COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 17, 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 Jenny Lowry with First Christian 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, and James Lienhoop were present.

D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the City Council meeting of September 3, 2013. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

Councilor Shuffett made a motion to suspend the rules of order and move Item A under New Business to be heard prior to Unfinished Business. Councilor Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 23, 2013, RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6- 1.1-12.1 ET. SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FORM." (The Original Bradford Soap Works, Inc.) Clark Greiner, Business Development and Planning Coordinator, along with Tim Johns, with The Original Bradford Soap Works, Inc. presented this request for tax abatement. The Original Bradford Soap Works, Inc. is requesting tax abatement on personal property at its existing location at 7667 South International Drive in Columbus. Clark stated The Original Bradford Soap Works, Inc. plans to invest $1,200,000.00 in new manufacturing equipment and they currently have 75 employees and plan to add another 22 jobs as a result of the investment. Tim explained the company is the world's leading manufacturer of specialty bar soaps. Discussion followed. Councilor Shuffett stated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the Council meeting and found The Original Bradford Soap Works, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. A motion to pass the resolution and approve the tax abatement for ten (10) years was made by Councilor Shuffett. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2013, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014." Jeff Logston, City Attorney and Executive Director of Administration, presented this ordinance. Jeff stated the salary ordinance includes all items discussed at the September 3, 2013 Council meeting, as well as a two percent (2%) cost of living adjustment for part-time and seasonal employees. He mentioned salary adjustments to specific departments, including the Police Department (with an increase in officer ranks), certain positions in the Planning Department, City Garage Supervisor with a title change to Director of City Garage, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor. Jeff requested one additional change regarding title descriptions under the Fire Department. He explained the salary ordinance was approved on September 3, 2013 as a first reading, listing two positions as *Fire Systems Operator* and *Records Clerk*. He stated that earlier in the year job descriptions were amended and titles were expanded to *Administrative Assistant/Fire Systems Operator* and *Chief's Secretary/Records Clerk*. Jeff asked the Council to consider the request for title changes based upon previous job description changes. Councilor Jerome questioned if there was a salary change. Jeff stated there were no salary changes; the titles more adequately fit job duties. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the second reading of the salary ordinance. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Councilor Jerome made a motion to amend the ordinance by accepting the title changes of *Administrative Assistant/Fire Systems Operator* and *Chief's Secretary/Records Clerk*. Councilor Brand seconded the motion to amend. Motion to amend passed by a unanimous vote. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the amended salary ordinance for 2014 as presented. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2013, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2014." Jeff Logston explained this is a seconded reading of the salary ordinance for elected officials, which includes the Mayor, Clerk Treasurer and Council Members with a two percent (2%) cost of living adjustment. Councilor Jerome made a motion to amend the Clerk Treasurer salary from $69,508.00 to $72,000.00. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Dave Jones, 1614 27th Street, asked Councilor Jerome to elaborate on his request for amendment. Councilor Jerome stated the Clerk Treasurer should be compensated in parity with Department Heads. He explained there is personal risk with this position and should be paid accordingly. Motion to amend passed unanimously. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance as amended. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

C. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2013, AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2014." Jeff Logston presented a brief summary of the budget timeline and highlighted some changes from the 2013 budget. Some of the changes for 2014 include the addition of two (2) part-time

employees at Animal Care Services, an increase in hourly and part-time wages to fund extended transit hours, the addition of two (2) police officers as school resource officers, with a large portion of that expense being reimbursed by Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, an increase in pay between ranks in the Police Department, an increase in capitals, the Indiana Avenue Project, two new T hangers and a self-fueling program at the Airport. Mayor Brown stated the total budget for 2014 is $49.3 million. The City's 2013 budget is $48.6 million, which includes additional appropriations for Hamilton Center Roof and two (2) fire apparatus'. Mayor added that the $49.3 million includes a two percent (2%) cost of living adjustment for all employees and funding at the Airport for two (2) new T hangers. Discussion followed. Mayor Brown opened the meeting for public comment. Tom Heller, 410 6th Street, asked about an increase in property tax levy. Much discussion followed. Mayor Brown closed the public meeting. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Councilor Miller voted nay.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports - None

B. Discussion Items: Police Chief Maddix gave a brief update on the Columbus Marathon scheduled for September 28, 2013.

Councilor Bunch asked other Council Members to consider a TIF District for the State Street Corridor. Mayor Brown explained, as part of the State Street Revitalization Plan, consultants have been asked to identify funding mechanisms for the project.

C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in City Hall.**

D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 P.M.

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus