

COMMON COUNCIL  
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
 CITY HALL  
 NOVEMBER 19, 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. Councilor Grace Kestler provided the invocation.
- B. Councilor Grace Kestler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Christopher Bartels, Elaine Hilber, Jerone Wood, Kent Anderson, Frank Miller, Jay Foyst, Josh Burnett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person.
- D. Councilor Foyst made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on November 6, 2024, as presented. Councilor Miller 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.

**II. Old Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 50, 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 29-2008." Andrew Beckort, City Engineer, presented this Ordinance. He explained this is a second reading and 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 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.

### III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 31, 2024, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT GENERAL FUND – MISCELLANEOUS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT GENERAL FUND – PART TIME SALARIES & FICA." Heather Pope, Director of Redevelopment, presented this Resolution. She explained the request is move \$6,997.25 from miscellaneous services to part-time salary for additional part-time employment expenses. Heather stated the department has taken on several new projects and extra funding is needed to pay a part-time staff member. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the Resolution as presented. Councilor Kestler 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. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 32, 2024, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." Roger Kelso, Executive Director of Columbus City Utilities, presented this Resolution. He introduced Gavin Harvey, Associate Director of Finance and Business with City Utilities. Gavin provided a high-level budget overview for both water and sewer departments. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the Resolution as presented. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Frank Miller	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Christopher 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.

- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_, 2024, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY LIT FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024." Eric Frey, Executive Director

of Administration, presented this Ordinance. Eric explained the request is for \$80,000.00 in additional funds for Public Safety LIT (Local Income Tax) for excess fees at the Emergency Operations Center. Brief discussion followed. 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 Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Frank Miller	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Christopher 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.

D. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2024, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024." Eric Frey presented this Ordinance. He stated the request is to utilize the balance of the American Rescue Plan funding. Eric indicated the funds were provided by the Federal Government to be used in a variety of different ways. The appropriation amount is \$1,979,242.00 and would be used for homelessness and affordable housing initiatives. Much discussion followed. President Miller opened the meeting for public comments. Cole Bennett asked when the city was made aware that the ARP deadline would be set. Eric stated they have been aware of the deadline, but wanted to put a strategic plan together prior to appropriating the funds. Much discussion followed. Kerri Sinibaldi asked the specific amount to be appropriated. Brad Davis with *The Republic* requested a copy of the proposed use of ARP funds. Discussion followed. President Miller closed the meeting for public comments. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Frank Miller	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Christopher Bartels	Left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Grace Kestler	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye

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

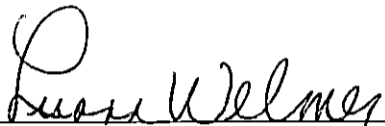
**IV. Other Business**


A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – President Miller reported that United Way is hosting Finding Solutions: A Forum on Homelessness on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m. at YES Cinema Kalsi Center.

- B. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**
- C. Councilor Hilber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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 eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

  
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Clerk of the City of Columbus

  
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Presiding Officer