

The Common Council of the City of Wabash met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall and held a Council Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2025, in regular session.

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison; Bill Llorca of Wabash Reformed Church gave the prayer.

The roll was answered by 6 Council members: Mitzi Pilgrim, Charlie Coyne, Terry Brewer, Bryan Dillon, John Burnsworth, and Bill Barrows. Eric Schoening was absent.

The minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2025 were approved with a correction changing the name of Bryan Dillon to Eric Schoening as to who reported as the Park Board liaison. Council Member Burnsworth made a motion to accept the minutes with noted correction. Council Member Dillon seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Second Reading of General Ordinance No. 1, 2025 – Being an Ordinance to Adopt an Investment Policy for the City of Wabash, Indiana for Fiscal Year 2025. Council Member Pilgrim requested that a change approved in the previous meeting be made; Attorney Lehman said he would fix that page and send it over in the morning. Council Member Brewer made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 1, 2025 with noted correction. Council Member Barrows seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Plan Commission Resolution No. 1, 2025. Lehman explained that the current code regarding subdivisions ensures adequate and appropriate streets, utilities, and infrastructure. With this Resolution, the Plan Commission recommends standards so fewer issues will need to be approved by the Commission individually. Liaison John Burnsworth stated that this Resolution was unanimously confirmed by the Commission at their meeting. Brewer made a motion to accept Plan Commission Resolution No. 1, 2025. Burnsworth seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

- 2. Potential Bond for Sewer Project – Eric Walsh of Baker Tilly, the City’s financial advisor, was present to present the letter of intent for a project for the Northeast Industrial Park that will complete an upgrade to their sewer system, which is currently at capacity. Mayor Long stated that the City has applied for a \$2.1 million Readi grant that will reduce the needed bond to just over \$15 million. Mr. Walsh explained that what is needed tonight is a confirmation from the Council that they will support the additional needed funding in the form of a local match in the future. Dillon asked about current capacity at the wastewater plant if the amount of sewage is increased. Bob Gray, Wastewater Superintendent assured the Council that there is plenty of available capacity at the plant. Discussions were held concerning the need to increase sewage fees in the future as a part of the financing of this anticipated bond. Barrows made a motion to approve the letter of intent; Dillon seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

There were no questions from the audience.

REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:

Dillon reported that the City School Board meets Tuesday, January 28 at 6pm.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

There were no reports from department heads.

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, February 10 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 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JotoYcbymR4> for as long as this media is supported.

SCOTT LONG, MAYOR Scott A. Long

ATTEST:
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