

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINUTES

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND:

THE SUB-COMMITTEE HAS INSPECTED THE MINUTES OF THE

DATE: 03-27-2023

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND FOUND THEM TO BE CORRECT.

THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THE SAME BE APPROVED.

THIS RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL IS MADE RECOGNIZING

THAT 3 CURRENT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WERE NOT SEATED IN 2023

AND AS SUCH WILL BE ABSTAINING FROM ANY FORMAL APPROVAL OF

OLD MINUTES.



TROY WARNER

SHERRY BOLDEN-SIMPSON

APPROVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL ON: 04-22-2024

ATTEST:



BIANCA L. TIRADO, CITY CLERK

Be it remembered that the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, met in person on Monday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. Council President Sharon McBride called the meeting to order. Dawn Jones gave the invocation.

City Clerk Dawn M. Jones announced: Good Evening, members of the public. For audio quality, we will be muting everyone not speaking by default to maintain good audio quality for the Council and yourselves. If you would like to speak during the meeting on a specific agenda item, please submit your request in the chat - directions to do so are in the chat. We ask that you provide your [FULL NAME] and [ADDRESS], as those are required for all speakers at in-person Council meetings.

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ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Canneth Lee	1 st District, Committee of the Whole
Henry Davis Jr.	2 nd District
Sharon L. McBride	3 rd District, President
Troy Warner	4 th District
Eli Wax	5 th District
Sheila Niezgodski	6 th District, Vice-President
Lori K. Hamann	At-Large
Rachel Tomas Morgan	At-Large
Karen L. White	At-Large

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dawn M. Jones	City Clerk
Victoria Trujillo	Chief Deputy Clerk
Kenneth Hardy	Deputy Clerk
Bob Palmer	Council Attorney

SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINUTES:

None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

<u>23-14</u>	PUBLICLY RECOGNIZING, COMMENDING, AND HONORING THE RILEY HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS <u>2022-2023</u> BOYS SWIM TEAM ON A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AS: CITY CHAMPIONS, NORTHERN INDIANA CONFERENCE (NIC) SECOND (2 nd), SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS, AND STATE SIXTH (6 th) OVERALL
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Clerk Jones read the special resolution to the Council.

Councilmember Eli Wax, Chief of Police Scott Ruskowski, and Council President Sharon McBride presented Special Resolution *No. 23-14*, recognizing, commending, and honoring the Riley High School Wildcats 2022-2023 boys swim team on a successful season as: City Champions, Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) second (2nd), Sectional Champions, and State sixth (6th) overall.

Councilmember Troy Warner made a motion to adopt Bill *No. 23-14*, which was seconded by Council Vice President Sheila Niezgodski and carried by a unanimous vote of acclimation.

23-12

PUBLICLY RECOGNIZING THE INDIANA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH

Clerk Jones read the special resolution to the Council.

Council Vice President Niezgodski and Council President McBride presented Special Resolution No. 23-12, recognizing the Indiana Athletic Trainers Association, and acknowledging the month of March as National Athletic Training Month.

Councilmember Warner made a motion to adopt Bill No. 23-12, which was seconded by Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan and carried by a unanimous vote of acclamation.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICES

Caleb Bauer, Executive Director of Community Investment, with offices located on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated that the Department of Community Investment (DCI) has been undertaking the review of the Comprehensive Plan since the middle of 2022.

Mark Funkhouser, 24 Culross Drive, Rocky Point NY 11778, stated that the project team spoke with City agencies, hosted thematic workshops, hosted Council and community events, hosted neighborhood workshops, spoke with community organizations, and held a speaker series to lay the foundation for a fiscally sound community-driven Comprehensive Plan to cultivate connections and facilitate access to opportunity in South Bend. The project team recommends that the Comprehensive Plan be centered around the idea that the City's core function is to promote connections for a more prosperous community. Decisions about land use, transportation, economic development, community services, etc., as they are informed by the Comprehensive Plan, should reflect the City's role as a convener and catalyst, connecting people to each other, to place and to opportunity. The project team recommends the Comprehensive Plan focus on ensuring security as a foundation for progress, facilitating access to opportunity, and building community through relationships.

Councilmember Hamann thanked Mark Funkhouser for his work and asked about the inclusion of an anonymous employee survey.

Mark Funkhouser stated that anonymous surveys are not specifically outlined in the report but stated that the City should pursue them.

Councilmember Warner requested information regarding the practical applications of community connectivity.

Mark Funkhouser answered that one (1) example of community connectivity would be to have the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) host regular meetings with community members.

Lawrence Greenspun, Drucker Institute, 1507 McKinley Avenue, South Bend IN 46617, stated that community connectivity helps to build trust.

Councilmember White stated appreciation for the presentation and requested a physical copy of the report. Councilmember White also stated that there is a need for community members to feel heard and inquired about the next steps for the Comprehensive Plan.

Caleb Bauer stated that the next step is to use this roadmap to draft a formalized Comprehensive Plan. After drafted, there will be another round of community input and review before bringing a finalized plan to the Council for adoption.

Council Vice President Niezgodski thanked DCI for their work and requested clarification regarding the legal deadline requirements for the Comprehensive Plan.

Caleb Bauer stated that under State statute the Comprehensive Plan needs to be adopted by the end of 2026.

Councilmember Lee thanked Lawrence Greenspun and Mark Funkhouser.

Council President McBride thanked Lawrence Greenspun, Mark Funkhouser, and Councilmember White.

Councilmember Henry Davis Jr. requested the amount spent on the Comprehensive Plan currently.

Caleb Bauer stated that one hundred and forty-seven thousand four hundred and ninety-seven dollars and eighty-three cents (\$147,497.83) of the two hundred thousand dollar (\$200,000) maximum had been spent.

RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councilmember Wax motioned to resolve into the Committee of the Whole, which was seconded by Council Vice President Niezgodski and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Henry Davis Jr. – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Eli Wax – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Lori K. Hamann – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BILL NO.

07-23

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED 1007 AND 1011 HOWARD ST. COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 4 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Clerk Jones read the bill to the Council for its second (2nd) reading.

After the second (2nd) reading, Councilmember Lee requested the committee report.

Councilmember Hamann stated that Bill No. 07-23 came before the Zoning and Annexation Committee and comes with a favorable recommendation.

Councilmember Lee requested that the petitioner(s) state their name and address and share key points before the council.

Angela Smith, Zoning Administrator, with offices on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated that Bill No. 07-23 seeks to rezone the properties located at 1007 and 1011 Howard Street from Urban Neighborhood One (U1) to Neighborhood Center (NC). The site is currently vacant, and the proposed use will be for the Notre Dame Law Clinic. Bill No. 07-23 comes from the South Bend Planning Commission with a favorable recommendation.

Wayne Richardson, petitioner, 811 Lawrence Drive, Fort Wayne IN 46804, stated that their plan for the property will be for a non-residential three (3) story building. The building would house four (4) Notre Dame Law School clinics: Applied Mediation, Community Development, Housing, and Exoneration Justice. Notre Dame has conversed with the neighborhood’s residents regarding the project.

Councilmember Lee requested questions from the Council, and nobody spoke.

Councilmember Lee held the public hearing, and no members of the public spoke.

Councilmember Wax stated that a legal clinic provides an incredible opportunity for residents and law students.

Councilmember Warner stated that hands-on training for law students is vital and is hopeful to see further development from Notre Dame.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan stated appreciation for Notre Dame.

Council President McBride stated that the Notre Dame’s law clinics have created good opportunities for the South Bend community.

Councilmember Lee stated that Notre Dame law students have helped with Group Violence Intervention’s expungement clinics, and thanked Notre Dame for their investment in South Bend.

Councilmember Warner motioned to send Bill No. 07-23 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Councilmember Hamann and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Henry Davis Jr. – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner– <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Eli Wax – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Lori K. Hamann – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

14-23 PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA AMENDING CHAPTER SIX (6), BY ADDING ARTICLE FIFTEEN (15), SECTIONS 6-94 THROUGH 6-108 INCLUSIVE TO REQUIRE LANDLORDS AND TENANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN BED BUG REMEDIATION

Bill No. 14-23 was tabled until April 10, 2023.

15-23 PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, VACATING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: 1100 BLOCK OF CORBY BOULEVARD BEING A PART OF CORBY BOULEVARD AS SHOWN ON THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLANS FOR SR 23, R/W CODE 3786, DES NO. 9133615, PROJECT NO. STP-S050-(007) DATED DECEMBER 19, 2011 AND BEING SITUATED IN THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, PORTAGE TOWNSHIP, CITY OF SOUTH BEND, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Bill No. 15-23 was tabled indefinitely.

RISE AND REPORT

Councilmember Hamann motioned to rise from the Committee of the Whole and report back to the Full Council, seconded by Councilmember Wax and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Henry Davis Jr. – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner– <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Eli Wax – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Lori K. Hamann – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

President McBride stated the Full Council is now back in session. This portion of our meeting is where bills are given a third (3rd) reading and action is taken regarding bills that were heard during the Committee of the Whole.

BILLS ON THE THIRD READING

BILL NO.

07-23

THIRD READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED 1007 AND 1011 HOWARD ST. COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 4 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Clerk Jones read the bill to the Council for its third (3rd) reading.

After the third (3rd) reading, President McBride requested a committee report.

Councilmember Lee stated Bill No. 07-23 was heard in the Committee of the Whole and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Councilmember Warner motioned for the passage of Bill No. 07-23, seconded by Councilmember Tomas Morgan, and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Henry Davis Jr. – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Eli Wax – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Lori K. Hamann – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

RESOLUTIONS

BILL NO.

23-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 213 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SOUTH BEND, IN 46601 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF AN EIGHT-YEAR (8) REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR APARTMENTS AND COMMERCIAL SPACE AT TOWER AT WASHINGTON APARTMENTS AT TOWER AT WASHINGTON SQUARE LLC

Clerk Jones read the resolution to the Council.

After the reading President McBride requested a committee report.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan stated Resolution No. 23-11 was heard in the Community Investment Committee and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

President McBride requested that the petitioner(s) state their name and address and share key points before the council.

Erik Glavich, Director of Growth and Opportunity, with offices on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated that Bill No. 23-11 is a declaratory resolution for a mixed-use development real property tax abatement for Liberty Tower located at 213 West Washington Street. The developer seeks to build ninety (90) new apartments on the top nine (9) floors of the building, as well as restore and create new meeting event spaces and a bar/lounge (with rooftop access) that will be open to the public. The project will create about nine (9) new jobs.

AJ Sime, representative of the petitioner, 213 West Washington Street, South Bend IN 46601, stated that the Aloft Hotel phase of the Liberty Tower project has been successful, and stated that he is looking forward to the continuation of the Liberty Tower project.

Council President McBride requested comments from the Council.

Councilmember Hamann requested clarification regarding the impact Bill *No. 23-11* will have on the Beacon Hospital project.

Caleb Bauer, Executive Director of Community Investment, with offices located on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated that this new investment will just add additional revenue to those that the City has already contemplated to go toward funding the debt service.

Councilmember Hamann stated that because of the mixed-use status of the abatement, it does not fall under the requirements for affordable housing, but there are one (1) bedroom apartments being built.

Mark Neal, Bradley Company, 112 West Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 300, South Bend IN 46601, stated that the average price of an apartment would be around two dollars (\$2) per square foot.

Council Vice President Niezgodski requested clarification regarding the number of floors to be developed.

Erik Glavich stated that the apartments would span nine (9) floors.

Councilmember Wax requested information regarding where this investment will leave the completion of the Liberty Tower project.

Erik Glavich stated that after the completion of this phase of construction, everything in the Liberty Tower will have been remodeled.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan requested information regarding the southern side of the first (1st) floor of the Liberty Tower.

AJ Sime stated that the southern side of the first (1st) floor of the Liberty Tower will have retail space to be leased.

Councilmember Lee stated that prior to the renovation of Liberty Tower the building was in disrepair and stated that this investment will economically and socially impact South Bend positively.

Councilmember Davis Jr. asked if there are any projections of how this investment will impact the value of the apartment space.

Erik Glavich stated that the current assessed value of the apartment space is about one and a half million dollars (\$1,500,000), and the City estimates that this project will raise the assessed value to twelve-point-seven million dollars (\$12,700,000).

Councilmember Davis Jr. stated that he is concerned the rising values of downtown properties will too greatly increase the cost of living for downtown properties.

Caleb Bauer stated that DCI has focused on affordable housing developments and is working to add three hundred and fifty-two (352) new affordable units in South Bend over the next few years.

Councilmember Davis Jr. stated that his district is struggling to find affordable housing and requested information regarding the new affordable homes.

Caleb Bauer stated that the Monreaux Devereaux Peters affordable housing project and the Real America Diamond View Apartments project are both happening in Councilmember Davis Jr.'s district.

Councilmember Davis Jr. stated that seven hundred (700) houses were lost in his district.

Caleb Bauer stated that those homes were vacant and abandoned.

Councilmember Warner stated that Councilmember Davis Jr. has voted in opposition to homes on Pugin Street as well as the Diamond View apartments, both of which are located in his district.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan stated that Councilmember Davis Jr. has, at times, voted against affordable housing and investment within his district.

Councilmember Wax thanked the petitioner for their investment in South Bend.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan motioned for the adoption of Resolution *No. 23-11*, seconded by Councilmember Lee, and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Henry Davis Jr. – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner– <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Eli Wax – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Lori K. Hamann – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

23-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, RECOMMENDING TO THE MAYOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD OFFICE
(SUBSTITUTE)

Council Vice President Niezgodski motioned to accept Substitute Bill *No. 23-13*, which was seconded by Councilmember Lee and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Henry Davis Jr. – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner– <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Eli Wax – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Lori K. Hamann – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

Clerk Jones read the resolution to the Council.

After the reading Council President McBride requested a committee report.

Councilmember Warner stated Substitute Bill *No. 23-13* was heard in the Community Relations Committee and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Council President McBride stated that this resolution recommends the applicants Stephanie Ball and Pastor Charles King to the Mayor to fill the position of Director of the Community Police Review Board.

Councilmember Hamann inquired about a timeframe for the Mayor’s decision.

Councilmember Warner stated that there is not a timeframe outlined in the legislation regarding the Mayor’s decision for a Director of the Community Police Review Board.

Councilmember Lee stated that both applicants are great choices.

Council Vice President Niezgodski thanked all applicants and stated that she is glad the process is moving forward.

Councilmember Davis Jr. stated that the Community Police Review Board is a tool to build trust within the South Bend community.

Council President McBride held the public hearing, and no members of the public spoke.

Councilmember White motioned for the adoption of Substitute Bill *No. 23-13*, which was seconded by Councilmember Hamann, and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Henry Davis Jr. – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner– <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Eli Wax – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Lori K. Hamann – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

23-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, CONFIRMING THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2652 JACLYN COURT, SOUTH BEND, IN 46614 AND 3161 YOUNGS COURT, SOUTH BEND, IN 46614 ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREAS FOR PURPOSES OF A SIX-YEAR (6) REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE ROBERT HENRY CORPORATION

Clerk Jones read the resolution to the Council.

After the reading President McBride requested a committee report.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan stated Resolution No. 23-15 was heard in the Community Investment Committee and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

President McBride requested that the petitioner(s) state their name and address and share key points before the council.

Erik Glavich, Director of Growth and Opportunity, with offices on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated that Bill No. 23-15 is a confirming resolution for the industrial development real property tax abatement petition for the Robert Henry Corporation.

Councilmember Lee requested questions from the Council, and nobody spoke.

Councilmember Lee held the public hearing, and no members of the public spoke.

Council Vice President Niezgodski motioned for the adoption of Resolution No. 23-15, seconded by Councilmember Lee, and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Henry Davis Jr. – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Eli Wax – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Lori K. Hamann – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

BILLS ON FIRST READING

BILL NO.

16-23

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, OF THE CITY OF THE SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED 616, 618 SHERMAN AVE COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO.1 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Clerk Jones read the bill to the Council for its first (1st) reading.

Councilmember Hamann motioned to send Bill No. 16-23 to the South Bend Planning Commission on April 17, 2023, and to the Zoning and Annexation Committee for a third (3rd) reading and public hearing on April 24, 2023, seconded by Councilmember Lee and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Henry Davis Jr. – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Eli Wax – <i>Aye</i>

Councilmember Lori K. Hamann – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Davis Jr. stated that he is receiving phone calls regarding a concern of the lack of traffic at the MLK Center. Councilmember Davis Jr. requests a report regarding the lack of traffic. Councilmember Davis Jr. stated that he is interested in having a policy change regarding the non-profit pilot program in South Bend.

Councilmember Canneth Lee requested clarification from Councilmember Davis Jr. regarding the proposed policy change.

Councilmember Davis Jr. stated that he is not suggesting churches should be required to pay taxes, rather he would like to have a discussion regarding the amount of non-profit businesses in South Bend.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Lee stated that they are devastated by the closing of the Portage Road Walmart and are working to make sure that the two hundred and seventy (270) employees and the people with prescriptions are taken care of.

Councilmember Hamann stated that the TRANSPO Board approved the Connect Plan for sixty percent (60%) ridership and forty percent (40%) coverage. MACOG will be voting in April to approve the final plan.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Reverend Henry L. Davis Sr., 215 N. Sheridan Street, South Bend IN 46619, requested information regarding affordable housing.

Councilmember Hamann stated that people living at eighty percent (80%) or below the median household income qualify for affordable housing but agrees that there should be more discussion regarding the requirements for affordable housing.

Council President McBride stated that she would follow-up with more information regarding affordable housing.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Sharon McBride adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.