

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 26, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:26 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 Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis.

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 Kelly, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution honoring the Linwood Panthers Peewee Football Team

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the Resolution honoring the Linwood Panthers Peewee Football Team. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

Resolution honoring the Linwood Panthers JV Football Team

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the Resolution honoring the Linwood Panthers JV Football Team. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

Resolution honoring the Linwood Panthers Peewee Cheerleading Team

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the Resolution honoring the Linwood Panthers Peewee Cheerleading Team. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

Resolution honoring the Linwood Panthers JV Cheerleading Team

Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve the Resolution honoring the Linwood Panthers JV Cheerleading Team. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

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 final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 11. Seeing and hearing no 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 Councilwoman DeDomenicis absent. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES (continued)

12 OF 2024 A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,900,000) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW TURF MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD AT MEMORIAL PARK AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 12 of 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Ordinance No. 12 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilwoman DeDomenicis 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.

187-2024 A Resolution scheduling the 2025 Reorganization Meeting

188-2024 A Resolution approving temporary signage for Mailand Jr. Wrestling

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 187-188 of 2024. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$362,893.64

Councilman Walcoff 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 Councilwoman DeDomenicis 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.

Seeing and hearing no 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 was invited to a wedding recently of two long time Linwood families whose children married one another. He was very impressed with all the young adults in attendance and attributed their successes to growing up in Linwood, attending the Linwood schools, and participating in Linwood’s recreation programs. He is happy the Bond Ordinance was introduced and is looking forward to the improvements of the future.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael is also looking forward to the renovations at Memorial Field and he is proud to be a part of them.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson is also happy to take the first step in the field renovations. He congratulated all the players and cheerleaders honored tonight.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly agrees with everyone’s comments regarding the field improvements. He reminded everyone of the tree lighting scheduled for December 3, 2024.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright congratulated all the Panthers. She thanked the Mayor, her fellow councilmembers, and engineer for all their hard work in getting the Bond Ordinance together for tonight.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford congratulated Mainland High School football team on making it to the state finals this weekend and wished them luck. He is also very happy to approve the first phase of the renovations at the park.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to adjourn at 6:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk