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Wilmington City Council

January 18th, 2024

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 18th, 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 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

D Wells moved to excuse D Nanstad, second by B Osborn. Absent member was excused.

Chief Fithen was present as Sergeant at Arms.
J Dickman was present as Law Director.
Council participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President Purkey presented the agenda.
There was one update, the adding of item d, “Investment Summary”, under section 13 “Reports to Council”.
B Osborn moved to approve the agenda as amended. J Knowles seconded the motion.
Discussion: None.
Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.
Agenda accepted as amended.

President Purkey presented the minutes from the January 4th regular meeting.
J Knowles moved to approve the minutes of the January 4th, regular council meeting, as presented, K Tolliver seconded the motion.
Discussion: None
Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.
January 4th, 2024, regular City Council minutes approved.

President Purkey presented the 2024-2025 Council Committee Appointments.

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Don Wells (Chairperson) Bob Osborn David Nanstad

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Bob Osborn (Chairperson) Kelly Tolliver David Nanstad

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
Josh Schlabach (Chairperson) Jamie Knowles Michael Snarr

PUBLIC WORKS/ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE
Michael Snarr (Chairperson) Jamie Knowles Kelly Tolliver

AD HOC COMMITTEE
<i>(Does not report as part of regular council agenda)</i> Matt Purkey (Chairperson) Josh Schlabach Michael Snarr Kelly Tolliver

D Wells moved to approve the Council Committee Appointments, as presented, B Osborn seconded the motion.

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Discussion: President Purkey noted that there will be no individual committee meetings scheduled but can be added as needed.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

2024-2025 City Council Committee Appointments approved.

President Purkey presented the proposed 2024 Council Meeting Structure Update.

J Schlabach moved to approve the 2024 Council Meeting Structure Update, as presented. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion: President Purkey explained the new structure, including a “Public Workshop” at 6 p.m. that would have all Council Committees included. The full regular Council Meeting would follow at 7 p.m. B Osborn inquired if the Public Workshop would be broadcasted. M Purkey stated it would and minutes of the meeting will also be kept.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

2024 Council Meeting Structure Update was approved.

President Purkey introduced Resolution R-24-02, Appointing the President Pro Tempore of Council of the City of Wilmington and Declaring an Emergency (B Osborn).

D Wells moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-02 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-02 by title only.

J Knowles moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-02 title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

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

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-02 by title only.

D Wells moved for passage of Resolution R-24-02. M Snarr seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-24-02 passed as presented.

President Purkey swore in Bob Osborn as President Pro Tempore of City Council.

President Purkey announced a Public Hearing for March 7th, 2024, on a petition for rezoning of 3 parcels on US 68 South from LI (Light Industrial) to GI (General Industrial).

PUBLIC HEARING

President Purkey opened the Public Hearing for a Petition for Rezoning of 2.070 acres (more or less) more commonly known as Rombach Avenue and Davids Drive and being Parcel ID Number 29019040100000 as filed with the City of Wilmington and approved by the Wilmington Planning Commission on December 5, 2023. The request is to change the zoning from LI (Light Industrial) to SC (Suburban Commercial).

Public Hearing for Rezoning opened at 7:44 p.m.

Paul Hanson, Project Manager for CESO, explained the rezoning request and spoke regarding the plan for the Wawa.

President Purkey stated the petition for rezoning had been approved by Planning Commission on 12/5/2023.

Public Hearing for Rezoning closed at 7:46 p.m.

Kathy Collins from the Wilmington Parks and Recreation board introduced the new Park Director Ivy Ortman. Ms. Ortman stated she looked forward to working with the City and Council to build good relationships.

MAYOR

Mayor Haley expressed gratitude for a gift from David Nanstad. Mayor Haley also outlined the first few weeks of his new administration.

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AUDITOR

Auditor Vance had no report but stated the 4th Quarter Transfer Report would be on the 2/1/2024 agenda.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Service Director Michael Crowe thanked Mayor Haley for the privilege to serve the citizens of Wilmington. M Crowe introduced Public Works Director R Schaffer who stated he has taken a new position in Oberlin but will be staying on in Wilmington for another month to ease the transition. R Schaffer thanked everyone for their support.

President Purkey stated he did not know how they would ever replace R Schaffer and commended him for his many accomplishments.

Mayor Haley echoed President Purkey's sentiments.

SAFETY DIRECTOR

Safety Director Joseph Spicer had no report but introduced himself to Council and the audience. He stated he has served 25 years with the Fire Department and several years on Council and he is glad to be back in the Safety Department.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

D Wells had no report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

B Osborn introduced Ordinance O-24-04 Making supplemental appropriations.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-04 by title only. J Schlabach seconded the motion.

Discussion:

- a. From the Airborne Roadwork Dev Grant Fund to 266.110.5912 "Advance Return" the sum of \$50,668.30
- b. From the Rombach/Elizabeth Ln Traffic Signal Program Grant Fund to 268.110.5912 "Advance Return" the sum of \$45,000.00
- c. From the General Fund to 110.120.5111 "Salaries-Admin" the sum of \$38,500.00

B Osborn explained the "Salaries- Admin" supplement was for employee disbursements of unused vacation time.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-04 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance No. O-24-04 by title only. J Schlabach seconded the motion.

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

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-04 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Ordinance No. O-24-04. J Schlabach seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-24-04 passed as presented.

B Osborn introduced Resolution R-24-03, Accepting a Donation from the Rome Family for Sugar Grove Cemetery; and declaring an emergency.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-03 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-03 by title only.

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B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-03 title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-03 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution R-24-03. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-24-03 passed as presented.

B Osborn introduced Resolution R-24-04, Authorizing the Director of Wilmington Parks and Recreation to apply for funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-04 by title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-04 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-04 title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

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

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-04 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution R-24-04 M Snarr seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-24-04 passed as presented.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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 for a third reading.

J Schlabach moved to have a third reading only on O-23-59 by title only. B Osborn 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.

Roll call vote: Wells, no; Osborn, abstain; Knowles, no; Kelly, no; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye. Motion failed (3 “no”, 1 “abstain”, 2 “aye”).

The third reading of Ordinance O-23-59 does not pass.

J Schlabach introduced Ordinance O-24-03 Changing the Zoning of real property located on Rombach Avenue and Davids Drive in the City of Wilmington, Ohio.

J Schlabach moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-03 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-03 by title only.

J Schlabach moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance O-24-03 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-03 by title only.

J Schlabach moved for passage of Ordinance O-24-03. K Tolliver seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-24-03 passed as presented.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

M Snarr introduced Resolution R-24-05, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Agreement on behalf of the City of Wilmington for a PFAS Planning Study; and designation a dedication repayment source for the loan.

M Snarr moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-05 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: R Schaffer explained the loan is actually 100% forgiveness, so it is more of a grant than a loan. He also stated the funding will not be available for long, so getting involved now is the best plan.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-05 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-05 title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-05 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution R-24-05. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-24-05 passed as presented.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

D Wells moved to accept the Auditor/Treasurer Report, Second Six Months- Statement of Interest Earned, Twelve Months- Statement of Interest Earned, and the Investment Summary as presented. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion: Treasurer Fear explained the statements he had provided and thanked Commissioner M Jones and his Tax Department Staff.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Reports accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Dustin Pearce, 276 W. Locust Street- Spoke regarding the lack of parking on N. South Street.

Jane Tuke Johns, Beechgrove Road- Spoke regarding boarder control issues.

Don Wells expressed concern about unleashed dogs in Sugar Grove Cemetery.

ADJOURNMENT

B Osborn moved to adjourn the meeting.

President Purkey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk