

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – December 9, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 9th day of December 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Richard Strick gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Strick called the regular meeting of the Common Council to order.

ROLL CALL:

Common Council Members present: Dwight Brautigam, Charles Chapman, Dave Funk, PJ Felton, Todd Johnson, and Paul Pike. Absent: Andrew Rensberger.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Council Member Johnson moved to approve Council's November 25, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS:

Council Member Johnson reported on the status of HCUED's continuing search for a new Executive Director. Graden Fields, That Viking Thing President, reported that 250 students filled out the survey on what they were looking for in the Community and they want entertainment activities. The group is looking into a pop-up putt putt; the group will solicit local businesses to sponsor holes to help with costs.

On behalf of the City of Huntington, Indiana, Council Member Johnson presented Mark Wickersham with a plaque in recognition of and appreciation for his service to the economic development of both the City and County from 2008-2025. Council Member Johnson also reported some statistics from HCUED over Mark's tenure. The Mayor and Council Members posed for a picture with Mark Wickersham and his plaque.

Tim Stricker and Tyler Lewis from Reedy Financial presented information to Council regarding Indiana's food and beverage tax. They explained the steps of the process and the estimated revenue such a tax would generate. Questions were asked and answered. By consensus, Mayor Strick will move forward and communicate with the County Council and local State Legislators.

Dan Leonard, President of the Board of Aviation Commissioners, reported on the increased activity of the aircraft traffic at the Huntington Municipal Airport and the need to build a larger hangar to accommodate larger aircraft rental spaces. The Board has saved, in the Airport Capital fund, almost \$1,000,000 to start the project next year. The Board anticipates asking to receive a 5-year loan from the City, similar to what has been done in the past for its large capital projects. Mr. Leonard will bring back a specific request, as the project gets underway, with a firmer amount once that is determined.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Johnson moved to **approve on first and final reading Resolution 6-R-25: “A Transfer Resolution”**, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0. Resolution signed.

Council Member Brautigam moved to **approve on first and final reading Resolution 7-R-25: “An Encumbrance Resolution”**, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 6-0. Resolution signed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented the November 2025 Monthly Budget Report.

2026 Council Meeting Schedules were distributed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Pike moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 6-0.

APPROVED:

Richard Strick, As Mayor

Dwight Brautigam, As Member

Charles Chapman, As Council President

Dave Funk, As Member

PJ Felton, As Member

Todd Johnson, As Member

Andrew Rensberger, As Member

Paul Pike, As Member

Attest:

Christi A. McElhaney, As Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes were approved on January 13, 2026. A signed copy is available in the Clerk-Treasurer's office by request.