COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 4, 2011

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

I. Meeting Called to Order

A. Opening Prayer was given by Al White 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. Priscilla Scalf moved to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting of December 7, 2010. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2011, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE COMMONS NON-REVERTING FUND." Clerk Treasurer Brenda Sullivan recapped the need for this Ordinance. She indicated all money remaining at year-end in the Commons Operating Fund held in the Parks Department funds would be transferred to this Commons Non-Reverting Fund for the purpose of future maintenance and capital items for the Commons. The funds out of the Commons Non-Reverting Fund can only be spent with the approval of the City Council. Ann DeVore moved to approve the Ordinance. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. 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." (Outdoor Sports Complex) Planning Director Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. Jeff showed a power point presentation on the property to be annexed. Jeff indicated on December 8th, 2010 the Columbus Plan Commission reviewed the above referenced application and forwarded it to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed. The applicants being the Columbus Redevelopment Commission and Columbus City Utilities request that an area of approximately 51.36 acres be annexed to the City of Columbus. The annexation area is located to the southeast of the intersection of Lafayette and Water Streets. It includes a portion of the site of the proposed Outdoor Sports Complex and an adjacent area used as storm water storage by Columbus City Utilities. The annexation area is

currently zoned AP (Agriculture Preferred). The annexation petition was filed with the Plan Commission as a companion to a request to rezone the site of the Outdoor Sports Complex to P (Public/Semi-public Facilities) and a request for site development plan approval for the outdoor sports complex. The rezoning request was also given a favorable recommendation by the Plan Commission. The site development plan was continued to the February Plan Commission meeting. The annexation and rezoning requests will follow a parallel path through the approval process. Mayor Armstrong opened public meeting. Approximately three (3) people from the audience spoke. Chris Griffin representing Griffin Industries spoke about his concerns for the annexation and the construction of the Outdoor Sports Complex. Kenneth Burns also had questions regarding the annexation and rezoning. Much discussion followed. Ed Curtin, Redevelopment Director, answered questions as they pertained to the Outdoor Sports Complex. George Dutro moved to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2011, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "CC" (COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL) AND "AP" (AGRICULTURE PREFERRED) TO "P" (PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC FACILITIES)." (Outdoor Sports Complex) Jeff Bergman covered this rezoning under Item A. At that time much discussion took place. George Dutro moved to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Ann DeVore, President Pro-Tem stated Lou Marr would be re-appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Erik Frey, as alternate, would be re-appointed to the Board.

Ann DeVore made a motion to approve the appointment of Jesse Brand as the new 2011 President Pro-Tem for the Columbus City Council. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Ann DeVore stated all other committees would remain the same.

B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday**,** **January 18, 2011** at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in City Hall.

C. Joseph Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 P.M.

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Presiding Officer

Attest:

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City Clerk Treasurer