COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 15, 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 Dan Wallace, Worship and Generations Minister with First Christian Church, as well as Kenichi Kato who presented the prayer in Japanese, and Tina Fernandez who presented the prayer in Spanish.

B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.

C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Kenneth Whipker, and James Lienhoop were present. Ryan Brand was absent.

D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the City Council meeting of October 1, 2013. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2013, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "CN" (COMMERCIAL: NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER) TO "CD" (COMMERCIAL: DOWNTOWN CENTER)." (Fraternal Order of Eagles Rezoning) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this request to rezone property located at 930 Washington Street to CD (Commercial: Downtown Center) for use as the new Fraternal Order of Eagles lodge. Jeff displayed photographs and maps of the area and stated there are some residential properties nearby, which are immediately to the north of the property. Jeff further stated the Columbus Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation of approval to the Council for this project. Councilor Miller raised concerns of noise if the building's overhead doors were open. Discussion followed. Alan Whitted, legal representative for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, stated the Eagles have been a very good neighbor downtown and he doesn't anticipate they will be having events that will be disruptive. A member from the audience stated he lives in the downtown area and the noise coming from the new location will not be any different than noise coming from a band at Mill Race or Joe Willy's intercom system. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2013, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT

PROPERTY FROM "I2" (INDUSTRIAL: GENERAL) TO "CC" (COMMERCIAL: COMMUNITY CENTER)." (Orinoco Properties Rezoning) Jeff Bergman presented this rezoning request for property located at 1613 Cottage Avenue. Jeff explained the property was the site of a single-family home that was recently demolished. He stated the ordinance has been amended since the October 1, 2013 Council meeting to include Section 2 which is a commitment to install and retain a privacy fence, which reads as follows:

SECTION 2: Commitment(s)
The use and development of the subject property shall be subject to the following commitment: At the time the property is developed, including for use as a parking lot, and prior to its occupancy the property owner shall install a privacy fence extending the full length of the north property line (subject to the front yard setback from Cottage Avenue established by the Zoning Ordinance and all other applicable requirements). The fence shall be a minimum of 6 feet in height, shall be 100% opaque, and shall be constructed of wood, masonry, composite materials, or other similar products. The fence shall remain on the property until such time as the property to the immediate north is no longer used for residential purposes.

Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to accept the revised ordinance as presented. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the revised rezoning request and adopt the ordinance as presented. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2013, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE." Jeff Bergman presented this ordinance by explaining the Planning Department has amended the definitions and the administrative subdivision provisions of the City of Columbus and Bartholomew County Subdivision Control Ordinances. Jeff stated the revision primarily includes updating definitions, and adding clarity and consistency of the regulations. Jeff explained there are no increases in regulations, only two small decreases in regulations as follows: removal of the requirement for an agriculture tract and agriculture remainder to have a minimum area of 20 acres, and removal of the requirement for cemetery plots to receive administrative subdivision approval. Jeff explained a parallel process is running with the Bartholomew County Commissioners to make similar changes to their requirements and that document passed the first reading by the Bartholomew County Commissioners on Monday, October 14, 2013. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2013, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE

BUDGET YEAR 2013." Luann Welmer, City Clerk Treasurer, explained in 2012 it was necessary to encumber all PERF (Public Employee Retirement Funds) for the last quarter payment due to payroll software not being compatible with the new PERF upload format requirement. Commons PERF funds were moved out of the Park and Recreation fund into a new fund and were not able to be encumbered. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – none.

B. Discussion Items: Establishment of Petty Cash Funds for City Garage and Police Department – Luann Welmer explained the need for small petty cash funds for the City Garage and Police Department in order to make change for customers. Council Members suggested procedural guidelines be created for the handling and balancing of cash drawers.

C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in City Hall.**

Councilor Bunch welcomed new Council Member Kenny Whipker.

D. Councilor Lienhoop made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48 P.M.

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Luann Welmer

Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus