

**COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE  
NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

The Common Council of the City of Noblesville met in the Council chamber on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. Darren Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to public notice with the following members present: Mark Boice, Mike Davis, Evan Elliott, David Johnson, Aaron Smith, Todd Thurston, Megan Wiles and Pete Schwartz.

Also present were Mayor Chris Jensen, City Clerk Evelyn Lees, Deputy Mayor Matt Light, Community Development Director Sarah Reed, Attorney Steve Unger, department directors, staff, representatives of applicants, interested citizens, and members of the media.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Wiles led the chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM: NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

Ms. Wiles moved to approve the minutes, second Mr. Davis, eight aye, one abstention, motion carried. Mr. Boice abstained.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

Ms. Wiles moved to postpone approval of the minutes from the November 12 meeting to the December 17 meeting, second Mr. Boice, nine aye, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Wiles moved to approve the agenda, second Mr. Schwartz, nine aye, motion carried.

**PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT**

There were no petitions to speak.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Jensen wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He encouraged residents to participate in the Michael Treinen Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. He stated Mr. Johnson was on the event's board of directors. Mayor Jensen also encouraged residents to shop Downtown on Small Business Saturday on November 30. He stated he would update the Council on Christmas events at next week's meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Peterson stated the Public Safety Committee met on November 13. He stated the meeting was held at the Police Station. He stated Police Chief John Mann compared 2023 statistics to 2024 statistics. He stated police stops had increased, and crimes had decreased. He stated the committee discussed how the Police Department was staying ahead of crime, especially during the holiday season. He stated the new Police Station was discussed. He stated a Request for Proposals and Qualifications had been advertised, and proposals would be accepted on December 17. He stated repairs at Fire Station 77 were discussed. He stated Fire Chief Matt Mitchell informed the committee that runs had decreased one percent in 2023. He stated the committee discussed the success of the NobleAct program.

Mr. Schwartz stated the Utilities Committee met on November 14. He stated the committee discussed the third quarter revenue and expense report, which was on target and slightly favorable. He stated the committee discussed the project for painting the tanks at the treatment

**COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE  
NOVEMBER 26, 2024, PAGE II**

plant and the need for fencing. He stated it was decided City Code regarding the Barrett Law provisions would be updated the next time it would be needed.

Mr. Smith stated the Downtown District Committee met on November 22. He stated the meeting was the last of the year. He stated the committee discussed the status of funds, the Downtown Streetscape project, upcoming Parks capital improvement projects, and the rail bridge repair over White River. He stated the Logan Street Trail would be incorporated into the Streetscape plan. He expressed appreciation for the City's community partners and their interest in the Streetscape project.

Mr. Davis stated the Finance Committee met on November 21. He stated Human Resources Director Holly Ramon discussed an amendment to the 2025 Salary Ordinance. He stated Deputy Financial Officer Tom MacDonald discussed additional appropriations for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding reallocation, investment fees, and golf operations.

**PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ORDINANCE**

#60-10-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #60-10-24, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SHORT-TERM GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF 2024, SERIES A, AS AMENDED (JEFFREY SPALDING)

Chief Financial Officer and Controller Jeff Spalding stated this ordinance was previously adopted, but it was discovered not all advertisements for the public hearing had been published. He stated this ratification of the ordinance was designed to cure any former non-compliance with statute. He stated the ordinance was amended before it was previously adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE #60-10-24, AS AMENDED**

Mr. Peterson opened the public hearing for Ordinance #60-10-24, as amended. Seeing no one from the public come forward, Ms. Wiles moved to close the public hearing for Ordinance #60-10-24, as amended, second Mr. Smith, nine aye, motion carried.

Ms. Wiles moved to ratify the adoption of Ordinance #60-10-24 as amended, second Mr. Johnson. The following roll call vote was taken for Ordinance #60-10-24, as amended:

AYE: Mark Boice, Mike Davis, Evan Elliott, Dave Johnson, Pete Schwartz, Aaron Smith, Todd Thurston, Megan Wiles, and Darren Peterson.

Nine aye, motion carried.

**NEW ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION**

#57-09-24A COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #57-09-24A, A SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #57-09-24, SALARIES FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE FOR 2025 (HOLLY RAMON)

Ms. Wiles moved to introduce Ordinance #57-09-24A, second Mr. Boice. Street Commissioner Patty Johnson spoke on behalf of Holly Ramon. Ms. Johnson stated this amendment adds a line to the salary ordinance for temporary snowplow drivers to be paid \$22.00 per hour. She stated normally this type of position would be paid \$17.00 per hour, but it would be difficult to hire a qualified seasonal snowplow driver for that amount. Mr. Thurston asked if the drivers would drive City vehicles or their own. Ms. Johnson replied they would drive City pickup trucks with snowplows attached. She requested passage on first reading.

*Intentionally left blank*

**COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE  
NOVEMBER 26, 2024, PAGE III**

Mr. Boice moved to waive the rules and pass Ordinance #57-09-24A on first reading, second Mr. Johnson, nine aye, motion carried. Ms. Wiles moved to approve Ordinance #57-09-24A, second Mr. Boice. The following roll call vote was taken for Ordinance #57-09-24A:

AYE: Mike Davis, Evan Elliott, Dave Johnson, Pete Schwartz, Aaron Smith, Todd Thurston, Megan Wiles, Mark Boice, and Darren Peterson. Nine aye, motion carried.

#69-11-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #69-11-24, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE PROJECT, AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING (TOM MACDONALD)

Ms. Wiles moved to introduce Ordinance #69-11-24, second Mr. Boice. Deputy Financial Officer Tom MacDonald stated this ordinance was needed when funds were reprioritized from one capital project to another. He stated a requirement of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was that the money must be under contract by the end of the year. He stated funding was originally planned for the Logan Street Trail, but the project was taking longer than anticipated. He stated funding was shifted to the Downtown Streetscape project, but there was a \$20.00 difference in needed funding. He stated this ordinance was needed to appropriate the remaining \$20.00.

Ms. Wiles moved to establish a public hearing at the December 17 meeting for Ordinance #69-11-24, second Mr. Johnson, nine aye, motion carried.

#70-11-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #70-11-24, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE 2016 LOIT FOR ROADS FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR INVESTMENT FEES, AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING (TOM MACDONALD)

Ms. Wiles moved to introduce Ordinance #70-11-24, second Mr. Johnson. Deputy Financial Officer Tom MacDonald stated an additional appropriation was needed in the 2016 LOIT for Roads Fund for investment fees. He stated year-to-date, the investments earned approximately \$169,000.00. He stated this additional appropriation would cover the cost of the investments at \$4,700.00. Ms. Wiles stated the investments were performing very well, but it was important to track fees appropriately.

Ms. Wiles moved to establish a public hearing for the December 17 meeting, second Mr. Johnson, nine aye, motion carried.

#71-11-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #71-11-24, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE PARKS PROGRAM FUND TO SUPPORT GOLF PROGRAM OPERATIONS, AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING (TOM MACDONALD)

Ms. Wiles moved to introduce Ordinance #71-11-24, second Mr. Boice. Deputy Financial Officer Tom MacDonald stated this ordinance would appropriate \$330,000.00 in the Parks Program Fund to support golf operations. He stated increased golf revenue resulted in increased expenses that were more than expected. He stated this appropriation would help maintain the program. Mr. Smith stated golf revenue this year was very good and outpaced expenses.

Ms. Wiles moved to establish a public hearing for the December 17 meeting, second Mr. Johnson, nine aye, motion carried.

*Intentionally left blank*

**COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE  
NOVEMBER 26, 2024, PAGE IV**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- #1 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH INDOT FOR THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF AN INTERCHANGE AT STATE ROAD 37 AND GREENFIELD AVENUE (ALISON KRUPSKI)

City Engineer Alison Krupski stated this interlocal agreement with INDOT was for preliminary design for an interchange at the intersection of Greenfield Avenue and State Road 37. She stated in July, a letter of agreement was executed for final design of an interchange at the intersection of State Road 32/38 and State Road 37, which should be funded for 2029/2030. She stated INDOT later agreed to consider intersection improvements on State Road 37 at Pleasant Street and Town & Country Boulevard, but Greenfield Avenue would only have added travel lanes. She stated added travel lanes only was not acceptable to the City. She stated as a part of this agreement, the City would fund the preliminary design for the Greenfield Avenue interchange. She stated the City would agree to pay \$994,300.00 for the design, but it would count toward the City's 20 percent obligation to the larger project. She stated INDOT had already begun design, so this agreement allowed the project to move forward. Mr. Boice stated Greenfield Avenue and State Road 37 was a dangerous intersection. Ms. Krupski replied yes, but Greenfield Avenue is a City street. She stated INDOT was most concerned with intersections of its roads, such as State Roads 32/38 and 37. Ms. Wiles moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with INDOT, second Mr. Thurston, nine aye, motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

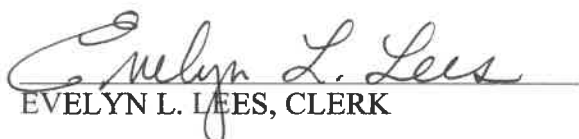
Mr. Peterson wished Deputy Mayor Matt Light a Happy Birthday. Mayor Jensen reminded the Council of Lights over Seminary on December 6 and the Holiday in Lights parade on December 7. He encouraged everyone to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Common Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, Mr. Peterson adjourned the meeting.

  
DARREN PETERSON, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
EVELYN L. LEES, CLERK