

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. with President Randy Riley presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call: Purkey, present; Spicer, present; Stuckert, present; J. McKay, present; Swindler, present; Liermann, present; M. McKay, present.

Chief Weyand was also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

President of Council-

Due to the removal of item 12c. under Finance, Council was presented an amended agenda.

A motion was made by J. McKay and seconded by Stuckert to approve the amended agenda as received.

Motion passed.

Agenda approved as received.

A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by Liermann to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup>, minutes as received.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as received.

**MAYOR**

Mayor- Mayor Stanforth began by introducing the State of the City report and stated the following;

*Begin transcription.*

The state of the city has improved. It has improved by the hard work the departments that were able to keep their spending under control and minimize their finance requests in 2016, but while also getting the job done. It's improved because of job growth in 2016, reflected in income tax collections being up for 2016. It is a boost to future projects and gives the city the chance to look for new opportunities for improvement. It's going to continue to improve because of the faith and generosity of the citizens, who have trusted us with more of their money, approving a .5% income tax increase. I am humbled by the trust the citizens have given the city council and administration. As I have said previously, I won't let you down. Already scheduled paving projects are secure because of the ability to leverage grants and having funds available for the grant match requirement. Developing a plan to maintain our streets is underway because we now have the financial resources to enact a street maintenance program. We have contracted with an engineering firm to analyze all of our streets, rate them 1 to 5, and give us cost estimates on maintaining and repairs. I look forward to sharing the plan with city council and the community.

In my first State of the City I mentioned we need to continue to add a little "polish" where necessary when it comes to beautifying our downtown and neighborhoods. The work continues. We plan on more aggressive code enforcement to clean up neglected and abandoned properties. We are continuing our relationship with the Clinton County Land Bank to work together to remove blighted properties within our community. We have a shared vision with the Wilmington Tree Commission to continue tree planting in our through fares.

I am very proud of the outstanding job Marian Miller and Brian Shidaker have done. They make decisions based on what is the truth, what is the law, and what is best for the city. The supervisors, managers, and superintendents of the departments are a wealth of knowledge and assets to the success of their departments. The employees are hardworking and loyal, and remain the most valuable resource to the city.

We will continue moving forward together for an even more successful Wilmington. We will continue to be accountable to our citizens. We will continue fulfilling our promises.

*End transcription.*

Mayor Stanforth stated he had written the State of the City before Amazon had decided to leave, and even though those are 300 jobs he hates to lose, Stanforth stated they have survived worse.

Mayor Stanforth presented a Proclamation to honor Paul Hunter, local activist and advocate. Stanforth proclaimed February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 Paul Hunter Day.

Paul Hunter stated in his working years he was overseas a lot of the time, but while he was away, the City recreated, educated, and protected his children. Hunter stated when he retired, he decided he would pay it back, and that's what motivates him. Hunter thanked Mayor Stanforth, remarking that a pat on the back is worth thousands of dollars when it is meant.

Mayor Stanforth announced that Human Resources director Ginny Shoemaker would be retiring after 28 years of service to the city.

#### **AUDITOR**

Auditor – Auditor Hollingsworth was absent.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION**

Asset, Acquisition and Use – Chairperson Purkey had no report.

Cemetery Committee – Chairperson J. McKay had no report.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – Convener M. McKay gave an update about the upcoming show at the Murphy Theatre, Hotel California an Eagles Tribute Band on Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. M. McKay also stated there would be a Main Street Wilmington “Meet and Greet” for local merchants at Jen’s Deli beginning at 8:30am on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Finance Committee – Chairperson M. McKay introduced the first of five items, the first an Ordinance making supplemental appropriations dealing with property taxes from the Cemetery Fund to “Property Taxes the sum of \$10,900.00, from the Water Fund to “Taxes” the sum on 635.00, and from the Waste Fund to” Taxes” the sum of 12.50.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Liermann to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-06, Making supplemental appropriations  
All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Liermann to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third reading on the Ordinance.

Roll call.

Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes;  
M. McKay, yes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Liermann to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll call.

Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes;  
Purkey, yes.

President of Council declared O-17-06 passed as read

M. McKay introduced the second item, O-17-07, Establishing a new fund for the Park Natureworks Grant.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Liermann to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-07, Establishing a new fund.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third reading on the Ordinance.

Roll call.

Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll call.

J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes.

President of Council declared O-17-07 passed as read

M. McKay introduced the third item, O-17-08, Establishing a new fund for the Retained Hotel Lodging Tax.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-08, Establishing a new fund.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third reading on the Ordinance.

Roll call.

Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll call.

Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes.

President of Council declared O-17-08 passed as read.

M. McKay introduced the fourth item, R-17-07, Authorizing request for advance payment of settlement from county, stating this is an annual legal movement for the money to be dispensed early.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Liermann to give the first reading only on Resolution No. R-17-08, Authorizing request for advance payment of settlement from county.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Liermann to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third reading on the Resolution.

Roll call.

M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Liermann to pass the Resolution as read.

Roll call.

Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes.

President of Council declared R-17-07 passed as read.

M. McKay introduced the final item, R-17-09, Authorizing payment of expenses incurred in prior fiscal year, also known as "Then and Now", with expenses from 2016 that still need to be paid. This resolution will authorize payment.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to give the first reading only on Resolution No. R-17-09, Authorizing request payment of expenses incurred in prior fiscal year.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third reading on the Resolution.

Roll call.

Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to pass the Resolution as read.

Roll call.

Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes.

President of Council declared R-17-09 passed as read.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson Purkey had no report but stated the next meeting will be on February 15<sup>th</sup> and they will be discussing Zoning.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairperson Liermann stated he didn't have any legislation, but the next Park Board Meeting on Monday will need to be rescheduled.

Safety/ Transportation Committee – Chairperson Spicer had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling – Chairperson Spicer had no report, but there is a meeting scheduled for next Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Streets Committee – Chairperson Spicer had no report, but stated when they have the street rating information they will schedule a meeting.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Stuckert had no report.

Water Committee - Chairperson Swindler had no legislation to present, but stated there was some concern on keeping the fluoride legislation tabled for multiple sessions.

Swindler asked that the legislation be removed from the table and put on the agenda for the February 15. A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by M. McKay.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

Safety/Service Director – Director Shidaker had no report.

## **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by Stuckert to accept the Income Tax Report and the Municipal Court 2016 Report as presented.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as presented.

## **OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Joe Spicer commented on the feral cat situation, noting that a citizen had come forward and stated it is still an ongoing problem. Judiciary Chairperson Purkey asked that the feral cat issue be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Jonathan McKay spoke briefly about the departure of Amazon, and also suggested a City Economic Task Force be formed to support local jobs. President Riley stated they at one point they had an Economic Development Work Group that met monthly, Riley thanked J. McKay for the suggestion and stated that it deserves consideration.

Tom Brausch of 220 N. Wood Street had several questions about the current Income Tax Report approved by Council and those were answered by City Treasurer Paul Fear.

Brausch also asked that there be a cost analysis done on the fluoride issue,

Councilperson Swindler stated they have been postponing the legislation because that is what they are currently waiting on.

Lonnie Stuckert thanked the Safety and Service Director Shidaker and Code Enforcement Official Mark Wiswell for handling a recent trash issue brought to his attention by a Citizen.

Dan Evers, of the Clinton County Port Authority, spoke briefly about the decision by Amazon to leave the airpark. Evers stated there have been suggestions made that the Port Authority declined to sell the Airpark, and that is incorrect. Evers stated they were never asked at any point to sell the airpark. Had they been asked they would have entertained the offer. Evers also noted that it has also been said that the Port Authority declined to lease more square footage to the company, to which Evers stated they did not have a lease with the company, only third party leases and transactions. Evers stated they were flexible and accommodating as possible, but they were one of 3 locations considered as finalist in the United States. Evers said that speaks volumes about the viability of the Airpark even though we were not chosen as the location. Evers thanked the County and the City for their ongoing collaboration and support and stated there are currently 1,300 people working for 12 different employers, and those employees will be there in May and hopefully more. Evers stated there are several more potential employers, in aviation related and non-aviation, interested in the location that will continue to diversify the Airpark. M. McKay and President Riley thanked Evers for the information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Liermann.  
President Riley declared meeting adjourned.  
Council adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

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President of Council

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Clerk