

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL and WEBEX
MAY 16, 2023

Mayor James Lienhoop appeared in person and called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers meeting room.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Pastor Frank Griffin with Calvary Community Church of the Apostolic Faith provided the opening prayer.
- B. Mayor Lienhoop led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Elaine Hilber, David Bush, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person. Jerone Wood was absent.
- D. Councilor Hilber made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on April 4, 2023, as presented. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Old Business Requiring Council Action

- A. None

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2023, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND, COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT FUND AND THOROUGHFARE FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2023." Jamie Brinegar, Manager of Finance and Business Operations, presented this ordinance. He explained the request is for additional appropriations in three areas. The first is a request of \$512,000 for capital improvements in the City's sidewalk program and stormwater projects. Next, \$927,807 for a Community Crossings Grant, which was awarded from the State of Indiana. And the third request is to appropriate \$2,266,000 from the Thoroughfare Fund for the City's trail programs, with an 80% reimbursement from the Federal Transportation Agency. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2023, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY GENERAL FUND, NEXUSPARK FIELDHOUSE FUND AND PARKS GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2023." Pam Harrell, Associate Director of Business Services, and Mark Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented this ordinance. Pam explained the ordinance consists of three parts: an additional appropriation for pledges from donors for NexusPark in the amount of \$2,036,500. Secondly, an appropriation from the NexusPark Fieldhouse Fund in the total amount of \$260,000 for staffing requirements including salaries, PERF, FICA, and insurance costs. Lastly,

\$750,000 from the Parks & Recreation General Fund toward the purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the NexusPark project. Much discussion followed. Mary Ferdon, Executive Director of Administration and Community Development, stated there is not a final cost for the project. She explained construction costs have increased 12% to 15% since the start of the project. Mary said they are doing a lot of 'value engineering' trying to reduce costs as best as they can. Mayor Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Victoria Griffin asked if all of the naming rights have been sold. Pam reported they are still taking some. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Councilor Hilber voted nay.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports
- B. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**
- C. Councilor Hilber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:23 P.M.



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