

**COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
JANUARY 28, 2025**

The Common Council of the City of Noblesville met in the Council chamber on Tuesday, January 28, 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, Aaron Smith, Todd Thurston, and Megan Wiles.

Also present were Mayor Chris Jensen, City Clerk Evelyn Lees, Deputy Mayor Matt Light, Chief Deputy Clerk Mark Moulton, City Attorney Jonathan Hughes, staff, interested citizens, and members of the media.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Evelyn Lees called the roll. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Davis moved to approve the agenda, second Mr. Schwartz, nine ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM: JANUARY 14, 2025

Mr. Davis moved to approve the memorandum from January 14, second Mr. Thurston, nine ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 14, 2025

Mr. Davis moved to approve the minutes from the January 14th meeting, second Mr. Thurston, nine ayes, motion carried.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT

There were no petitions to speak.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Jensen chose not to speak.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Davis stated the Finance Committee met on January 23. He stated Deputy Financial Officer Tom MacDonald provided an update on year-end appropriation transfers per RC-1-24. He stated Chief Financial Officer and Controller Jeff Spalding discussed an update on the Capital Projects short-term General Obligation Bond of 2024. He stated Mr. MacDonald also discussed a fiscal action additional appropriation to reinstate a strategic spenddown appropriation for Parks capital projects. He stated the committee recommended approval of the claims.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Mr. Smith moved to approve the claims as presented, second Mr. Johnson, nine ayes, motion carried.

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PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ORDINANCE

#75-12-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #75-12-24, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 42.5 ACRES IN NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIP, EAST OF STATE ROAD 37, WEST OF PRESLEY DRIVE EXTENDED, AND APPROXIMATELY 1,315 FEET SOUTH OF EAST 186TH STREET (JOYCEANN YELTON)

Development Services Manager Joyceann Yelton stated the annexation was for approximately 43 acres owned by Hamilton County. She stated the property contained the construction site of the new Hamilton County Public Safety Center. She stated the west side of the property contained a solar panel field and cellular tower. She stated the Public Safety Center would be constructed on the east side of the property. She stated a public hearing was held at the last meeting, and a fiscal plan was adopted by resolution. Mr. Davis moved to approve Ordinance #75-12-24, second Mr. Johnson. The following roll call vote was taken for Ordinance #75-12-24:

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

Nine ayes, motion carried.

NEW ORDINANCE FOR DISCUSSION

#02-01-25 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #02-01-25, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE PARK FUND TO SATISFY INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE 2025 CIVIL CITY ADOPTED BUDGET, AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING (TOM MACDONALD)

Mr. Davis moved to introduce Ordinance #02-01-25, second Mr. Johnson. Deputy Financial Officer Tom MacDonald stated this additional appropriation served as a technical adjustment to reconcile the City's budget adopted in October to the certified budget amount approved by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). He stated Indiana law required local units of government to report their proposed budgets before they are adopted. He stated the proposed budget reported to the DLGF omitted \$1.6 million in the Parks Fund. He stated the appropriation was included in the adopted budget. He stated the amount must be reappropriated to comply with DLGF requirements. He stated the appropriation would not increase the adopted budget. Mr. Davis moved to establish a public hearing at the February 11 meeting for Ordinance #02-01-25, second Mr. Thurston, nine ayes, motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

#1 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SUPPLEMENT CONFIRMING 2025 COMPENSATION RATES BASED ON MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 4416 (CHIEF MATT MITCHELL)

Mr. Light spoke on behalf of Chief Mitchell. Mr. Light stated the Meet and Confer agreements with the Police and Fire Departments were for two years with compensation being adjusted for the second year relative to the City's Fiscal Plan and financial projections. He stated the supplement provided a general eight percent salary increase and three additional items: (1) the eight percent increase was broken out into hourly rates for each rank; (2) indexed pay adjustments were confirmed based on the eight percent adjustment; and (3) two positions, EMS Duty Officer and Community Resource Paramedic, were raised to align with Lieutenant pay. Mr. Peterson asked if there also would be a memorandum for the Police Department. Mr. Light replied yes, but only for the eight percent salary increase. Mr. Davis moved to approve the

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memorandum of understanding supplement with the IAFF Local 4416, second Mr. Thurston, nine ayes, motion carried.

**#2 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION RC-4-25, A RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE
(ANDREW RODEWALD)**

Engineering Project Manager Andrew Rodewald stated this resolution for land acquisition pertained to the State Road 38/Logan Street roundabout. He stated there was a 50/50 cost share agreement between the City and INDOT in 2019 for the project. He stated the City agreed to oversee right-of-way acquisition for the project, which would count toward the City's 50 percent commitment. Mr. Peterson asked when construction would begin and the total cost. Mr. Rodewald replied utility relocation would begin in 2026 and road construction in 2027. He stated the total project cost was expected to be approximately \$5 million. Mr. Davis moved to approve Resolution RC-4-25, second Mr. Johnson, nine ayes, motion carried.

**#3 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION RC-5-25, A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING CREATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT AREA FOR INNOVATION MILE (MATT LIGHT)**

Mr. Light stated the Professional Sports and Convention Development Area (PSCDA) statute allowed the General Assembly to authorize a portion of state sales tax to be allocated to municipalities to support sports and convention venues. He stated the City would use the sales tax revenue toward payment of debt service on the Arena at Innovation Mile. He stated the Administration had been working with Hamilton County Tourism to gather data on the project financial impact of the Pacers G-League team in the Arena at Innovation Mile. He stated they plan to demonstrate to the legislature how the arena would benefit the region and the state economically. He stated there were six PSCDAs in Indiana, and this would be the seventh. He stated Westfield was pursuing a similar designation. He stated Hunden Partners compiled the economic impact analysis and projected the PSCDA would generate more than \$1.015 billion over 32 years for the state. He stated the Community Development Corporation issued debt for the event center with a 32 year term. He stated the Administration felt they were in a strong position to persuade the legislature. Mr. Peterson stated it would not be a new tax, but it would redirect some sales tax toward debt service on the arena. Mr. Light agreed. He stated the mechanism was similar to TIF. He stated only newly generated tax revenue would be diverted toward the arena for capital costs. Mr. Light stated he hoped \$5 million would be approved. He stated the caps vary by community. He stated once the legislature approved the PSCDA, the Council would draw the district. He stated the State Budget Agency would have final approval. Mr. Smith asked what the oldest PSCDA in the state was. Mr. Light replied Indianapolis' first PSCDA was established approximately 20 years ago. Mr. Davis moved to approve Resolution RC-5-25, second Mr. Johnson, nine ayes, motion carried.

**#4 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE SUMMARY OF FISCALLY NEUTRAL YEAR-END
APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION RC-1-24
(TOM MACDONALD)**

Deputy Financial Officer Tom MacDonald presented the report to comply with Resolution RC-1-24 regarding reporting year-end appropriation transfers. He presented a spreadsheet summarizing the transfers by fund, department, and major expense category. Mr. Smith stated the Finance Committee reviewed the report at their meeting last week. He expressed appreciation for the Office of Finance and Accounting's transparency.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Elliott wished City photographer Matthew Doudt a happy birthday. He stated he and Mr. Boice attended the State Thespian conference in Avon, where Noblesville High School won the championship and several awards.

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Ms. Wiles extended the City's sympathy to former Clerk-Treasurer Janet Jaros and her family for the recent loss of her husband, Rick.

Mr. Johnson stated he attended the Noblesville Police Department Awards Banquet. He thanked the Police Department for their service to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Common Council this 28th day of January 2025, Ms. Wiles adjourned the meeting.

MEGAN WILES, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

EVELYN L. LEES, CLERK