

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
APRIL 5, 2011

Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Wade Thompson, Youth Minister, from First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, James Lienhoop, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes: Priscilla Scalf moved to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting of March 1, 2011. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

**II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. None

**III. New Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2011, A RESOLUTION DECLARING A CERTAIN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND QUALIFYING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT, AND SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON UNITED WAY OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INC." (United Way of Bartholomew County, Inc.) Jim Clouse from Community Development along with Doug Otte from United Way and Pete Schweigerah, representing Miller-Valentine Group, presented this Resolution. Jim Clouse indicated Miller-Valentine Group was requesting Economic Revitalization Area Designation on property known as part of Lot 2 of Arvin Meritor Administrative Subdivision which is located on the northeast corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Michigan Avenue. The purpose of the ERA designation is to provide tax abatement for Miller-Valentine Group. The Miller-Valentine Group is planning a development for affordable senior housing on that site. This proposed development, United Senior Residence, will include 63 units in an approximately 65,000 sq. ft. building. Plans would include an investment of \$11,000,000. Discussion followed. Council Person Jim Lienhoop indicated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the City Council meeting and found Miller-Valentine Group to be in substantial compliance. Jim Lienhoop moved to approve the Resolution. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2011, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Rightway Fasteners, Inc.) Jim Clouse from Community Development along with Ron Miller, Manager of Rightway Fasteners, Inc., presented this Resolution for tax abatement. Rightway Fasteners, Inc. requested tax abatement on personal property in conjunction with an expansion of its facilities at 7945 South International Drive which includes purchase and installation of new manufacturing equipment. Rightway Fasteners, Inc. will be installing new manufacturing equipment with an estimated value of \$ 1,325,000 in response to an increase in production volume. As a result of this expansion, Rightway Fasteners, Inc. will retain 247 current full-time employees, and hire an additional 9 full-time employees. Discussion followed. Ron Miller briefly explained Rightway Fasteners, Inc. He explained the product, the production and the processes used. Jim Lienhoop indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Rightway Fasteners, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” (City Of Columbus – 2<sup>ND</sup> Street Bridge Annexation.) Planning Director Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. He indicated Council had asked him to pursue the annexation of that portion of east-bound State Road 46 between Jonesville Road (State Road 11) and Lindsey Street, being approximately 16 acres that was outside of the Columbus city limits. The Planning Department completed the necessary research and application for this annexation. The application was presented to the Plan Commission at its March 9, 2011 meeting. The Plan Commission reviewed the application and forwarded it to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed. Jeff attempted to show, by way of a power point, the property under consideration. He was unable to show the power point due to a malfunction but promised to bring it to the next City Council meeting. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2011, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2011 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND RIVERBOAT FUND.” Mayor Armstrong briefly discussed each capital item included in the Resolution. Each department head then gave a short presentation on the item or items included in this Resolution. Chief Worton spoke on behalf of the Police Department for its vehicle request. Parks Director Ben Wagner spoke on the one item he requested being a slide for Donner Pool. Ben did give Council a copy of the other immediate needs for the Parks Department. Mike Pope from City Hall Maintenance explained his project being the replacement of the steps going into City Hall. Dan Greene explained the Information Technology needs. Discussion followed. Mayor again spoke about the capitals. Martha Myers moved

to approve the Resolution. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

#### **IV. Other Business**

- A. Appointment on Human Rights Commission. Council Member Priscilla Scalf made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Trena Carter, Gil Parmer, John Roberts and Rhea Baker-Ipek to the Human Rights Commission. Priscilla indicated all had agreed to be
- B. re-appointed. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- D. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 19 2011**, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. It is the Mayor's State of the City address to be held at the Commons.
- E. Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 P.M.

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Presiding Officer

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus