COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 5, 2013

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 Pastor Mike Malinsky with 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, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Kenneth Whipker, and James Lienhoop were present.

D. Councilor Bunch made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the City Council meeting of October 15, 2013. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2013, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2013." Luann Welmer, City Clerk Treasurer, presented this ordinance and explained the city encumbered PERF (Public Employee Retirement Funds) for a payment quarterly payment owed to PERF. The Park and Recreation budget transferred Commons funds to a new fund; therefore, the PERF for the Commons was not able to be encumbered. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 26, 2013, A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CASH CHANGE FUND FOR THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT." Luann Welmer explained this would be exclusively for making change for customers at the Police Department and the cash drawer would be balanced to the $100.00 level every day at the close of business. A maintenance guideline sheet has been prepared for the department to follow. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 27, 2013, A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CASH CHANGE FUND FOR THE CITY GARAGE." Luann Welmer stated this cash change fund is recommended for the Columbus City Garage and would follow the same guidelines as the change fund set out in Resolution No. 26, 2013. Councilor Bunch made a motion to pass the

resolution. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2013, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013." Jeff Logston, City Attorney and Executive Director of Administration, presented this ordinance requesting an increase in the overtime line of the Police Department. Jeff explained the Police Department had additional overtime needs from the Columbus Marathon, but marathon sponsors would be reimbursing the City for those expenses. Jeff stated the marathon expenses are paid out of the department's regular salary/overtime appropriation line and reimbursement is deposited into the General Fund. Additional overtime was also needed for new officers attending training. This request is for an increase to the overtime line by $30,000.00. Discussion followed. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2013, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2013." Jeff Logston presented the ordinance and stated the additional appropriation would be for the $15,465.04 from marathon reimbursement to be additionally appropriated to the Police Department salary line. However, it has been determined by Jeff and Police Chief Jason Maddix that there is enough money in the salary line available to cover the $15,465.04 expense and the additional appropriation is not necessary. Ordinance failed for lack of a motion.

E. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2013, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014." Jeff Logston presented this ordinance and stated it refers to two (2) organizational changes, with a total of three (3) impacts to the salary ordinance. Jeff explained the first request is a desire by the Fire Department to move a Public Information Officer (PIO) back to their department. The process would include moving a Lieutenant position from the Police Department and create the position of PIO back to the Fire Department at the Captain rank, which is what was removed earlier in the year. Jeff stated the Public Safety Public Information Officer, housed within the Police Department, would remain unchanged on dual responses for both Police and Fire Departments. Chief Maddix stated it is important to have just one voice speaking to the media, especially when it's a Police/Fire type scene such as the recent plane crash. Discussion followed. Jeff explained the second 2014 salary ordinance change would be in the Department of Operations and Finance. The revised position would change from Administrative Assistant to a city wide Technical Operations Resource position. Jeff stated there is a need for technical resources: website updating, design and production of public information documents, education materials, annual reports, flyers, and specific technical content work. Jeff explained the position change would gain some efficiencies through shared resources. Jeff further stated the Parks Department has an opening for a Marketing Coordinator, which is more of a technical person and the city has the same need from a technical side. The Parks Department could then pursue a Marketing Coordinator for event planning, marketing, and media

relations. Councilor Whipker asked if this was something that IT employees could be doing. Jeff explained the IT focuses mostly on system requirements. Mayor Brown clarified this new position is more creative work for communications, newsletters, and educational materials. Mayor further stated updates to the website require a costly outside resource. Much discussion followed. Mayor Brown opened the meeting for public comment. Dave Jones of Columbus believes this position revision would make the process more efficient and save the city money in the long run. Further discussion followed. Mayor Brown asked for communication from the Council. Councilor Miller stated he is not convinced that the administrative position is not needed. He suggested waiting until the new Director of Operations and Finance position is filled before making any position revisions. Mayor stated she was elected to be the Mayor and this is a minimus amount of money and implored the Council to defer to her to make the minor organizational changes to run city government most efficiently. Councilor Lienhoop stated the Council has agreed to almost every change requested and he feels like they have deferred and each time they have been told that this is the answer, and then more changes come forward. Much discussion followed. Councilor Brand stated a little more patience and time is needed to understand this position and then the Council would be in a better place to make a determination on the requested change. Mayor stated she doesn't feel this is a big decision. Councilor Shuffett explained he is not against the revision, but would like to take more time to get further information. He would like to avoid additional headcount. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance. Councilor Brand seconded the motion to pass the first reading. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to amend the ordinance, approving only the revision to transfer a Lieutenant position within the Police Department to recreate a Public Information Officer within the Fire Department. Councilor Brand seconded the motion to amend. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Councilor Lienhoop made a motion to pass the first reading of the amended ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and one (1) opposed. Councilor Miller voted nay.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports

B. Discussion Items:
Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance – Jeff Logston explained the only local legislation in place at this time deals with abandoned vehicles. The inoperable vehicle ordinance would address unsightly vehicles in neighborhoods. Discussion followed.

Special Use of Right-of-Way Ordinance - Jeff would like to give the new City Engineer the opportunity to be a part of the revision process.

Taxi Cab Ordinance – Jeff explained the revision is more of an administrative cleanup. Licenses and permits would expire on a yearly basis instead of December 31 of every year. Additional revisions would include stronger background checks.

C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in City Hall.**

Mayor announced there is a special meeting on **Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in City Hall** to review the **Flood Risk Management Plan.**

Councilor Bunch announced the Columbus Firemen's Cheer Fund Chili Cook-off is scheduled for **Friday, November 15, 2013** at the **Fair Oaks Mall starting at 5:00 P.M**.

D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:16 P.M.

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus