COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 4, 2011

Mayor Fred Armstrong 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 from First Christian Church.

B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.

C. Roll Call was taken. Ann DeVore, George Dutro, James Lienhoop, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present. Jesse Brand was absent.

D. Priscilla Scalf moved to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting of September 20, 2011. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

Mayor Armstrong suggested moving New Business Items A. and B., tax abatements, to the top of the agenda. Ann DeVore made a motion to move New Business Items A. and B. to be heard prior to Unfinished Business. Martha Myers 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. 26, 2011, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COLUMBUS & BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO INCLUDE SUPPLEMENTAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA STANDARDS FOR THE HAW CREEK WATERSHED." Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, began by introducing Melissa Begley as the new Assistant Planning Director. Jeff Bergman, along with Siavash Beik from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, presented this Ordinance. Jeff presented a power point describing the property in question. Jeff stated this Ordinance contains three basic premises of the proposal set out by the Planning Department. Subsection 1 supplements the current FEMA-produced floodplain maps with those resulting from the Burke study. Subsection 2 provides for flood flow path modeling and prohibits obstruction. Subsection 3 requires compensatory flood water storage for any floodplain development. Council previously suggested the floodplain regulation study committee gather information. The study committee recommended to Council that the Council move forward at this time with the first two parts of this Ordinance, which is supplementing the FEMA maps with these new Burke maps and protecting those flow conveyance maps. Mr. Beik presented a power point presentation. Much discussion followed. George Dutro moved to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Department and amend the Ordinance by striking Section 1 Subsection 3 in its entirety and striking a portion of Subsection 2 starting with "applicable 25 year, 50 year, 100 year, and 500-year flood inundation

limit maps and", also replace the "are" on line three (3) to "is". Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion to amend the Ordinance with changes. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). George Dutro moved for passage of the Amended Ordinance. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). The Ordinance will go before the Plan Commission for approval.

B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 27, 2011, AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2012." Oakel Hardy stated the Ordinance was amended to decrease the elected officials salary pay increase from six percent (6%) to three percent (3%). Martha Myers moved for passage. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2011, 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." (Quality Machine and Tool Works, Inc.) Jim Clouse with Community Development, along with Pat Harrell from Quality Machine and Tool Works, Inc. presented a request for tax abatement on personal property in conjunction with an expansion of its facilities located at 1201 Michigan Ave. in Columbus in the amount of $600,000. Mr. Clouse stated three (3) new full-time jobs would be created. Council Member George Dutro said Incentive Review Committee met in regular session and found Quality Machine and Tool Works Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Mr. Harrell stated new work was coming from a local company, Impact Forge, and the end user of the parts will be Allison Transmission. Jason Hester, Executive Director with Columbus Economic Development, stated the Columbus Economic Development Board is pleased to hear of the investment. Priscilla Scalf moved to approve the tax abatement. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Jim Lienhoop abstained. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) abstaining.

B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2011, 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." (Sunright America, Inc.) Jim Clouse, along with Toshiaki Takeuchi, Executive Vice President, of Sunright America Inc. presented a tax abatement on real and personal property in conjunction with an expansion of its facilities located at 6205 South International Drive in Columbus in the amount of $4,000,000. Mr. Toshiaki stated Sunright America Inc. plans to double their business by installing new manufacturing equipment and creating 100 new full-time positions. Jason Hester stated this was a great opportunity for Columbus. Council Member, George Dutro, stated the Incentive Review Committee had met prior to Council meeting and found Sunright America Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Discussion followed. Priscilla Scalf made a motion to approve the tax abatement. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2011, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "RE" (ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL) AND "RS3" (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO "P" (PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC FACILITIES)." (Human Services, Inc. Rezoning at the Ridge Church) Jeff Bergman presented a power point describing the property in question. Jeff stated the Plan Commission gave this an unfavorable recommendation by a vote of 8 to 0. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to deny. Martha Myers seconded. Motion denied. Motion to deny passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Ann DeVore stated the Ethnic Expo was this weekend and USA is the host country. Also, the Uncommon Cause is October 22, 2011.

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

C. John W. Roberts with the Human Rights Commission introduced a new member to the Commission, Dr. Andrae Marak. He is an Associate Professor of History and Political Science with IUPUC. Priscilla Scalf made a motion to approve the nomination. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

D. Joe Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 P.M.

_____
Presiding Officer

Attest:

_____
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus