

The Common Council of the City of Wabash met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall and held a Council Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025, in regular session. The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison; Terry Hinds of Refresh & Rekindle gave the prayer.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, a Public Hearing was held regarding an Additional Appropriation request for \$475,550 from Wabash City Schools for debt service. Matt Stone was present to answer questions. This is due to a timing issue with the date the invoice was received. No questions were asked.

The meeting was then called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding. The roll was answered by 6 Council members: Terry Brewer, Bryan Dillon, John Burnsworth, Mitzi Pilgrim, Eric Schoening, and Bill Barrows. Charlie Coyne was absent.

The minutes of the meeting held February 24, 2025 were approved. Council Member Burnsworth made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resolution No. 1, 2025 – Additional Appropriation Wabash City Schools. Council Member Dillon made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1, 2025 and Council Member Barrows seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
2. Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Property – Troxel Equipment. Burnsworth made a motion to approve the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Property - Troxel Equipment. Council Member Schoening seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
3. First Reading of General Ordinance No. 3, 2025 – Being an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8, Article 4, Division IX, Section 8-162 of the Wabash City Code Providing a Penalty for Violation of the Regulations Addressing Heavy Traffic on Local Streets. This amendment is to raise the fine for violating the ordinance from \$200 to \$300. The fine has been \$200 for at least 30 years. This ordinance will become very

important with the assumption of State Road 15 Cass Street downtown. Dillon asked how offenders are ticketed. Assistant Police Chief Evenson stated that they will receive a ticket and must pay it through City Court. Burnsworth made a motion to approve the First Reading of General Ordinance No. 3, 2025. Council Member Pilgrim seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business on the agenda.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Michelle French, in response to Council's passing of General Ordinance No. 2, 2025 regarding the parking restriction on Colerain, informed the Council that the notification process was not sufficient for those affected by the change. She stated that her daughter was told it was "a done deal" and in any case, believes the restricted footage to be excessive as per her discussion with Police Captain Benson. Mayor Long replied that there is no requirement to inform citizens of a change to a City Ordinance but the neighbors were told as a courtesy. Mayor Long also stated that the complaint about Colerain's line of sight was brought to the Traffic Commission by Indian Hills residents. The Commission met onsite and came to the conclusion that the parking needed to be restricted for accident prevention, which was then presented to the Council and approved. After more discussion regarding available parking at Ms. French's home, her daughter stated that she feels that in the future, care should be taken to inform affected citizens of the opportunity to attend a meeting to object to ordinances.

**REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:**

Dillon reported that the fire department is now at full roster after a year short-staffed. Five new hires are attending an academy to be completed in June. Also, a Live Fire Training was held locally on Saturday with 14 agencies participating and completed nine live burns.

**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, March 24 at 6:00 pm.**

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Wabash City Council meeting. A video archive of the meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUOCxfLSt8M> for as long as this media is supported.

**SCOTT LONG, MAYOR**

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**ATTEST:**

**MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER**

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