

COMMON COUNCIL

August 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Rex Peckinpaugh

ROLL CALL:

Mike Guffey	Absent
Jeff Hancock	Present
Jerry Walden	Present
Aaron Dicken	Absent
Mark Koger	Present
Lynn Perdue	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.: VP Hancock made a motion with a second from Councilman Purdue. Councilman Walden abstains. **Motion carries 4-0.**

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Absent	AYE	Abstain	Absent	AYE	Abstain	AYE

Change to agenda- Addition-vote to support inclusion of Northfield Park streets to be included in the city.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CITIZENS APPEARING

Justin McCrobie- working on Osborn Park- update.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Absent

Vice-President Hancock:

- Comments on Road 3 closures

Councilman Walden:

- Comments on DORA project and asking for updates. Discussion follows.

Councilman Dicken: Absent

Councilman Koger:

- Thanks to council for attending special meeting last week with the county. Also, looking

for an update from EMS this month.

Councilman Perdue:

- No comments

President Peckinpaugh:

- No comments

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 2- see below under new business.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mike Bergum, Parks. Pickleball update and updated finances.

Joel Harvey, Attorney. Resolution for Fire Dept. needs signed please.

New Business

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

#3958 AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE. Attorney Harvey opened the public hearing at 6:44pm, closed at 6:45 pm. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve this with a second from Councilman Koger. **Motion carries 5-0.**

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Absent	AYE	AYE	Absent	AYE	AYE	AYE

#3959 VACATING A RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE (ALLEYWAY WALNUT STREET & SOUTH 26TH)

Attorney Harvey opened the public hearing at 6:45pm. Comments from Scott Denney, Sumin Kalia, and Stuart Hamby. Discussion followed. Public hearing closed at 7:02pm. Councilman Walden made a motion to approve this with a second from Councilman Koger. **Motion carries 5-0.** The council will look into this further to prepare for third vote.

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Absent	AYE	AYE	Absent	AYE	AYE	AYE

FIRST READING

**#3960 AMENDING THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, INDIANA TO FUND ITS
“ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE NOTES, SERIES 2025” AND
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO
(BROOKFIELD FARMS)**

Corey Murphy, EDC, gave an overview of this Ordinance and answered questions.
President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve with a second from VP Hancock.

Motion carries 5-0.

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Absent	AYE	AYE	Absent	AYE	AYE	AYE

Vote for approval of including streets for Northfield Park in the city. Lee Walker provided an explanation of the need. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve with a second from Councilman Walden. **Motion carries 5-0.**


Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Absent	AYE	AYE	Absent	AYE	AYE	AYE

Meeting adjourned by President Peckinpaugh.



Presiding Officer of the Common Council


ATTEST:



Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 4TH day of AUGUST, 2025.

ATTEST:



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Greg York, Mayor