

**COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
APRIL 29, 2025**

The Common Council of the City of Noblesville met in the Council chamber on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Megan Wiles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to public notice with the following members present: Mark Boice, Mike Davis, Evan Elliott, David Johnson, Pete Schwartz, and Aaron Smith. Todd Thurston was absent.

Also present were City Clerk Evelyn Lees, Community Development Director Sarah Reed, Chief Deputy Clerk Nancy Bragg, City Attorney Jonathan Hughes, a department director, staff, interested citizens, and a member of the media. Mayor Jensen arrived at 6:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Peterson led the chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Lees called the roll. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 15, 2025

Mr. Davis moved to approve the minutes from April 15th, second Mr. Elliott, eight ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, second Mr. Elliott, eight ayes, motion carried.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT

There were no petitions to speak.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Wiles stated the Mayor was at another event and might join the meeting soon.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Smith stated the Downtown District Committee met on April 25. He stated they discussed Embrace Downtown. He stated the project's focus was on infrastructure, including sewers, and infrastructure above street level as well. He stated Community Engagement Manager Aaron Head reported on feedback from the public. He stated comments could be received at any time, but there was a time limit on including suggestions in the plans. He stated the final design was expected in the late summer or early fall. He stated the website for the project was <https://www.embracedowntownnoblesville.com/>. He stated the Parks and Recreation Department shared a brief update. He stated the annual Easter Egg Hunt was held. He stated there would be no construction on playgrounds or other Parks projects during the summer season. He stated some projects were scheduled for late fall and winter. He stated the Federal Hill to Forest Park trail would be open by the end of May. He stated a large part of the meeting was spent learning about the results of the East and West Gateway studies by MKSK. He stated the consultants spent much time soliciting ideas from the public and stakeholders regarding the future of the areas. He stated the presentation was an initial feedback session. He stated the City would share the studies with developers to inform future projects. He stated the studies would be presented to the Plan Commission in May and come to the Council in June or July.

Mr. Davis stated the Finance Committee met on April 24. He stated Economic Development Manager Amy Smith discussed a report of Redevelopment Commission activities from 2024, which was on tonight's agenda. He stated Management Analyst Tristy Wheeler and Kristen Walker of Walker Professional Insurance discussed an update of P & C Self-Insurance Loss

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Performance Review for 2024. He stated Deputy Financial Officer Tom MacDonald and Deputy Controller Caitlin Kesner presented quarterly financial reports for the first quarter of 2025. He stated the committee recommended approval of the claims.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Mr. Davis moved to approve the claims as presented, second Mr. Peterson, eight ayes, motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

**#1 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORT OF 2024 REDEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (AMY SMITH)**

Economic Development Manager Amy Smith stated the Redevelopment Commission had various reporting requirements, including a report of the prior year's activities due by April 15. She stated a copy of the report had been submitted to the Mayor, the Council President, the chairs of the Finance Committee and the Economic Development Council Committee, and the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). She stated the report also was presented to the Finance Committee. Mr. Smith asked if the report was mandated by the State. Ms. Smith replied yes, the report had been compiled for many years, but last year was the first time the report was required to be presented to the Council at a public meeting.

Mayor Jensen joined the meeting.

Ms. Wiles asked Mayor Jensen if he had any comments. Mayor Jensen replied he did not.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Smith stated before this meeting there was a nearby meeting with State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla regarding the national debt and its implications. He stated the Farmers Market would open on Saturday, May 3. Ms. Wiles stated First Friday would take place on May 2, and Downtown businesses would be open late for the evening event.

Mr. Elliott stated Noblesville High School principal Craig McCaffery had accepted a new position. He expressed appreciation for Dr. McCaffery's service and wished him well.

Mr. Johnson stated several Council members and staff got to view the new basketball court for the Noblesville Boom, the Pacers' G-League team. He stated the night before he and Mr. Thurston attended the Noblesville Youth Assistance Shining Stars banquet, which honors students who had overcome obstacles.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Common Council this 29th day of April 2025, Ms. Wiles adjourned the meeting.

MEGAN WILES, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

EVELYN L. LEES, CLERK