

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**November 26, 2024**

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

Absent: Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Captain Frank Gabriel, Fire Department; Acting Captain Greg Coderre, Fire Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman Albright, motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2024 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, and Development

1. Councilwoman Albright advised of a Resolution authorizing temporary signage for Mainland Jr. Wrestling.

4. Councilman Kelly

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Kelly advised that the Recreation Board approved a Resolution requesting City Council to amend the City Code to remove the Recreation Fees for sports organizations. Discussion ensued on the reasoning for the adoption of the fees to help finance upgrades and maintenance at the parks. Only the hockey organization has paid the 2024 fees to date. Notices will be sent out, again, that 2024 fees are due. The Neighborhood Services Committee will meet to review the fees for 2025 and report back to full Council at a future meeting.

5. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson reported that the first reading of a Bond Ordinance is on the agenda to finance the cost of drainage improvements, a turf multi-purpose field, and related improvements at All Wars Memorial Park. The Engineer did a great job on the plan. The residents voted in favor of a turf field at the general election last year. Councilman Levinson is excited for the improvements.

6. Councilman Walcoff

A. Shared Services

- B. Councilman Walcoff advised of the final reading on an Ordinance amending Chapter 183, Nuisances to delete section (j) after it was ruled unenforceable in municipal court.

7. Council President Ford

A. Administration

1. Council President Ford advised of a Resolution on the agenda scheduling the 2025 City Council Reorganization on January 7, 2025.
2. Council President Ford advised of honorary Resolutions on the agenda for the Linwood Panther Football and cheerleading teams.

At 6:23 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk