

APPROVED on February 21, 2017

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on February 7, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Orr in the Council Chambers of the Wilmington City Hall.

Roll Call

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present":

Aldermen Present Persic, L. Hall, Tutor, Kirwin, K. Hall, Evans, Studer

Alderman Absent Van Duyne

Quorum

There being a sufficient number of members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

Other Officials in Attendance

Also in attendance were the Interim City Administrator Frank Koehler, Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller, City Account Kim Doglio and Attorney John Urban

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Studer made a motion and Alderman Tutor seconded to approve the January 17, 2017 Regular City Council meeting minutes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Aldermen Studer, Tutor, Persic, K. Hall, Kirwin, Evans, L. Hall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Van Duyne

The motion carried.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor discussed with the Council to reduce and/or eliminate the building permit fees for the new construction of the VFW. Mayor Orr stated that Chuck Keslin (Building Inspector) has agreed to waive all of his inspection fees. The Council agreed to discuss this further at the February 21, 2017 Finance, Administration and Land Acquisition meeting.

Alderman Persic made a motion and Alderman L. Hall seconded to approve the Mayoral Appointment of Ken Ewenson as Temporary Superintendent of Public Works

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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AYES: 7 Aldermen Studer, Tutor, Persic, K. Hall, Kirwin, Evans, L. Hall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Van Duyne

The motion carried.

Citizen Comments

George Zouganelis spoke on behalf of residents residing on Cottage Road regarding the tractor-trailers not having the correct directions and making u-turns ó i.e. õThe other morning I was coming to work and there was a driver that tried to do a U-turn and turn his tractor-trailer around on Lorenzo Road. The driver drives right into the mud and gets stuck. The tractor-trailer sits Lorenzo Road with two squads one on each side, directing traffic around it, I don't know if the driver was ticketed, but I think that those officers shouldn't have let another tractor-trailer pull up there to pull this guy out. I think he should have been stuck with the tow truck billö.

Mike Stover is very concerned that the semi-trailers are going to go through his house unless some kind of barrier is put in place to stop the madness. Mr. Stover stated that the City created the madness and now the City should have to stop it. The utility equipment for his house (the corner of Lorenzo and Cottage) had to be moved because it had been hit so many times by trucks trying to turn around there.

Traci Stover stated that somebody's going to get killed. The cars trying to get around those trucks while they're trying to do U-turns - they back out in the middle of the road. It's horrible.

Mike Dodge, Cottage Road resident, stated that the truckers are also doing 40 mph to 45 mph on Cottage Road, which is well over the road's speed limit and they're also beyond the posted weight limit.

Mayor Orr stated that this big issue is the drivers are looking for Kavanaugh Road which no longer exists so the City Engineer has been working with the companies at Ridgeport to get permanent signage on Lorenzo Road informing the truckers to turn on Graaskamp Boulevard and also send the correct information to the GPS companies to eliminate Kavanaugh Road. In addition, electronic reader board signs will be put in place instructing drivers to use Graaskamp Boulevard. Lastly the City will work with the Will County Highway Department and Wilmington Township Highway Department to install some type of barrier at the corner and install additional signage.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety Committee
Co-Chairs – John Persic Jr. & Joe VanDuyne

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee

Co-Chairs – Frank Studer & Kevin Kirwin

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Police & ESDA Committee

Co-Chairs – Frank Studer & Fran Tutor

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee

Co-Chairs – Frank Studer & Fran Tutor

Alderman Tutor made a motion and Alderman Evans seconded to approve the Accounts Payable Report dated February 7, 2017 in the amount of \$447,422.75 as presented by the City Accountant

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Aldermen Studer, Tutor, Persic, K. Hall, Kirwin, Evans, L. Hall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Van Duyne

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Ordinance & Licensing Committee

Co-Chairs – Kirby Hall & Steve Evans

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel & Collective Bargaining Committee

Co-Chairs – Larry Hall & John Persic Jr.

Alderman L. Hall made a motion and Alderman Persic seconded to approve the Authorization to Seek Replacement for a Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Aldermen Studer, Tutor, Persic, K. Hall, Kirwin, Evans, L. Hall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Van Duyne

The motion carried.

Alderman L. Hall made a motion and Alderman Studer seconded to approve the Authorization to Seek a Management Intern

Discussion ó Interim City Administrator Koehler explained that the management intern would help with the budget process and do some capital and long-range financial planning as well as

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assist with human resource issues. This is a non-paid position filled by a student pursuing a degree in a related field.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Aldermen Studer, Tutor, Persic, K. Hall, Kirwin, Evans, L. Hall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Van Duyne

The motion carried.

Interim City Administrator's Report

Administrator Koehler informed the Council that he has been tracking two pieces of legislation that may impact the City ó 1) House Bill 278 which could increase funding for local municipalities and 2) House Bill 66 which creates a Route 66 Centennial Commission for the 100th Anniversary of the Mother Road in 2026. Administrator Koehler also stated that he is working with the Wilmington Police Department to apply for a \$10,000 ComEd grant and is researching a federal grant for Route 66 enhancement opportunities. He also briefed the Council on the meetings he has held and meetings he has attended.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Urban reported that he has been working on the closing for the cell tower transfer to WESCOM. The issue now is the utility services and meters which are shared with the old Police Department. This creates a problem if the building is sold. Attorney Urban requested that this be brought to the Buildings, Grounds & Parks meeting for further discussion.

Executive Session

Alderman L. Hall made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for Matters of Personnel ó 2(c)(1) and 2(C)(2) and Matters of Land Acquisition ó 2(c)(5) and 2(c)(6)

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Aldermen Studer, Tutor, Persic, K. Hall, Kirwin, Evans, L. Hall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Van Duyne

The motion carried.

Alderman L. Hall made a motion and Alderman Evans seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Aldermen Studer, Tutor, Persic, K. Hall, Kirwin, Evans, L. Hall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Van Duyne

The motion carried.

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Action Taken Following Executive Session

Alderman Persic made a motion and Alderman Tutor seconded to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME pending legal review

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 Aldermen Studer, Tutor, Persic, Kirwin, Evans

NAYS: 2 L. Hall, K. Hall

ABSENT: 1 Van Duyne

The motion carried.

Alderman Persic made a motion and Alderman Studer seconded to approve purchase of Openlands property pursuant to prior agreement with Openlands

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 Aldermen Studer, Tutor, Persic, Kirwin, Evans

NAYS: 2 L. Hall, K. Hall

ABSENT: 1 Van Duyne

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Tutor and seconded by Alderman L. Hall. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on February 7, 2017 adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk