

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL and WEBEX
OCTOBER 3, 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 Adam Rodriguez with St. Peter's Lutheran Church provided the opening prayer.
- B. Mayor Lienhoop led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Elaine Hilber, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person. Jerone Wood was absent. David Bush was absent during roll call and voting of the meeting minutes, but arrived at 6:05 p.m. during the presentation of Item A.
- D. Councilor Hilber made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on September 19, 2023, as presented. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2023, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2023." Jamie Brinegar, Manager of Finance and Business Operations, presented this ordinance. He explained the request is for an additional appropriation from the City's General Fund of \$3,000,000 to complete work for the NexusPark project. Jamie stated the funds would be used for many areas including hardcourt surfaces, and furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E). There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of four (4) in favor and two (2) opposed. Councilors Hilber and Kestler voted nay.
- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 20, 2023, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, FIXING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED MAYOR AND CLERK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024." Arlette Cooper-Tinsley, Director of Human Resources, was available for any questions. There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- C. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2023, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE ELECTED COMMON COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024." Arlette Cooper-Tinsley was available for any questions. There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote
- D. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2023, AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES AND WAGES OF SWORN PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024." Arlette Cooper-Tinsley was available for any questions. There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2023, AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES AND WAGES OF SWORN PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024." Arlette Cooper-Tinsley was present for any questions. There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- F. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2023, AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024." Arlette Cooper-Tinsley was present for any questions. Discussion followed. There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled, "RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2023, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO SPEND FUNDS FROM THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION AREA IN EXCESS OF \$500,000 FOR THE 2ND STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT." Heather Pope, Redevelopment Director, and Andrew Beckort, City Engineer, presented this resolution. Heather explained the request is to spend \$1,395,600 from the Central Allocation Area to make improvements along the 2nd Street corridor. She stated the project would include narrowing of the existing travel lanes, bump outs at the intersections to shorten pedestrian crossings, and accessible ramps. Heather displayed renderings of the project. Discussion followed. Mayor Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Chris Rutan suggested a flashing light or stop light would be helpful along 2nd Street. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the resolution as presented. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

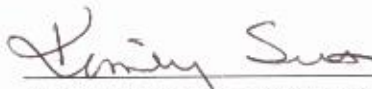
- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2023, AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2024." Regina McIntyre, Director of Finance, presented the 2024 budget ordinance. She displayed pie charts of revenue and expense percentages, in addition to historic and projected property tax rates, 2024 salary and benefit increases, and administrative changes. Discussion followed. There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2023, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF AVIATION FUEL NON-REVERTING FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2023." Regina McIntyre and Brian Payne, Airport Director, presented this ordinance. Brian explained fuel sales have increased this year and the department is asking for an additional \$50,000 for the purchase. He indicated any unused funds would revert into the Aviation non-reverting fund at the end of the year. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to suspend the rules of order to pass this in one reading. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first and second readings and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – none.
- B. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**
- C. Councilor Kestler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:49 P.M.



Presiding Officer



Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus