COMMON COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Mayor Kristen Brown 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 Mike Malinsky from St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Tim Shuffett, Aaron Hankins and James Lienhoop were present. Frank Miller was absent.
- D. Tim Shuffett moved to accept the minutes from the August 21, 2012 City Council meeting. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2012, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS OF ADDITIONAL STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND (SRF) ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF A FORGIVABLE LOAN FOR THE PROJECT AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 17, 2009, RELATED TO THE CITY'S SEWAGE WORKS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS." Keith Reeves, Director of Columbus City Utilities Department, stated there is a \$43,200.00 grant available through the State American Recovery and Rehabilitation Act due to funds not being used by other communities. Keith said the money would be spent on lift station and sewer improvements in the Walesboro Industrial area. Jim Lienhoop moved for approval of the Ordinance. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 29, 2012, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "RE" (RESIDENTIAL: ESTABLISHED) TO "P" (PUBLIC SEMI- PUBLIC FACILITIES)." (Columbus Free Methodist Church Rezoning). Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented a map of the area subject to rezoning. Jeff explained the Columbus Free Methodist Church previously acquired several properties near the church and would like to construct a parking lot near the church. The Columbus Plan Commission has approved the site design and parking lot plans, pending Council's approval. Frank Jerome made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of six (6) to zero (0).

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2012, 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." (Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc.) Mary Ferdon, Director of Community Development, along with Sharon Sharp, Human Resource Manager and Shigeo Misuda, General Manager, both from Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc., presented the request for tax abatement. Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc. requested a tax abatement on personal property in conjunction with the purchase and installation of new manufacturing equipment at their facilities located at 630 South Mapleton Street, with an estimated value of \$1,582,729.00. Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc. currently has 154 full-time employees and they plan to create ten (10) additional positions. Tim Shuffett indicated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the Council meeting and found Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Mr. Misuda explained automotive parts are produced at the facility. He brought samples of three transmission parts to show the Council. Tim Shuffett stated the company is a tier one supplier, which makes them a direct supplier to the manufacturer. Jason Hester, Executive Director with Columbus Economic Development, stated it is a tremendous honor for Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc. and the community to receive a tier one supplier status to Honda. Tim Shuffett made a motion for passage of this Resolution. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2012, 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 WOODLAND ASSOCIATES, LLC." Mary Ferdon, along with James Browning, Vice President of Browning Investment, Inc., and Scott Newlund from Phoenix Group, presented this Resolution. Mary explained the Resolution would designate the area as an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA). She stated an ERA is described as an area which has been undesirable for development or impossible for normal development and occupancy. Mary indicated Woodland Associates, LLC, brought forth a request for a tax abatement, but the ERA will need to be approved first. The property in question is 6105 S 300 West, Columbus. Discussion followed. Jason Hester stated the Economic Development group has assisted in trying to locate a site for the Phoenix Group and said this is the best location for the facility. Tim Shuffett made a motion to approve the Resolution. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Nay vote was Aaron Hankins.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2012, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO SUPPORT DESIGNATION OF AN ARTS AND CULTURAL DISTRICT IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS TO BE NAMED THE COLUMBUS ARTS DISTRICT." Mary Ferdon, along with Sherry Stark with the Indiana Arts Commission, presented this Resolution. Mary explained that in order to designate an Arts and Cultural District the City Council needs to show their support by approval of this Resolution. Sherry Stark stated she applauds the initiative to establish an Arts and Cultural District and she hopes this will have a ripple effect throughout all of the community. Mary stated if the City receives the designation through

the Indiana Arts Commission then the City will be required to show governance how the Arts District will be managed and a board will be established. Mary explained input has been collected from downtown merchants and they are in favor of this district. Columbus resident, Rovene Quigley, spoke on behalf of a strong arts involvement in the community. Frank Jerome made a motion to approve the Resolution. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passes by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

- D. Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2012, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2012." Luann Welmer, Clerk Treasurer, explained the State implemented a new requirement in which Public Employee's Retirement Fund (PERF) reports and payments must be submitted every pay period starting October of 2012. The reasoning behind this new submission process is, in part, to elevate reporting errors, assist in enrolling new members on a timelier basis, and submitting adjustments. Luann stated the City currently pays every quarter, making it necessary for the additional appropriation of funds to meet the requirement of paying PERF funds current. Frank Jerome moved to pass the first reading and place this in proper channels. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- E. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013." Jeff Logston, Director of Operations and Finance, presented this Ordinance. Jeff stated this Ordinance reflects several changes, including a two and one half percent (2.5%) cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase, two additional police officers, two positions created in the Operations and Finance Department, and a merit incentive program. Jim Lienhoop inquired about a three percent (3%) cost of living adjustment. Jeff indicated he had prepared a salary ordinance that was reflective of a three percent (3%) cost of living increase and eliminated the \$35,000 merit incentive program based on Councilman Jim Lienhoop's direction. Community resident, Wayne Hanrattie, spoke in favor of COLA raises, but against the merit incentive program. Mike Myers of Columbus spoke in favor of the merit program. Much discussion followed regarding the proposed merit incentive program. Ryan Brand made a motion to pass the Salary Ordinance that included the three percent (3%) cost of living pay increase. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- F. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2012, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2013." Jeff Logston stated this Ordinance addressed the salaries of elected officials. Jim Lienhoop inquired as to the salary amounts if a three percent (3%) COLA was implemented instead of the two and one half percent (2.5%) shown on the Ordinance. Jim Lienhoop moved to amend the Ordinance changing the salary for the Mayor from \$84,706.00 to \$85,120.00; the Clerk Treasurer from \$67,814.00 to \$68,145.00; and City Council Members from \$7,084.00 to \$7,119.00. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay. Jim Lienhoop made a motion to place in proper channels the Ordinance as amended. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Nay vote was Aaron Hankins.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Jim Lienhoop stated the Human Rights Commission is continuing to take applications for an open position as

- commissioner to the Human Rights Board. Interested applicants should send their information to Lorraine Smith, Human Rights Director.
- B. Discussion Item: Jeff Logston discussed the 2013 Budget and explained the Ordinance will be presented at the next Council meeting.
- C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **September 18, 2012 at 6:00** o'clock P.M. in City Hall.
- D. A Special Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 10, 2012 at 6:00**o'clock P.M. in the Cal Brand Meeting Room to receive and hear public comments and information regarding: (1) whether there should be a local smoking ordinance stricter than the State Code, and (2) if a more restrictive local ordinance is proposed, what further restrictions should be considered.
- E. Jim Lienhoop moved to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Hankins seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed by a unanimous vote of six (6) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
Attest:		