

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: 04-08-2024

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: 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, April 08, at 7:00 p.m. Council President Sharon McBride called the meeting to order. Pastor Canneth Lee of Kingdom Christian Center Church 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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bianca L. Tirado	City Clerk
Danica Kulemeka	Chief Deputy Clerk
Elivet Quijada-Navarro	Deputy Director of Policy
Matthew Neal	Director of Special Projects
Bob Palmer	Council Attorney

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

SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINUTES:

March 25, 2024

November 27, 2023

December 11, 2023

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

Clerk Tirado stated that the Sub-Committee on Minutes has inspected the March 25, 2024 Common Council meeting minutes and recommend they be approved.

Councilmember Troy Warner motioned to approve the March 25, 2024 Common Council meeting minutes, which was seconded by Council President McBride 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

Clerk Tirado stated that the Sub-Committee on Minutes has inspected the November 27, 2023 and December 11, 2023 Common Council meeting minutes and recommended that they be approved. It is understood that Councilmembers who were not members of Council in 2023 will be abstaining.

Councilmember Warner motioned to approve the November 27, 2023 and December 11, 2023 Common Council meeting minutes, which was seconded by Councilmember Canneth Lee and carried by a vote of six (6) ayes and three (3) members abstaining.

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICES

None.

RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan motioned to resolve into the Committee of the Whole, which was seconded by Councilmember Warner 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BILL NO.

17-24

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, APPROVING A PETITION OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 922 EAST COLFAX AVENUE COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 4 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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

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

Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that Bill No. 02-24 came before the Zoning and Annexation Committee and, with added written commitments, comes with a favorable recommendation.

Councilmember Warner read the written commitments that were added to Bill No. 17-24:

“The property shall be used in a manner that provides personal care, social services, counseling services, and/or transportation to residents.”

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

Skip Morrell, Zoning Specialist, with offices located on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated that Bill No. 17-24 would allow the petitioner to operate a non-licensed residential care home, also known as the Haven by the Bend, at 922 East Colfax Avenue.

Kay Fernandez, petitioner, 51969 Lake Knoll Court, Granger IN 46530, stated that the care home will be targeted toward seniors, and will offer services and support twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

Councilmember Lee requested questions from the Council.

Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson requested information regarding the application process for the care facility.

Ma Liza Aquino, petitioner, 17647 Woodridge Court, South Bend IN 46635, stated that most of the residents come by referral, so there has not been much advertisement of the openings at the facility.

Council Vice President Niezgodski requested clarification regarding the licensing of residential care facilities.

Ma Liza Aquino stated that licensed residential care facilities can administer medicines, whereas unlicensed care facilities must outsource such duties to licensed care services.

Councilmember Warner stated that the previous owner operated a licensed facility which did not require a special exception, but the current owner does require a special exception due to them being a non-licensed residential care facility.

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

Councilmember Lee asked the Council for comments.

Councilmember Dr. Davis requested Councilmember Warner to provide clarification regarding the added written commitment.

Councilmember Warner stated that the group residence special exception creates the possibility for future owners of the property to allow for potential a party-house, and the written commitment prevents the property for being used as anything other than a care facility.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan stated her appreciation for the work the petitioners have been doing in the area.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan motioned to send Bill No. 17-24 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Councilmember Karen L. White 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

21-24 PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS OF \$9,000,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#101).

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

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

Councilmember Warner stated that Bill No. 21-24 came before the Personnel and Finance Committee and comes to the Committee of the Whole with a favorable recommendation.

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

Kyle Willis, City Controller, with offices on the 12th floor of the County-City Building, stated that Bill No. 21-24 appropriates an additional nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) from the general fund to put toward phase two (2) of the Morris Performing Arts Center renovation project. The nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) will be reimbursed by the Professional Sports and Convention Development Areas (PSCDA) fund over the next six-to-seven (6-7) years. There is currently six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in private donations going toward phase two (2), as well as one-point-

five million dollars (\$1,500,000) from the READI grant. There are no new local tax dollars being levied for phase two (2) of the Morris Performing Arts Center renovation project. Phase three (3) of the Morris Performing Arts Center renovation project will include the development of a parking garage.

Councilmember Lee requested comments from the Council.

Councilmember Warner asked Kyle Willis to provide more information regarding the PSCDA funds.

Kyle Willis stated that the PSCDA funds are made up of state revenues that must be used on sporting and/or performance venues.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan requests clarification regarding the general fund.

Kyle Willis stated that the general fund is healthy, and that the City would need to spend approximately twenty-eight million dollars (\$28,000,000) of the general fund before needing to dip into reserves.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked if there any current projects that would be hampered by Bill No. 21-24's appropriations.

Kyle Willis answered no.

Councilmember Lee reiterated that the appropriated funds will be reimbursed.

Councilmember Warner stated that there has been much discussion at the local and state level regarding the use of PSCDA funds.

Councilmember Lee opened the public hearing.

Regina and Brad Emberton, co-chairs of the Morris One Hundred (100) campaign, 615 W Colfax Avenue, South Bend IN 46601, stated that the Morris Performing Arts Center renovation project is an investment in South Bend's future.

Aaron Perri, 219 East Colfax Avenue, South Bend IN 46617, voiced support for Bill No. 21-24 and stated that there has been a significant amount of work put into the Morris Performing Arts Center renovation project.

Logan Foster 1138 College Street, South Bend IN 46628, voiced opposition to Bill No. 21-24, due to financial concerns.

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

Council Vice President Niezgodski stated that the Morris Performing Arts Center renovation project has been a great public/private partnership and will attract eyes and people to South Bend.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan stated that this investment in South Bend will last for generations.

Councilmember Lee stated that the Morris Performing Arts Center is an important fixture for the children of South Bend.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson stated that this investment in South Bend will attract people to the area.

Councilmember Warner motioned to send Bill No. 17-24 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Council President McBride 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

RISE AND REPORT

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers motioned to rise from the Committee of the Whole and report back to the Full Council, seconded by Councilmember Warner 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner– <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <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.

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Clerk Tirado 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. 17-24 was heard in the Committee of the Whole and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan motioned for the passage of Bill No. 17-24, 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner– <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

21-24

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS OF \$9,000,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#101).

Clerk Tirado 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. 21-24 was heard in the Committee of the Whole and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Council Vice Chair Niezgodski motioned for the passage of Bill No. 21-24, 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner– <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>

Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

RESOLUTIONS

BILL NO.

24-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN THE SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RELATING TO THE FOUR WINDS FIELD AT COVELESKI STADIUM PROJECT AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS RELATED THERETO

Clerk Tirado read the resolution to the Council.

After the reading President McBride requested a committee report.

Councilmember Warner stated Bill No. 24-10 was heard in the Personnel and Finance 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.

Kyle Willis, City Controller, with offices on the 12th floor of the County-City Building, stated that Bill No. 24-10 authorizes the City to issue lease rental revenue bonds for the renovation and expansion of Four Winds Field. The Four Winds Field renovation and expansion project will result in the issuance of around forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000) worth of bonds, which will be paid for using PSCDA funds. The PSCDA funds are taxes that were previously sent to the State but are now staying locally to support sporting and performance venues.

Andrew Berlin, 415 South Lafayette Boulevard, South Bend IN 46601, stated that Indiana has PSCDA funds because it runs at a surplus, and that PSCDA funds going toward the Morris and Four Winds Field cannot be used to fund anything other than sporting and entertainment venues. The South Bend Cubs have a good and large economic and cultural impact on South Bend.

Council President McBride requested comments from the Council.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked how much closer this renovation and expansion of Four Winds Field brings South Bend to having a Triple-A baseball stadium.

Andrew Berlin answered that anything is possible, and that Four Winds Field will have the capacity and quality to serve a Triple-A team.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson requested clarification regarding the bond amounts.

Kyle Willis stated that there was a scrivener’s error on the cover letter.

Council President McBride opened the public hearing.

Aaron Perri, 219 East Colfax Avenue, South Bend IN 46617, voiced support for Bill No. 24-10 and thanked Andrew Berlin for his generosity.

Richard Nussbaum, 210 South Michigan Street, Suite 500, South Bend IN 46601, stated that the stadium has been around for thirty-five (35) years and has been successful. Having the South Bend Cubs and the Morris Performing Arts Center makes South Bend eligible for the PSCDA funds.

Logan Foster, 1138 College Street, South Bend IN 46628, stated that due to a scrivener’s error in the cover letter Bill No. 24-10 should be delayed. Logan Foster voiced opposition to the inclusion of the possible levying of a special benefits tax to secure a lower interest rate.

Kyle Willis stated that the cover letter for the bill had a scrivener’s error, but the bill being voted on does not contain any such scrivener’s error. Kyle Willis stated that before a special benefits tax is levied, the City would need to exhaust two (2) other security mechanisms.

Councilmember Dr. Davis requested clarification regarding the other security mechanisms.

Kyle Willis stated that in the unlikely event of a failure to repay the bonds, the City has a charity policy in place to make up the difference, as well as a debt service reserve fund.

Councilmember Warner stated that there are eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) that could be captured but the City is only allowed to capture five million dollars (\$5,000,000).

Randy Rompola, attorney with Barnes and Thornburg, with offices located at 201 South Main Street, South Bend IN 46601, stated that the potential revenue collection since 2017 has been near eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) except for the time during COVID in which the potential revenue collection was just below seven million dollars (\$7,000,000). Given that South Bend is legally limited to only capturing five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of this potential revenue there is a large cushion for security. The tax back-up should be viewed positively as it allows for lower interest rates. The state law that allows for the tax levy backup mechanism requires the City to have a cushion between the five million dollar (\$5,000,000) limit on the near eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) that could otherwise be captured, as well as the cushion between the projected actual debt service of three-point-six to three-point-eight million dollars (\$3,600,000-\$3,800,000) and five million dollar (\$5,000,000) limit.

Councilmember Dr. Davis requested information regarding Indiana’s ability to utilize a PSCDA fund.

Randy Rompola stated that the original legislation has been on the books for decades, but only more recently has it been expanded outside of just Indianapolis. The legislation has been viewed as a way to allow for some of the funding that was collected locally to come back to the local communities, to support projects that cannot easily be funded.

Councilmember Warner stated that Coveleski Stadium is important to South Bend.

Councilmember Lee stated that Four Winds Field is important for the children of South Bend.

Councilmember Tomas Morgan stated that she is excited for the future of South Bend with the new investments being made.

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers stated that Coveleski Stadium was used for high school graduations during COVID and stated approval for Bill No. 24-10.

Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that he would like to see South Bend have a Triple-A team.

Council President McBride stated that she is looking forward to the opening night game on April 9, 2024.

Councilmember White recognized the individuals that worked to include South Bend in the PSCDA legislation.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson stated that South Bend is growing, and that Coveleski Stadium is a great place for families.

Council Vice President Niezgodski stated that this is an exciting time for South Bend.

Councilmember Warner motioned for the adoption of Resolution No. 24-10, 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

Councilmember White motioned to hear Bill No. 24-11 and Bill No. 24-12 together, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

24-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2803 TUCKER DRIVE, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46619 AND 2920 TUCKER DRIVE, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46619 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF A FIVE-YEAR (5) PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR STEEL WAREHOUSE COMPANY, LLC

Clerk Tirado read the resolution to the Council.

24-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2803 TUCKER DRIVE, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46619 AND 2920 TUCKER DRIVE, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46619 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF A SIX-YEAR (6) REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR STEEL WAREHOUSE COMPANY, LLC

Clerk Tirado read the resolution to the Council.

After the reading President McBride requested a committee report.

Councilmember Warner stated Bill No. 24-11 and Bill No. 24-12 were both heard in the Community Investment Committee, and both come to the Full Council with favorable recommendations.

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. 24-11 is a declaratory resolution for a personal property tax abatement and Bill No. 24-12 is a declaratory resolution for a real property tax abatement. Steel Warehouse has been investing in South Bend for years. Steel Warehouse will be installing a new production line and building a new building. These abatements will help to retain twenty-one (21) employees and add eleven (11) new employees by the end of 2027. The personal property abatement is for the equipment and the real property abatement is for the new building.

Gerry Lerman, 1121 East Woodside Street, South Bend IN 46614, stated that this is an industrial investment in South Bend which will help to keep the community economically strong.

Randy Parsons, Steel Warehouse General Manager, 61450 Myrtle Road, South Bend IN 46614, stated his excitement for the project.

Council President McBride requested comments from the Council.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked why the petitioner has chosen South Bend to expand their operations, and asked how young people can find out about job openings at Steel Warehouse.

Jerry Lerman stated that South Bend’s skilled labor force and excellent maintenance department attracted them to expand in the area.

Randy Parsons stated that people can find job listings on Steel Warehouse’s website.

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers stated that she is glad to see South Bend attract skilled labor.

Council President McBride opened the public hearing.

Sue Kesim, 4022 Kennedy Drive, South Bend IN 46614, stated that Steel Warehouse offers exceptional service and pays above-average wages. Steel Warehouse has been greatly involved with the South Bend community.

Council President McBride closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Dr. Davis motioned for the adoption of Bill No. 24-11, 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner– <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

Councilmember Warner motioned for the adoption of Bill No. 24-12, 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 Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner– <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>	

BILLS ON FIRST READING

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Dr. Davis thanked Clerk Tirado for preparing special proclamations recognizing Samuel Diggins and Lonell Hudson.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Vice Chair Niezgodski stated that the Solid Waste Management District Board has created a Tire Amnesty Day on April 27, 2024. From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., residents can take up to six (6) passenger tires per vehicle to 828 West Kerr Street.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Logan Foster, 1138 College Street, South Bend IN 46628, spoke regarding a scuffle he endured, his desire for the City to purchase his home, and a request for a curb/sidewalk repair.

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers stated that she had not been notified of Logan Foster’s sidewalk request.

Councilmember Warner stated that there is a rather large backlog of sidewalk requests.

Dr. Davis stated that he walked Logan Foster’s neighborhood with him after being notified of a shooting.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Sharon McBride adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.