

MINUTES

Wilmington City Council

January 4th, 2023

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 4th, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at 69 N. South St. Wilmington, Ohio, with President Matt Purkey presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: J Schlabach, present; M Snarr, present; D Wells, absent; B Osborn, present; J Knowles, present; D Nanstad, present.

B Osborn moved to excuse D Wells, second by J Schlabach. Absent member excused.

Chief Fithen was present as Sergeant at Arms.

J Dickman was present as Law Director.

Council participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President Purkey presented the agenda.

J Schlabach moved to approve the agenda as presented. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda accepted as presented.

President Purkey presented the minutes from the December 21st regular meeting.

B Osborn moved to approve the minutes of the December 21st, regular council meeting, as presented, M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion: B Osborn noted a clerical error, typo in his name.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

December 21st, 2023 regular City Council minutes approved.

Law Director J Dickman presented the Law Director's report, noting the high volume of cases being prosecuted in Municipal Court by City Prosecutor Sarah McMahon and stated there will be a need for hiring additional part-time support staff in the future to deal with the heavy caseload.

MAYOR

Mayor Haley outlined his goals and expectations for his new administration and also named new appointments:

Mike Cluxton- Special Assistant to the Mayor

Joe Spicer- Safety Director

Michael Crowe- Service Director

Dan Mongold- Human Resources Director

Jonathan McKay- Transit Director

David Stewart- Maintenance and Repair Superintendent

AUDITOR

Auditor Vance had no report.

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

Service and Safety Director Brian Shidaker had no report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

M Snarr introduced Resolution R-24-01, accepting a grant from the Clinton County Solid Waste District, Curbside Recycling Grant.

M Snarr moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-01 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-01 by title only.

M Snarr moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-01 title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye. Motion passed.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-01 by title only.

M Snarr moved for passage of Resolution R-24-01. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Snarr, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Schlabach, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-24-01 passed as presented.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No Report.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

J Schlabach introduced Ordinance O-24-01 Amending O-23-54 Establishing Classification and Salary Ranges for certain city employees, repealing Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith.

J Schlabach moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-01 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: J Schlabach stated this is adding a non-classified position of Special Assistant to the Mayor.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-01 by title only.

J Schlabach moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance O-24-01 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye. Motion passed

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-01 by title only.

J Schlabach moved for passage of Ordinance O-24-01. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Osborn, aye. Motion passed

Ordinance O-24-01 passed as presented.

B Osborn introduced Ordinance O-24-02 And Ordinance waiving the residency requirement for the Director of Public Service in the City of Wilmington, Ohio.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-02 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mayor Haley explained the waiver and the ORC regulations. J Schlabach asked if there was an end date for the waiver. President Purkey stated it can be reversed by Council.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-02 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance O-24-02 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Nanstad, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye. Motion passed

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-02 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Ordinance O-24-02. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye. Motion passed

Ordinance O-24-02 passed as presented.

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J Schlabach introduced Ordinance O-23-59 An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Development Agreement between the City of Wilmington and Creekview Project I, LLC; and authorizing related actions

J Schlabach moved to have a second reading only on O-23-59 by title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Josh Roth, Clinton County Port Authority- Outlined the agreement and explained the process of placing special assessments for 5 years on each lot that would help mitigate the cost of the infrastructure.

Jonathan Bills, DDC Management- Gave an update on progress and explained the next step is to transfer lots so the homebuilder can start model homes.

J Knowles inquired about additional phases.

J Bills stated that would be years down the road.

Additional comments regarding the project were discussed.

Voice vote: 4 aye, 1 abstain (B Osborne). Motion Passes.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-23-59 by title only.

J Schlabach asked that a third reading be on the next agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

No Report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

B Osborn moved to accept the Income Tax Report as presented. J Schlabach seconded the motion.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Report accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

President Purkey reminded Council of the Public Hearing on Rezoning that would be held on January 18th in reference to a parcel on Rombach Avenue and Davids Drive.

Mayor Haley briefly spoke on the “no left turn” signs he had removed from Rombach Avenue stating there were 46 taken down.

Dustin Peirce, 276 W. Locust Street- Spoke regarding the Wilmington City Schools levy and board meeting and encouraged the citizens of Wilmington to attend these meetings.

Eric Gherman- Spoke about alleged harassment by the Wilmington Police Department.

Jane Johns, Beechgrove Road- Spoke regarding issues with homelessness and mental health.

Mayor Haley (replying to J Johns) stated that some people need in-patient treatment which is a process and takes funding. He stated that he has been traveling around looking for solutions but assured J Johns that the administration is working on the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Purkey stated Council would be entering executive session to discuss Section 121.22(G)(3) – Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

J Schlabach moved to enter Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. B Osborn seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

B Osborn moved to return from Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. J Knowles seconded.

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President Purkey stated Council would be entering executive session to discuss Section 121.22(G)(1) – To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual request a public hearing.

J Schlabach moved to enter Executive Session at 8:53 p.m. B Osborn seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

J Knowles moved to return from Executive Session at 9:09 p.m. J Schlabach seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

B Osborn moved to adjourn the meeting.

President Purkey declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk