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Wilmington City Council

June 6th, 2024

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 6th, 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 7:00 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.

Interim Chief Wilson was present as Sergeant at Arms.

J Dickman was present as Law Director.

Council participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. D Wells stated today is D Day and he wanted to thank those who gave their lives for our freedom.

President Purkey stated they will reflect on this during the moment of silence.

Council participated in a moment of silence.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President Purkey presented the agenda for June 6th, 2024.

President Purkey asked if members wanted to amend the agenda to put the vote of support for the Davids Drive Connector Path after public comment. Council members did not elect to amend the agenda.

K Tolliver moved to approve the agenda as presented, B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda accepted as presented.

President Purkey presented the minutes from the May 16th regular meeting.

K Tolliver moved to approve the minutes of the May 16th regular council meeting, as presented, J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

May 16th, 2024 regular City Council minutes approved as presented.

President Purkey reopened Council discussion regarding the support of the Davids Drive Connector Path. Service Director Crowe stated he had contacted all three County Commissioners and they had said they would entertain an official request to help with funding some of the project. M Crowe stated he had also reached out to Alkermes and they had stated they would “most likely” help with funding, but he would need to formally request a donation. B Osborn asked if the trail funding had been budgeted for in this fiscal year. Auditor Vance stated that the city will need to create a new fund for the project and the match will need to come from the General Fund, and it has not been budgeted for in this year. B Osborn inquired if the city could afford the match. Auditor Vance stated the answer is yes, however there are a lot of “asks” and while the fund balance is high, there are expenses for departments who depend on this fund, but further stated “yes, you can afford this today.”

D Wells inquired how long the project will take. Paul Goodhue stated the engineering will need to be completed first, but the construction will be completed by 2026. J Knowles stated he had exchange with the Clinton County Trails Coalition regarding helping with funding and they had stated they would discuss it. President Purkey stated alternate funding may be available and he was pleased with the discussions and transparency and thanked Council and the Administration.

President Purkey stated he would entertain a motion and vote of support for the Davids Drive Connector Path explaining a “yes” vote would be in support of the project and a “no” vote would be against the project. He asked for a motion for the vote of support.

B Osborn moved to execute the vote of support seconded by J Knowles

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

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President Purkey stated the motion passed 7-0, K Tolliver stopped the proceedings and stated he thought this was only the roll call, not the vote. He stated he is a “no” vote.

Point of order from President Purkey, Law Director Dickman stated the vote needed to be reconsidered. J Knowles moved to reconsider the vote, seconded by K Tolliver.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote: Snarr, aye, Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, no, Schlabach, aye. Motion passed.

President Purkey stated with a vote of 6-1 the motion carries in support of the Davids Drive Connector Path.

MAYOR

Mayor Haley stated that his wife Brenda was injured recently and thanked the community for all the kindness they have shown. Mayor Haley swore in Firefighter Michael Sowards who had previously worked for the WFD from 2020 to 2022. He stated he was happy to be back.

AUDITOR

Auditor Vance had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR

Law Director Dickman had no report.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Service Director Michael Crowe introduced Paul Goodhue to introduce the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan. P Goodhue stated this was an important project and will be used as a “road map” and clarified that not every problem will be solved but they will be using this to guide them as they move forward. He stated this plan will be viable for 5 years then will need an update. B Osborn inquired about the Thorne Avenue sidewalk project estimate, and asked it was a top priority. P Goodhue stated it was not considered a top priority, however they needed to find a project to submit for funding and were hoping to be considered for the grant and it was already ready and available for submission.

President Purkey introduced Resolution R-24-29 A Resolution adopting the Wilmington Safe Routes to School Travel Plan.

J Schlabach moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-29 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-29 by title only.

J Schlabach moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-29 by title only. J Knowles 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-24-29 by title only.

J Schlabach moved for passage of Resolution R-24-29. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-24-29 passed as presented.

Service Director Crowe congratulated those who supported the bike trail and stated he will work hard to build the trail as cost efficient as possible, even though he fought against it.

SAFETY DIRECTOR

Safety Director Joseph Spicer gave an update on the Wilmington Fire Department hiring, stated they have hired three but also lost three, so they are still working on staffing. He stated he has tendered his resignation and stated he is getting married and moving to Tennessee. He stated he was reluctant to come out of retirement at first but thanked everyone for welcoming him and for this opportunity to serve.

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Mayor Haley spoke regarding J Spicer and thanked him for his public service. He stated the new Safety Director would be Nick Eveland and he thanked him for his willingness to serve. Mayor Haley swore in new Safety Director Eveland.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

D Wells had no report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

B Osborn had four items to present and introduced Ordinance O-24-29 Establishing a new fund for the Wilmington Crossings project.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-29 by title only. K Tolliver seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-29 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution Ordinance O-24-29 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.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-29 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution Ordinance O-24-29. K Tolliver seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-24-29 passed as presented.

B Osborn introduced Ordinance O-24-30 Making supplemental appropriations and stated they had reviewed these in detail during the Public Workshop.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-30 by title only. D Wells seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-30 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance O-24-30 by title only. D Wells seconded the motion. seconded the motion.

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-24-30 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Ordinance O-24-30. D Wells seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-24-30 passed as presented.

B Osborn introduced Resolution R-24-27 Authorizing payment of expenses incurred in prior fiscal year.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-27 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-27 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-27 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion. 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-24-27 by title only.

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B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution R-24-27. J Knowles seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Snarr, aye; Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-24-27 passed as presented.

B Osborn introduced Resolution R-24-26 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wilmington to execute a Maser Agreement with Community First National Bank for purchase of equipment for the Wilmington Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-26 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-26 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-26 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion. 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-24-26 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution R-24-26. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-24-26 passed as presented.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

J Schlabach had two pieces of legislation to present.

J Schlabach introduced Ordinance O-24-27 An Ordinance to amend Section 935.04 and 935.05 of the Code of Ordinance for the City of Wilmington, Ohio, regarding the Cemetery Rules and Regulations for a third reading.

J Schlabach moved to have third reading by title only of Ordinance O-24-27. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-27 by title only.

J Schlabach moved for passage of Ordinance O-24-27. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-24-27 passed as presented.

J Schlabach introduced Resolution R-24-28 Adopting a revised City of Wilmington Transit System Policy.

J Schlabach moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-28 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-28 by title only.

J Schlabach moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-28 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion. seconded the motion.

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

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-28 by title only.

J Schlabach moved for passage of Resolution R-24-28. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-24-28 passed as presented.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

M Snarr had no report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

D Wells moved to accept the Auditor Report for April 2024 and the Income Tax Report for May 2024. K Tolliver seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Report accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Dustin Pearce of 276 W. Locust Street spoke regarding Charter Cities and explained the difference between a Charter City and a Statutory City. He stated highlighted aspects of the benefits of a charter city, using Lebanon as an example and stated he's exploring the options.

ADJOURNMENT

D Wells moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by J Knowles.

President Purkey declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk