

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS and WEBEX  
CITY HALL  
MAY 6, 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 Tim Carter with St. Peter’s Lutheran Church provided the invocation.
- B. Councilor Grace Kestler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Christopher Bartels, Elaine Hilber, Kent Anderson, Frank Miller, Jay Foyst, Josh Burnett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person. Jerone Wood was absent.
- D. Councilor Dell made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on April 16, 2024, as presented. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	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 eight in favor and zero opposed.

**II. Old Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, AN ORDINANCE REESTABLISHING CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND UNDER INDIANA CODE 36-9-15.5.” Regina McIntyre, Controller, presented this ordinance. She explained the request is to reestablish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund to a maximum rate of \$0.05 per \$100 assessed value. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell made a motion to amend the ordinance stating the Cumulative Capital Development Fund would be used solely for public safety needs as set forth in Indiana Code 36-8-14. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion to amend the ordinance passed by a vote of eight in favor and zero opposed. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the first reading of the amended ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Burnett

seconded the motion. Much discussion followed. Roll call vote as follows:

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

First reading of the amended ordinance passed by a vote of five in favor and three opposed.

### III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." (Snitko Holdings Annexation) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this ordinance and the following (Item B) at the same time. He explained the applicant, Snitko Holdings, LLC, is requesting an area of 15 acres be annexed to the city and rezoned to RS 1 (Residential: Single Family 1) for the purpose of residential development. Jeff displayed maps of the area. He stated the applicants, David and Dan Smith, were in the audience to answer any questions. Jeff reported the Columbus Plan Commission reviewed the applications and forwarded both to the City Council with favorable recommendations, each by a vote of ten in favor and zero opposed. Much discussion followed. President Miller opened the meeting for public comments. Kerri Sinibaldi discussed the size of the lots in terms of the overall plan for Columbus and the lack of urban sprawl that envision Columbus calls for. Zach Patchett of Clairemont Dr. stated he supports the annexation of this project, but does not support the development itself based on the redevelopment criteria. He believes the best use of this land would be multiunit development. President Miller closed the meeting for public comments. Much discussion followed. 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
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

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

- 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 AP (AGRICULTURE: PREFERRED) TO RS1 (RESIDENTIAL: SINGLE-FAMILY 1)." (Snitko Holdings Rezoning) Jeff Bergman offered no further information. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Anderson made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:



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

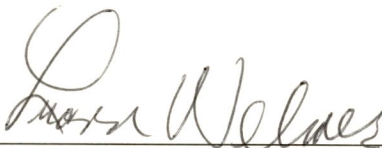
Motion passed by a vote of eight in favor and zero opposed.

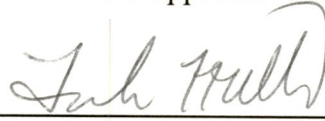
IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – several reports were provided by Council members.
- B. President Miller stated one member from the audience requested to speak. Mike Champlin, President of the Human Rights Commission, thanked the individuals who have already signed up to be judges for the Human Rights Art & Essay program. He stated they are still looking for additional volunteers. Mike reported the Human Rights Commission Dinner is scheduled for June 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Commons.
- C. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**
- D. Councilor Hilber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Foyst seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	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 eight in favor and zero opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:14 p.m.

  
Clerk of the City of Columbus

  
Presiding Officer