

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: 11-10-2025

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: 11-24-2025

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, November 10th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Council President Canneth Lee called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis, and the Pledge to the Flag was given.

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<https://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=401425>

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ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Canneth Lee	1st 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
Karen L. White	At-Large
Dr. Oliver Davis	At-Large

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

Sheila Niezgodski	6 th District
Rachel Tomas Morgan	At-Large, Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT

Jasmine Jackson	Chief Deputy City Clerk
Matthew Neal	Deputy Director of Policy
Veronica Pitt-Payne	Interim Director of Special Projects
Lari’onna Green	Communications and Marketing Specialist
Bob Palmer	Council Attorney

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

SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINUTES:

October 27, 2025

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

Deputy City Clerk Matthew Neal stated that the Sub-Committee on Minutes inspected the October 27, 2025 Common Council meeting minutes and recommend they be approved.

Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers moved to approve the October 27, 2025 Common Council meeting minutes, which was seconded by Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson and carried and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICES

Darryl Scott, Chief of Staff for the Mayor’s Office, with offices on the sixth (6th) floor of City Hall, South Bend, IN 46601, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the City’s response to the

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit disruption. He shared information about the City’s Utility Assistance Program (UAP) and the moratorium on utility shutoffs for UAP participants. He explained the restrictions on spending from the City’s General Fund, Rainy Day Fund, and Cash Reserves.

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers said the public needs more clarity on the moratorium.

Darryl Scott confirmed that the moratorium on utility shutoffs does not forgive outstanding balances, and residents should continue to pay their utility bills if they can.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked about the scope of the moratorium.

Darryl Scott confirmed that the moratorium only applies to residents enrolled in UAP. He said residents can sign up for the program at southbendin.gov/uap.

Council President Lee thanked Darryl Scott for the update and acknowledged the administration’s efforts to help residents in need.

Councilmember Dr. Davis thanked the mayoral administration, the Common Council, and community activists for their part in the City’s response.

Councilmember Gooden-Rogers asked about meal distribution.

Darryl Scott said volunteers will begin distributing meals this week. He confirmed that this is a temporary response to the SNAP disruption.

Councilmember Karen L. White thanked those who were part of the City’s response and spoke about the importance of working together.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson asked about residents who qualify for UAP but are not enrolled.

Darryl Scott said the moratorium will apply once they are enrolled in the program. He encouraged residents who qualify to sign up as soon as possible.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson thanked the administration for their response. She spoke about the challenges residents are facing, such as the rising cost of healthcare, and emphasized the importance of advocacy.

RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councilmember Dr. Davis moved to resolve into the Committee of the Whole, which was seconded by Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BILL NO.

45-25

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, AND AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN CLAY TOWNSHIP, CONTIGUOUS THEREWITH; COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 4, FOR 54528, 54550, 54570, 54606, 54610, 54638, 54650 WILLIS AVENUE,

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (PUBLIC HEARING ONLY)

Deputy Neal read the bill to the Council for its second (2nd) reading.

After the second (2nd) reading, Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that Bill No. 45-25 went before the Zoning and Annexation Committee and comes with a favorable recommendation.

Councilmember Troy Warner said annexation bills require a delay between public hearing and Council action. He said Bill No. 45-25 will be heard tonight for public hearing only.

Tim Staub, Zoning Specialist, with offices on the fifth (5th) floor of City Hall, South Bend, IN 46601, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed annexation of seven (7) parcels of land to the City of South Bend. He showed a site plan and design renderings for the planned development.

Mike Danch, 1643 Commerce Drive, South Bend, IN 46628, spoke about the plan for five (5) new multi-unit residential buildings on the site. He gave a detailed explanation of the needed utility work. He explained how the annexed County roads will be brought up to City standards, including sidewalks, lighting, drainage, and signage.

Council President Lee asked about the number of units.

Mike Danch said there will be one-hundred-thirty-eight (138) units across the five (5) buildings.

Councilmember Warner held the public hearing, and nobody spoke. Councilmember Warner thanked Mike Danch for the detailed presentation and his investment in the City.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked about the timeline for Council action on the bill.

Tim Staub replied that the vote will be held during the first (1st) week of December.

70-25

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 1417 WEST INDIANA AVENUE COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 6 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Deputy Neal read the bill to the Council for its second (2nd) reading.

After the second (2nd) reading, Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that Bill No. 70-25 went before the Zoning and Annexation Committee and comes with a favorable recommendation.

Tim Staub gave a PowerPoint presentation about the petitioner’s plan to build a duplex on the vacant lot.

Kemlair Touloute, Real Estate Manager with KT Solutions LLC, 2630 Pittsburg Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46803, said the land was purchased six (6) months ago and will be developed for residential housing.

Council President Lee asked about the construction timeline.

Kemlair Touloute said construction would start in the spring.

Councilmember Warner held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

Council President Lee moved to send Bill No. 70-25 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>

Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	
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71-25

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 1409 WEST INDIANA AVENUE COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 6 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Deputy Neal read the bill to the Council for its second (2nd) reading.

After the second (2nd) reading, Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that Bill No. 71-25 went before the Zoning and Annexation Committee and comes with a favorable recommendation.

Tim Staub gave a PowerPoint presentation on the bill. He said the same petitioner from Bill No. 70-25 is seeking approval to build another duplex on an adjacent lot.

Councilmember Warner held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

Council President Lee moved to send Bill No. 71-25 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Councilmember White and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

72-25

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 1101 ELLIOTT STREET COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 2 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Deputy Neal read the bill to the Council for its second (2nd) reading.

After the second (2nd) reading, Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that Bill No. 72-25 went before the Zoning and Annexation Committee and comes with a favorable recommendation.

Tim Staub gave a PowerPoint presentation on the bill. He said the property is currently considered a one (1) unit dwelling with a detached ancillary dwelling, and the petitioner wants to reclassify it as a two (2) unit dwelling.

Ivan Lopez, Property Owner, 2355 Bundoran Drive, Grovetown, GA 30813, said he wants to divide the property into two (2) units so his daughter and her friend can have separate homes.

Councilmember Warner held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

Council President Lee moved to send Bill No. 72-25 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

RISE AND REPORT

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers moved to rise from the Committee of the Whole and report back to the Full Council, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolden-Simpson and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

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.

70-25

THIRD READING 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 1417 WEST INDIANA AVENUE COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 6 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Deputy Neal 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 Bill No. 70-25 was heard in the Committee of the Whole and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Councilmember Warner moved for the passage of Bill No. 70-25, which was seconded by Councilmember White and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

71-25

THIRD READING 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 1409 WEST INDIANA AVENUE COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 6 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Deputy Neal 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 Bill No. 71-25 was heard in the Committee of the Whole and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Councilmember Warner moved for the passage of Bill No. 71-25, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

72-25

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Deputy Neal 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 Bill No. 72-25 was heard in the Committee of the Whole and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Councilmember Warner moved for the passage of Bill No. 72-25, which was seconded by Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

RESOLUTIONS

BILL NO.

25-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, ADOPTING A WRITTEN FISCAL PLAN AND ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO AN ANNEXATION AREA IN CLAY TOWNSHIP (WILLIS DUNN ANNEXATION AREA)

Deputy Neal read the bill to the Council.

Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that Bill No. 25-40 went before the Zoning and Annexation Committee and comes with a favorable recommendation.

Tim Staub gave a PowerPoint presentation on the fiscal plan for the proposed annexation. He said the annexed land will be added to the City’s Fourth (4th) District, and the City will not need to make any improvements.

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

Councilmember Dr. Davis moved for the passage of Bill No. 25-40, which was seconded by Councilmember Warner and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

25-46

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3315 WILLIAM RICHARDSON COURT, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46628 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF A SEVEN-YEAR (7) REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR MICHIGAN MOTORSPORTS LLC

Deputy Neal read the bill to the Council.

Councilmember Warner stated that Bill No. 25-46 went before the Community Investment Committee and comes with a favorable recommendation.

Joe Molnar, Assistant Director of Growth and Opportunity, with offices on the fifth (5th) floor of City Hall, South Bend, IN 46601, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed seven (7) year tax abatement for Michigan Motorsports. He said the bill is a confirming resolution, and Council has already passed the designating resolution. He shared tax projections for the property with and without the abatement.

Dan Baber, owner of Michigan Motorsports, 255 Bell Road, Niles, MI 49120, said relocating the business to the City of South Bend has been a positive experience.

Council President Lee said community feedback has been positive.

Councilmember Warner thanked Dan Baber for his investment in the community and expressed support for the project.

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

Councilmember Dr. Davis moved for the passage of Bill No. 25-46, which was seconded by Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

25-48

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH BEND COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE RENEWAL OR CONTINUANCE OF A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY UNTIL ANY ORDER OR PROCLAMATION LAWFULLY TERMINATES THE LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY OR THE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION BY THE COMMON COUNCIL REVOKING THIS CONSENT

Deputy Neal read the bill to the Council.

Councilmember Warner stated that Bill No. 25-48 went before the Health and Public Safety Committee and comes with a favorable recommendation.

Council President Lee presented the bill. He explained that the City’s SNAP response was authorized via emergency declaration, and emergency declarations are only valid for seven (7) days unless renewed by Council. He said the bill allows the Council to extend the current emergency declaration, ensuring that it does not lapse in the fourteen (14) days between Council meetings.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked how many residents are enrolled in UAP.

Darryl Scott said he would verify the exact number, but over two-thousand-nine-hundred (2,900) residents are enrolled.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked about the procedure for terminating the emergency declaration.

Attorney Bob Palmer, Council Attorney, with offices on the third (3rd) floor of City Hall, South Bend, IN 46601, said the emergency declaration will be terminated by a proclamation from the Mayor’s Office.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked about the criteria for terminating the emergency declaration.

Attorney Palmer said this would happen when the problem is resolved at the federal level. He said the Mayor has the discretion to determine whether the emergency is over.

Council President Lee added that the moratorium on utility shutoffs will remain in place until February, even if the federal government reopens.

Councilmember Dr. Davis said residents need to know what criteria will be used to determine the emergency is over. He said the Mayor’s Office needs to clearly define this.

Council President Lee opened the public hearing.

Jordan Giger, 302 South Falcon Street, South Bend, IN 46619, spoke in favor of the bill. He called for further Council action to assist residents, and a joint committee meeting on the issue.

Council President Lee closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers moved for the passage of Bill No. 25-48, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) Councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Absent</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>Absent</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

BILLS ON FIRST READING

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Dr. Davis spoke about the Council’s ten-thousand dollar (\$10,000) donation to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. He asked how the donation was coordinated.

Council President Lee said the donation came from unspent funds in the Council budget.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked about the approval procedure for Council donations.

Council President Lee said the Council President can allocate funds that are already budgeted.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked about the remaining balance in the Council operating fund.

Council President Lee said he would follow up via email before the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson announced that there will be a Lafayette Falls town hall meeting on December 2nd, 2025. She called for a meeting of the Utilities Committee to discuss UAP and getting more eligible residents on the program.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers said there will be a neighborhood clean-up in the Second (2nd) District this Saturday, weather permitting.

Councilmember Warner asked about after-hours access to City Hall.

Darryl Scott said he is working on Councilmember Warner's request.

Deputy Neal announced the 2026 Common Council meeting dates.

Councilmember Dr. Davis acknowledged that tomorrow is Veterans' Day and thanked all veterans for their service.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jordan Giger asked Attorney Palmer to explain the process for Council donations.

Attorney Palmer said the Council President may authorize expenditures without the approval of the full Council if funds are already budgeted and available in the proper account. He said a finance bill is only required when additional funds are appropriated or funds are transferred between accounts.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.