

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
OCTOBER 1, 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. Larry Perkinson with Sandcreek – Azalea Friends Church provided the invocation.
- B. Councilor Josh Burnett 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 at the time of roll call and voting of the minutes, arriving at 6:03 p.m.
- D. Councilor Hilber made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on September 17, 2024, as presented. Councilor Foyst seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Old Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 24, 2024, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.” (Force Holdings / Lake Annexation) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this resolution and the following ordinance at the same time. He explained there are two petitioners, Force Holdings, LLC and Gordon & Barbara Lake, requesting an area of 96.97 acres be annexed to the city. Jeff displayed a map of the area. He stated the annexation area is located at the eastern terminus of McKinley Avenue, east of its intersection with Marr Road. Jeff reported the Columbus Plan Commission forwarded this application to City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of ten in favor and zero opposed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye
Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye

Frank Miller	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 31, 2024, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." (Force Holdings / Lake Annexation) Jeff Bergman offered no additional information. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Anderson made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- C. First Reading (Public Hearing) of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2024, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." (JOLI Development / Aciukewicz / Lentell Properties Annexation) Jeff Bergman presented this ordinance. He explained this is an annexation request from three petitioners, JOLI Development LLC, Joshua Aciukewicz, and Lentell Properties LLC. They are requesting 261.44 acres be annexed to the City of Columbus. Jeff spoke in detail of the process for this annexation request. He stated the proposed annexation area is located along State Road 46 / State Street to the southeast of the current city limits. It includes not only the three parcels owned by the petitioners, but also four additional parcels owned by two non-petitioners – Mark Rediker and Clifty Creek Farms. Jeff displayed maps of the area. Much discussion followed. President Miller opened the meeting for public comments. Judy Pittman, 3735 E State Street and part owner of Clifty Creek Farms, stated she has lived in her home all but 15 years of her life. She shared that the farm ground means a lot to her and she enjoys seeing the beauty of the land. Mark Rediker, 3244 Nugent Boulevard, stated the farm property has been in his family for almost 100 years. He spoke in opposition to the annexation stating it would affect the way his family uses the property, such as target shooting. Mark discussed acreage – of non-petitioner properties verses the three voluntary petitioner's properties. He requested his written statement be added to the official Council minutes. Kerri Sinibaldi, 524 10th Street, doesn't think the project is ready to be implemented. She stated any plan shouldn't be disadvantaging other property owners. Phillip Satterfield, 1470 S Heights Court, expressed safety concerns if a housing addition is development in the area with the curved roads and increased traffic. John Whittington, 15200 E 200 S and owner of Lentell Properties LLC, asked for Council's vote of approval knowing he does not have a solid use of this property at this point, but would like to work with the city to see how he can contribute positively to the east side of Columbus. John stated he would not have requested this annexation had the city not put guidelines in place to protect homeowner rights on the property. President Miller closed the meeting to the public. Discussion followed. President Miller made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance and place in

proper channels. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion failed for a lack of a majority vote.

- D. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2024, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." Roger Kelso, Executive Director of Columbus City Utilities, presented this ordinance and the following three ordinances (Items E, F, and G) at the same time. Ashely Getz, Associate Director of Engineering, Courtney Holliday with Baker Tilley, Adam Steuerwald, bond counsel with Baker Tilley, and Stan Gamso, Attorney for Columbus City Utilities, were present to answer any questions. Much discussion followed regarding bonds, amortization schedules and interest rates. President Miller opened the meeting for public comments. Tom Heller asked about Redevelopment funds for this project. President Miller closed the meeting to the public. Discussion followed. Councilor Hilber made a motion to table this ordinance until a Council meeting in November. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion to table the ordinance passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and two (2) opposed.

- E. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SEWAGE WORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PROVIDE THE COST THEREOF, THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF SUCH SYSTEM, THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS OF SUCH REVENUE BONDS AND OTHER

MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.” Roger Kelso and Ashley Getz offered no additional information. Councilor Kestler made a motion to table this ordinance until a Council meeting in November. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion to table until a date in November passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and one (1) opposed.

- F. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE NO. 32, 2024, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Roger Kelso and Ashley Getz offered no additional information. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and one (1) opposed.

- G. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE NO. 33, 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATERWORKS REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COST OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS OF SAID CITY, PROVIDING FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS OF SAID BONDS, AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF BONDS.” Roger Kelso and Ashley Getz offered no additional information. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and one (1) opposed.

- H. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 34, 2024, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024." Eric Frey, Executive Director of Administration, presented this ordinance. He explained the request for an additional appropriation of \$100,000 for recycling fees to cover the cost of recycling for the remainder of 2024 and \$20,000 for tires. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Foyst seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- I. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 35, 2024, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024." Eric Frey present this ordinance. He stated the request is for an additional appropriation of \$43,000 for part-time wages. He explained the Animal Care Department tries to utilize part-time employees in the best way possible. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Foyst made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- J. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 36, 2024, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2024, SALARY ORDINANCE FOR SWORN PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF

COLUMBUS, INDIANA POLICE DEPARTMENT.” Arlette Cooper-Tinsley, Director of Human Resources, stated the request is to increase the over-time line item by \$125,000 for staffing shortages. She indicated no additional funds are being requested. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

K. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE NO. 37, 2024, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2024, SALARY ORDINANCE FOR SWORN PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FIRE DEPARTMENT.” Arlette Cooper-Tinsley stated this request to move \$150,000 for over-time costs, no additional funds being requested. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

L. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE NO. 38, 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, FIXING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED MAYOR AND CLERK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.” Arlette Cooper-Tinsley presented this ordinance in addition to the following four agenda items (M., N., O., P.). Councilor Miller stated this ordinance is for the Mayor and Clerk. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- M. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 39, 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE ELECTED COMMON COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025." Arlette Cooper-Tinsley offered no additional information. Discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and two (2) opposed.

- N. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 40, 2024, AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES AND WAGES OF SWORN PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025." Arlette Cooper-Tinsley stated this ordinance includes a base pay increase of 4%. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

O. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 41, 2024, AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES AND WAGES OF SWORN PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025." Arlette Cooper-Tinsley explained this request is a 4% increase to base pay, in addition to moving staff positions within the department. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

P. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 42, 2024, AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025." Arlette Cooper-Tinsley explained this ordinance is for civilian (non-sworn), part-time, and seasonal employees with a 4% increase in pay. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2024, AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2025." Regina McIntyre, Controller, presented this ordinance. She displayed pie charts showing budgeted revenues and expenses for city funds for calendar year 2025. Regina explained the salary increase of 4% are built into the budget, in addition to employee health insurance premiums, an increase in utility expenses, and new personnel requests. Discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance and place in proper channels. Council Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Frank Miller	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye

Jerone Wood	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Chris Bartels	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

IV. Other Business

- A. President Miller received two requests to address the Council.

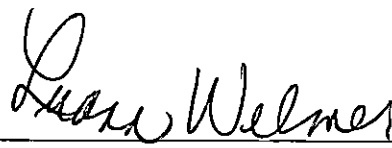
Mike Champlin, President of the Human Rights Commission, reported the Commission sponsored a documentary film called Warrior Women that was available free to the public. Mike state the staff and commissioners created and distributed posters, fliers, and decals for United Against Hate week.

Jacob Jost, a local resident and an advocate for those less fortunate, stated there is a continuum of care grant available through grants.gov, which could be used to help with homelessness.

- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports - none
- C. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**
- D. Councilor Hilber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Anderson 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 (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m.


 Clerk of the City of Columbus


 Presiding Officer