

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL and WEBEX
SEPTEMBER 5, 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 Tim Carter with St. Peter's Lutheran Church provided the opening prayer.
- B. Mayor Lienhoop led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Jerone Wood, Elaine Hilber, David Bush, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person.
- D. Councilor Hilber made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on August 15, 2023, as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote of seven in favor and zero opposed.

II. Old Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled, "RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2023, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO GRANT FUNDS IN EXCESS OF \$500,000 TO BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING IGRAD, S.T.E.M., AND TRANSITION PLANNING FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024." Heather Pope, Director of Redevelopment, presented this resolution. She reported the Columbus Redevelopment Commission approved a resolution for a \$1,000,000 workforce grant to the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation for school year 2023/2024 from TIF funds. Heather introduced Dr. Jim Roberts, Superintendent with Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation. Dr. Roberts presented details of the special programs. Discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Miller made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled, "RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2023, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA APPROVING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA (VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA)." Heather Pope presented this resolution. She explained the resolution encompasses various amendments to the Central Economic Development area. Heather introduced Andrew Lanam with Stifel Public Finance and Brad Bingham with Barnes & Thornburg LLP. She explained next steps for the entire process. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the resolution as presented. Councilor Bush seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

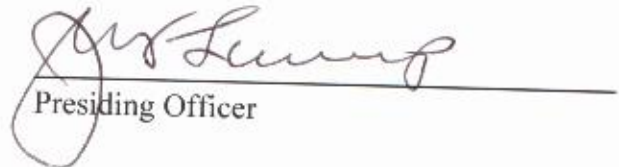
C. Reading of a Resolution entitled, "RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2023, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY VIEW DISTRICT PLAN AS AN ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN." Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this resolution. He introduced Dave Lenart with Columbus Regional Hospital. Jeff stated the Columbus Comprehensive Plan is composed of eight elements. Several of those elements address city-wide land use, transportation, and development, including the Goals & Policies Element, Land Use Plan Element, Thoroughfare Plan Element, and Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan community. He explained this resolution plan addresses the long-term development of the 690 acre former Garden City Farms property. Columbus Regional Health purchased the property in 2018. Jeff displayed photographs and maps of the area. He stated the plan proposes, in addition to a future health care facility, a variety of residential neighborhoods, commercial centers, and a research & development campus. Dave Lenart spoke briefly about the project. Much discussion followed. Mayor Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Victoria Griffin asked about the change in floodplain during development. Jeff Bergman discussed FEMA regulations and further growth. Chris Bartels expressed a concern about the floodwater. Mayor Lienhoop closed the meeting for public comment. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the resolution as presented. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

III. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports - none
- B. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**
- C. Councilor Bush made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:18 P.M.



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