

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINUTES

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND:

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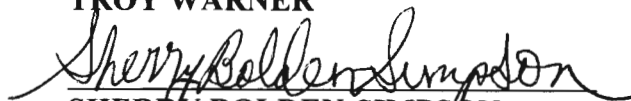
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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND FOUND THEM TO BE CORRECT.

THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THE SAME BE APPROVED:



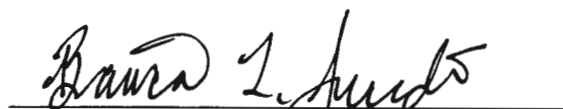
TROY WARNER



SHERRY BOLDEN-SIMPSON

APPROVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL ON: 01-27-2025

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, January 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Council President Canneth Lee called the meeting to order. Dr. Oliver Davis gave the invocation.

City Clerk Bianca L. Tirado 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

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Canneth Lee	1 st District, President
Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers	2 nd District
Sharon L. McBride	3 rd District
Troy Warner	4 th District, Committee of the Whole
Sherry Bolden-Simpson	5 th District
Sheila Niezgodski	6 th District
Dr. Oliver Davis	At-Large
Karen L. White	At-Large
Rachel Tomas Morgan	At-Large, Vice President

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Bianca L. Tirado	City Clerk
Elivet Quijada-Navarro	Chief Deputy City Clerk
Matthew Neal	Deputy Director of Policy
Tierra Whitley	Clerk’s Office Intern
Bob Palmer	Council Attorney

Members marked with an asterisk (*) are in virtual attendance.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINUTES:

December 9, 2024

Council President Lee requested reports from the Sub-Committee on Minutes.

Clerk Tirado stated that the Sub-Committee on Minutes inspected the December 9, 2024 Common Council meeting minutes and recommend they be approved.

Councilmember Troy Warner moved to approve the December 9, 2024 Common Council meeting minutes, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis and carried via a vote by voice.

Councilmember Warner moved to table the January 6, 2025 Common Council meeting minutes, which was seconded by Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson and carried via a vote by voice.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICES

None.

RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan moved to resolve into the Committee of the Whole, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis and carried via a vote by voice.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BILL NO.

63-24

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, ANNEXING TO AND BRINGING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN CENTRE TOWNSHIP, CONTIGUOUS THEREWITH; COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 5, FOR LAND SOUTH OF LAFAYETTE FALLS PHASE I ANNEXATION AREA AND WEST OF SOUTH US-31 HIGHWAY, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
(SUBSTITUTE) (PUBLIC HEARING ONLY)

Councilmember Karen White moved to accept Substitute Bill No. 63-24, which was seconded by Council President Canneth Lee and carried via a vote by voice.

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

After the second (2nd) reading, Councilmember Warner stated that because Bill No. 63-24 is for public hearing only, it comes to the Committee of the Whole without a committee report.

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

Skip Morrell, Principal Development Planner, with offices on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated that Substitute Bill No. 63-24 seeks to annex the Lafayette Falls Extension Annexation Area. The proposed annexation area is approximately forty-four (44) acres and meets the State law contiguity requirement. The Lafayette Falls Extension Annexation would be added to South Bend's fifth (5th) district. The plan is to sell the lots to a builder. Regional builder Allen Edwin has been in discussions regarding the purchasing of the lots.

Richard Nussbaum, representative of Lafayette Falls LLC, 210 South Michigan Street, South Bend IN 46601, stated that the proposed land will include roughly one hundred to one hundred and ten (100-110) lots. Richard Nussbaum thanked the Department of Community Investment for their work and help with the project. The developer is in discussions and is supporting the City and Center Township in entering a mutual aid agreement for fire protection.

Councilmember Warner requested questions from the Council.

Council President Lee requested information regarding the project's timeline.

Richard Nussbaum stated that the appeal period ends in the spring, and hopes to see construction begin in the fall.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson asked about the reception from residents in the area regarding the development.

Richard Nussbaum stated that he has not personally spoken to residents but believes there is excitement for the development.

Councilmember Warner asked about the water and sewer connections for the annexation area.

Richard Nussbaum stated that there is already infrastructure in place for water.

Chris Godlewski, Abonmarche, stated that the construction entrance will likely come from the south because the petitioner owns a piece of land to the south of the development. This would also help prevent excess amounts of trucks from driving through the subdivision.

Sue Kesim, 4022 Kennedy Drive, South Bend IN 46614, asked regarding green space in and around the development.

Dr. Robert Bennett, 1845 O Brien Street, South Bend IN 46628, asked regarding affordable and free housing within the new development.

Richard Nussbaum answered that due to the project being a private development, there are no requirements for affordable housing, and this development will not consist of Section Eight (8) housing. Richard Nussbaum stated that the builder has prior experience in building affordable homes, and stated that the developer anticipates the price point for these homes to be more affordable than most other newly constructed homes in the area. Richard Nussbaum stated that there is green space to the south of the development.

Councilmember Warner closed the public hearing. Councilmember Warner stated that Bill No. 63-24 is up for public hearing only, therefore, no action will be taken regarding the bill.

74-24

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING A MERIT BOARD SYSTEM GOVERNING THE SOUTH BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT
(SUBSTITUTE)

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

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

Council Vice President Tomas Morgan stated that Substitute Bill No. 74-24 went before the Health & Public Safety Committee and comes with a favorable recommendation.

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

Adam Taylor, Assistant City Attorney, with offices located on the 12th floor of the County-City Building, presented Substitute Bill No. 74-24. Substitute Bill No. 74-24 adopts the State-model merit system for the South Bend Fire Department (SBFD), which has wide support among the Local 362. The State-model requires political divergence between the two (2) mayoral board appointments and the two (2) fire department board appointments. Suspensions longer than five (5) days, demotions, and dismissals would be heard by the State-model board. Board appointments must be made no later than March 1, 2025.

Todd Skwarczan, Assistant Chief, with offices located at 1222 South Michigan Street, South Bend IN 46601, stated that the Fire Department Administration looks forward to codifying the board.

Eric Griffin, President of Local Firefighters 362, with offices located at 4025 Lincoln Way West, South Bend IN 46628, stated that Local 362 strongly supports the State-model as it gives firefighters the ability to have representation within the board.

Councilmember Warner requested comments from the Council.

Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that the State law regarding merit systems was passed on May 3, 2023, and that this bill should have been introduced earlier so that the Council could have given input during the decision-making process. Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that many other cities in Indiana brought forward their merit system bills earlier which allowed their city council's to provide input during the process. Dr. Davis asked why Substitute Bill No. 74-24 was not brought before the Council sooner.

Adam Taylor stated that the South Bend Fire Department and the City Administration were both aware of the State legislation requirements and deadlines. Adam Taylor stated that the State law requires the support of a majority of the fire department in order to not go with the State model; consequently, due to the firefighters' strong support of the State model this decision was inevitable.

Councilmember McBride stated that the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) reached out several months prior to begin conversing with the Council regarding their merit board system.

Councilmember McBride stated that she had reached out to SBF D on several occasions after already speaking with SBPD, and only then did conversations begin. Councilmember McBride stated that the Council should have been included in earlier discussions.

Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that he is in favor of Bill No. 74-24 but believes it should have been introduced earlier.

Councilmember Warner opened the public hearing.

Eric Griffin, 4025 Lincoln Way West, South Bend IN 46628, stated that because the decision to choose the State model was favored by the department, and choosing any other option would require the majority vote of the department, it was not incumbent upon SBF D Administration to further the conversation.

Dr. Robert Bennett, 1845 O Brien Street, South Bend IN 46628, asked about age requirements and collective bargaining rights.

Adam Taylor stated that the State set the minimum age requirement at twenty-one (21) years of age, and that the State has authority over issues pertaining to the approval of collective bargaining agreements.

Councilmember Dr. Davis reiterated that he believes the bill should have been introduced earlier.

Councilmember Warner closed the public hearing and asked the Council for comments.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson asked if the State modeled merit board had stipulations regarding the political affiliations of board appointments.

Dr. Davis answered yes.

Councilmember McBride moved to send Substitute Bill No. 74-24 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Councilmember Niezgodski and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes and one (1) nay.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Nay</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

RISE AND REPORT

Councilmember Dr. Davis moved to rise from the Committee of the Whole and report back to the Full Council, which was seconded by Council Vice President Tomas Morgan and carried via a vote by voice.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

Council President Lee stated that the Full Council is now back in session. This portion of the 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.

74-24

THIRD READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING A MERIT BOARD SYSTEM GOVERNING THE SOUTH BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT (SUBSTITUTE)

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

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

Councilmember Warner stated that Substitute Bill No. 74-24 was heard in the Committee of the Whole and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Council Vice President Tomas Morgan moved for the passage of Substitute Bill No. 74-24, which was seconded by Councilmember Niezgodski and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes and one (1) nay.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Nay</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

RESOLUTIONS

BILL NO.

25-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 225 SOUTH MICHIGAN, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46601 AND 229 SOUTH MICHIGAN, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46601 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF AN EIGHT-YEAR (8) REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR RSPG GLOBAL CONSULTING LLC

Clerk Tirado read the resolution to the Council.

After the reading Council President Lee requested a committee report.

Councilmember Warner stated Bill No. 25-01 was heard in the Community Investment Committee and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

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

Joseph Molnar, Assistant Director of Growth and Opportunity, with offices on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, presented Bill No. 25-01. Bill No. 25-01 is an eight-year (8) real property tax abatement for Center City Place which has been vacant for the last decade. Locally based development company RSPG Global Consulting, LLC purchased Center City Place and will be spearheading the rehabilitation project. The project will consist of restoring the historic façade, completing extensive repairs, opening a hotel, and bringing in active businesses. The total estimated investment is five million eight hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$5,825,000).

Christina Miller, petitioner, 1311 Sunnymede Avenue, South Bend IN 46615, stated that RSPG Global has been working on developing the Dainty Maid Bake Shop for several years and now would like to work on developing the Center City Place property.

Council President Lee asked the councilmembers for comments.

Councilmember Niezgodski asked regarding the condition of the building’s original façade.

Christina Miller answered that they have been able to view the original façade using a scoping camera, and stated that for the second (2nd) and third (3rd) floors the vast majority of the façade is intact.

Council President Lee thanked the petitioner for their work.

Council President Lee opened the public hearing.

Dr. Robert Bennett, 1845 O Brien Street, South Bend IN 46628, spoke in opposition to Bill No. 25-01.

Council President Lee closed the public hearing, and asked the Council for comments.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked for an overview of the new taxes following the abatement.

Joseph Molnar stated that the Center City Place currently brings in eight thousand four hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$8,436) annually, and after the abatement the Center City Place will bring in an estimated one hundred and sixteen thousand seven hundred and twelve dollars (\$116,712) annually.

Councilmember Warner moved for the adoption of Bill No. 25-01, which was seconded by Council Vice President Tomas Morgan, and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

25-02

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING AND RECONFIRMING THE ADOPTION OF DECLARATORY RESOLUTION NO. 4939-22 DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3820 WEST CALVERT STREET, SOUTH BEND, IN 46613 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF A NINE-YEAR (9) REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR GREENLEAF HOLDCO LLC

25-03

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING AND RECONFIRMING THE ADOPTION OF DECLARATORY RESOLUTION NO. 4944-22 DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3820 WEST CALVERT STREET, SOUTH BEND, IN 46613 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF A FIVE-YEAR (5) PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR GREENLEAF HOLDCO LLC

Councilmember Dr. Davis moved to hear Bill Nos. 25-02 and 25-03 together, which was seconded by Council Vice President Tomas Morgan and carried via a vote by voice.

Clerk Tirado read the resolutions to the Council.

After the reading Council President Lee requested the committee reports.

Councilmember Warner stated Bill Nos. 25-02 and 25-03 both were heard in the Community Investment Committee and both come to the Full Council with favorable recommendations.

Council President Lee 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 Nos. 25-02 and 25-03 are both reconfirming resolutions. Bill No. 25-02 is a resolution reconfirming a nine-year (9) real property tax abatement for Pure Green Farms, and Bill No. 25-03 is a resolution reconfirming a five-year (5) personal property tax abatement for Pure Green Farms. These bills would extend the designation period of both abatements from the end of January 2025 to the end of 2026. Pure Green Farms will retain twenty-five (25) full-time jobs and create seventy-five (75) new full-time jobs. Pure Green Farms commits

to a fifteen dollar an hour (\$15/hr) minimum wage with a two percent (2%) increase every year over the life of the abatement.

Joe McGuire, CEO of Pure Green Farms, 3820 West Calvert Street, South Bend IN 46613, thanked the Council.

Council President Lee asked the Council for comments.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan requested clarification regarding packaging.

Joe McGuire stated that Pure Green Farms entered into a sales and marketing agreement with an investor, Earthbound Farm. Pure Green Farms sells their product in conjunction with Earthbound Farm, under their Great Lakes label.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked Joe McGuire what has helped Pure Green Farms succeed.

Joe McGuire stated that many other greens companies suffer as they attempt to operate as tech companies, but Pure Green Farms succeeds by focusing on understanding the supply chain and learning how to improve the product. Joe McGuire stated that while greens are perishable, Pure Green Farms' product is not seasonal thanks to their expansive greenhouse.

Councilmember Niezgodski requested confirmation that Pure Green Farms currently produces two million pounds (2,000,000lbs) of lettuce annually, and with this expansion, production will increase to eight million pounds (8,000,000lbs) annually.

Joe McGuire answered yes.

Councilmember Niezgodski thanked the petitioner for their investment.

Council President Lee requested information regarding the size of Pure Green Farms' investment.

Joe McGuire stated that Pure Green Farms has already invested twenty to twenty-five million dollars (\$20,000,000-\$25,000,000) and will reach closer to fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in investment following this project.

Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers asked about the morale of employees.

Joe McGuire stated that people enjoy working at Pure Green Farms, and that Pure Green Farms recently scored high in a social audit conducted by Walmart.

Council President Lee opened the public hearing.

Dr. Robert Bennett, 1845 O Brien Street, South Bend IN 46628, spoke in opposition to Bill *Nos. 25-01* and *25-03*, and raised concerns of low wages.

Joe McGuire stated that the typical starting wage at Pure Green Farms is fifteen dollars (\$15) an hour.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked where Pure Green Farms' employees come from.

Joe McGuire stated that most of Pure Green Farms' employees are from the South Bend area.

Council President Lee closed the public hearing, and asked the Council for comments.

Councilmember Warner thanked the petitioner for their work.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson is excited to have more fresh produce in the community.

Erik Glavich stated that Pure Green Farms participated in the Linden Avenue Farmers market last year.

Councilmember Dr. Davis thanked the petitioner.

Council Vice President Tomas Morgan thanked the petitioner.

Councilmember Niezgodski thanked the petitioner.

Council President Lee thanked the petitioner.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson moved for the adoption of Bill No. 25-02, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis, and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers moved for the adoption of Bill No. 25-03, which was seconded by Councilmember Niezgodski, and carried by a vote of nine (9) ayes.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

BILLS ON FIRST READING

BILL NO.

01-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1408 ELWOOD AVENUE, COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 2 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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

Councilmember White motioned to send Bill No. 01-25 to the South Bend Planning Commission on January 21, 2025 and to the Zoning and Annexation Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on January 27, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Niezgodski and carried via a vote by voice.

02-25

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

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

Council Vice President Tomas Morgan motioned to send Bill No. 02-25 to the South Bend Planning Commission on January 21, 2025 and to the Zoning and Annexation Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on January 27, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Niezgodski and carried via a vote by voice.

03-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND SEEKING A USE VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4022 OLD CLEVELAND ROAD, COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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

Councilmember Niezgodski motioned to send Bill No. 03-25 to the South Bend Planning Commission on January 21, 2025 and to the Zoning and Annexation Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on January 27, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember McBride and carried via a vote by voice.

04-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 THROUGH 2028

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

Councilmember Niezgodski motioned to send Bill No. 04-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on January 27, 2024, which was seconded by Council Vice President Tomas Morgan and carried via a vote by voice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that anyone wishing to raise concerns at the next South Bend Planning Commission meeting can email him with their concerns. Councilmember Dr. Davis also stated that there is an ongoing issue with late-night train activity.

Council President Lee stated that Council Vice President Tomas Morgan will follow-up.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson stated that there is a group of citizens concerned with a State education bill.

Councilmember McBride stated that there is an Artist Riseup at LangLab on January 18, 2025 from 12:00pm-8:00pm.

Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that he will be working on a resolution in response to a bill regarding the proliferation of charter schools.

Council President Lee commended Erik Glavich, the Department of Community Investment, and Property Bros LLC on a ribbon-cutting for a new development.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Sue Kesim, 4022 Kennedy Drive, South Bend IN 46614, spoke regarding speech, sidewalks, and curbs.

Linda Bryant, 3220 White Maple Court, South Bend IN 46628, spoke regarding Council rules.

Dr. Robert Bennett, 1845 O Brien Street, South Bend IN 46628, spoke regarding housing and the Constitution of the United States.

Logan Foster, 1138 College Street, South Bend IN 46628, spoke regarding Council requirements.

Sarah Foster, 1138 College Street, South Bend IN 46628, spoke regarding Council abilities.

Dr. Brian Collier, 1236 Longfellow Avenue, South Bend IN 46615, spoke regarding the Constitution of the United States and Council abilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Canneth Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.