoping to find a solution.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson advised that the Mayor and Council are working with the Chief of Police on this issue. He too understands it is a problem.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly agrees electric bikes are an issue. He announced that the Senior Citizen Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 13. The tree lighting is Tuesday, December 3.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford is looking forward to the Senior Luncheon. He agrees electric bikes are an issue and the City is working on it.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to adjourn at 6:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk