

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Wilmington City Council  
Wilmington City Hall  
1165 South Water Street  
Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on August 20, 2019 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Roy Strong 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, Combes, Butler, Studer, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn

**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 City Administrator/Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller, Accountant Kim Doglio, Chief of Police Phil Arnold, Director of Public Works Darin Fowler and Attorney Bryan Wellner

**Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Combes made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to approve the August 7, 2019 Regular City Council meeting minutes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8   Combes, Butler, Tenn, Studer, Dietz, Vice, Kirwin, Persic

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Strong thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning up the tree that fell across Main Street this afternoon.

Mayor Strong spoke on the research he did on cannabis and issues other communities are having to deal with related to this issue.

**Public Comment**

Jonathan Jones spoke in opposition of recreational cannabis and encourages the Council to continue to move forward with the ordinance presented prohibiting cannabis business establishments.

Caleb Googis spoke about how his use of recreational cannabis nearly destroyed his life and it terrifies him that if by allowing recreational cannabis in the community how it could destroy more lives.

Isaac Orr, admits he was an avid recreational marijuana user and recommends that Council hold off on taking any action in order to make a more informative decision and by letting the people decide through a referendum. He feels the City will be missing out on tax revenue.

Deborah Tomey stated that she wonders if the City would see any tax revenue from storefronts considering all sales are cash only. She also recommends that everyone take a moment to visit the Illinois Youth Survey online.

Jack Narine, a WHS Student, believes having dispensaries in town would just create more problems and be crucial to the community.

Marty Orr stated to let the people decide. This can be an altering thing of the community and a referendum question on a ballot would really give the Council members insight, true insight on what the Community wants.

Rachel McClure stated that as a healthcare worker you see know difference in a marijuana smoker than what you do with a cigarette smoker so why add more fuel to the fire – you’ll be adding more healthcare issues to people’s lives.

Abby Friddle spoke about the benefits of medical cannabis use.

Sherry Michaels spoke in favor of placing this on a referendum.

Steve & Cathy Davis thanked the City and Community with their “Skillets For A Cause” project. They recently presented the Wilmington School Board with \$10,000 for their science and math endowment. The Davis’s also presented the Wilmington Area Historical Society with a skillet to preserve the history of their mission with the community.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Alderman Studer made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to approve Ordinance No. 19-08-20-01 – An Ordinance Approving a Map Amendment as Pertains to Property Located at 1135 S. Water Street (PIN 03-17-36-400-062-0000) from B2-Light Commercial to B3-General Commercial

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Studer, Butler, Tenn, Dietz, Combes, Vice, Kirwin, Persic

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Police & ESDA Committee**

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Ordinance & License Committee**

Alderman Combes made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to Approve Ordinance No. 19-08-20-02 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 52 Meters and Rates of the Wilmington Code of Ordinances

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8   Combes, Kirwin, Persic, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Tenn, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

Alderman Combes made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to Approve Ordinance No. 19-08-20-03 – An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Wilmington By the Addition of Chapter 129 Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishments

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     5   Combes, Butler, Kirwin, Persic, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

**ABSENT:**   3   Vice, Tenn, Dietz

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety Committee**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee**

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Combes seconded to Approve Ordinance No. 19-08-20-04 – An Ordinance Amending Provisions of Chapter 76.02 of the Wilmington Code of Ordinances Related to No Parking Places

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8   Kirwin, Combes, Persic, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Tenn, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Vice seconded to Approve Ordinance No. 19-08-20-05 – An Ordinance Amending Provisions of Chapter 76.19 Parking Regulations – Limited Parking of the Wilmington Code of Ordinances

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Kirwin, Vice, Combes, Persic, Dietz, Butler, Tenn, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee**

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to approve the Accounts Payable Report dated August 20, 2019 in the amount of \$2,895,110.07 and the Collectors Report for the Month ended July 2019 in the amount of \$429,014.00, as presented by the City Accountant

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Dietz, Butler, Kirwin, Vice, Combes, Persic, Tenn, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Personnel & Collective Bargaining Committee**

*Co-Chairs – John Persic Jr.*

Nothing at this time.

### **Attorney's Report**

Nothing at this time.

### **Executive Session**

Alderman Persic made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to go into Executive Session, to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] at 7:50 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Persic, Butler, Dietz, Kirwin, Vice, Combes, Tenn, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

Alderman Persic made motion and Alderman Butler seconded to come out of Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Persic, Butler, Dietz, Kirwin, Vice, Combes, Tenn, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

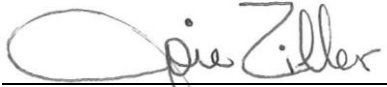
**Possible Action to be taken following Executive Session**

No action was taken following Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Dietz and seconded by Alderman Kirwin. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on August 20, 2019 adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk