

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL  
MARCH 5, 2024

City Council President Frank Miller appeared in person and called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

- A. Pastor Felipe Martinez with First Presbyterian Church provided the invocation.
- B. Councilor Grace Kestler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Introduction of Guests and Visitors – none.
- D. Roll Call was taken: Christopher Bartels, Elaine Hilber, Jerone Wood, Frank Miller, Kent Anderson, Jay Foyst, Josh Burnett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person.
- E. Councilor Hilber made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on February 20, 2024, as presented. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of nine in favor and zero opposed.

**II. Old Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE NO. 4, 2024, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION PARK BOND FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024.” Pam Harrell, Associate Director of Business Services, Columbus Parks and Recreation, presented this ordinance. She explained the request is to appropriate interest earned to date on bond proceeds for the Parks Bond, which was established in 2022 for the NexusPark Phase 1B project. The total interest is \$563,252.20 through the end of January, plus \$754.00 that was not encumbered in 2022. There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye

Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of nine in favor and zero opposed.

**III. New Business Requiring Council Action**

B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM RS2 (RESIDENTIAL: SINGLE-FAMILY 2) TO RTc (RESIDENTIAL: TWO-FAMILY WITH COMMITMENTS).” HMGO Real Estate Rezoning. Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this ordinance. He explained HMGO Real Estate proposes to rezone an area of 15,795 square feet from RS2 (Residential: Single-Family) to RT (Residential: Two-Family). The property is Lot 7 of the Tudor Addition, 3983 North 150 West. Jeff indicated the proposed rezoning would allow duplexes, in addition to single-family homes, on the property. He stated the Columbus Plan Commission forwarded the application to City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of ten in favor and zero opposed. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Foyst seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of nine in favor and zero opposed.

**IV. Other Business**

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Councilor Dell reported two Board of Zoning Appeals meetings last week for City and County. He commended the staff for doing a great job navigating a very controversial topic of solar installation.

Councilor Hilber stated the Incentive Review Committee is going to be looking at making potential changes to the application. Councilor Miller commented that Jason Hester, President of Greater Columbus Indiana Economic Development, should be included in these discussions, in addition to Community Development Director Robin Hilber. Much discussion followed.

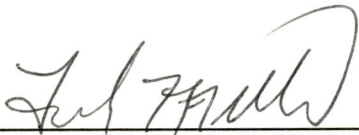
President Miller commented that there are current openings on the Human Rights Commission. He is assisting the Human Rights Department to fill one open position by March 31, 2024, and any additional positions filled soon thereafter. Discussion followed.

Mayor Mary Ferdon announced the State of the City Address is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at NexusPark.

- B. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**
- C. Councilor Hilber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

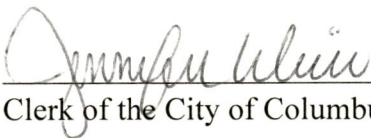
Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of nine in favor and zero opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:53 P.M.



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Presiding Officer



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Clerk of the City of Columbus