

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: 05-13-2024

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: 05-28-2024

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, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Council President Sharon McBride called the meeting to order. Reverend Steven Wedgeworth of Christ Church Anglican 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.

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<https://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=382689>

Council meetings are also available at Michiana Access Channel on both their website and their Facebook page.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS 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
Karen L. White	At-Large
Rachel Tomas Morgan	At-Large

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Bianca L. Tirado	City 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:

April 22, 2024

July 10, 2023

September 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 April 22, 2024 Common Council meeting minutes and recommend they be approved.

Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis motioned to approve the April 22, 2024 Common Council meeting minutes, which was seconded by Councilmember Karen L. White and carried by a unanimous vote of acclimation.

Clerk Tirado stated that the Sub-Committee on Minutes has inspected the July 10, 2023 and September 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 Troy Warner motioned to approve the July 10, 2023 and September 11, 2023 Common Council meeting minutes, which was seconded by Councilmember Canneth Lee and carried by a vote of acclimation with three (3) councilmembers abstaining.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

The Council presented a Special Resolution commemorating National Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICES

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

BILL NO.

24-16

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 728 HARRISON AVENUE, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46616 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF A FIVE-YEAR (5) REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR CROSS COMMUNITY, INC

Clerk Tirado read the resolution to the Council.

After the reading President McBride requested a committee report.

Councilmember Warner stated Bill No. 24-16 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.

Mark Bemenderfer, Business Development Manager, with offices on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated that Bill No. 24-16 is a five (5) year single -family residential real property tax abatement for property located at 728 Harrison Avenue. The petitioner is Cross Community Inc., and they provide homeownership information to first (1st) time homebuyers. Cross Community is planning to invest two hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$270,000) for the development of a new two (2) story home.

Tina Patton, President of Cross Community, with offices located at 707 Sherman Avenue, South Bend IN 46616, stated that Bill No. 24-16 is the third (3rd) tax abatement Cross Community has requested. Tina Patton stated that Cross Community offers classes to first (1st) time homebuyers, and is committed to redeveloping the northwest part of South Bend for residents seeking homes at an affordable price.

Council President McBride asked the councilmembers for comments.

Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson asked if Councilmembers would be able to attend the classes hosted by Cross Community.

Tina Patton answered yes.

Council President McBride held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

Councilmember Lee thanked Cross Community for their commitment to creating affordable housing in South Bend.

Councilmember Warner motioned for the adoption of Bill No. 24-16, 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>	

BILLS ON FIRST READING

BILL NO.

22-24

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY ALLEY AT 513 NORTH HILL STREET BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF HILL STREET (66’ R/W); SAID POINT BEING A DISTANCE OF 198.12’ NORTHERLY OF THE NORTH LINE OF CEDAR STREET (82’ R/W); ALSO THE POINT BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PARCEL BEARING ST. JOSEPH COUNTY INDEX NUMBER 018-5008-019

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

Councilmember Dr. Davis motioned to send Bill No. 22-24 to the Public Works and Property Vacation Committee for a third (3rd) reading and public hearing on May 28, 2024, seconded by Councilmember White and carried by a unanimous vote of acclamation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Dr. Davis offered condolences to Councilmember Bolden-Simpson. Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that he was glad to join Councilmember Warner at the South Bend Fire Department (SBFD) retirement dinner.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson thanked everyone for their condolences, and thanked Mayor James Mueller for the proclamation given regarding the commemoration marking thirty (30) years since the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers stated that she had spoken with Dr. Stuart Greene, President of the South Bend Community School Corporation (SBCSC), regarding future SBCSC and Council collaborations.

Council Vice President Niezgodski stated that the 2025 budget kick-off meeting will be May 17, 2024, and requested the budgets of councilmembers by June 1, 2024 so that she may compile them and send them to Kyle Willis by June 17, 2024.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Logan Foster, 1138 College Street, South Bend IN 46628, spoke regarding a matter unrelated to the Council.

Don Foster, 132 Chapin Street, South Bend IN 46601, spoke regarding a nonprofit that is focused on addressing homelessness.

Joanna Kelley Cogdell, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Naxos Neighbors, 1143 East Ireland Road, South Bend IN 46614, stated that Naxos Neighbors is a harm reduction technology company that is dedicated to working with people who use drugs and people that are recently in recovery, to protect them from the dangers of the unregulated drug epidemic. Joanna Kelley Cogdell stated that Naxos Neighbors is struggling financially and would like to speak with the Council on how the City might be able to help Naxos Neighbors moving forward.

Council President McBride stated that she would follow-up with Joanne Kelley Cogdell.

Brandy Anderson-Willis, Founder and CEO of Integrated Support Services, 59955 Saint Joseph Street, South Bend IN 46614, stated that Integrated Support Services provides peer recovery,

trainings, certifications, and other peer supports for people in the community. Integrated Support Services has recently partnered with Naxos Neighbors to work on supporting the community as a whole and people that are coming out of incarceration. Brandy Anderson-Willis stated that she would like to speak with councilmembers regarding Integrated Support Services.

Adam Scholz, 818 South 31st Street, South Bend IN 46615, Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Naxos Neighbors, stated that Naxos Neighbors has trained many residents to become opioid overdose responders.

Sharon Banicki, 3822 Ford Street, South Bend IN 46619, stated that she and her fellow neighbors are grateful for the long-awaited installation of a light pole in their neighborhood.

Sue Kesim, 4022 Kennedy Drive, South Bend IN 46614, shared a video detailing how Artificial Intelligence (AI) could be used to assist the City's 311 team.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Sharon McBride adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.