

MINUTES

Wilmington City Council

April 18th, 2024

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, at 7:00 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 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Sergeant Foster 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 for April 18th.

B Osborn moved to approve the agenda as amended, J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda accepted as presented,

President Purkey presented the minutes from the April 4th regular meeting.

D Wells moved to approve the minutes of the April 4th regular council meeting, as presented, K Tolliver seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

April 4th, 2024 regular City Council minutes approved as presented.

MAYOR

Mayor Haley honored Jon Cordrey from the Transit Department who had recently passed away. Mayor Haley also honored Leliani Popp, former City Council person and city servant, who had passed away and sent his condolences to her husband Tom Popp. Mayor Haley also spoke briefly about Domestic Violence happening in the community and the difficulty survivors have taking about it.

AUDITOR

Auditor Vance had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR

Law Director Dickman, who had recently been ill, thanked Council and the Community for their support. He also thanked his office for providing support while he had been out, and noted some staffing additions due to the upcoming retirement of Jane Horne and the need train a replacement.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Service Director Michael Crowe held the bid opening for the sale of surplus property at 184 N. Mulberry Street. One bid had been received from Salvador Granados for \$1000. Mr. Granados is the adjacent property owner.

Service Director Crowe introduced R-24-18, Authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into Agreement No. 40676 with Strand Associate and execute all necessary documents for Project CLI- Wilmington PED FY26; PID-119755, Pedestrian Improvement Plan, in the City of Wilmington. This is also known as the "Crossings II" project for updates to the school zone at Denver School off N. Lincoln and Lorish Streets. He stated this is a 90/10 grant and the city only pays the 10%.

J Knowles moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-18 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-18 by title only.

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J Knowles moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-18 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

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

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-18 by title only.

J Knowles moved for passage of Resolution R-24-18. B Osborn seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-24-18 passed as presented.

Service Director Crowe introduced Resolution R-24-19 A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2024, and declaring an emergency, which is the annual salt contract.

K Tolliver moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-19 by title only. D Nanstad seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-19 by title only.

K Tolliver moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-19 by title only. D Nanstad seconded the motion.

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

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-19 by title only.

K Tolliver moved for passage of Resolution R-24-19. D Nanstad seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-24-19 passed as presented.

SAFETY DIRECTOR

Safety Director Joseph Spicer had no report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

D Wells had no report but introduced Transit Director Jonathan McKay for the Transit Update. Director McKay stated these updates were a part of the “ODOT Best Practice Guidelines” and he would be coming before Council to give a report three times per year. Director McKay stated that so far in 2024 the total ridership was 28,877, and noted that is over double the city’s population. He stated they had also formed a “Transit Advisory Board” comprised of administration, drivers, and riders that meets monthly. Director McKay stated the previous administration’s number regarding ridership can not be relied upon due to not knowing how the numbers were tracked.

Point of order was called by Law Director Dickman at 7:30 p.m. due to continued audience participation in a council discussion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

B Osborn had one item to present, Resolution R-24-17 A Resolution authorizing the release of a certain mortgage encumbering certain real property in the City of Wilmington, Ohio; and declaring an emergency.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Ordinance R-24-17 by title only. K Tolliver seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-17 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-17 by title only. K Tolliver seconded the motion.

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

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The Law Director read Resolution R-24-17 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution R-24-17. K Tolliver seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-24-17 passed as presented.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

J Schlabach had three pieces of legislation to present.

J Schlabach introduced Ordinance O-24-22 An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Wilmington, Ohio to provide amendments to General Offenses Wilmington City Code Sections 501.01, 501.99, 509.04, 509.05, 509.06, 509.07, 513.01, 513.03, 513.04, 513.12, 513.121, 517.08, 525.05, 525.15, 533.01, 533.06, 537.06, 537.07, 537.15, 537.16, 545.05, 549.02, 549.04, 549.09, 549.10; to provide for penalties; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

J Schlabach moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have second and third readings on Ordinance O-24-22 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

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

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-22 by title only.

J Schlabach moved for passage of Ordinance O-24-22. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-24-22 passed as presented.

J Schlabach introduced Ordinance O-24-23 An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Wilmington, Ohio to provide amendments to Traffic Wilmington City Code Sections 301.35, 301.52, 331.35, 331.38, 331.44, 333.01, 333.03, 333.11, 337.10, 337.16, 337.22, 337.22, 337.26, 341.01, 341.04, 341.05, 351.04 to provide for penalties; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

J Schlabach moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have second and third readings on Ordinance O-24-23 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

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

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-23 by title only.

J Schlabach moved for passage of Ordinance O-24-23. B Osborn seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-24-23 passed as presented.

J Schlabach introduced Ordinance O-24-24 Amending Ordinance No. O-24-17 Establishing classification and salary ranges for certain city employees, repealing Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith.

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

Discussion: *The discussion in the Public Workshop noted three changes to the Ordinance, the update of the Transit Department title from "Mobility Manager" to "Transit Coordinator" due to ODOT regulations. The update of "Vehicle Mechanic" to "Mechanic" and the update of "Income Tax Commissioner" to "Income Tax Commissioner/Deputy Treasurer" both changes for clarity of positions.*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

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

J Schlabach moved for passage of Ordinance O-24-24. D Nanstad seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-24-24 passed as presented.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

M Snarr had no report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

K Tolliver moved to accept the Income Auditor Report- March 2024. D Nanstad seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Report accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Jason Stoops, of 118 S. Mulberry Street, spoke regarding

Nicole Osborn, of 139 Springbird Court, spoke regarding domestic violence and her experiences with it, including the lack of funding for services.

Ashly Elkin, with no address provided, also spoke regarding domestic violence and her experiences with it, including issues with the court system and available housing and funding for those leaving violent home situations.

Dustin Pearce, of 276 W. Locust Street, spoke regarding the dispute over the previous website he had created for the city and the outcome of the dispute.

Jane Johns, of 3537 S. Beechgrove Road, spoke regarding issues with Lytle Creek pollution.

Eric Westerbury of 2519 Prairie Road, spoke regarding his issues with the mural of Ukraine in the City Building windows, inflation, drugs, and violence.

Greg Pitzer, of 116 Commons Lane, read a letter to Council and requested the Mayor and the Law Director sign to continue to investigate the 2013 death of his daughter, Casey Pitzer. Mayor Haley cautioned Mr. Pitzer on sending additional letters and to wait for the process to be completed with their previous requests.

Darrell Petry, of 5514 SR 350, spoke on behalf of Greg Pitzer and stated the administration had promised transparency in the death investigation of Casey Pitzer and stated he was upset with being excluded from the process.

Daniell Mojica, with no address provided, spoke regarding domestic violence and provided a list of reported cases from other municipalities. She also stated the resources for victims of violence are lacking.

Council members had a brief discussion regarding unifying resources for some of the issues presented including the issues of domestic violence.

ADJOURNMENT

D Wells moved to adjourn the meeting.

President Purkey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

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President of Council

Clerk