

COMMON COUNCIL

August 26, 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, August 26, 2024, in regular session. The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Todd Williams of the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist 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 August 12, 2024 were approved as circulated. Council Member Weaver made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Mayor Long signed a Proclamation for Constitution Week, which is September 17-23. DAR representative Barbara Amis was present to accept the Proclamation and thanked Scott Richardson of the Wabash Street Department for his help with the DAR History signage around the city.**
- 2. First Reading of General Ordinance No. 11, 2024 City Leaf Collection Schedule which is an amendment changing the beginning date from September 15 to October 1. Council Member Dillon asked what happens if leaves are left on the curb before and after the dates cited and if our Code Enforcement is responsible for that. Mayor Long stated that it is monitored by the Street Department. Mr. Richardson stated that he leaves a flag in those leaves notifying the homeowner of the need to bag the leaves before and after the dates in the Collection Schedule. Brewer moved to accept the First Reading of General Ordinance No. 11, 2024. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dillon informed the Council that former council member Susan Bonfitto passed the previous weekend. The City will send a remembrance.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

There were no questions from the audience.

REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:

School Board Liaison Weaver reported that the school year is starting off well.

Fire Department Liaison Weaver reported that the Department assisted with the school fire drills. They have a Northfield High School student starting as an intern. There are five people currently going through the interview process.

Park Board Liaison Dillon reported that truck bid and user agreements will be coming soon. The idea of a City splash pad was discussed at their recent meeting and other communities' pads were examined.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Park Department Head Adam Hall stated that the playground at City Park was completed this week; about half of the turf is down and looks great. The ribbon cutting is September 5 at noon; Patronicity sponsors and other donors were invited to attend. Surfacing for the City Park's playground is next week prior to the ribbon cutting, after which it will be open to the public. He thanked Mayor Long and the Council for seeing the project through.

Fire Chief Andy Oswalt appreciates the Street Department painting the lines on the station's parking lot. Speaking of the Street Department, Dillon noted that the new asphalt on Harrison Avenue was done today and someone has driven through the barricades so now there are tire marks on it.

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, September 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 for viewing at [City Council Meeting 8-24-2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) for as long as this media is supported.

SCOTT LONG, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER _____