

COMMON COUNCIL

November 25, 2024

The Common Council of the City of Wabash met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall and held a Council Meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024, in regular session.

A Public Hearing was held for Wabash City Schools' request for approval of an additional appropriation for debt service. Superintendent Sively explained that because of the January 15, 2024 debt payment was appropriated for the 2023 budget but wasn't paid until January 2024 so it actually came out of the 2024 budget.

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Todd Render of the Wabash Alliance Church gave the prayer.

The roll was answered by 7 Council members: Mitzi Pilgrim, Charlie Coyne, Terry Brewer, Bryan Dillon, John Burnsworth, Eric Schoening and Wade Weaver.

The minutes of the meeting held November 12, 2024 were approved as circulated. Council Member Weaver made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Dillon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

For the Police Department, Mark Dixon was sworn in by Mayor Long as a Probationary Patrolman.

Resolution No. 16, 2024 – Wabash City Schools Additional Appropriation. Weaver made a motion to accept Resolution No. 16, 2024. Council Member Burnsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 17, 2024 – Tax Abatement for Logan Properties. Logan Properties is constructing a regional headquarters for a local business; this tax abatement will transfer to the new owner. The Tax Abatement Authority made a favorable ruling to allow the benefit of a ten-year

abatement. Burnsworth made a motion to accept Resolution No. 17, 2024. Dillon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Latheda Metzger asked about the odor from the new business at the southeast corner of 13 and 24. The mayor stated that the company has been open at this location only three weeks and is having start-up issues with the new equipment. From his discussions with the company, he expects their operation to smooth out soon.

REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:

Council Member Weaver reported that three candidates have applied for two school board positions; interviews are Tuesday this week.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Mooney reported that he attended a career fair at Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne and met with their criminal justice students. The Chief again expressed his appreciation to the Council for the competitive benefits package that he can now offer these potential recruits.

Park Superintendent Hall reported that park restrooms and water fountains are now closed for the season.

Mayor Long asked if there were any Title VI or ADA compliance concerns. None were heard.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 9 at 6:00 pm.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Wabash City Council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbyjho89U6E&list=PLkorNZejiz7ImVSNS98Bqk9pBagTbtaC> &index=12 for as long as this media is supported.

SCOTT LONG, MAYOR Scott A. Long

ATTEST:

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